

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1903

Any person that has kept up his interest payments on his school land for 15 years, can now get his certificate renewed for 20 years at four percent interest.

Superintendent Caster is having great success in getting signers to this petition for a county high school.

Judge Geiger, stenographer Young, county attorney Langmade and Judge Bertram are all in Atwood this week attending court.

The Socialist party of Oberlin has placed the following ticket in the field for city officers: Mayor, S. J. Morrish; Councilmen W. H. Andrews, E. I. Randall, Geo W. Keys, Robert Leake, Guy L. Conklin; police judge, J. C. Ufford.

Evangelist Harmiston has found the Presbyterian Church too small and meetings are now being held in the opera house. At 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon Dick Gay of Norton, the converted gambler, will address a meeting for men only.

Selden Pickups: Doctor Forbs has been quite busy for the past week looking after the sick.

The band boys are getting in shape and will soon give street concerts again.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1928

The Decatur Community High School debaters defeated Norton in the inter-district debate and are now in the semi-finals for the state contest. The affirmative side for Oberlin was represented by Mary McMullen and Helen Johnson and the negative by James Corcoran and Ilonka Lippelmann. Mrs. A. B. Keith coached the debaters and can rightfully claim a share of the credit for their success.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beneda Jr., are the proud and happy parents of a baby girl born March 12th who will answer to the name of Alene

Francis.

A marriage license was issued to Mr. Clarence C. King and Miss Helen Jones, both of Norcatur.

A delightful buffet luncheon was given at the home of Mrs. J. E. Kulp for the teachers of the high school and city school with about 45 persons attending. At the business session it was decided that Arbor Day would be observed by the planting of a tree on the grade school grounds. The program was readings by Miss Hervey and Mrs. Sherman Howard and solos by Miss Esther Ott.

County Engineer Tom Shannon and his helpers, Glenn Chambers, George Zwickel, Glenn Murray, Jess Yoos and LeRoy Armstrong, went without sleep for almost 38 hours while removing the snow from State Highway No. 23 to Dresden and Federal Highway No. 36.

Dresden: Mrs. B. S. Bowman and infant daughter, Billy Lee, returned home Friday.

Prairie Dog News: The mail carrier on route one out of Selden hasn't showed up since Wednesday.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1953

The main street of Oberlin is soon to have an attractive addition at the north end of the business section on Penn Avenue. According to Ben Miller, owner and operator of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, he has a contract with Dale Young for the complete remodeling of the old Griffith garage building to furnish a completely modern and spacious building for the growing industry. Five delivery trucks are used during the peak of the summer season and the business employs from 3 to 7 men throughout the year.

Mrs. Alton Carman, Prairie Dog Township, was awarded the new 1953 Ford truck with Fordomatic drive which was given away by the

Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers of Northwest Kansas at Hill City on Monday. Lee Kump and his son Don, local Ford dealers, attended the meeting at Hill City and naturally were pleased that the free prize came to Decatur County.

Henry Beardsley has purchased the land south of US-36 west of cemetery as a site for a drive-in theater to be constructed in the not-too-distant future. Mr. Beardsley, owner-operator of the Chief Theater, purchased the 10-acre site from Charley Walton and is deferring the start due to the uncertainty in the motion picture industry regarding three-dimension pictures.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Emma (Tilden) Lathrop, 89, longtime resident of Decatur County. Born in Connecticut she came to Oberlin after her marriage to John Lathrop. She was predeceased by her husband in 1923 and an infant child.

Drilling was started last week on a new wildcat oil test well three miles west of Oberlin on land owned by Myron Pollnow.

