THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1881 (In the Dec. 30, 1880, issue of The *Oberlin Herald*, Editor Humphrey announced he would issue a half sheet only for Jan. 6, 1881, but evidently the half sheet wasn't printed or wasn't included with the files.)

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1906 The man is fortunate who is able to pay all he owes the first of January each year.

George Marks and family spent Christmas in Oberlin. He says Traer is getting to be a great Metropolis and is likely to get the county seat away from Oberlin some time in the future.

The New Opera House Company has bought the old opera house and taken possession. We understand the consideration was \$1,750.

A letter from C.S. Kenney of Norcatur announced the fact that the stork had left a 9-pound boy at his home Saturday evening. We have no doubt but the new mayor of Norcatur is the finest little gentleman in 17 states.

The Odd Fellows Lodge of Jennings is building a house for Mrs. N.W. Swisher of Allison, whose husband was killed by the cyclone last Mav.

Married: by Judge Patchin on Jan. 3, 1906, Mr. Henry Babb and Miss Mildred Mavity, both of Norcatur.

William S. Jackson died Dec. 28 at his home in this city at the age of 69. As a mark of the general esteem in which he was held, all business was suspended from two to four o'clock in the city during the funeral.

Herndon: The following are some of the largest losses in the big fire: State Bank, \$1,000; Schwab, \$14,000; Constable Drug Store, \$10,000; Unger Butcher Shop, \$800; W.B. Slocum, \$10,000; Mrs. Dull, \$8,000; C R. Stevenson, \$5.000.

High School Notes: Francis O'Grady has enrolled and seems pleased to get back. At the State Assoc. last week our principal H.Q. Banta was elected president of the state association of high schools. This is quite an honor to Mr. Banta and our high school.

75 YEARS AGO - Jan. 1931 Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Robinson announce the marriage of their daughter Eryline to Mr. H. Ernest Nichols,

the son of Mrs. Lois Nichols of Bristol, Colo., at five o'clock the afternoon of Dec. 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Askins of Herndon. Rev. Lewis G. Marx pronounced the vows. The Christmas motif was followed in the beautiful decorations throughout the house and the ceremony was performed under an arch of white bells and Morton reported a total of 47 auto each side. Mrs. Nichols graduated from DCHS with the class of 1928 and became the bookkeeper for the Oberlin Motor Company and now holds the position of treasurer. Mr. Nichols attended college at Sterling, Colo., and later took up the study of architecture. He assisted with the addition recently built at the Oberlin Motor Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Love entertained at Christmas dinner Dr. and Harriett of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Simpson of Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Love and baby son of Oberlin.

The high school band will give a concert at the Olive Chapel Church on New Year's Eve. An oyster stew prepared by the ladies of the church 31, 1955. will follow the concert and the public is invited.

Norcatur: Eldon Auker of Manhattan spent the Christmas vacation with the home folks.

Allison Items: The dance at Henry Hickert's last week in honor of his 49th birthday was well attended. All had a good time.

Our good friend James Mot of Liberty Township was in Saturday. Jim will now quit riding in a big wagon as he took out a new top buggy as he went home.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1956

Don Gaumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gaumer, who was chosen for the International Farm Youth Nepal, a small country north of India and bordering Tibet. He will go to Washington, D.C., July 1 for six Carman; Jan. 11 - Shad Putnam. weeks of orientation before leaving

and then to Nepal. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund for his expenses may do so through any Decatur County 4-H Club.

Funeral services were held at the Oberlin Methodist Church with the Rev. Sanders Clayton officiating for Ross McVay, well-known farmer in the Kanona area, who died of a heart attack at the age of 50. He is survived by his wife, Axie, a son, Michael and a daughter, Leanna.

The Decatur County sheriff V.J. golden tinsel with tall candles at accidents in the county the past year trict Conservationist John Dark anwith six fatalities; five of these were in the Memorial Day accident just east of the Kanona-Danbury intersection on US-36.

Dresden: There have been many cars coming and going in the evenings to see the beautiful Christmas lights at the school house. Each piece of playground equipment is also lighted and there is a beautiful and impressive Nativity scene.

Lund: Miss Leila Raulston is Mrs. Guy Litton and daughter, spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Raulston. She is attending North Park College in Chicago.

