

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1903

Miss Ada Fair and her mother left Tuesday for Friend, Neb., where they will live for a while with Mrs. Fair's daughter, Mrs. Ptak.

Married by Judge Norris at his office, Feb. 26, 1903, Mr. Alonzo Morford and Miss Carrie Jones, both of Dresden.

McCook businessmen will organize and plant at least 500 acres of sugar beets next season.

L. W. Wright left last week for Wray, Colo., where he has a position in the mill owned by Beaver and Stickley.

Flossie, the little daughter of O. C. Millson is having a serious time with a broken elbow. The break is so close to the joint that it has been difficult to keep the fractured bone in place.

Vallonia: The Methodist Church near Chas. Stiners is beginning to loom up and will be very commodious when completed, being about 26x40 with porch in front and a swell pulpit.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1928

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stapleton are announcing the formal opening of their new hotel building with a big turkey dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 8. The charge will be \$1.50 and reservations should be made early. A musical program will follow.

When some people want a brooder stove they want it right away. Monday Elmer and Harold Metcalf flew by airplane to the home of A. I. Nitcher in Oberlin Township to get one of the Simplex Brooder stoves he is agent for. Mr. Nitcher tells us this is the 8th he has sold this spring and the season has hardly started.

Mrs. Fred Patton entertained with a birthday party Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 29 honoring her little daughter Dixie Lee. Although Dixie Lee is four years old she celebrated her first birthday.

The Everett McGee farm sale

drew a big crowd of buyers and everything brought good prices. The Custer Ladies Aid served lunch and we understand they disposed of 83 pounds of hamburger in sandwiches during the day. There was a party at Summit school last Friday in honor of Leroy and Doris McGee who are moving to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olson of Sappa Township are the parents of a baby girl born Feb. 22, and who hereafter will share her birthday anniversary with George Washington.

W. E. Humes of the Traer country was an Oberlin visitor Saturday. Mr. Humes has not yet disposed of his 1360-acre farm southwest of Traer though he has some negotiations with several prospective buyers.

John Muirhead of Dresden was over to the county seat Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurst are the parents of a baby boy born Feb. 21.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1953

According to Mrs. Merle Nelson, Decatur County Register of Deeds, there has been considerable activity in the leasing of land for oil rights in the south, southwest and east parts of Decatur County indicating a possible increase in drilling in the spring months.

Court House News: Benjamin Spiers and Leone Muirhead were issued a marriage license Feb. 19 and were married at the Methodist Church by Rev. Paul Brooks.

Word has been received of the death of 2nd Lt. Connie McKay on Jan. 26 in Korea. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKay of Wenatchee, Wash., former residents of the Shibboleth Community south of Oberlin. He was a nephew of Howard and Thomas McKay and Mrs. Russell Jenkins.

St. Francis won the regional mat tournament held here last weekend with Colby second and Oberlin coming in fourth. Four Decatur Community High School matmen

who qualified for state competition, Dave Brainard, Dee Fortin, Jerry Marietta and Phil Erickson., and their coach, Charley Lyons leave today for Salina for the state meet.

Norcatur: Wilbur Hare, 32, was critically injured Feb. 16 while working with the REA lineman when the pole he was on broke off at the ground and fell with him causing severe head injuries.

Miss Marjorie Geisenhener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Geisenhener of Rexford and Wayne Rorie of Albuquerque, New Mexico, were united in marriage at the Rexford Community Church on Sunday, Feb. 1. The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and taught six years in this community. Mr. Rorie is a veteran and is now working as a carpenter in Albuquerque where they will make their home.

In a simple ceremony at the home of the bride's parents on Feb. 19, Miss Mary Jane Urban, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Urban, became the bride of Eldon Laidig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig. The Rev. Donald Hobbs officiated.

The Red Devils outpointed the Norton Blue Jays Tuesday evening to avenge a defeat last month at Norton. Rex Moore had 14 points for the Red Devils followed by Stanley Moore with 11 and Gridley with 10.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1978

Mike Smith, chief meteorologist of the Kansas State Television Network, will be the featured speaker at the annual Decatur County Area chamber of Commerce annual banquet in March.

Superintendent of Schools Glenn Martin told board members that they expected the drop in enrollment for next year would be about 36 students, down 4.8 percent, considerably less than the 7 percent loss sustained this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll B. Miller of rural Oberlin announce the ap-

proaching marriage of their daughter, Rita Annette, to Maurice Schaller, son of Joe Schaller of Kinsley. Miss Miller is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and Fort Hays State University and is employed by the Social and Rehabilitation Service in Hays. Schaller is a graduate of Kinsley High School and Fort Hays State University and is employed by Tim Schaller, architect and builder, in Kinsley.

Ken Rydquist of the local doctor procurement committee announced that Dr. Robert Simpson of Paris, Ill., will arrive Sunday to join Dr. Ren Whitaker. He will be living at 412 N. Wilson in a rented home and will be looking for a permanent residence as he will be joined by his family at the end of the current school term.

Dr. Whitaker noted that Dr. Simpson is a surgeon and will be doing surgery here, although he will also be seeing general practice and obstetrics patients.

