

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1901

Saturday was one of the busiest days that our merchants have had for a long time.

August Lund of Summit, one of the old time settlers of that part of the county and the man for whom the Lund post office was named, was a caller last Thursday.

John Smick and Andy Boyles of Custer both attended church Sunday morning. This is a sure sign of a good time for this season.

The new trustee of Liberty, has found a section of land in his township that is short several acres, and is greatly disturbed hereby. He inquired of the county clerk if he thought it had blown away.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1926

Saturday, March 6, was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Ufford and the event was fittingly observed by a family reunion at their home. The couple was married March 6, 1876, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Love, a small dug-out on the banks of the Sappa near the present site of the residence of Willis G. Miller, one-half mile east of Oberlin. The young couple made their home on the southeast quarter of section 10, Oberlin township. Mr. and Mrs. Ufford received numerous gifts at the anniversary last Saturday among them being a fine big rocker from Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Love, a \$10 gold piece from John Ufford and a \$5 gold piece each from Herbert and Frank Ufford, a pair of embroidered pillow slips from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ufford, a fine breastpin from Mrs. Sarah J. Harvie and a work basket from Mrs. Louisa Street and Mrs. Laura Douglas.

Funeral services were held at Leoville for Mr. Bernard Bruggeman who came to America from Westhalia, Germany at the age of 17 and to Kansas in 1910. He is mourned by three daughters and 10 sons.

Two weddings are reported this week by Probate Judge Kulp: March 1, Geo. Henry Scott, 24, and Miss Gladys C. Waldo, 18, both of Oberlin; March 4th, Mr. Goldie Ola Scott, 20, and Miss Clara Elizabeth Allacher, 18, both of Herndon.

Jennings: The Jennings high school boys and girls teams both brought home championship cups from the basketball tournament at Phillipsburg and the school board was so proud they gave the school an afternoon off to celebrate. The boys team consists of Westover, Chandler, R. Cilek, E. Cilek, Rogers, Nelson, Harris and Stephens and Radin is the coach. The girls are R. Koehn, Flaska, McKenna, E. Koehn, R. Rees, N. Rees, Kump and Tacha.

Kanona: Literary was postponed to Friday night owing to the threatening weather.

Traer Items: Mr. H.L. Phillips and Miss Irene Silvers were married at Oberlin last Wednesday.

Dresden Notes: Archie Taylor came home from Hays Thursday night and returned Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1951

Plans for extensive improvements on a 7-mile stretch of US-36 west of Oberlin were announced today by the State Highway Commission with the filing of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of necessary right of way. The center line of the new road alignment will be approximately 60 feet north of the present road's center line. The present grade is below standard level and has resulted in considerable trouble during heavy snowfall.

Beth Miller, a famed pianist from Denver, who has recently presented concerts at Times Hall in New York will present a master class and a concert at DCHS March 10. Pianists taking part from Oberlin are Frances Henningson, Janette Nelson and Vernadean Euhus and Carolyn Johnson from Norcat. Her piano

concert in the evening will be chosen from works of Bach, Mozart, Liszt and Ravel.

Hospital News: Regina Marie was born March 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meitl of Dresden. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Geist, Hoxie, a daughter, Bonita Mae, born March 2.

Lund: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Muirhead are the parents of a baby girl born Feb. 20 who has been given the name, Leann Kay.

A farewell dinner honoring Dick Kathka who left Monday for the Navy was held Sunday, March 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Peterson.

Jennings: Much excitement was caused on Sunday when without any warning the fire whistle started blowing. A large crowd gathered at the telephone office to find the source of the fire and it was discovered the wires in the switch at the whistle were touching, making a short which started the alarm

25 YEARS AGO — March 1976

Postal service on Sundays and major holidays in all second and third-class post offices, including Oberlin, will soon be a thing of the past, according to information received by Oberlin postmaster Don Zimmerman.

The county Golden Age Recreation Center, 121 N. Penn opened Monday for senior citizens over 60. The center will provide activities and enter-

tainment for senior citizens each afternoon from 1:30 to 5 Monday through Friday and Mrs. Warren Vernon will be coordinator for the center.

Decatur County commissioners last month secured a used military jeep for the rural fire department through excess property of the Civil Defense Division at Fort Riley.

