

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1902

Fred Homstein of Sappa Township sold his fine half-section of land to Elbert Chilson for \$2500.

Arthur Claar who moved to Omaha last fall, has returned and will build himself a home in this county.

W. S. Fleming was elected president of the State Co-operative Union last week at Topeka.

The following Decatur County men have been elected to official positions in a big Colorado mining company, located in Boulder County: I. E. Dunsmore, Jennings, president; C. N. Page, mayor of Oberlin, first vice-president; Judge A. C. T. Geiger of Oberlin, counsel and C. M. Bouts and Sol Rees, both of Jennings, directors.

Perry Fair sold his old black team yesterday. It seems like parting with some of the family to sell a team that one has owned for years.

A son of Joseph Boeger of Dresden was injured last week by jumping on a freight train. It is a dangerous pass time.

School Notes: The other day about 20 boys had a rousing snowball fight. The fun was spoiled, however, when seven or eight of the high room boys were taken in for an interview with the Professor.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1928

Oberlin will have an improved "crankless" common battery telephone system within the next six months if the request of the majority of local telephone subscribers is honored by the United Telephone Company.

After the new system is in place I am convinced that you will be unable to find a single subscriber who would want to go back to the old "handcrank method."

The first team of horses offered

for sale at the horse sale held by El. Vernon brought \$220. They were a good team and worth the money all right and it shows there is an upward tendency in the price of good horses and El. had a lot of good ones in the offering.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flaska at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Urban of Oberlin an 8-lb. baby girl. Lavina Cleo is the name given the little miss.

It was our good fortune to accompany Elwood M. Brooks on trips to Oakley and Clayton last Sunday where he made talks before groups of young people. A number of fine prospects for wheat showed along the road between Oakley and Rexford, the best being on a field on the Foster Farms that had been summer fallowed. We stopped at Rexford to allow Jud Keefer of the Kent filling station to fill the car's gasoline tank and headed north coming home by Hawkeye and Lund.

The Decatur Community High School boys went to Atwood last night and got revenge for last Friday's defeat by beating them 32-17.

Jennings: The schools are under quarantine for scarlet fever

More than a 100 church workers in Decatur County attended the meeting at Olive Chapel Church at which Mr. C. E. Rarick of Hays was the principal speaker.

Mrs. Victor Lorig received the sad intelligence Sunday from Selma, Ala., of the death of her oldest brother, Jake Leopold. Mr. Leopold was in Oberlin in 1886 when he and his brother Nathan purchased the J. W. Allen stock of merchandise.

Lyle: Clarence Hoppas and Van Cozad are husking corn for Bill Welbourn.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1953

After a 60-45 loss to the Goodland Cowboys last week, Coach Bob Lawson's Red Devil cagers take on both Colby and Garden City this week. The Oberlin mat team will travel to St. Francis for a dual meet, returning home the following weekend for the regional tournament.

The gym at Atwood High School is sold out for the semi-pro basketball game between Phillips 66 and the Central Bankers of Denver.

Glee and Henry Hickson are dissolving partnership and will hold a public sale at the farm located 11 miles south of Oberlin.

The Jennings Fine Arts Club, one of the oldest organized clubs of Decatur county, presented a Federated Tea Feb. 5 at the Jennings Methodist Church. Guests included Sixth District Federated Club officers who were introduced by Mrs. C. E. Feely. A display of her paperweight collection and its history was given by Mrs. Ralph Behrnt of Selden and the Rev. Wilbur Hooper spoke on the topic "Five More, Five Less, for Success." Dainty refreshments were served and Mrs. L. A. Jeffries and Mrs. J. P. Noone poured.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ater were honored by their children on their 25th wedding anniversary with a card party and refreshments. The couple was presented a gift of silverware.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Long announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy, to Mr. Willis Carman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carman.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1978

School officials of Unified School District 294 called off classes Monday as more than nine

inches of snow swirled through the county, closing roads. Because no mail trucks made it into the city, Oberlin Postmaster Don Zimmerman suspended local mail service as it was impossible to see the courthouse across the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruggeman of Selden announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, JoAnn, to Bob Shuler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garver. An April wedding is being planned.

Doug Williby has been named manager of the Pizza Hut in Oberlin replacing Steve O'Toole.

Lynn Johnson returned home from Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays Tuesday and is recuperating at his home from a farm accident which occurred two weeks ago at his farm in Harlan Township.

