

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1901

Joseph Dempewolf of Dresden was in town Monday. Joe has recently returned from Texas. He says if he can sell out he will move to that country.

Old settlers wag their heads ominously as the wind keeps in the northwest so much of the time; some claim that all the rains we get this season will come from that direction.

Willed was a caller on Monday and informed us that himself and brother, Sam, had bought a store in and was now going to let up on his running around and settle down and sell some goods.

Loan: Ors Chinos is contemplating on living with his brother, Roe, this summer. They need a cook. Come boys, what's the matter, can't you get one? I guess not.

Allison Items: Merchant Wilson is doing a big business in our little burg. He gives more produce and sells cheaper than the merchants at Kennings.

High School Items: We have two new pupils since our last writing: Misses Lean Lanais and Katie Brewer.

Monday and Tuesday were disagreeable days; wind and dust to a finish.

Married at the residence of Per in Overlain March 20, 1901, Mr. Elder E. Counter and Miss Myrtle E. BBB, also, at the same time and place, Mr. Ersatz H. BBB and Miss F. M. Cataract.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1926

The apricot trees are all in bloom, and it came near frosting this morning, but the mercury did not quite reach the freezing point.

A jolly crowd of young folks gathered at the H. B. Claire home in the north part of the city the evening of March 17 to help Ward celebrate his 17th birthday.

Curry Brothers are further improving their marble yard by enclosing the front and back with brick and tile and will convert the space into a regular store building. This will make all the business buildings on the east side of the street in this block of brick or brick and tile with the exception of the Roberts and Randall building at the north end. The west side of the street better get busy if it is going to keep up with the procession.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Lohofener fell Saturday

evening and struck his head on a block of rock salt. A deep gash was cut across the upper part of his nose.

The Dowden Style Shop staged a state show Wednesday evening at the Oberlin Opera House in connection with the regular picture show which was entitled, "The Dressmaker From Paris."

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Lyle Church for Maude Imogene Cozad, age 11 years.

Fairview Summit: There were 52 at Sunday School Sunday morning. Fine attendance for as much sickness as there is.

The JCC Club met at the home of Miss Claudine Weitzel Tuesday evening where the unmarried members of the club served a surprise banquet for the married ladies. Partners for rook were paired by matched verses and the evening passed all too quickly.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1951

In one of the largest single real estate sales ever made in this county, the land known as the old O'Toole ranch in Summit Township, was sold by Frank Strohwig to Guy Bemis of Ellis. The ranch contains 1400 acres, much of which is pasture land, and the sale price is said to be \$70,000. Mr. and Mrs. Bemis plan to move to the ranch shortly after May 1.

Bill Cummins and several of his players attended the state basketball tournament in Salina which was won by the Norton Blue Jays under Coach Oran Burns. It was the first time that a NWKL team had taken top honors. Those attending were Bobby Brown, Eldon Mrstik, Carl Neff, Darrell Youngs, Lee and Dee Fortin, Alvin Johnson and Ben Spiers. Wolf and Bullock of Norton were named to the all-tournament team.

The "Kanona Hot Shots" provided an entertaining musical program at the Oberlin Lions Club meeting Thursday evening. Special guests included Lions Club members from Herndon and a representative of Lions International. Making up the "Hot Shots" are Harold Johnson, Luther Capps, Myron Johnson, Rhomine Smith, Tude Robertson, Vining Owen, Glenn Anthony, "Smoky" Robertson and Alfred Soderlund.

Results of the Every Pupil Emporia Scholarship Tests given at DCHS in January in 21 subjects have been received and Wanda Welliever received the highest score in the state in freshman vocabulary.