A building that is rich in history has changed hands on Oberlin's main street. Bruce Guinn purchased the building at 183 S. Penn from Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berls. Guinn will use the building for storage of merchandise for his business, Guinn's Plumbing and Heating. According to Guy Morrish the front part of the building was once used by Decatur County as a court room and remained so until the new courthouse was built in 1926. Later it was operated as Cook's Recreation Parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waldo and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eskew, all of Oberlin, announce the engagement of their children, Barbara Gail and Robert James. Plans are being made for a July 10 wedding.

Funeral services were held from Dresden United Methodist Church for Mrs. George (Edna Bremer) Montgomery, 83, who died at her home in Tujunga, Ca. She and her husband had been employed with the Dining Car and Hotel Department of the Union Pacific Railroad for 33 years.

Rexford News

By Lula Thielor

Memorial services were held at the Rexford Community Church on Feb. 26 for Mel Christensen, after which a dinner was served at the church for the family. This community extends sympathy to all the family.

DeAnn and Delores Dible went to Logan to visit with Hazel Richardson at the Logan Manor last weekend.

Marty Boutte is in Hays Medical Center following surgery. He is recovering nicely and should be home in a few days.

Jay and Nancy Dahl took their grandsons, Matt and Jake Gould, to see Tina Gould in Goodland last Sunday. They celebrated Jake's birthday.

Jean Hawkins brought the cake to be served with ice cream for the Barnswallows birthday party last Monday afternoon, at the Barn. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Zula Horinek and Alfred Hawkins.

Due to the snowstorm on Tuesday, school was closed and the missionary meeting was cancelled and no band practice was held.

Dale and Jane Hudson of Brewster

visited their grandmother, Lula Thielor, last Saturday afternoon before attending the basketball tournament at the schoolhouse.

Jessica Shaw, a seventh grader at Golden Plains School, won the county spelling bee in Colby on Feb. 21. She is eligible to go to the state meeting in Topeka on April 7. Best wishes to her!

Angie Albers and Chris Brockelman of Golden Plains School were selected to be on the All League Academic team this year. Congratulations to them!

Josh Miller and Matt Juenemann were chosen to be members of the Northwest All Star Basketball team to play in Colby on March 18. Good luck to you both in this game.

Members of the Rexford Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians who attended the training sessions held in Oberlin last Saturday and Sunday were Nancy Dahl, Darrel Dible and Mike Meserve, Bill Dible, Bill Scott, Gary Hibbs, Mark Basgall, John Gould, Dave Williams, and Dick Sanford. The training sessions are sponsored by the Kansas Firefighters State Association.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday for a missionary work day at the Herndon Covenant Church. Women are to bring a sack lunch. Hostesses are Barbara Olson and Mildred Holmdahl.

Congratulations to Elsie Bergling, longtime resident of this community, who will celebrate her 96th birthday on Thursday. She now makes her home at

S. 3rd, Apt. 10, in Atwood.

Weekend guests of Willard and Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina.

Nadine Seaman, Doyle Seaman, and Lorina Schultz of Abilene were weekend guests of Lori Seaman. They came especially to help Britta Noren celebrate her ninth birthday.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joe C. "Bud" Green, who died on Feb. 27.

Rebekka Martin, a senior in agricultural communications and journalism at Kansas State University, is among members of the K-State Student Alumni Board, which organizes K-State's "For Sophomores Only" programs. The annual event brings high school sophomores to the campus to get an inside look at what college is like. It will be held on April 6 and 7 on the Manhattan campus. She is the daughter of Bob and Liane Martin of Herndon.

Congratulations to Anikka Martin, who won the Herndon Spelling Bee by correctly spelling "charade" and "conquest." Brett Sagel was runner-up in the Herndon School contest. They will represent Herndon at the Rawlins County Spelling Bee, which will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Herndon School. The public is welcome to attend.

The Herndon Catholic Youth Organization held a progressive dinner on Feb. 25. Appetizers were furnished by Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy. The group then progressed to the Bob, Liane, Nik and Anikka Martin home for caesar salad.

The main entree was provided by Pete and Eileen Portschy and the meal ended with dessert at the home of Tom, Lexi, Lance, Drew and Audrey Basgall.

Those attending were Joe, Abe and Isaac Marintzer, Jeff and Dan Riene, Rodney Rippe, Renae and Janelle Solko, Jeremy Wahrman, Lance Basgall, Anikka and Nik Martin and Dana Sattler. Sponsors, Greg and Rita Marintzer and Father Damian Richards, provided transportation.

Guests of Ann Martin last Sunday were Dick and Betty Martin of

Wilsonville, Neb., and Andy Martin of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Bill Barenberg of Overland Park was a last Sunday visitor of Wynemah and Frank Cox. Supper guests there were Mike, Roseann, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael Domsch.

