

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1886

Rev. H.D. Fisher, D.D., who will dedicate the Methodist Church here on Dec. 19th, is one of the most noted men in Kansas. He came to Kansas 30 years ago and is a personal friend of Gen. Jim Lane.

A drenching rain fell Tuesday afternoon but the storm was of short duration.

Five fights and three runaways constituted the program of amusements Friday afternoon.

The Voltaire Advertiser is defunct.

A.H. Hollister this week purchased the widow Humphrey's property on the south fork.

Ray Street, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Street, has been very ill with lung fever.

The B.&M. surveyors have been running a survey on the divide between the Sappa and the Prairie Dog the past week

Mystic is the name of a new town in western Sheridan County.

The Wano Plain Dealer is the latest production in the newspaper line in Cheyenne County. D. W. Burt, a one-time resident of this county, is editor and proprietor

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1911

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Lippelmann on Dec. 7th.

The new Catholic Church at Bird City was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day with elaborate ceremonies.

Mr. Forest Redman and Miss Susie Landau were married at the Methodist church Sunday evening, Dec. 10th, Rev. Scott officiating.

Wm. Linder, who has been remodeling the Catholic Church here in Oberlin the past month, returned to his home at St. Mary's Thursday evening. Mr. Linder took the lumber from the old church that was wrecked in the storm in August and has made a very neat and presentable edifice.

Capt. J.W. Allen was down town Friday morning for the first time in quite a while.

The following have part in the Farmers Institute program to be given Dec. 19-20: Norma McCuan, James Logan, Caleb Smick, W.P. Noone, Mrs. Dan Logan, S.J. Morrish, Joseph H. Young, Earl O'Toole, A. Weaver, H.C. LaTourette, J.N.

Ralston, G.H. Hoadley, J.A. Stinson, F.B. O'Grady, W.D. Harger, D.W. Morton.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1936

Decatur County folks and all of northwest Kansas take genuine pride in the announcement that Harrison (Sam) Francis has been chosen for the fullback position on the All-American football team for 1936. He was also a member of the American Olympic team and made the trip to Berlin, Germany, where he took fourth in the shot put event. The annual DCHS football banquet has been postponed until January so that Sam Francis can be the guest of honor.

Judge Karl Miller of Dodge City, governor of the Eighth Rotary District, was the speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary. The governor complimented the Oberlin Rotarians on their club activities and attendance records and highly praised the singing of Mrs. Charles Hawkes and Ted Addleman who presented two vocal duets following the dinner.

Mr. J.D. Bowles has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Federated Church, a pastorate which he has held since October of 1930. He and his wife are considering a location in the East where their two sons are finishing their education. Their son James has been teaching instrumental music at McDonald but plans to finish his college education in the East and their son Richard is now a sophomore at Indiana University.

The marriage of Miss Elaine Guinn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Guinn, and Mr. Otto Pollnow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pollnow, took place Dec. 2 in Atwood. Miss Pollnow graduated from DCHS in 1936 and Mr. Pollnow is employed in the Driskell Barber Shop. The couple are living in Mrs. E.C. Odell's apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook received word of the death of their oldest son, Erwin, age 54, who has been dean of the forestry department at the University of Montana at Missoula. He was a graduate of DCHS and Washburn College and took advanced work in forestry at the University of Michigan.

Employees of Farmers National Bank met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brooks Saturday evening where an oyster supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Frickey, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Murlin, Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Landau, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Miss Josephine Heitmann, Miss Hazel Votapka, Mrs. Lucille Hahn, Mr. Carl Frickey, Miss Berta Frickey and Mrs. Cora Patton. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing bridge and pinochle.

Nearly 20 children of the members of P.E.O. were the guests at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Charles Hawkes following the regular Tuesday afternoon meeting. The children presented a program and were given gifts.

The local chapter of the Eastern Star held its big annual turkey dinner at the Masonic Temple Wednesday night with nearly 200 guests present. Installation of officers for the coming year was held following the meal with Mrs. Guy Morrish as installing officer.

Cedar Bluffs: We awoke Tuesday morning to find a light snow covering the ground. We appreciate the moisture and certainly should be thankful for small blessings.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1961

Decatur Community High School's Red Devils gave basketball coach Harold Raburn a Christmas present Tuesday night — a 52-45 win over the Goodland Cowboys. Howard Kuhn and Bob DeMay led the attack with 15 points each and Ronnie Erickson followed with 10.

One of Oberlin's food stores, Berls Super Market, goes out of business today. The building had been purchased several months ago by Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McCormick, owners of the local Firestone Store, who plan to move their Home & Auto business next month.