New Arrivals: Pfc. and Mrs. Wayne Goltl, daughter, Dana Rae, Dec. 30, 1955; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilcox, daughter, Anna Sue, Dec.

25 YEARS AGO - Jan. 1981 Top news of 1980 as reported by the Oberlin Herald staff:

1. Weather calls the shots in agriculture

2. Health care picture changes

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

By Jody Betts

3. Courthouse remodeling

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4. Rock Island service halts, re-

5. Transportation picture bright-

6. Grain embargo hits local

7. Train dedication highlights fair

10. Sunflower Electric line con-

structed across western tier of town-

Soil Conservation Service Dis-

nounced this week that he will leave

Oberlin in February to accept the

position of Conservation Services

Agronomist for the State of Kansas

with offices in Salina. Mrs. Dark,

who is an English teacher, will re-

main in Oberlin until the school

term concludes as will their daugh-

The proposed coal slurry pipeline

is expected to travel the entire

length of Decatur County, entering

northeast of Cedar Bluffs and con-

tinuing southeast at an angle pass-

ing between Jennings and Clayton

and out of the county in Allison

announce the engagement of their

daughter, Patricia, to Lance Dixon,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd Dixon,

Kingman. Miss Berkheimer is a

1978 graduate of DCHS and is cur-

rently a junior at Wichita State Uni-

versity. Her fiancee is a recent WSU

graduate. A June 20 wedding is

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berkheimer

ter, Peggy, a junior.

Township.

planned.

8. Golden Age Center expands

9. Business changes

Boyd and Marge Wilson; Jan. 4 -Bill Bainter, Mike Kruse, Jenna Bruggeman; Jan. 7 - John Kruse; Jan. 8 - Gary Shaw, Tyler Exchange, has been assigned to Stevenson, Colton Sauvage; Jan. 9 - Evelyn Wahl, Lindsey Wahl; Jan. 10 - Randi Stevenson, Kiezer

On Dec. 29 at Senior Citizens, in September by boat for Rome, Paulie Neff won high, Anna Albers welcome to help as we are getting from where he will fly to New Delhi took second, Lola Cook got low and closer to completion.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. Jeanie Spresser had the most 1-Mike and Tammi Porsch; Jan. 2- queens. Other members present included: Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Shirley Emigh, Alfred Albers and Betty James.

> Now that the Christmas and New Year holidays are past, work will resume on the Community Center. On Saturday morning, Jan. 7, anyone that would like to help should show up around 9 am. Everyone is

Sympathy is extended to the fam- afternoon to prepare trays of meat, ily of Elenora Edgett who passed away on Friday.

Cedar Living News

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along on Monday afternoon featuring a variety of music, with titles from A to Z and some Christmas hymns.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

June Harold won the first bingo Oberlin United Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon and Don Shaw won the blackout game.

Don Sulzman spent the day out with family members on Tuesday.

Those who joined in a game of bowling Wednesday afternoon included Nettie Britton, Freda and Lyle Gamblin, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Lowell Sebaugh, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Residents enjoyed a variety of leftover Christmas cookies following the game.

Teresa Shaughnessy gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stan Chapin of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church gave the communion service on Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed a variety of games and trivia on Thursday after- Pomeroy, Patrick Pomeroy, Butch noon. Everyone was treated to a chocolate-covered cherry after the program.

cheese, and crackers. Everyone enjoyed sampling the trays during social hour.

Residents and staff met on Saturday morning to make a list of New Year's resolutions. We then "toasted" in the New Year at 12 noon.

The Rev. Doug Hasty of the gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: David Cox, Hays; Frank Cox, Laverne Niemeth, Ann Martin, Edie Pettera, Herndon; Ron and Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatur: Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; LaVern and Judy Rentschler, Smith Center; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Barb and Steve Brown, Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Lyle Gamblin, Henry Edgett, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Roxie Diederich, Karolyn Muirhead, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Marie Jean The baking group met on Friday Vavroch, Ella Betts, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

"Happy New Year!" If you had been anywhere in the vicinity of Good Sam at noon on Saturday, that's what you would have heard. Twenty-eight residents gathered at the Happy Noon Year's Eve Party to count down the New Year. Seems that you're never too old to make resolutions, although the consensus was that resolutions are made to be broken. We had a good time talking and laughing about times past and new beginnings. After the countdown, cheers, confetti and faux champagne abounded.

relatively quiet. Everyone was ready for a respite after all the Christmas festivities.

for coffee with John Ready, Walt Mosier and Wesley Benda.

