

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1885

The abundant snowfall argues well for a bounteous crop next season.

Dan Caster was reelected chairman of the board of county commissioners at their session Monday.

Married, Jan. 10, 1885, Mr. Grager Herzog and Miss Theresia Unger, both of Herndon.

The new safe for the banking house of George A. Metcalf has arrived and has been placed in position.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1910

Aslight rain Wednesday made the streets as slick as glass.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Milleson started for California on Monday evening.

Probate Judge Macfee issued a marriage license Wednesday for the marriage of Dr. Knox and Miss Lucy Frewen, both of Norcatour.

The trains are running careless again and the people of Oberlin are getting their mail just as it happens. It is remarkable how we miss the daily papers.

Norcatour Items: Rose Conway and Tina Andrews left last week for their school work at Manhattan.

Kanona Items: There was a gang in town last week building a snow fence along the B & M track east of town where they had so much trouble last winter.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1935

A theft occurred shortly before 9 o'clock Monday morning at the Airline Service Station while the lone attendant Loyd Vernon was on duty and was changing the oil and servicing Howard Banta's car. Some person apparently decided money needed to be circulated and helped himself to a \$20 and a \$5 bill leaving 13 ones and considerable silver in the cash box.

The popular news reporter and bookkeeper Mary Jackson has gone to California for an indefinite stay. We are grateful to Mrs. Ira Laidig who gathered much of the local news this week.

Decatur County has been divided into eight enumeration districts for the farm census which is to begin

this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Marvin have received word that their daughter, Millie, a missionary in Gauthai, India, arrived in New York, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Mattie Cleland, register of deeds-elect, moves to town this week ready to assume her duties.

Playing with what seemed to be a basketball two inches larger than the hoop, Decatur High lost their opening game of the season when the St. Francis boys nosed them out by a final score of 17-11. At the close of the half Coach Sandy's team was leading 6-4 which indicates the scarcity of field goals.

Dresden: Miss Anna Kuhle and Mrs. Rosina Karls spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Matilda Welter who has been ill but is better.

Wolf hunts are scheduled Sunday in the Herndon area according to John Kleidosty and also in Beaver Township. No rifles allowed.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued Dec. 31 to Eugene Fortin of Dresden and Mabel Pavlicek of Oberlin who expected to be married by Father Schmitt of Leoville.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1960

How will Oberlin celebrate its 75th anniversary which comes up this year? Perhaps with the biggest celebration in civic history. Twenty-five local leaders, representing most of the town's clubs and major organizations, met at the OCS gym to hear a representative of Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ill., which produces "America's Biggest Birthday Parties." The group approved forming an organization to promote the 75th birthday whether or not the Rogers Company is hired.

At the Sunday morning service of the Federated Church, The Rev. Robert Clingan submitted his resignation as pastor effective June 1, 1960.

E.R. Woodward, representative from Decatur County, and Mrs. Woodward left last Friday for Topeka and the 30-day budget session of the Kansas Legislature. Legislators are faced this year with the unique situation of a multimillion dollar

state surplus.

The old clinic building has been sold to Gordon Wilson of Oberlin. Razing of the structure, the former Otis L. Benton home, began Monday. Mrs. Lawrence Claar notes in her museum column that two pickup loads of antiques and other items were salvaged from the historic building for the museum.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1985

Gary Bartels has been chosen as president of the recently-formed Red Devil Booster Club.

Lloyd E. VanCleaf, Simpson, has been elected chairman of the board and president of the Decatur County National Bank. He will replace Steve Locke who has served in that capacity since September who will be joining the First State Bank of Junction City as managing officer. Locke stated that there had been no change in control of the bank stock.

VanCleaf was born and raised in Fairbury, Neb., and has had 19 years of banking experience in Kansas and Nebraska. He and his wife Marion will be moving to Oberlin in the near future.

Funeral services were held for Marjorie Nemeth, 72, who served as Oberlin City Librarian for 20 years. The daughter of Edwin W. and Nellie (Garver) Coldren, she attended Oberlin schools and was married to Ernest Nemeth in 1929. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, PEO and Eastern Star Chapter #106. She is survived by a son, Phil, and six daughters, Dianne, Nancy, Linda, Kathy, Debbie and Julie.

The DCHS grapplers remain undefeated this season going into a match with Scott City on Friday.

Norcatour: Nellie New and grandson, Jim Frewen, recently attended the wedding for Jeff New and Kay Reaser in Wichita.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Maybe our cold spell is over for a few days. I made a trip to North Platte and it was wonderful not to have to wear a heavy coat. I'm sure we will get more cold weather before winter is over, but I will sure enjoy this warmer temperature while it lasts.

