

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1885

The snow continues to drift badly nearly every time and obliterates every trace of roads. We hear of several quite severe losses of sheep in various parts of the county.

Mr. Worley has commenced the erection of a residence in the west part of town.

A.H. Hollister and Mrs. Sarah J. Rodehaver are filling the creamery ice house with the choicest crops of ice ever harvested in the Sappa.

G. Webb Bertram returned Friday from his trip to Topeka where he witnessed the departure of the state from Democratic rule and saw the reins of government once more placed in the hands of Republicans.

The proposed repeal of the timber-culture and pre-emption acts is having a tendency to make the boys rustle around in search of desirable quarters on which to locate their remaining rights.

W.S. McElroy's family arrived from Phillipsburg Sunday, Mac meeting them at McCook and escorting them to their new home on the frontier.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1910

Decatur Community High School won in both declamation and debate in the annual contest with the Norton High School held at Norton last Friday night. Austin Wallack, Harwood Benton and Lisle Bacon were Decatur's debaters and Lioba Heitmann was the school's representative in the declamatory contest. The judge's final decision was unanimous in both contests.

Decatur had the affirmative side of the question in debate, "Resolved, That it is advisable for our government to grant absolute independence to the people of the Philippines."

All the sports in the north part of the county went to McCook to see the great scrap pulled off by Jeffries, Gotch and Dr. Roller.

Many people are interested in the comet which can be seen regularly in the evenings in the West. Some claim it is Halley's comet, while others claim it is another one. If it is Halley's, he had better be looking after it instead of letting it run around loose the way it is.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1935

Court House News: Everything seems quiet and serene around the offices of Sheriff Frank Garver and Attorney John Bremer. Only one inhabitant in the guest house on the third floor. The matrimonial business is in a slump with only one marriage ceremony performed by

Judge McLaughlin: Gilbert O'Hare, Norcatur and Miss Agnes Hunt, Lebanon, Nebr.

Selden: Funeral services were held for Carl Albert Anderson, 23, who died in his sleep Jan. 14. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mabel Anderson, a sister, Grace and a brother, Howard. His father preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 1934, following an accident in downtown Oberlin in which he was crushed between his truck and a car.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon are the parents of a daughter, Virginia May, born Sunday, Jan. 13, at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

A bursted water meter in the basement of the D.G. Campbell Store provided a fine swimming pool for the store help.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Earl (Ida Young) Bailey, who died at her home Jan. 13 of pneumonia at the age of 40. She is survived by her husband and 10 children, Melvin, Vergil, Clifford, Donald, Mildred, Tressa, Ernest, Durward, Elzy and the baby and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Young.

Archie Hamilton wishes the Herald to express his thanks to the friends and neighbors who assisted during the time his residence on North York was threatened by fire on Saturday night. The Hamiltons are temporarily located with Mrs. Pearl Fringer.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1960

The annual meeting of the Decatur County Soil Conservation District will be held Thursday evening at the DCHS auditorium. Awards will be presented by J.R. Betts, president of the Decatur County National Bank. Featured speaker will be Warren Fitzgibbons, meteorologist of the weather bureau at Goodland, whose topic will be "Weather and Water Conservation."

A dinner in honor of the winners will be held prior to the meeting at the Green Lantern banquet room. Award winners are Wesley Gaumer, Oberlin; B.J. "Jack" Rist, Norcatur; Loyd Moore, Oberlin; Ray Bogart, Norcatur, and Lawrence Wenger, Selden.

Funeral services were held at Faith Lutheran Church for Merlin Cochran, 49. He is survived by his wife, Edna, a son, Harold, two daughters, Janice and Marilyn, and five brothers, Virgil, Ivan, Shirley, Oberlin; Veere, Selden and Mike, Wichita.

Oscar Lohofener has announced the incorporation of Center Grain and Lohofener Grain. Harold Rehm will assume active manage-

ment of the business as soon as he can be relieved of his duties at the ASCS office which he has managed since July 1955.

A fire at the Willard Stapleton home at 507 N. Neill apparently caused by defective wiring resulted in approximately \$3,000 damage. The Stapletons and their children, Dick, 4, and Terri, 3 have been living with Mrs. Stapleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cummings, since the fire. It was only the second major home fire in the county in a year. Fire gutted the Jim Gaumer home near Jennings in late January of 1959.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Harold, Oberlin, daughter, Kelly Jean, Jan. 23, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grose, Oberlin, daughter, Kimberly Ann, Jan. 25, 1960.