On Tuesday Nadine Anderson, Dorothy Pryor and Irel Lohoefener met for Math Mania. After the brain games were over, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Elsie Macy and Everett Fisher made "winter forests" using pine cones, spray snow, glitter and figurines. The Quiet Room is still decked out as a winter wonderland so the new forests fit right in, displayed on the window sills.

new ... I wonder what the New Year will hold. In Philippians 3:12-14 Paul writes, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things that are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

We, here at the Good Sam, are Earlier in the week, things were reaching forward to 2006, believing that in Christ's love, everyone is someone. We are pressing toward the goal for the prize of our upward On Monday Keith Reuther came call of God to serve others in Christ's name. Wishing you countless blessings in the New Year!

Visitors for this week and last were: Ruth Laidig - Ernie and Janice Mehl, Eric Mehl, North Platte, Neb.; Kim Mehl, Warrensburg, Mo.; Dena Gillespie - Steven Hartzog, Dallas; Eulaine Benda - Mert McEvoy; Anna Messerly, Bev Messerly, Sublette; Lucy Schissler - Mert McEvoy, David Simpson; Lois Buchholz -Jim Buchholz, Holli Coburn, Denver; Hazel Flaska - Gerald and The rest of the week was rather Charlene Karnes, Salina; Myrna Lacina, Westminster, Colo.; Edla Olson - Gert Myers, Mansfield, Ohio; Elden and Detta Anderson; Eva Bryan - Elden and Detta Anderson; Dorothy Pryor - Benjamin Smith, Powell, Tenn.; Linda Smith; John and Muriel Ready -Norma Richards; Doris Miller, Hilda McGee - Pat Cozad; Irel Lohoefener - Alyce Avery; Virginia Ike - Mel and Lyn Cox, Bennett, Neb.

By Mary Lou Olson

Bob and Annette Frenzl and

and Troy Emigh, Fallen, Mo., were David and Michael, Oberlin.

Covenant Week of Prayer for the Christmas Day guests of Andy

spending the holidays with her parents, Merlin and Dixie Green, and family.

Gabe and Katie left for their home

Mike and Tracey Harmon, Jon, sister, Rosemary Sauvage.

Mount Pleasant News

Holiday guests of Dolores Benda were Dave and Marsha Benda and Blake, and Hanslin and April Peterson, North Richland Hills, Texas; Dale and Maryanne Benda, Foley, Minn.; Guy and Tracy McCormick, Milaca, Minn.; and the Don Benda family, Atwood.

Christmas dinner guests of Frank and Margaret McEvoy on Dec. 23 were the Lonnie McEvoy and Brian Beckman families, and Stan McEvoy.

The Frank McEvoys and Curtis McEvoy of Benkelman, Neb., joined relatives on Christmas Day for dinner at the home of Jay and Shelly Richardson at Stratton, Neb. The Frank McEvoys went to Havensville on Monday to visit his

and Beth Holle; Monday, Mildred Holmdahl; Tuesday, Elma Lee Erickson; Wednesday, Verol and Rosemary Bergling; Thursday, Leroy and Daisy Schmidt; Friday, and Detta Anderson.

Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Timothy, Nekoma; and Mitch and Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette.

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

Elizabeth Horney, Goodland,

By Dianne Bremer

in Upland, Ind., on Monday after Herndon Covenant Church will be Hanson. New Year's Eve guests Whitney, Salina; Deb Marks, held next week from Jan. 7-14 at the there were Brian and Jackie Hanson, Mulvane; Ava Perkins, Wichita; following homes: Sunday, Orrin Eddie and Gus, Atwood; and Christina Thompson and Michael, Colby. New Year's weekend guests of Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Amy Warden, Tara and Kylie, Olathe; Jeremy and Esther Noren; and Saturday, Elden Carissa Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth;

Midway News

New Year's weekend guests of Andy Robson, Bennington; Kirk Wesley and Eulaine Benda and the and Janelle Robson, Hutchinson; Mark Olson family were Daryl and and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, Paul, Neb., and their families.

and Scott Olson, Irving, Texas, were visitors last week of Bob and Sally Olson.