Some reservations are in for the Chamber Annual Banquet for this Thursday, Jan. 14, but there is still room for a few more. The deadline was for Monday, Jan. 11, but I know some have forgotten, so please call the Chamber office at 475-3441 if you would still like to attend. Our speaker, David Buchholz, is a very experienced marketing person and has participated in many conferences to help small towns boost their marketing power. Our meal is being prepared by Richard Kimble and his wife Carolyn, with help from the rest of the Chamber board. You will not go away hungry from this meal of roast beef, baked potato, Brookville corn, lettuce salad, dinner roll and dessert.

Mr. Buchholz is also hosting two meetings at The Gateway on Friday, Jan. 14, one to start at 7:30 a.m. with rolls and coffee provided, and the other at 11:30 a.m. with lunch available.

Plans are also being made for the Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Banquet which will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Gateway Civic Center Arena. I will have more details on that in the next week or two.

Coffee hour will be held from 9 to 11 this Friday morning at the Farm Bureau Office. They might have good cookies as they did at their Open House. See you there.

I wanted to start this week, but it didn't happen, to acknowledge a business in our community each week. I will have each name on a ticket within a container, and draw one out. I will visit that business owner before writing anything in the article. I hope this will be a way for all to get to know our community a bit better.

Have a great week!!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Keith and Helen Muirhead were guests of their daughter Tamala Schulze, Kolten and Kallista at Kansas City, Mo., for Christmas. They were joined by Todd and Mignon Barry, Wellfleet, Mass.; Michelle Zodrow and Austin, Grapevine, Texas; and Joe and Teffani Zadeh, Natalia and Dylan, Chicago, Ill. Tamala rented the Club House that was at the apartment complex where she lives. It kept everyone busy as it included an exercise room, pool table, various games, a theater and lots of food.

Amy and Doug Osborn, Olathe, were weekend guests of her parents, Mike and Joan McKenna. Saturday evening they all attended the wedding reception to celebrate the marriage of Micheal Vahling and Kandi Handran at the parish hall in Leoville. Amy and Doug visited her grandmother, Maxine Sauvage in Oberlin on Saturday.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited his Dad, Walt Cressler Sunday at the Sheridan County Long Term Care. Walt will be 101 years old on Feb 1. They also visited with Larry and Irene Cressler in Hoxie.

Margaret Stanley, Colby, visited and ate lunch with her aunt, Rachel

Carter, one day last week.

Sunday, Jan. 17, following United Methodist church services in Jennings, there will be a potluck dinner and an Administrative Council meeting.

Prayers are asked for Tyne Yahne who fell, breaking his hip, and Raymond Yahne who also fell on ice. Both are at Fort Dodge in Dodge City.

Jennings City Council met Jan. 7 with all council members present. Norton Correctional men were scheduled to work in town next week but because of the snow they are rescheduled to work in April trimming trees. Council accepted the resignation of City Clerk Sue Long, effective in May. Anyone interested in the clerk position can apply by contacting the mayor, Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-2664.

There was a Julie Ward but not Julie and Ken Ward. Instead last week news should have read Julie and Ken Carter. We apologize for the error.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elton O'Hare who passed away last week at Cedar Living Center.

Monday was a musical afternoon with residents playing a game of Name-That-Tune followed by sing-along time before supper, led by Mary Ann Amack.

Fern Wenger won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie by Elsie Goodnight, Mary Votapka and Irene Fringer.

The craft group began working on Valentine's Day decorations on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were lots of winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Residents joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene

Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Fern Wenger, Delores Wheeler and Jean Skubal.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a big hit with residents, staff and guests.

Several residents met on Friday night for a game of Music Bingo. Charlotte reports that everyone who participated had a good time.

Recent visitors: Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Steve Skubal, Leoville.

Eunice Richards, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Dorothy Moore, Gladys Geis, Max and Veanna Carman, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Brrrr...it was a bit more than chilly last week. In fact it was so cold everyone wanted to stay home where it was warm and cozy. We only had a few visitors brave the icy winds: Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**, Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Walt and Betty May, Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Chris Dempewolf and John Paulson for **R.D. Thornton**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Ken Mumm (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**.

The Christmas decorations have all come down so between the weather and the bare walls, things were looking a tad gloomy, so we needed to get things going again.

On Monday, the Lyle Gals were supposed to come for their lively, monthly pinochle party, but the cold kept them home. Coleen Rippe saved the day! She gathered the die-hard card playin' fun lovin', cookie eatin' gals and had a pinochle good time after all!

On Tuesday, we watched a video entitled "Hidden Treasures." This was a science documentary on the microscopic beauty of God's Creation. We watched snowflakes forming, crystals taking shape and tiny desert flowers blooming in the sand, all too small to be seen with the naked eye. A testimony of God's amazing attention to detail, and how He is actively involved in every detail of our life, that nothing is too big or too small for Him, since He made it all.