Applications for residency in the new Oberlin apartment house are now being accepted by Delbert Shields, apartment house manager. Jan. 20 is the target date for completion of the two-story, 17-unit structure located at the corner of York and Maple.

The DCHS-sponsored Snowball

is planned for Dec. 30 at the Masonic Temple.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1986

A \$300 reward has been posted for the apprehension and arrest of the vandal or vandals responsible for the disappearance of a number of figurines in the nativity display in front of Enfield Memorial Chapel, Inc.

A boat and trailer industry in Decatur County may become a reality as pledges continue to flow into the chamber office. Renovation of the former Circle M building east of the Oberlin City limits is underway and a stockholders meeting will be held the first part of January.

Weekend entertainment for Christmas shoppers in Oberlin continues with caroling by groups from Oberlin Elementary School on Penn Avenue on Saturday. A free movie for children will follow at Sunflower Cinema. On Sunday afternoon music groups include the Courthouse Chorus and the DCHS Singers and stores will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Other groups which have performed during the month have been the choir from the United Church and a choir composed of members from the Oberlin, Herndon and Lund Covenant churches as well as music by the Guys and Dolls pre-school.

Decatur County Hospital administrator Charlie Myers honored numerous employees for their years of service at the annual Christmas party held at the American Legion including Alyce Avery, 30 years and Marie Bailey, Carolyn Muirhead and Jon Brown, 15 years.

Dana Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, rural Selden, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa Society at the University of Kansas where he is a pre-med student.

Anita (Torluemke) Wolgast, a 1957 graduate of DCHS, was again chosen to design the decorations for the Kansas Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. This year's ornaments came from her business, the Carousel, in Topeka: the first is a picture of carolers in front of the Statehouse, the second is a replica of the state seal and the third, a woven wheat basket filled with flowers.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

On Dec. 9, there were 18 volunteers who helped with the "Wreaths Across America" project by placing 106 wreaths in the Jennings Cemetery and 39 wreaths in the Big Timber Cemetery.

On Dec. 10, in spite of the brisk morning air, a nice group attended the wreath ceremony by the Jennings American Legion at the Jennings Cemetery and the Big Timber Cemetery.

Tuesday Study Club met at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Dec. 13 for a salad and dessert luncheon. Hostesses Pat Hall and Violet Foster provided ham and meatballs and festive table decorations.

Answering roll call with "The Best Christmas Gift I Ever Gave" were members: Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Pat Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Roberta McAllister and guests Louise Cressler, Sheila Rhodes and Paula Krizek.

Everyone chose a package with a Christmas ornament. Lynn Tacha led the group in a game of "Right — Left" reading while the group passed the unwrapped ornament right or left.

Each of the group ended up with a different ornament at the end. Carla Latimer also provided a gift of a puzzle game to each member and guest.

Lila Jennings, Patty Foster, Lynn Tacha and Joan Metz had shopped for the four angel tree children. The gifts purchased were wrapped in colorful Christmas paper following the meeting.

In addition to the gifts purchased, Joan Metz and Lynn Tacha donated a soft, fleecy blanket for each child. Sue Long provided handmade Victorian Christmas stockings and stocking stuffing items.

Lila Jennings made doll clothes and doll blanket for the baby doll.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 24 at the United Methodist Church. Violet Krizek will talk about restoring dolls for the program.

Lunch will be at the Broken

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are in the final countdown to Christmas. The residents are in a festive mood and greatly enjoying the extra greeting cards, visitors, and phone calls coming their way. Everyone really enjoys the caroling groups, plates of cookies and candy, and all of the little extras that come our way this time of year.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon to try their luck at a game of penny cards.

Most everyone ended up winning at least one hand, but Ira Kolsky won the most pennies.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon. We sang all of our favorite Christmas tunes.

We had a really busy afternoon on Tuesday. The bingo players met at 2 p.m. for a lively game. Coffee was served following the game of bingo.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

Before supper John Juenemann gave a lively program of old favorite songs as well as Christmas carols.

An enthusiastic group of residents met on Wednesday afternoon to sample some bread baked fresh that day in the bread machine. It was served warm with butter and jelly.

Everyone was in for a big treat at noon on Thursday when the DCHS Singers provided a medley of holiday tunes. The group sang and danced their way into our hearts.

Following the program residents enjoyed a wonderful lunch which featured chicken from the Deli Department at Raye's Grocery. This meal was selected as the special

menu of the month by the Resident's Council.