Basketballs are being deflated and game suits cleaned and packed away as the 1953 basketball season comes to an end. Oberlin defeated Colby 52-46 to take third place in the regional tournament which was won by Smith Center who defeated Goodland to win the berth for the state tournament. It was the final game for five seniors, Brown, R. Moore, S. Moore, Gridley and Coulter. The boys voted Brown and Coulter co-captains.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1978

Kathleen Claar and the Last Indian Raid Museum will both be celebrating their past 20 years when the curator opens the museum door for this season on April 1. "I told the

board when I took the job I'd try to hang in for five years, and when I turn over the keys it'll be the hardest thing I'll ever have done," she admits. And this may be her last year on the job. Mrs. Claar says she could help out part-time if another curator could be found; there is a lot of history that goes with the displays that couldn't be written down in a file.

Interviews are being held but no names of candidates have been sent to Gov. Robert Bennett as yet for the position of judge of the 17th Judicial District replacing Marvin Meyer.

Area oil field activity has been sufficient to convince Halliburton Services, an oil field servicing company with a branch station in Oberlin, to expand its plant here according to Clarence Kirby, district manager for the firm from Hays.

Kent Reinhardt, Decatur County agricultural agent, told the Herald that at this point he knows of no farmers planning to join the plowdown movement on wheat.

Jennings: A memorial service is planned in Denver for a former longtime Jennings resident, Mrs. Caroline Jeffries, 92, who died in Seal Beach, Calif. She was the widow of the late Dr. Albert Jeffries, who practiced in the Jennings community for many years.

Dresden: Funeral services were held from the Dresden United Methodist Church for Mrs. Bob (Ollie Beamgard) Muirhead, 89, a longtime Decatur County resident who served as an Oberlin Herald correspondent for both the Custer and Dresden communities for many years.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ganje, son, Stephen Antone, March 22; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Ferguson, a daughter, Sundi Joanne, March 19.

Mrs. June Jolly, Mrs. Kathy Van Meter and Mrs. Margaret Magers joined the Senior Citizens in Norcatur for cards on Friday evening. Saturday evening they and Marguerite Fullerton attended the pancake supper held at the Educational Building of the United Methodist Church in Norcatur.

After the supper, Mrs. Jolly attended the bingo games they were having in Danbury.

On March 7, Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo prepared dinner, picked up Marguerite Fullerton and took dinner to the home of Margaret Magers. Gene's son, Rick Van Otterloo, of Denver, was a guest also.

Mike and Tielia Slater and family, who now live near Indianola, Neb., picked up Mrs. Veda Wood on March 2 and they joined others at the John and Carol Moye home in Oberlin for a birthday supper for Tielia Slater.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Magers were Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter; and Jane and Richard Engelhardt, Norton. They were observing the birthday of Mrs. Engelhardt.

Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, came Sunday to the John Helm home in time to take them to church. They visited at the Jerry Uerling home after Mass and all had Sunday dinner together. They were observing the birthday of Mrs. Rinehart.

These two neighborhood girls share the same birthday on March 6. Jane Magers Englehardt remembers Ceanne Helm Rinehart being born on 4-H days being held on her birthday some years ago and how special that made her feel.

On Monday evening Mrs. Veda Wood and John and Helen Helm attended the American Legion and Auxiliary meeting in Lebanon.

Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Magers, and Mrs. Fullerton attended the ham and bean supper at the Senior Center in Beaver City, Neb., on Tuesday evening. Those

attending the supper were asked to wear either an apron or overalls and all complied. Cards were played after the supper.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter went to Norcatur Wednesday morning to join those playing pinochle and stayed for lunch. En route home they picked up Veda Wood at her home and went to the home of Mrs. Pat Schwab for Liberty Star Club. Mrs. Wood used a Readers' Digest book entitled, "Miracles and Mysteries of Plants," for the program. Mrs. Angie Wilson provided two different quizzes for the activity. Mrs. Schwab had decorated her home with green for St. Patrick's Day and each lady wore something green.

While they were there, Pat's mother, Mrs. Lela Huff and sister, Mrs. Paula Maloney and Mrs. Maloney's daughter and husband, all of Broomfield, Colo., arrived for a short visit at the Schwab home. They had taken advantage of the nice weather to make a trip home.

When Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers were coming from Norcatur they had seen a pile of sunflowers which had fallen off a truck onto the road, so after club, they went back with sacks and boxes and picked them up to use for their birds. They had seen some traffic drive right through the pile and knew they would soon be wasted.

Mrs. Yvonne Sumner brought her grandchildren, Brooke and Brady Sumner, to visit Marguerite Fullerton Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jolly was a guest of Mrs. Van Meter Thursday evening for a St. Patrick's Day party, sponsored by her bank at Holbrook, Neb.

The evening was spent playing "Green Bingo." Mrs. Van Meter won a nice trip for having the best St. Patrick's day attire.

Deb Helm and children visited at the John Helm home Saturday afternoon and delivered Girl Scout cookies to Marguerite Fullerton en route home.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Arthur and Nancy Colson took Edna Colson to Garden City for her checkup with Dr. Hock's office in Garden City on March 6.

Tuesday After Five Club met at the Shepherd Staff with over 50 present. The speaker was from Iowa. Shelly Moeder demonstrated how hair pieces were being used to style hair using two models.

Bible Study was held on Wednesday, led by Patty Purcell. Tapes about the beauty of nature were also shown.

Edna Colson spent from March 5-7 at the home of Arthur and Nancy Colson and family at Hoxie.

We are so proud of our Golden Plains basketball team for going to state. The last time this occurred was in 1992.

Cleda Moeder and Marl Barnett went to Denver to the Kindred Hospital on Wednesday to visit Carrol Gould and found him much improved.

There were three tables of cards on Monday. Anyone who likes to play pinochle, is welcome to join the group from 2-5 p.m. every Monday.

Jose, Anna and Fernando Huenes of Hoxie were recent visitors of Cleda Moeder.

Social Hour Club met at the Barn on Wednesday with Deb Stepper as hostess. Guests were Edna Colson and Freda Ketchum. Robber bingo was played and prizes were won by Cleda Moeder, Freda Ketchum, Hulda Wark, and Grace Cheney. The hostess prize was won by Zula Horinek. The next meeting will be with Eileen Dible in Colby.

There were 12 who enjoyed the "Come on Down" pinochle group on Thursday at the Barn.

The American Legion pinochle tournament will be at 7 p.m. at the legion hall. There are three prizes for the highest total score for the

three couples.

Zula Horinek accompanied her son, Gary, to Wichita Wednesday evening. They came home Sunday. They visited her daughter, Patty Ann, her granddaughter; Michelle and Randy, Chance, Blake, Aston, and Hunter, and her two grandsons, Shanon Casey and his friend, Meric; and Bandon and his friend, Cody.

There were 13 of us and we got to see Randy and Michelle's new home at the Maple Dunes. We celebrated Shanon and Patty Ann's birthdays that were March 5 and March 9.

Good Samaritan News

Barb Berry and Andrea Burmaster helped Helen Styles, Ruby McKenna, Bonnie Weskamp, Eryline Nichols, Lorna Bishop, Ella Peterson, Fred Helmkamp, Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, and Eunice Petracek make sheep with cotton balls and construction paper.

Jan Badsy led a discussion on Ireland and its history. The game, "Things That are Green," was enjoyed.

Myrna Jones played the piano for rhythm band. Mildred Holmdahl served social hour and also played canasta with Ann Leitner, Garrah Gaumer and Ivah Alexander.

Residents enjoyed music by the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, of Cimarron. Guests were Wendell and Carmella Koehn, Eldon and Sharlene Koehn, Forrest and Marva Jantzer, and Wes and Carla Schmidt.

First Hand Friends read to Vergie Nygren, Elsie Brown, Hazel Flaska, Ann Leitner, Neva Campbell, Harold Demmer, Ruby Shuler, Lois Buchholz, Garrah Gaumer, Irene Corcoran, Pauline Zander, Veda Pingetzer, Ivah Alexander and Marilyn St. Clair.