We later used our amazing God-made brains to play some winter and Alaska trivia. Leona Helmkamp, Edla Olson, Olive Arnold, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Eulaine Benda, Walt and Betty May, Earl Brown, Amy Rehm and Shirley Hayward all played. This is fun because we always learn something. We realize we are either smarter than we think or we're not as smart as we think — but it is always fun.

On Wednesday, Marilyn Horn played the piano as Anita Hirsch led the singing during Songs of Worship. Mert McEvoy taught Bible study. She will be introducing the residents to "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby next month.

Rosella Meitl and Dorothy Alstrom pampered the ladies with a manicure. Many of our visitors stayed home but did you notice our volunteers? They hold to the same standard as the postal service. Neither rain, nor snow, nor threat of hail... nothing can stop the U.S. mail!

Perhaps we could say "Neither rain, nor snow, nor icy chill... nothing can stop a heart's good will!" I couldn't think of anything to rhyme with Bingo, but Bingo must go on! Thanks to Marilyn Horn, Pat Fringer, Colleen Geishler and Bill and Carol Duncan it always does!

On Thursday, Lois Carlson, Eulaine Benda, Violet Schissler, Walt and Betty May, Amy Rehm, Edla Olson, Dorothy Hunt, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Byran, Leona Helmkamp, Eva Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson and Myrtle Ross met in the Quiet Room to talk about death and losing loved ones. Many have lost friends, spouses, children and siblings and lately several friends living at Good Sam. It was a time mixed with somber reflection and joy. When they were asked if they were afraid to die, the unanimous answer was "No." They were confident that when they die their relationship with Jesus Christ allows them the privilege of claiming the promise of eternal life in heaven. They said they were ready... their hearts are prepared to go to the place Jesus has prepared for them!

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The annual meeting for members of the Herndon Covenant Church will be held at noon following morning worship services on Sunday. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and also snacks for afternoon coffee.

Daisy Schmidt and Keith Barnett accompanied Dennis and Pat Barnett to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., on Dec. 19, after the wedding of Barry and Megan Schmidt. While gone, the four attended the baptism of Owen Harrell, the son of Emily and Greg Harrell of Decatur, Ga. Christmas week was spent in Fort Walton and then they joined Sara, Colin, Payton and Alyssa Conner; Emily, Greg, Addison and Owen Harrell, and Rachel Barnett at Callaway Gardens, Ga. While at the resort, all enjoyed The Butterfly House, the Poinsettia Gardens and Roosevelt's Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga. The hour-long trolley ride of the Fantasy In Lights was the highlight of the trip. Dennis and Pat Barnett brought Mrs. Schmidt and Keith Barnett home after a three-week visit.

Dave and Sherry Bergling entertained to Christmas dinner on Dec. 19, Olive Bergling, Jason Bergling and Anna Easterday, Atwood; Jeremy Bergling, Kansas City; and

Alicia, Kelly and Trinity Bergling, Oberlin.

The following day, they all joined Amy and Sophia Bergling, Las Vegas, Nev.; Megan and Cassidy Bergling, Hays; and Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby, for Christmas dinner at the home of Richard and Susan Bergling and Sarah in Quinter.

Brianna Klima was among Christmas guests at the home of Frank and Margaret McEvoy, not Katlyn Klima as reported last week.

Prayer week services are being held at 7 p.m. this week for the Herndon Covenant Church congregation. They met on Sunday with Gerald and Patti Benda; Monday with Mildred Holmdahl; Tuesday with Daisy Schmidt; Wednesday will be with Mark and Gail Bergling; Thursday with Roger and Melinda Carlson; Friday (noon) at the home of Frank and Margaret McEvoy; and Saturday with Keith and Sandy Reuther.

Howard and Suzanne Wehrman of Sylvan Grove were weekend guests of their daughter and family, Beth and Orrin Holle, Henry, Eli and Maggie, to help Maggie celebrate her first birthday.

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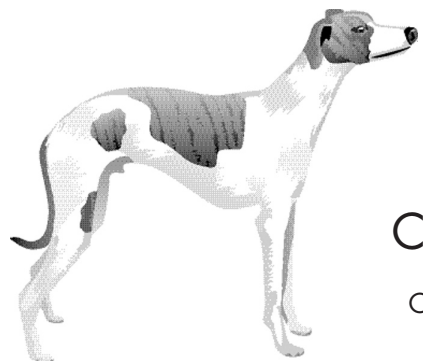
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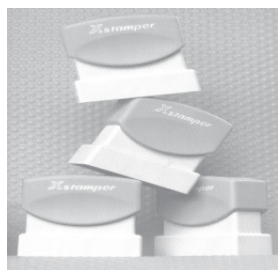


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