

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — March 1903**

We understand that W. A. Dale has rented the lot north of the Douglas building and will put up a 50-foot store building. We also understand that H. S. Beardsley will occupy the building when complete.

John V. Riley of Olive made this office a much appreciated call on Saturday. Long years ago someone called him "Jake" and the nickname stuck and now half the people call him by that name, but his name is John just the same.

**Marriages:**  
At 12 o'clock Sunday, March 22, 1903, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Francis Kump, the contacting parties being Mr. Howard Noyes of Oberlin and Miss Mary Kump of Jennings. Rev. Gillingham of the Oberlin Presbyterian Church officiating.

E. S. Sumner and Miss Emma VanNice of Sherman Township were married March 25, 1903, at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. Gillingham.

Trustee Morris informs us that there are only 927 people living within the corporate limits of the city of Oberlin. This is something of a disappointment as we had hoped to remain in the 1,000 class. He, however, says there are 80 dogs which is some comfort.

Norcatur: George Fossler has bought a half interest in Den Andrew's store at Lyle, and everybody is glad he is not moving away.

**75 YEARS AGO — March 1928**

The Herald is called upon this week to chronicle the death of another of the county's early settlers. I. L. Jordan came to Jennings in June 1879, the identical month in which the first Oberlin Herald was first issued, and he had been a constant reader of the paper since that date. Born in 1839 in Lewiston, Maine, Mr. Jordan was a lover of the out-of-doors and at the age of 19 he was in the employ of the government as he drove a "big freighter" from Nebraska City to the State of Idaho, as unpaved and unprotected

as an early trail could be. Later the call to get rich summoned him for a time to the gold fields of Idaho and California. He was married to Lydia Thurston in 1878 at Milford, Mass., and she survives.

Following the C. E. meeting at the Federated Church Sunday evening, Miss Millie Marvin, with the assistance of Boyd Love operating the church's picture machine, presented an illustrated talk of her work as a medical missionary at Guahati, Satri Hari, Assam, India.

**Cedar Bluffs:** Several couples attended the Legion dance at the Mines' Barn Saturday night.

Joseph H. Young received the appointment last week to the office of Court Reporter of the District Court, a position paying something like \$2400. Joe held the position in former years and is thoroughly qualified.

At the annual country club meeting Elmer McKinzie was elected president; V. D. Woodward, vice president and George Nellans, secretary-treasurer. Yearly dues were again set at \$10.

Lyle: A fine baby girl arrived recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Huff.

Among those out for spring football practice at Hays are Luther Muirhead of Dresden and Byron Rogers of Jennings.

**Cedar Bluffs:** Mr. Justice from McCook has bought the filling station and garage combined.

**50 YEARS AGO — March 1953**

Oberlin's new Dairy King, located on the north side of U. S. 36 highway, will open April 2 according to the owner, Bertha Unger.

Lynne Gaumer, a senior at Decatur Community High School, received a certificate of merit in the Sixth District Federation Music Talent Audition held in Russell. She was sponsored by the Keep Pace Club of which her mother, Mrs. Wilbur Hunter, is a member.

**Hospital News:** Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Waldo, a daughter, Jana Rae, March 14; Mr. and Mrs. Don Zim-

merman, a daughter, Debra Joan, March 15; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda, Rexford, a daughter, Shirley Louise, March 14.

Wesley Gaumer recently attended a three-day seminar in Washington, D. C., for Farm Bureau leaders.

Mrs. Kathleen Claar, who has been the Herald correspondent for the Hawkeye community for the past several years, will now write items for the Rexford Community. Mrs. L. C. Skiles will be the correspondent for the Hawkeye community.

**Leoville:** The junior class of Leoville High School will present a three-act comedy, "Father, Be Calm" under the direction of Sister M. Zepyrine.

Some 150 persons interested in organizing a co-op for Decatur County met last week and voted to organize the Decatur Co-op Association. A 27-man committee was set up with the following officers: Art Holmberg, chairman; Martin May, secretary; Atley Muirhead, treasurer, and Walter May, drive chairman. It will be necessary to raise \$15,000 which will be done by selling shares of \$100 each.

Harold Randall has been chosen head football coach at Colby High School for the 1953 season. He has served that school as wrestling coach and assistant football coach in recent years.