Mrs. Keith Olson, Midway correspondent, reports that the Rev. Loren Carlson of Boulder, Colo., has accepted a call to the Herndon Mission Covenant Church effective April 1. He will succeed the Rev. Fred Granstrom who moved to Lowry, Minn.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1985

An overflow crowd of nearly 500 persons packed the sanctuary and choir loft of St. John's Lutheran Church Monday evening to hear a human relations specialist from Farmland Industries, Kansas City, tell them all about stress and how to deal with it. The speaker, June Gooding, said that personal stress management should be the goal of everyone in overcoming "the 20th century disease." The crowd was invited to return the next Monday

evening to hear Dr. Richard May, M.D., discuss a healthy body and learning relaxation skills and view a film, "Taking it in Stride."

Nearly 17 months after former Decatur County National Bank president Farrell D. McAtee was asked to resign from that position with the local financial institution a grand jury has indicted him on seven counts. The U.S. Attorney's office in Wichita reported that McAtee has been indicted for embezzling, making false entries and misapplication of funds.

After 12 years in business in Dresden the Campbell Oil Co. has been sold to Kelly Lampe, Jennings. Services provided by Larry and Eloise Long will continue under Lampe Gas, Oil and Repair. Mrs. Long reported that the family will remain in Dresden until the end of the school term. Her husband is currently employed by Big A Automotive Parts and Supply in Norton and the family will move there in June. Lampe graduated from Northwest Kansas Area Vocational School in Goodland and is a native of the St. Francis area.

New Arrivals: Gary and Sarah Orr, Oberlin, son, David Daniel, Jan. 22, 1985; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wagoner, Jennings, daughter, Lisa Dawn, Jan. 24, 1985.

At the NWKL wrestling tournament held in Hoxie, Oberlin finished in third place with Glen Baughman and Scott Gawith taking first places in their weight classes to post undefeated records. St. Francis won the tourney followed by Colby.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

These windy days are letting us know it is still winter in Northwest Kansas! At least the sun is shining this Monday as I am writing this article, and it is getting closer to spring.

The Chamber committee of Deanna Castle, Cricket Ketterl and Kem Bryan are in the process of collecting sponsorships for the Annual Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Banquet. If you have not been contacted and you would like to help sponsor the banquet with a money gift or a give-away item, you may call the Chamber office at 475-3441.

The Chamber is also having a Soup Supper at the high school cafeteria on Friday, Jan. 29 before the basketball game. Beef and noodles, plus chili soup and desserts will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 5, the Oberlin Business Alliance will also have a Soup Supper at the high school cafeteria. With these cold winter days, hot soup always tastes good.

Henningens Therapeutic Massage is the business I would like to acknowledge this week. Patricia Henningens is the owner and she is located at 407 E. Ash in Oberlin. Her days in Oberlin are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Her phone is 475-2109. There is also a location in Atwood on Tuesdays and every third Thursday. The number in Atwood is (785) 626-3051 to call for an appointment. If you haven't had the privilege of a massage from Patricia, you are missing a very relaxing experience.

Have a great week and don't blow away!!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28-29

Janice Shobe used Proverbs 31:10-31 as a tribute to the life of Alice May. A Memorial Service was given in celebration of her life on Tuesday morning. We learned so much more about the rich, full, faith-filled life led, and had the opportunity to share special moments and good memories with her family and friends. Our tears of sadness were turned to tears of gladness as we reflected on blessing of knowing and caring for a very dear and lovely lady.

On Monday, we celebrated another life, that of Martin Luther King, Jr. It fit in nicely with Living History and opened up to lively discussion. Amy Rehm's daughter, Luanne Laird, helped by prompting us with interesting questions

and Anita Hirsch ended our time by singing, "We Shall Overcome." Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Leona Helmkamp, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch, Edla Olson, Opal Bryan, Earl Brown, Walter and Betty May, Alice Bobbitt and Olive Arnold all participated.

While the weather is still chilly, we decided to build some snowmen. We didn't need to get bundled up any; we built them rolling dice! Each team had the snowman parts made out of felt, each team member took turns rolling the dice to get the number that corresponded to each part: bottom -1, middle -2, head-3, eyes-4, carrot nose-5 and the hat-6. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Olive Arnold and Mary Lemman were on winning Team A and Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Leone Porsch and Faye Miller were Team B. The first team to complete their snowman were to burst into song, Frosty, the Snowman, but the lyrics kept get-

ting mixed up with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!