The baking group tried a really good new recipe, Caramel Apple Cider Cookies, on Friday afternoon. They quickly disappeared.

Residents and their families and friends met on Sunday afternoon for the annual Family Christmas Party in the Cedar Living Center dining room.

Myrna Jones provided the musical entertainment. Santa stopped in for a visit and he delivered a package to each resident.

The rest of the afternoon was spent sampling an abundance of snack foods including candies, cookies, cheese, crackers, summer sausage, mini tacos, cream puffs, and much more. It was a lively and joyful afternoon.

Several individuals donated supplies or helped with the party on Sunday. Some of those special helpers included Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots, Penny and Robert Fringer, Pam Anderson, Julie Hafner, Marian Dempewolf, Adrian Tadlock, and Juanita Williby. We are grateful all year for our wonderful volunteers.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Bob and Julie Hafner, Linda Bosler, Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; Troy and Deb Jantzen, Karlin and Dana Koehn, Dalen and Nellie Koehn, Cimarron; Cliff Raile, St. Francis; Brandon, Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Mirium Fisher, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Dolores Koerperich, Gary and Janelle Walter, Marilyn Gamblin, Jon Fisher, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Connie Miller, Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon received word this week of the death of Karen (Cox) Cernik and daughter, Celinda Yates Baer, both of Omaha.

Karen died Tuesday, Dec. 13, after a long struggle with cancer. Celinda died Thursday, Dec. 15, after a life-long battle with diabetes.

Karen was a 1960 Herndon High graduate, coming to Herndon as a junior.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Clara Williams and first husband, Donald Cox. Survivors are husband, Dennis Cernik; son, Charles Cox; granddaughter, Erica Yates and brother Richard Williams. Sympathy is extended to Karen and Celinda's family and friends.

Janice Sattler and Bob and Julie Hafner attended the Department of Nursing Recognition Ceremonies of Katelyn Clark, daughter of Brian and Mary Clark, Atwood, on Friday in Hays.

The pinning celebration took place at Fort Hays Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center with family and friends celebrating at Thirsty's following the ceremony.

Christmas was celebrated early at the home of Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer on Saturday. Attending from Westmoreland were Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer. Guests from Herndon were Justin, Lori and Isaac Marintzer.

Bethany Chartier also attended. After opening presents, games of pitch and spades were played.

The United Church of Christ will hold their Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the home of

Leon and Marita Portschy.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the Cedar Living Center Christmas party on Sunday afternoon, guests of their aunt, Joan Noble.

Santa arrived bearing gifts for those residents being good all year. Staff and families prepared delicious snacks for all to enjoy.

Bob and Julie stopped for a short visit with a friend, Jackie Votapka, following the party.

Christmas and New Year's Masses will be combined with the regular Saturday and Sunday celebrations for Sacred Heart in Atwood, St. John Nepomucene and St. Mary's in Herndon.

Sacred Heart is Dec. 24, Christmas Eve and Saturday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. and Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 10:30 a.m. St. John's is Saturday, Christmas Eve and Saturday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. St. Mary's will be Sunday, Christmas Day and Sunday, New Years Day at 8:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Christmas was celebrated at the home of Pete and Eileen Portschy. Attending were, Greg, Rita, Joe, Justin, Lori, Isaac, Jacob, Tara, Kade, and Phoebe Marintzer, Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy; Cheri, Elijah and Caleb Kastens, along with Amy Green. Gene Kleidosty also attended. Elijah's 21st birthday was also celebrated. All enjoyed a great time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Aspire to Inspire before you Expire."

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Dec. 1, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Paulie Neff won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Pat Wessel got low and Gail Mumm had the most Kings. Other members present included: Shirley Emigh, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Lola Cook, Bob Wessel, Matt Finnesey, Edna Schiltz, Ralph Weis, Bernita Aumiller, Carl Mumm, Lillian Sulzman, Carlene Bruggeman and Helen Karls.

On Dec. 8, Edna Schiltz won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Lola Cook and Bob Wessel had the most aces. Other members present included: Lillian Sulzman, Jeanie Spresser, Pat Wessel, Betty James, Royce Cook, Carl Mumm, Ralph Weis, Bernita Aumiller, Ann Hazlitt and Gail Mumm.