Jack and Mary Gutchewsky hosted a New Year's Day dinner at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon for their family and her sisters, Phyllis and Dick Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Shirley and Eugene Axtell, Danbury; and Linda Clapp, St.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

routine, which felt pretty good. Many of our regular volunteers are back from their Christmas travels. Mert McEvoy, Carol Duncan, Roxie Erickson, Bethany Smith, Nathan Smith, Tika Hall, Larry Smith, Father George, Colleen Geihsler and Marilyn Horn all helped us out this week. And thank you to Raye's Grocery for donating items for our winter forest project. So out with the old and in with the



Elwood and Elaine Mines spent the Christmas weekend with Ron and Nancy Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo. Enjoying Christmas Day dinner and a gift exchange at the home of Chuck and Carol Van Ert, Aurora, were Ron and Nancy, Elwood and Elaine, and Craig and Vicki Baumfalk, also of Aurora. Elwood and Elaine returned home on Monday.

Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, were visitors of Wayne and Lois Larson Tuesday and Wednesday, staying at the Norman Wendelin home.

Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory, left Tuesday for Winfield to spend a few days visiting Bill and Bonnie Condit, Jordan Condit, and Eowyn Crane, returning home Friday afternoon.

Thursday evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate their May family Christmas were Ernest and Nancy May and Ashley Jordan, Tonganoxie; Paul and Megan May, Orlando, Fla.; Rebecca May, Siloam Springs,

Ark.; Stephen May, Lawrence; Quintin Cundiff, Seward, Neb.; Greg and Janice Cundiff, Marvin May, Andy May, and Chris May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter. Ernest and Nancy and the children left for and Megan who returned home Fridav.

Greta Wendelin attended the New Year's Eve wedding of Chelsey Black and Leigh Zodrow Saturday evening at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in McCook.

Craig and Karen Larson were New Year's Eve dinner guests of Zane and Gladys Geis.

Martin and Evelyn May were New Year's Day noon dinner guests of Martin and Lois Leibbrandt, Imperial, Neb.

Amber Saliba, Hays, was a guest Sunday and Monday of her grandmother, Karolyn Muirhead, over the New Year Holiday.

Ryan Unger and Darci Zweygardt were New Year's Day evening guests of Ralph and Norma Unger.

Rebecca were hosts. It was held at the schoolhouse where Teresa works. Other family members attending were Dan and Charlene Mangus, Mike, Steve, Devin and Dani, Kanorado; Annette Bailey and Katie, Tribune; John and Carol home on Saturday, except for Paul Topliff and Josh, Goodland; Chris and Joslin McGuiness, Evergreen, Colo.; and Jason and Allie Topliff and Joel, Lawrence.

> Christmas week guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKencie, Estes Park, Colo.; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Zachary and Katherine, Hays; Kurt and Valerie Brown and Millecent, Quinter; Phil and Keli Kleidosty, Wichita; Mildred Kleidosty, Herndon; Chad and Kim Kuntz and Madison, Olathe; John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence; John R. Tacha, Hays; and Leah Tacha, Cleveland, Ohio. Mildred Tacha is in the Decatur County Hospital recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the wedding of Andrea Seibert and Billy Unruh in Sharon Springs on

night guests of Kevin and Colleen Wagoner and returned home on Sunday. Tom Votapka won the giant

Christmas stocking stuffed with toys and games in the drawing at Mom's Lil' Market. Christmas light winners were: first place, Richard and Nikki Rowlison; second place, Mike and Vicki Bailey; and third place, Imogene Keenan.

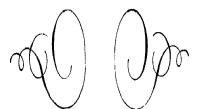
Wayne and Louise Cressler spent Christmas Day with their son, Russell and Theresa Cressler, in Bison.

Megan Faris of Manhattan came Monday for a week's visit with her grandparents, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4. After the business meeting we will "undecorate" the church.

Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, in the Sunflower Senior Center.

The Sunflower Seniors potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Bingo will be played after the meal. Bring a \$3 bingo prize and join us.



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Helen Muirhead returned home New Year's Eve. They were over-Dec. 20 from Chicago, Ill., where she had been visiting her daughter

and family, Teffani and Joe Zadeh,

and helping care for their infant son,

Galen and Meme Carper went to

Bazine for their families' Christmas,

held on New Year's Day. Les and

Teresa Hopson, Matthew and

Dylan, who was born Dec. 6.