Myrtle Waldo celebrated her 98th birthday with friends and family on Saturday. There were cupcakes and a good time all around!

Pooch Portschy also had a birthday celebration with his friends and family on Sunday. Angel Lane was the place for the festivities and well-wishers!

February is just about a week away. Mark your calendars for the Sweetheart Dance on Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. This is hosted by the Star Valley 4-H Club. Michael Milbauer will be our music man!

The Decatur County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a warm clothing drive, "Cold Hands, Warm Hearts" for their transient ministry. Good Sam is the drop-off-place! Donations can be left in the foyer. They especially need items for men. They also need travel size personal care items. The residents will put

together Personal Care Kits for stranded travelers as our contribution to the project. Thank you for your help!

Visitors this week were Reva Marshall, Ron Snyder for **Dorothy Hunt**, Ralph and Norma Unger for **Hunt Mooty** and Walter and Betty May. Paul Noren and Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Max and Veanna Carman, Deb Campbell and Peggy Carman (Hoxie) for **Myrtle Waldo**. Ann Hazlett (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Pete and Eileen Portschy (Herndon) for **Pooch Portschy**. Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. **Glenn Martin** gets the prize for the visitors who traveled the farthest! Lisa Martin came all the way from Tokyo, Japan, and Barry Martin from Olathe. Thanks to all of you for coming.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral service for her brother-in-law, Sam Williams Thursday at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City. Sam was from a large family and the funeral home was filled to capacity. Fort Riley Active Army had a very impressive graveside service. Several of the Hilburn family were there and all had lunch at the Catholic Civic Center for the family.

Margaret "Toots" Magers, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Claudia Bridges and Joyce Sumner met at the Cardinal Cafe for lunch on Friday to celebrate Joyce's birthday, then they went to

the Educational Building for Senior citizens. People there were glad to have Gary Anthony come over and play cards.

I visited Aunt Alta Van Gundy at the Andbe Home on Friday. She has been suffering bronchial trouble, but is somewhat better. She will be 105 on Jan. 31; such a strong lady.

Dwight and Teresa Wood and Andre Lefebvre of McCook dropped by my place in Norcatur on Saturday evening. They were on their way to furnish music in Norton.

"Rats! My finger hit the wrong button and my computer gobbled up the "rest of the story." I'm not sure if I can remember it all.

John and Shannon Nitzel, daughter of Toots Magers' brother, Sam, visited Toots Sunday. They had been on a month-long trip to their daughter's in Oregon and to see their twin grandsons in California.

Deanna Sumner had her nephew and nieces over the weekend. She and Von picked up Andrew and Gracie Archer and Sumner Honolka and took them to the opening of the movie theater in Oberlin.

Keith Anthony is scheduled for a by-pass in his leg at Kearney on Thursday. His daughter is coming up from Texas.

Christina Houghtelling, Cambridge, Neb., who played volleyball

in school, and since then plays professionally; is going to Finland to play pro-volleyball for the season. She is a granddaughter of Lloyd Frandsen.

The Chatty Hatters ate lunch at the Pizza Hut on Monday, followed by a business meeting.

As we pray for the people in Haiti, let's not forget to be thankful for our living conditions here in the United States of America. Our service men are not only fighting overseas, but are also working to calm the chaos in Haiti.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. There were several high rollers, but win or lose, everyone had a good time.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Elsie Goodnight won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Her luck carried over to the blackout game where she tied with Donna Kent for the big win. Opal Huntley, Marian Dempewolf, and Ila Ray assisted.

Judy Jackson hosted pinochle players Aleen Van Vleet, Elsie Goodnight, and Mary Votapka on Wednesday afternoon.

Several residents met for an afternoon at the movies on Wednesday. The group watched "The Wizard of Oz" and feasted on popcorn, soda pop and other snacks.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The Zeta Nu Club hosted the January birthday party on Thursday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Musical entertainment was provided by Pastor Chris Nelson. Those being honored with January birthdays were Darlene Fisher, Frances Schiessler and

Blanche Skubal. Each received a birthday balloon.

The baking group made chocolate oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon. Charlotte Kurtz hosted a game night on Friday. The poker players also met for a game on Friday night.

Pastor Doug Mason of the Lund Covenant Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

The dietary department teamed up with the activity department to host an ice cream sundae party on Sunday evening. Staff members Anna Cressler, Erin Jeffrey, Vicky Sylvester and Teresa Shaughnessy made the sundaes, which were a big hit with all the residents.