Funeral services were held for two long-time area residents, Joseph Ruzicka, 83, who farmed in Center Township for many years, and Robert L. Olson 77, who made his home on a farm south of Herndon for many years before moving to Oberlin with his wife, Hattie, in 1955.

Senior Lisa Temple hit 21 points to lead the Decatur Community High School girls basketball team to a 30-point win over Norton.

The Red Devil wrestlers qualified six for the state wrestling tournament at Beloit in the Regional tournament held at Decatur Community High School last weekend: Steve Hess, Randy Wilson, Jay Dark, Brent Anderson, Brad Fredrickson and Ken Badsky. St. Francis took home the first-place trophy.

The Red Devils boys basketball team downed Goodland 71-65 Friday night with Ron Shuler scoring 20 points followed by Doug Johnson with 16 and Roger LaSalle, 13.

Good Samaritan News

Children from Little Sam's Day Care and Country Reflections residents made decorated sacks for the Valentine exchange.

Volunteers Colleen Geishler and Marilyn Horn assisted with bingo.

Residents from Angel Lane shared heart making activities with the Little Sam's children. Catholic mass was held by Father Mathew, with Dolores Koerperich assisting. Reminisce time was about Valentine's Day. For Valentine's fun, residents picked a valentine friend to share with. Ashley Horton helped with a matinee of "Flipper."

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday. Serena Stacey shared ball fun, and volunteer Don Stapp served Social Hour.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church hosted worship services on

Sunday, and Social Hour was served by volunteer Dolores Koerperich.

Recent guests were: **Vergie Nygren** - Marcille Berryman; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Jerry Chambers, Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Daryl and Marge Hartzog**, June Vavroch; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Hazel Flaska** - Cheryl and Leland Stephens; **Eunice Petracek** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Garrah Gaurer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Bernice Brown and Ruby Shuler** - Warren and Patty Schwartz, Travis and MaKinna; **Lorna Bishop** - Lori Leiker.

Cedar Living Center

Residents enjoyed a soup and salad bar served by the dietary department on Tuesday.

Harold Frickey won first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Gertrude Fleckenstein won the blackout game.

Stan Chapin gave Catholic communion service and Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study class on Thursday.

The craft group made Valentines on Thursday afternoon and Loretta Nelson assisted with pinochle.

The February meeting of the Residents Council was held on Thursday evening. Valentine's Day plans were discussed.

Othelia Vacura assisted the baking group in making pineapple cookies on Friday, afternoon. The group made pineapple cookies.

Nadean Stoney hosted the Coffee Club on Saturday morning.

The Rev. Doug Hasty of the Oberlin United Methodist Church

was in charge of Sunday worship.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Josephine and Joe Schmaderer, Ludell; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Bill and Gerry Lampe, St. Francis; Gary Matheny, Steve Martin, McCook; Elton and Jean Gillespie, Clayton; Don Ashley, Selden;

Faye Miller, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Esther Noren, Eula Juenemann, Wendell Frickey, Don Stapp, Marie Jean Vavroch, Betty Jenik, Elaine Ryan, Rachel Gallatin, Wilbur May, Walter and Betty May, Phyllis McCartney, Sandra Young, Elsie Goodnight, Carolyn Allen, Dorothy Moore, Duane Stapp, Othelia and Bernice Vacura, Vayle Rohan, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Alvina Gamblin, Esther Lindquist, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

The Herndon High School scholars bowl team captured first place at the Cheyenne Conference Scholar Bowl meet held in Kensington on Jan. 29. They have earned three firsts and one second this year.

Varsity team members are Nik Martin, Curtis Brown, Kati Niemeth, Anikka Martin and Nathaniel Martin. Their coach is Jacque Leitner.

The first and second graders at Herndon School celebrated Kansas Day with a birthday cake, following a tour of the buffalo herd at the Bob Simminger farm. They include: John Solko, Caitlin Leitner, Tyler Sattler, Sara Wright, Nicolette Nemeth and Kassidi Williams. Their teacher is Deb Portschy.

Herndon's fifth and sixth graders celebrated Kansas' statehood by researching famous Kansans and giving speeches as that person. They included Renae Bruning as Lynette Woodard; Sarah Grafel, Nancy Malone; Ashli Samson, Kristie Alley; Brandi Williams, Nancy Landon Kassebaum; Brittney Swart, Amelia Earhart; Valentine Solko, Lucy Hobbs; Cody Chambers, Emmett Dalton; Cody Upton, William Cody; Charles Solko, Rudolph Wendelin, and Sean Jordan, Steve Hawley.