**25 YEARS AGO — March 1978**

Although the results could have been better, Jack Barrett of the local farm strike office said he was well pleased with Monday night's statewide fund-raising telethon at which \$1400 was pledged in Decatur County. The amount raised in the 105 counties was \$78,000.

A crowd estimated at 250 persons attended the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held at Oberlin American Legion at which the speaker was Mike Smith, well-known weatherman for the Kansas State Network television station.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nauer of Jennings announce the engagement

and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Greg Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Miller of Dresden. Both are students at Fort Hays State. A July 22 wedding is planned.

Jennings Unified School District #295 had hired Gerald J. Fencil as the superintendent of schools for the 1978-79 school term. He replaces LeRoy Green, who has served the Jennings schools the past 12 years.

**Hospital News:** Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lechlitter, Clayton, announce the birth of a daughter, Stacey Elizabeth, March 15.

Delores Depperschmidt of Dresden will join the staff of correspondents at The Oberlin Herald writing news of the Dresden-Leoville area. She replaces Ollie Muirhead who has been hospitalized the past two months.

Brent Anderson and Ken Badsky, members of the Red Devil gridiron team this past season, have signed letters of intent to attend Garden City Community College next fall.

Decatur Community High School senior Julie Nemeth has been awarded a \$1000 nursing scholarship from the Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society. She plans to attend the University of Kansas.

The Rev. Grant E. Davis was formally installed as pastor of the United Church of Oberlin in a service held Sunday afternoon at the church. Special music was supplied by William Waller, accompanied by Idella Rush, who also served as organist for the service.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings Lions Club will host a benefit soup supper and concert at the Prairie Heights School in Jennings on Saturday to help send two students to Lions State Band Camp, and also to Lions International Band Camp this summer.

The supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Bridge Band from the Norcatur

United Methodist Church will present a free concert at 7 p.m. in the gym.

Prairie Heights Teachers Association will sponsor a benefit scholarship fund-raiser spaghetti supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday for Jennings High School graduates at the school. Bingo will follow at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Good Samaritan Center

The activities department held a special St. Patty's dinner in the activities room. Attending were Lois Buchholz, Ivah Alexander, Clarice Leake, Ruth Laidig and Garrah Gaumer. Entertainment was provided by the Smith family.

Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour, and the Smith family returned to entertain. Mildred also played cards with Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Ann Leitner, and Elva Shaughnessy. Volunteer Paul Mye read a story to the day care kids.

Men's Gathering discussed the pending war. Dennis Brown brought and shared blarney stones and sherbet. Thank you bags were made for the family and resident potluck by Ann Leitner, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruby Shuler and Bonnie Weskamp.

A memorial service was held Thursday for Bernice Meixner. Catholic communion was held by Father Mathew Vazhappilly and attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz, Irene Corcoran and Ruby McKenna.

The special supper Friday

evening was a resident and family potluck, with a main dish of corned beef and cabbage. Coleen Rippe presented the program.

On Saturday, Andrea Burmaster led devotions.

The Lund Covenant Church led worship service on Sunday, and Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Agnes Brown** - Louella Heier. of Grainfield, Clarence Wahrman of Goodland; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Dena Gillespie** - Virginia Fullbright, June Vavroch, Daryl Hartzog, Stann Hartzog, Pastor Glen and Betty Krebs, Pat Hartzog; **Hazel Flaska** - Arden and LaJean Flaska of San Diego, Calif.; **Veda Pingetzer, Elva Shaughnessy** - Eileene Grose; **Ruby McKenna** - Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Donnie Chambers and Tyler, Pat Hartzog; **Eunice Petracek** - Pastor Glen and Betty Krebs; **Elsie Macy** - Elsie Wolters.

Others visiting were Bernie and Jeanie Pfeifer of Wichita, the St. John's Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Henrietta Van Vleet, and Florence Vavroch.

## Cedar Living News

The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday service on March 16.

The dietary department served an "Irish" lunch of corned beef and cabbage on Monday in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the afternoon and served blarney stones and rainbow sherbet.

Fern Moore led the reading group on Tuesday. Harold Frickey won the first bingo on Tuesday.

Residents' Council met on Tuesday evening on the patio. Discussion included making plans for the Easter egg hunt in April.

Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study class on Wednesday.

Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday.

Alvin Jording celebrated his birthday on Friday. Fern Jording served cake and ice cream for all of the residents at noon.

Melba Anderson also celebrated her birthday on Friday. Her guests for supper on the patio were Don and Ann Mines and Pastor Charlotte Stecker-Baseler. Her granddaughter, Kirsten Burress and her children of Brighton, Colo., were additional weekend visitors.

Betty Jenik hosted the coffee club on Saturday morning.

Recent visitors: Paul Matheny, Christine Anderson, Patt Tuller, Gary Matheny, Caroline Mizell, McCook; Rich and Waunita Henderson, Hays; Fontaine Hilgers, Plainville; Clara Thiele, Norton; Roberta Ritter, Don Ashley, Selden; Ann Martin, Marg-

aret Riener, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Marie Miller, Dresden; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max; Curtis and Connie Meixner and Kim, Brandon and Melissa Guthrie, Arkansas City; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Lloyd Meixner, Boulder, Colo.; Craig Smith, Wichita; Christine Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Keith Miller and Karen Matheson, River Falls, Wis.;

Carol Allen, Fern Jording, Duane Jording, Eleanor Rogers, Eleanor Kircher, Faye Miller, Alice Shirley, Dolores Koerperich and Jacob, Irene Fringer, Juanita Williby, Esther Noren, Eula Juenemann, Othelia and Bernie Vacura, Marie Jean Vavroch, Donald Stapp, Bernard Corcoran, Bill Goscha, Butch Stanley, Rachel Gallatin.

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## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alice Hutfles, who died Sunday.

Pat Tongish, Ashley, John, and Jarrett of Newton were visitors of Denis and Wilma Tongish on Friday afternoon.

Senior Citizens held a potluck last Wednesday at the Senior Center. Rawlins County Health Nurse Sherril took blood pressures. Bingo was played. Edie Pettera won the blackout and Ann Martin, the door prize.

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society met Sunday at St.

Mary's Auditorium with 12 members and Father Damian present. President Lila Leitner conducted the meeting. Father Damian led the opening prayer. Wilma Tongish read the minutes and the treasurer's report was given by Eileen Unger. It was decided to honor the first communicants, grade and high school graduates and mothers on Mother's Day, May 11, with a breakfast. The menu for the lunch for Joann Malone's sale was discussed. Each family of St. Mary's parish is asked to furnish one pie. They also decided to hold the fall

bazaar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 9. A turkey and ham dinner will be served. Father Damian gave an informative talk, then closed with prayer. Bingo and lunch followed with Helen Marintzer winning the door prize.

RoseAnn Domsch, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael visited at the home of Frank and Wynemah Cox last Thursday.

Judy Solko of Larned spent last weekend with her mother, Monica Solko. Other visitors were Rod and Rodney Solko of Oberlin, and Tom, Patrick and Charles Solko.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

A new arrival, Jada Renner, was born March 7. Her parents are Michelle (Gilbert) Renner and Joe Renner, Oakley. Her grandparents are Keith and Marcy Gilbert, Rexford, and Jennie and David Renner, Wallace. Maternal great-grandmother is Jean Bacon, Hoxie, and paternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Yehle, Wallace.

We have two new residents. Bob and Melody Leach, who are employed by the Shepherd's Staff. They have a daughter, Megan, who is a nursing student.

While Jeanette Bencken is recuperating from shoulder surgery, she has arranged for Joyce Juenemann to fill in for her at her beauty shop on Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays.

The pinochle tournament held last Saturday at the Legion hall had six tables. First prize winner was Mak Bascall and Rick Shaw. Second was Lawrence and Zula Horinek, and third was Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier.

Those visiting in Rexford last week were Ken Brown, Doc and Joan Dingworth's son-in-law, with

daughter, Jessica. The shepherd Staff had their board meeting Tuesday morning.

The Social Hour Club met Wednesday with Vesta Roth. Winners in bingo were Grace Cheney, Clea Moeder, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper. Marg Leh won the hostess prize.

Carrole Steele and son, Brent Fogelberg of Arizona, visited Ray and Jackie Johnson last week. They were friends when the Johnsons lived in Kingman, Ariz. They were on a business trip.