Both the girls and boys teams of the Hill City Ringnecks defeated the Red Devils in regional tournament play to end the basketball season.

Gaylord Shields, Sappa County farmer, and a director on the advisory board for the Ninth District Federal Land Bank, said that although he was thrilled to be invited to the meeting at Wichita last week with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland he returned home saying the meeting "was a complete waste of time."

The meeting attended by about 40 commercial bankers and representatives of farm credit organizations began with an aide of Bergland tacking up a poster of a steel on-the farm storage bin with the announcement "We're going to tell you how to raise the price of wheat." Shields said that those attending had hoped for an announcement that loan rates would be raised.

Cedar Living Center

Sympathy is extended to the family of Anna Gillespie who died at Cedar Living Center on Tuesday.

Sandy Counter is recuperating at Cedar Living Center from a recent surgery.

Residents and staff enjoyed a potluck dinner in honor of Presidents Day on Monday.

The dietary department provided the meat and beverages, and staff members provided the rest of the dinner.

Carol Witt and Linda Fox assisted with the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday. Dean Gallatin won the first bingo and Harold Frickey, the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Delores Mumm was the guest of honor at a birthday lunch on Thursday. Carl Mumm, Selden, was her guest.

Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Base-

ler of the Faith Lutheran Church was in charge of the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Selden; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Larry Sumner, Howard Sumner, Norcatur; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Patt Tuller, Gary Matheny, McCook; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Geri and Bill Lampe, St. Francis; Doris and Lenny Fleckenstein, Jennings.

Gary and Carol Allen, Bob and Lila Keenan, Faye Miller, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Betty Jenik, Marie Jean Vavroch, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Mary Lemman, Dewaine Stapp, Walt and Betty May, Wilbur May, Elaine Bryan, Fern Jording, Rachel Gallatin, Jack E. Fortin, Danny Uehlin, Ron and Patty Uehlin, Glenda Macy, Dolores Koerperich, Kay Marcuson, Ann Mines, Vayle Rohan, Eula Juene-mann, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Bernard Corcoran, Janice Ganje, Tom and Maxine Smith, Lois Carlson, Edith Tate, Donald Stapp, Fred Counter, Lemilla and Jonathan, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

Children from Little Sam's Day Care met with Country Reflections residents to plant chives, alyssum, and chamomile seeds in decorated pots. Attending were Vergie Nygren, Agnes Chambers, Hazel Flaska, Ella Peterson, and Leona Glenn.

The baking group, assisted by volunteer Pat Abbey, made biscotti, which were then frosted and decorated. As part of a new sensory technique for the residents, reminiscence corner brought together stories on the origination of biscotti, a variety of biscotti recipes, and Italy in general. The men's gathering, which included Harold Demmer, Art Nelson and Fred Helmkamp, talked about local grain markets and commodities.

Bible study on Wednesday was led by volunteer Mert McEvoy. Nail care was given by Dorothy Alstrom and Peggy Carswell.

Social Hour brought February birthday greetings to Elsie Macy and Bonnie Weskamp. Pi Alpha brought homemade pies. Club members present were Eris Young, Joan Evans, Kristy Evans, Rosella Meitl, Fern Wenger, Elaine Bryan, Ila Ray, Cecil Hess, Estella Waldo, Pat Wright, and Joyce Ploussard. The group shared special music, with Fern Wenger as pianist. Bingo was enjoyed in the evening.

Children from Little Sam's Day Care met with residents of Angel Lane on Thursday. They planted flowers in small clay pots painted by Barb Berry. Catholic mass was held by Father Mathew, assisted by Rosella Meitl, Pat Glenn, and John Juenemann.

A memorial service for Howard Banta was held, attended by family and staff. The choir presented several songs. Coleen Rippe read the eulogy, and staff members shared memories and gratitude for knowing Howard. Later Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Ruth Laidig and Elva Shaughnessy enjoyed pinochle.

The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce led devotions and communion services Friday. Residents in attendance were Ivah Alexander, Neva Campbell, Elsie Brown, Garrah Gaumer, Pauline Zander, Ella Peterson, Elsie Macy, Lorna Bishop, Ruby McKenna, Veda Pingetzer and Vergie Nygren.

Dennis Brown read *The Oberlin Herald* for current events. Several residents polished silverware. The afternoon movie was "Forrest Gump". Ashley Horton volunteered to make and serve popcorn for moviegoers.

On Saturday, volunteer Serena Stacey led Ball Fun, and Don Stapp served Social Hour.