Recent visitors: Delpha Sis, Anna Sis, Brian, Mary, and Katelyn Clark, Atwood; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Julie Hafner, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Mary Ruth, St. Francis; Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Adrian Walker, Elle and Will, Lincoln, Neb.

Connie Olson, Sandra Young, Marilyn Gamblin, Royal Fisher, Julie Schiessler, Dolores Koeperich, Deb Marshall, Max and Veanna Carman, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Carol Kompus graciously provided dinner Thursday evening for her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer, and roommate, Edie Pettera at the Cedar Living Center. The ladies enjoyed ham and beans and peach pie.

Don and Diana Solko spent the weekend in Topeka visiting their daughter, Renae Solko. While there, Don attended a Rural Electric Association meeting.

Scoop-Dog left out a few names playing cards at the Frank and Jean Huss home Sunday evening last week. Additional players were Daryl Huss, Kent Huss, Hays, and James Peterson of Atwood. Sorry guys!

Julie Hafner visited her aunts, Joan Noble and Edie Pettera on Thursday at Cedar Living. The residents were treated to a wonderful music program, provided by Pastor Chris Nelson from the Oberlin Covenant Church across from Cedar. Pastor Chris, showing his musical talent, belted out a rendition of songs with his trumpet. Everyone enjoyed the program and birthday treats, celebrating the January birthdays. On Sunday Bob and Julie played dominoes with the aunts.

The 2010 Herndon Community Birthday Calendars are still available. Please stop by The Bank in Herndon, or call Deb at 322-5212.

Former Herndonite and 1963 graduate, Gary Sallans and wife, Elaine, reported that they worked another winter at Disney World in

Florida. They work two to three shifts a week with six hours per shift in Adventure-Land in the Pirates of the Caribbean area. This is their sixth winter of meeting folks from all over the world and enjoying the weather before returning in the summer to their home in Aurora, Neb. After leaving Florida, they will travel and visit Gary's brother, Pastor Dale in Andalusia, Ala. Gary and Elaine plan on attending the Herndon Alumni banquet on June 11 and the Herndon Ox-Roast on June 12.

Recent dinner guests of Rachel Solko enjoying Indian cuisine were Justin and Lori Marintzer, Josh Allen and Heather Schneider, Glen and Kelsey Wahrman; Diana Solko and Lance Jording.

Julie's Memory Joggers
Dec. 10, 1908

The Nonpareil
NEW MAIL WAGON: Resch French Jr., rural mail carrier on routes 2 and 3 purchased a new mail wagon of L.L. Tongish. The rig arrived last Thursday and it's a beauty, and with the aid of a small oil heater, Resch will be able to make his rounds very comfortably, though wintery blasts do blow.

FARM FOR SALE: Three quarters in section 30, town 1, range 31 four miles from Herndon. 190 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. 145 acres in fall wheat; wheat crop goes with sale if bought before Feb. 1, 1909. Fair set of implements. Price \$5,000.

Attorney general warns of earthquake scams

Attorney General Steve Six warns Kansans to be careful as they respond to requests for donations and aid in the wake of Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

"Unfortunately, scam artists will use this tragedy as an opportunity to take advantage of the generosity of Kansans," Six said. "Taking some extra time to verify the authenticity of the charitable organization will ensure that your contributions are aiding in disaster relief rather than lining a scammer's pocket."

Six recommends some steps to make sure your donation will be used for its intended purpose:

- Don't be afraid to ask questions or request more information. Ask how your donation will be used. Is it tax deductible? A legitimate organization will gladly provide you with more information.
- Go to the charity's website and read about its programs or request this information in writing.
- Ask if the person requesting the donation is a professional solicitor and if so, how much or what percentage of the donation will go to the charity.
- Beware of charities using names

similar to large, well respected organizations. If concerned, contact the charity directly to ensure you have the correct organization.

• Beware of unsolicited e-mails. E-mail is a common forum for scamming. Do not respond directly to an e-mail request. Instead, go directly to the organization's website, call or mail a donation.

• Do not give cash. If paying by check, use the full name of the organization. Do not make it out to the person asking for money.

• Never give your credit card number to a fund raiser over the phone.

Contact the Better Business Bureau to see if there are any complaints about the charity or search for the charity online at bbb.org/charity.

Go to www.kscharitycheck.org/ to see if the charity is registered with the Kansas secretary of state's office.

If you believe you have been solicited by a fraudulent charity, please file a consumer complaint with the attorney general's Office. For more about charitable giving, visit www.ksag.org/page/charities.

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