At eight o'clock the evening of March 13, 1951, in the Oberlin Methodist Church, Miss Veanna VanVleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo VanVleet Sr. became the bride of Loyde Ray Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orr, all of Oberlin. The groom is a graduate of DCHS in the class of 1950 and is now located at the Marine Base in San Diego, Calif.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1976

In his final gasps before expiring, ol' man winter Monday morning gave the county a wet, white covering of snow which melted quickly with mild afternoon temperatures which brought smiles to faces of farmers and city dwellers alike. According to Decatur County Extension Agent Gerald Meyer, the wheat crop for this county is some 70 percent of normal and strong winds have resulted in some soil erosion.

Relatively mild winter weather the past two months has allowed construction in Oberlin to progress smoothly. Oberlin contractor Wayne Golt has plans for nine homes on the drawing board and has a 12-man crew employed.

Effective April 1, the Enfield-Eckhart Funeral Home in Norton has purchased an interest in the Bainter Funeral Home in Jennings. Norman and Dorothy Bainter will continue to manage the funeral home in Jennings assisted by Larry and Dorothy Enfield and Ed and Sue Bateman who are on the Enfield-Eckhart staff. The Bainters have been in business 18 years in Jennings having purchased the business from Shimmicks.

Two new directors, Sidney Metcalf, Harlan Township farmer-rancher, and John E. Bremer, Oberlin attorney were added to the directors of the Farmers National Bank at the annual meeting. Present directors are R. J. Brown, Carl L. Frickey, R. D. Jones, A. J. Thomsen, R. J. Metcalf, Donald J. Fredrickson and Otis W. Relp. Mr. and Mrs. John Rule, Clayton,

announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Stan Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Norcatar. Miss Rule is a 1975 graduate of Jennings High School and is a student at Colby Community College where she is majoring in nursing. Her fiance is a 1975 graduate of DCHS and is now engaged in farming. An August wedding is being planned.

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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 23, Tammi Porsch, Francis and Leone Porsch; March 25, Jeremy Schiltz; March 26: Jeni Rogers, Mary Ann Zodrow, Elsie Wessel, Roy and Sherrie Rogers; March 27, Julie Geisinger, Shani Sauvage, Dori Pauls; March 28: Lori Miller, Shirley (Campbell) Weber, Bernie Koerperich.

At the 22nd Annual Pinochle Tournament held at Doc's on March 15, Ben Albers took first; Rodney Brantley, second, Pat Koerperich, third, Loran Sulzman, fourth, and Chad Focke won the booby prize.

The Senior Citizens van took Laura Berls, Fansion Juenemann, Lola Cook, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Karen Shaw, Betty James, Irene Kruse, Shirley M. Emigh and Paulie

Neff to Hays on March 14 to see the T. Rex named Sue at the Sternberg Museum. There was no Senior Citizens meeting last week due to the snow storm.

The City of Selden has set the burn period from now until the next city meeting on April 16, at which time they will determine if it needs to be extended.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Verol and Rosemary Bergling hosted a birthday party to honor Elsie Bergling on her 96th birthday on Thursday. Guests were Quentin and Olive Bergling, Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby, Gail Bergling, Bessie Peterson, Erma McDougal and Lila Frauenkron.

Mark Benson of Denver visited his great-aunt, Hattie Olson, on Sunday. Mrs. Olson has returned to her home at Brookwood Apartments.

Daisy Schmidt returned home Saturday, after being hospitalized in Oberlin with pneumonia.

St. Patrick's Day dinner guests of Elden and Detta Anderson were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabriel.

Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim of Nekoma spent from Monday to Wednesday during spring break with Wesley and Eulaine Benda. Additional Monday and Tuesday guests were Kurt and Mary Rachel Olson. They were all Tuesday supper guests of Gerald and Patti Benda.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson spent March 10-11 weekend visiting Steve and Arian Arnold in Denver. Steve is hospitalized at Porter Hospital following a kidney transplant. Mail will reach them at 2525 S. Downing, Denver, Colo., 80210.



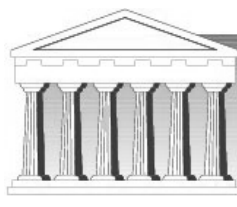
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