Guests for lunch of Frank and Wynemah Cox were Roseann Domsch, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael, rural Atwood.

Tom Solko was a caller at the Monica Solko home last week.

Should you top dress wheat?

Over the next few weeks, I will be providing some suggestions for growers on management decisions they are facing because of the drought.

The first is deciding whether or not to top dress wheat. Many have a wait-and-see philosophy, but that may not be the right philosophy depending on what they expect.

The optimum time to top dress wheat is from mid-January to a couple of weeks before wheat jointing, generally mid-March. Top dressing wheat with nitrogen is important to do before jointing to allow the applied nitrogen time to move into the root zone. If nitrogen is applied after jointing, it will not have as great an impact on increasing yield.

Many may argue that the top dressed nitrogen will not do much good because the ground is so dry, and that point is well taken. If the area receives very little moisture, the yield of the wheat will be marginal regardless of whether the farmer top dressed.

The question producers really need to ask is whether they are farming for a marginal wheat crop or farming to harvest a good wheat crop. Since there is no way to know how much rain the area will receive in the next couple of months, this is a difficult decision. However by waiting past the optimum time to apply nitrogen, producers will be limiting their yield potential regardless of how much rain the area receives.

For every bushel of wheat the crop yields, 1.75 pounds of nitrogen



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

per acres needs to be available. If producers put out 20 pounds of nitrogen per acre as a starter fertilizer, had a residual soil nitrogen level of 20 pounds per acre, and did not put out any more nitrogen, they are limiting their yield to around 23 bushels per acre. If the area remains extremely dry, this will not be that bad. However, if the area receives moisture, it will be unacceptable.

In this scenario for a 45 bushel per acre yield goal, the producer should apply an additional 39 pounds of nitrogen. In general for wheat that was planted on time, the yield potential is still fairly reasonable if the area receives moisture. For those stands that were planted late or stands that just never established very well, decreasing the amount of nitrogen applied by 10 to 15 pounds per acre may be appropriate. Another consolation for applying the extra nitrogen is that if the wheat does not use it, there is a good chance that a majority of the nitrogen will be available for the subsequent crop.

The next question is what form of nitrogen should be applied. This decision should mainly be driven by the cost of each unit of nitrogen, ease and cost of application, avail-

ability, and whether a herbicide application is needed. Common sources of nitrogen are liquid UAN and granular urea. There seems to be no differences in wheat response to these forms. One benefit to using UAN is being able to apply a herbicide with the solution. The article for next week will be on possible weed control options producers have for wheat.

For more information on top dressing wheat and calculating the amount of nitrogen and other nutrients wheat needs, a publication entitled "Wheat Production Handbook" will be very useful.

This can be downloaded at www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 under the "Production and Pests" page, or visit your county extension office to acquire a hard copy.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory visited Ladd Wendelin in Seward, Neb., over Feb. 1-2 weekend and attended the KU-Nebraska basketball game at Lincoln on Saturday.

Kirk and Holly Young, Bobbie Young, Pastor Tom and Maxine Smith, Warren and Jan Bainter, and John and Dianne Bremer enjoyed lunch together on Thursday noon, Jan. 30, to help Kirk celebrate his birthday.

Dianne Bremer attended a bridal shower held for Emily Williams last Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Anna Shaw presented an art workshop to students at the Golden Plains High School in Rexford on Jan. 28, in conjunction with the school's gifted program.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, were guests of his mother, Alvina Unger, on Saturday, Feb. 1. While here, they took Alvina for an afternoon drive to Herndon, Traer, and surrounding areas.

Anna Shaw returned home Wednesday after spending a few days in El Dorado taking care of her sister's children, Anna, Andrew, and Erica Tipton, while their parents vacationed in Las Vegas.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, and Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Gannon, were Saturday evening dinner guests of Kevin and Carol Brown, Kade and Kelly.

Anna Shaw taught a workshop in McCook on Saturday for the McCook Art Guild.

Valentine's Day Special



5 Course Meal
\$35 Couple

Choice of Appetizer, Soup, Salad,
Filet & Lobster Tail, or
Steak & Shrimp
Choice of Dessert

Free Flowers for the Ladies
Reservations Required

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In Honor of
President's Day,
the
Decatur County Courthouse AND Decatur County Landfill
will be closed
on Monday,

Open regular business hours on
Tuesday, February 18