On Dec. 15, Jeanie Spresser won high, Pat Wessel took second, Shirley Baker got low and Ann Hazlitt had the most nines. Other members present included: Betty James, Matt Finnesey, Carl Mumm, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Paulie Neff, Edna Schiltz, Lillian Sulzman, Bernita Aumiller, Shirley Emigh and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 9, Tarina Aumiller, Patty Albers, Lavina Paulson, Jacob Astalosh. Dec. 10, Dale Smith, Rick Shaw. Dec. 12, Betty James, Paul Zoderow. Dec. 13, Kyle and Tasha Carman, Emmie Pauls. Dec. 14, Travis Smith, Chris Koerperich, JayLyn RyAnn Wenger. Dec. 15, John and Helen Karls. Dec. 16, Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman. Dec. 17, Nick Koerperich, Tyson Walker, Robyn Mendiola, Todd Walker. Dec. 18, Kami Miller. Dec. 19, Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser, Ben and Christa Wessel. Dec. 20, Stephanie Ritter, David Neff, Nathan Zoderow. Dec. 21, Tray Emigh. Dec. 22, Pat Wessel, Clyde and Barb Hopper. Dec. 23, Tammie Bainter. Dec. 24, Curtis Carman, Mitzi Wachendorfer. Dec. 25, Helen Jo Ochs. Dec. 26, Kay Wade. Dec. 27, Landon Truiken. Dec. 28, Heath Schulte, Bill and Rose Bainter, Robbie and Debbie Koerperich. Dec. 29, Mark Schieferecke, Teena Johnston, Travis Schlenk.

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Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

"Hark the Herald Angels singing. Glory to the newborn King!"

Those words and many others were sung all week long. The halls were constantly being filled with joyful songs celebrating Christmas!

This week will be filled with music as well and we never tire of it. Music is one of God's greatest gifts to us. We all rejoice this Christmas as so many have come to share the good news of Jesus' birth!

Just look at the long list of carolers who blessed us this week; Oberlin Elementary students, Sacred Heart Church youth, lots of Girl Scouts, the DCHS Singers and three couples from the Church of God in Christ Mennonite Fellowship all the way from Cimarron.

Another very familiar song could be heard this week as more than 100 people filled Town Square to celebrate the 100th birthday of Earl Brown!

What a happy time with friends and family whose lives have been touched in a significant way by this great gentleman!

Dorothy Pryor and Opal Bryan share December birthdays with Earl and all will be celebrated again on Thursday at the Staff's Children's Happy Birthday Jesus Party!

During History Buffs this week, the topic was Christmas' Past. Local members Schrock, Mary Waldo, Elden Haas, Walt and Betty May, Lucy Schissler, Louise Coburn, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Hunt, Olive Arickson, Louise Pollnow and Violet Schissler shared their family traditions, memories and favorite gifts. Elden received a tin-faced "Lindy" doll one Christmas. His mother made the body from a sock. It was a very special remembrance to hear about.

The In-House Club carried on the musical theme of the week by joining together in the Quiet Room with Coleen Rippe and Sentimental Sing-a-Longs. Mary Waldo, Dorothy Pryor, Leone Porsch, Olive Arnold and Alice Bobbitt sang out, making the Quiet Room not so quiet anymore!

Please join us for our Christmas Eve service Saturday at 7 p.m. with

Pastor John Paulson. The public is welcome.

Christmas dinner will be served at noon on Christmas Day. The menu is Cornish hens and dressing, Brookfield corn, green beans, baked potato, dinner roll and pecan pie for dessert. If you would like to join your loved one, the cost is \$7. Please call 475-2245 to make a reservation.

The Good Sam staff and residents would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and pray God's blessings on you in 2012.

Recent visitors, not including all of Earl's guests were: Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Sarah and Bailey Wolf for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Frank and Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler**. Gerald and Connie Olson, Janice and Bob Baer (Topeka) for **Evelyn Olson**. Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Von Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Steve and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo for **Mary Waldo**. John and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Susie Sabatka for **Vera Kacirek**. Galen Olson, Steve and Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Marcie for **Margaret Vacura**. Brecklyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Ella Betts, Ralph and Norma Unger, Paulie Neff, Ron and Marlene Erickson, Lynn and Roberta Johnson and Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle for **Earl Brown**. Ann Mines for **Leona Helmkamp**. Marvin and Sharon Sblaugha for **Opal Bryan**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Troy and Amy Haas for **Elden Haas**. Rhonda May for **Walt and Betty May**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Stan Becky and Muriel Faimon (Stratton, Neb.) for **Doris Marintzer**. Nadine Tacha (Jennings) and Allen Tacha (Norton) for **Galen Tacha**. Mert McEvoy for **Edith Persinger**. Deta and Elden Anderson for **Opal Bryan**. **Eva Bryan**, **Alice Bobbitt** and **Mary Waldo**. Santa for everyone!