Recent guests of Alvina Kogl were Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Kogl, Culbertson; Dorothy Reinert, Atwood; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kogl, Lakewood, Colo.; Mrs. Troy Clark, Aurora, Colo.; Mrs. Charles Unger and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kogl and Damian. Mrs. Kogl also received a phone call from her granddaughter, Mrs. Paul Moore, of Salina.

The Herndon Go-Getters 4-H Junior Leaders assisted with the pancake/sausage brunch held Feb. 25 at the Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Recent guests of Rosie Solko were Sharon Ecker and Tim Solko.

Guests of Margaret Riene last Sunday were Bill and Linda Barenberg, and Frank and Frances Jaderborg, Overland Park; Joe and Nadine Green and Karl and Pat Riene.

Joann Malone and Berdean Wilkinson returned home last Monday evening after spending a week with Joanna and Julie Malone at Leawood while their parents, Jerry and Janet Malone, were on a business trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

Senior Citizens held a card party at the Senior Center on Feb. 25. Ann Martin had high; Alice Clark, low and Kayo Sattler won the traveling prize. Maxine Reuber was hostess. The next card party will be on Sunday with Margaret Riene as hostess.

Senior Citizens held a potluck on Feb. 21 with 18 members present. Jane Miller, county health nurse, took blood pressures. Anna Mae Ketterl won blackout in bingo and Dorothy Engleman won the door prize.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Fonda Farr, curator

It is certainly a good thing the museum is closed during the winter. We would almost have to hire someone full time to scoop snow this year. Greg Lohoefer has been awfully good to us, scooping the front walk. Thanks so much, Greg.

Heat and insulation are now done in the Bohemian Hall. Roxie Erickson and I even tore out some of the old lathe and plaster in the kitchen that had to go. We aren't strong enough to carry our mess out though. But of course you have to wait for a nice frozen day to even get to the truck without being up to your knees in mud. Now, understand, that I am not complaining,

just trying to describe the conditions.

Myrna is still cataloging the newspapers and Glenda is indexing the Selden history book. I have become a data processor by inputting the newspaper cataloging in data bases. We have compiled a lot of information and hope to have it available in the near future. We all keep plugging along in our spare time.

I would like to let everyone know how much good the Seeds of Hope Telethon does for our community. We have been a recipient for several years and it has helped us a lot besides providing a lot of fun and entertainment.

Good Samaritan Center

Edla Olson furnished dinner music for the residents and guest supper Friday. Guests for the fried chicken dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Demmer — Connie Grafel; Alvina Ecker — Coleen Rippe; Dena Gillespie — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hartzog and Darlene LaRue.

Dennis Brown read current events to Ruby Shuler, Ruby McKenna, Hattie Olson, Pauline Zander, Maxine Fair, Lorna Bishop, Erma Holt, Jessie Chandler, Mabel Adams, Velma Jeffus and Leona Glenn.

Residents giving Zach, the dog, a bath were Nettie Kellogg, Dena Gillespie, Erma Holt and Mabel Adams.

Myrna Jones, accompanied by her granddaughter, has been furnishing music for social hour and rhythm band.

Irene Corcoran oversaw the bread machine as it made its usual raisin bread for Monday's social hour.

Signs of spring was the subject in the reading of the Capper's Weekly attended by Hattie Olson, Velma Jeffus, Elsie Macy, Dorothy Wolters,

Bernice Brown, Alvina Ecker and Pauline Zander.

Jack Barrett, Joe Barber, Virgil Barber, Frederick Helmkamp and David McGee observed as LaVern Burtis showed them the Good Samaritan Web site and other web sites on the computer.

Agnes Chambers, Ruby Shuler, Velma Jeffus, Mabel Adams, Lorna Bishop, Leona Glenn, Elsie Brown, Pauline Zander and Dena Gillespie attended Bible study Wednesday.

Henrietta Van Vleet visited friends. She delivered scissors for the activity department from the Hearth and Home Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters visited friends at the center.

The Rev. Glenn and Betty Krebs had the Sunday worship service.

Residents and their guests this past week included; **David McGee** — Hilda McGee; **Dena Gillespie** — Teresa Hartzog; **Louise Pollnow** — Don and Pat Ater, Serena Ater, Bill and June Ater; **Dorothy Wolters** — Gus and Elsie Wolters; **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flaska** — Charlene Karnes.

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