Faith Lutheran Church led worship service on Sunday. Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Irene Corcoran**, **Eryline Nichols** - Wayne and Lois Larson; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Betty Krebs; **Garrah Gaumer** - Joan McKenna; **Ruby McKenna** - Joan McKenna, Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Leota Goss, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Harold Hartzog; **Eunice Petracke** - Betty Krebs; **Hazel Flaska** - Don Karnes, **Ruth Laidig** - Florence Vavroch.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon for their regular meeting with Mrs. Pat Schwab as hostess. Mrs. Veda Wood gave the lesson, "Missionary Encounter." A discussion followed on what they could do for missions locally. Other members present were Joyce Price, Kathryn Van Meter, June Jolly and Margaret Magers. Several members quilted after the meeting.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. Carolyn Plotts was hostess for Liberty Star Club at the Community Building. Margaret Magers had some breathing exercises for the activity and added a humorous story from a book entitled "Snickers From the Front Pew." Henrietta Van Vleet displayed some old-time "undies" made from dishcloths and also read an article, "Building Bridges," for her program. Others present were Teresa Reeves, Veda Wood, Pat Schwab, and Kathy Van Meter. The mystery sisters had a Valentine exchange.

After lunch, some of the ladies quilted on the United Methodist Women's quilt until time for their meeting. Helena Helm, who was home for the weekend from college at Chadron, Neb., visited her grandparents, John and Helm Helm, Sunday afternoon.

John and Carol Moye and Sandra and Larry McNames, Grinnell, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Veda Wood. Dwight Wood and Teresa Reeves had supper with her on Monday.

Veda Wood and John and Helen Helm attended the soup supper in Lebanon, Neb., which was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion combined.

June Jolly and Margaret Magers were in Norcatur Sunday for the soup supper for the pre-school program, then went to Norton for the pinochle tournament.

After a doctor's appointment in Norton Monday morning, Marguerite Fullerton and Margaret Magers picked up Rosa Brown and Ruby Strayer and they had lunch together. Larry Van Otterloo came out Sunday morning and took Mrs. Fullerton to church services at Lyle.

John and Helen Helm called on Mrs. Josephine Welborn at the Andbe Home in Norton Wednesday morning. Jo sends greetings to all of her Lyle and Lebanon friends.

Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Fullerton visited Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb., Tuesday evening and took him with them to the Senior Center for cards.

Marguerite Fullerton and Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo, of Oberlin, were Thursday dinner guests of Margaret Magers.

Karen Brown, Lebanon, Neb., accompanied June Jolly to McCook, on Sunday evening for cards at the Eagles Lodge.

On Feb. 14, the Veterans of Foreign Wars took their wives to Lebanon, Neb., for a special Sweetheart supper. John and Helen Helm were among those attending.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Get well wishes to Greg and Janice Cundiff, who are recuperating at home from injuries sustained in a car accident this past week.

Get well wishes to Mildred Fortin, who returned home Saturday after undergoing recent surgery.

Alvina Unger accompanied Dr. Ryan Unger to St. Francis on Monday, and while he was at work, she spent the day visiting her sister, Hertha Kelley.

Representing Decatur Community High School at the junior high scholar bowl in Quinter on Monday were Jessica Bremer, Heather Glodt, Jared Marcuson, and Gage Reichert, who placed third in the seventh grade competition, and Nolan May, Tricia Dorshorst, Lauren Fortin, and Andrew Gilliam, who placed third in the eighth grade competition.

Enjoying lunch Tuesday noon at the home of Judith LaBash were recipe club members Bonnie Anderson, Jan Bainter, Dianne Bremer,

Barbara Dehlinger, Diane Frickey, Kay Gaskill, Linda Hollowell, Phyllis McKay, JoAnn Neidenthal, Sarah Orr, and guest, Pat Brown.

Jessica Bremer received I ratings on her piano solo, clarinet solo, and vocal solo at the junior high music contest in Colby on Wednesday.

Her vocal ensemble also received a I rating. Jessica, Rory Wendelin, and Nolan May were in Oberlin's junior high vocal choir which received a I rating and in Oberlin's junior high band, which received a 2+ rating.

Nolan May received I ratings on his trumpet and vocal solos.

Brock Euhus, Nolan May, Karli Fredrickson, and Andrew Gilliam were confirmed Sunday morning during church services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Following the services, the confirmands were honored with a potluck dinner in the church fellowship hall, attended by family and friends.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Church services were cancelled on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church due to the snow. Covenant Women Ministries will be in charge of services on Sunday, March 9, with a potluck dinner to follow.

Saturday supper guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were Jason Bergling, rural Ludell, and Melissa Albertson and a college friend, Sherry, of Sterling, Colo.

Mary Lou Olson took Whitney and Ashley Witt and Mary Rachel Olson to McCook on Thursday for supper and shopping to honor Whitney on her sixth birthday, which was Feb. 9.

Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy and Caitie were Saturday supper guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Selden community wishes to welcome the newest addition, Isabella Sauvage. She was born Feb. 20 at Hays Medical Center. Her parents are Heith and Shani Sauvage, and siblings include Bodie and Colton.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 27 - Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Brittany Ritter; Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson; March 2 - Caleb Koerperich; March 4 - Rodney Johnson, Sarah Shaw; March 5 - Bernadine Spresser.

On Feb. 20 at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Gene Rogers took second, Dorothy Lovin got low and Betty James had the most aces. Other members present

included: Anna Albers, Carl Shaw, Laura Berls, Leone Porsch, Don Smith, Vesta Shea, Irene Kruse, Paulie Neff, Dorothy Richards and Cecelia Ottley.

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