Guest Tracy Keeling led songs and sang a solo. Mert McEvoy led Bible study. Ellen Horn served social hour and Benjamin Smith played the piano. Alvina Unger of Wheat Ridge Terrace played pinochle with Ann Leitner, Ivah Alexander and Garrah Gaumer.

Linda Hollowell led the STAR committee group in serving hot chocolate and donut holes at Social Hour. Others assisting were Coleen Rippe and Frannie Nothdurft.

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday and Don Stapp served Social Hour.

Oberlin Community Fellowship held church services and Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Guests have included: Agnes Brown — Louella Heier, Clarence Wahrman; Dorothy Wolters — Elsie Wolters; Dena Gillespie — Virginia Fullbright, Jane Vavroch, Daryl Hartzog, Stann Hartzog; Hazel Flaska — Arden and LaJean Flaska; Bernie and Jeanie Pfeifer; Veda Pingetzer and Elva Shaughnessy — Eileene Grose; Hattie Olson — Maxine Peebles, Sheri Steinemann, Mary Lou Olson, Bob and Sally Olson.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Congratulations to Lance Basgall and Abraham Marintzer, who were selected for the Cheyenne Conference All-Conference basketball team. Lance was selected for the first team and Abe, the second team. Both are juniors at Herndon High School.

Anna (Morland) Fleckenstein, a former resident of Herndon, observed her 90th birthday on Thursday. She lives at 4203 NE Stallings Drive, No. 306, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting and birthday party honoring Frank Hraha on March 5. Ann Martin read the poem, "Smart Women." Helen Marintzer won the blackout prize in Bingo and Frank Hraha won the door prize. The next potluck dinner will be today with Ann Martin and

Helen Marintzer on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be April 2.

The Herndon speech team placed 13th at the Wheatland Invitational held recently. Students receiving I ratings were Justin Grafel, Michelle Hartner, Anikka Martin, Nathaniel Martin, Renae Solko and Chelsey Williams. They will compete in the Western Kansas-Liberty League speech contest on Wednesday, March 26, and the Colby Invitational on Thursday, March 27.

Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., and Eileen Unger were Wednesday guests of Helen Marintzer.

Recent visitors of Chris Wood were Rose Pettera of Mesa, Ariz.; Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo.; and Vonnie Sattler and Ann Solko

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Lois Eckhart, Darlene Fisher, and Mildred Fortin were Monday evening dinner guests of Wilma May.

Jessica Bremer, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, and Melissa Hasty represented Decatur Community Junior High School in the Oberlin Scholar Bowl meet Tuesday afternoon and placed third in the seventh-grade competition. Nolan May and his team placed second in the eighth-grade competition.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League met Saturday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church to plan the LLL/LWML spring rally to be held Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Sunday noon dinner guests at the Gaylord Shields home were Deanie

Moore, Conroe, Texas; Hildegard Euhus, Martha Euhus, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin. Additional Sunday afternoon callers were Diana Euhus and Lindsay. Deanie has been a houseguest of her mother, Hildegard Euhus.

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were weekend visitors at the Wayne Larson and Norman Wendelin homes.

Wayne and Lois Larson hosted a birthday dinner for Brad Larson at their home Sunday noon. Other guests were Bill and Bonnie Condit, Craig and Karen Larson, and Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Sunday afternoon.

Warren, Jan, and Gayle Bainter had dinner together in Oberlin last

Wednesday.

Mrs. Roger Mauck visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis on Saturday. Other weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cech.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Debbie Withington, who was chosen as one of six science teachers in the United States to go to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., for a science study. She is a teacher at Golden Plains School at Rexford. She is the daughter of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and the granddaughter of Genevieve Erickson and Neva Campbell, all of Oberlin.

Dewayne Jackson of Norcatur was guest speaker at morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Quentin Bergling was honored with a birthday dinner on Saturday at the home of Allen and Jennifer Gage at Phillipsburg. Others pres-

ent were Olive Bergling, Richard Bergling, Larned; Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters and Casey, and Jenny Sterret, Colby, and Dave and Sherry Bergling.

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