

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

### 100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1904

At the meeting Friday evening to consider the proposition of the Gulf, Hutchinson & Northwestern Railway the following committee was elected to act for the city of Oberlin: W. D. Street, chairman; J. D. Flanigan, vice chairman; H. O. Caster, secretary; J. E. Kulp, treasurer; executive committee, C. W. Page, O. L. Benton, M. E. Mix, W. T. Stevenson, W. S. Fleming.

The new rural route will start Monday.

Ex-commissioner Bremer was a caller Wednesday and jollied us for a while.

Married: Andrew Penn and Miss Rosa Drullinger at the home of the bride's parents in Liberty Township Wednesday evening.

Married: At three o'clock Jan. 24, 1904, Miss Artie E. Barnes of Hooker to Mr. John F. Stastney of Oberlin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. A. Gillingham of the Oberlin Presbyterian Church.

The JCC Club met with Misses Rena and Alma Southard Tuesday.

The Keep Pace Club had a most enjoyable meeting at Mrs. Miner's last Friday.

The Beatrice Creamery Company is erecting a small creamery in the rear of Victor's store. We hear they will no longer operate the Goodrich Brothers plant.

### 75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1929

The Patton & Brooks Hatchery have set their No. 7 Buckeye incubators so the hatchery is going to be a very busy place in about three weeks. Last year they hatched and sold over 30,000 chicks and they hope to double that record this year.

Funeral services were held recently in Norton for A. L. Lee, the father of Mrs. Earl Sproul. Mr. Lee saw much adventure on the plains of western Kansas hunting buffalo in the early days and was personally

acquainted with Col. Theodore Roosevelt, having been employed on a ranch adjoining the one on which Roosevelt spent a number of years.

Marriages: Mr. Chester O. Darling, 26, of Norton and Miss Nellie Carver, 18, of Oberlin. They were married by Rev. Jas. Roberts.

Prairie View Items: Many of our farmers are busy hauling wheat the past week as the price has induced many to sell and the elevators at Norcat and Lebanon were busy.

Fred Bremer of the Prairie Dog stopped in at this office Friday to see how we were standing the zero weather. It didn't seem to be bothering him much as the only work he had to do was to cut wood to keep the fires burning.

Along Big Timber: Last week Tobe Griffin got his left arm caught in the corn sheller and badly crushed and broke some bones.

### 50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1954

This community was grievously saddened Saturday when it was learned of the death of Lt. Robert A. "Jim" Kennedy at Presque Isle, Maine. Complete details have not been received but according to the Topeka Daily Capital Kennedy fell some 20,000 feet from a jet fighter plane after the plane's canopy blew off. His parachute, which was found some 200 yards from the body, had failed to open. It was not determined whether Kennedy had been sucked out of the craft by the air stream or had bailed out.

Kennedy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kennedy and is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Marguerite Bailey of Jennings and three brothers, Alfred of Scandia, Jerry and Ray of the home. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1947 where he lettered in football, basketball and track and from Fort Hays State in 1951 where

he lettered in track.

Mrs. Willis Carman and Diana Jo went to Anchorage, Alaska last week to join Pvt. Willis Carman who will be stationed there for a year. Mrs. Joe Carman, Mr. and Mrs. Max Carman and Mrs. Bryan Long took them to Denver where they boarded a plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mines visited last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mines and Mr. and Mr. Harold Frickey, while en route from Denver to Montgomery, Ala., where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carlisle, Traer, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joye, to Ralph Trussell of Marysville, Mo. Following their marriage they will leave for Shreveport, La., where he will be stationed with the Air Corps.

More than 150 persons attended the family reunion dinner and open house held at the Donald Ashley home Jan. 31 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman Ashley on their golden wedding anniversary.

Approximately 275 women attended a spring fashion show and silver tea held at the Masonic Temple as a benefit for the Oberlin city library. Fashions were furnished by Campbell's Store with commentary by owner Roy Campbell, models were drawn from the nine Oberlin Federated clubs, and Mrs. Jack Dryden, president of City Federation, was in charge of the silver tea.

### 25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1979

The month of January 1979 left the state of Kansas this week much as it had come in — with sub-zero temperatures. Overnight temperature Wednesday was a -12 and lowest for the month of January was a -14 on Jan. 8. Decatur County Extension Agent Kent Reinhardt reported that there had been very little weight

gain in livestock due to the harsh weather but that there is no local shortage of feed.

A new business, Hoppy's Vans, will open this month in Oberlin under the ownership of Helmer Nelson.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Barratt, daughter, Krystal Dawn, Jan. 10; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mac-hart, son, Matthew James, Jan. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Don Nixon, Wamego, daughter, Kristal Elaine, Jan. 21;

Herndon: A large crowd attended the open house at the new low rent housing unit, Sunflower Villa, Saturday afternoon at Herndon. Jim Cox and Helen Lippold were recognized for their years of work in planning the housing development; Mildred Kleidosty for submitting the name "Sunflower Villa" and Norma Grafel of the Herndon State Bank was recognized for her assistance in helping the housing program to become a reality.

Kathleen Aschwege, Garden City, has passed the exam for Certified Public Accountants. She is a 1970 graduate of Decatur Community High School and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Fort Hays State and is employed in the offices of Lansdon and Birney, CPA, in Garden City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Aschwege, rural Oberlin.

The Red Devil boys basketball team placed third in the Ness City tournament and two players, Roger LaSalle and Brice Bickford, were picked for the all tournament team according to Coach Jim Keller.

Decatur Community High School has an interesting new student, Lynda Wilson, who has transferred from Abilene, Texas, but over the past eight years has lived overseas in Egypt, Libya, United Arab Emirates and Iran. Lynda's parents are Arvel and Ruth Wilson.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The bitter cold weather caused church services at Lyle to be postponed on Sunday and the group of ladies sewing for missions on Tuesdays canceled for last week. The community had received a little snow Sunday morning, and a storm Sunday night added another 2 or 3 inches. The ice under the snow made driving treacherous.

Rea and Dee Magers called on Margaret Magers Friday morning while enroute to McCook on business and Donna and Earnest Huff visited that evening. Mrs. Huff has been having severe problems breathing and their plans for an extended vacation had to be canceled. She is feeling a little better.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, Mrs. June Jolly, and Mrs. Magers visited Van Cozad at the nursing home in Beaver City. They were pleasantly surprised when the card players at the Senior Center came to play cards with

them.

Mrs. Pat Schwab had a stroke at her home early Wednesday morning and is a patient at the McCook Community Hospital. The last report neighbors have had from her is that she is paralyzed on her left side. We are hoping for a swift and complete recovery. The Schwabs' small grandchildren, Austin and Samantha, were spending the night with them and planning a day of playing with the grandson of Lynn Scrivner and those plans had to be canceled. Lynn's grandson spent Friday with Margaret Magers.

John and Helen Helm drove into Lebanon, Neb., Wednesday to have a fried chicken dinner with Bob and Marie Daffer at noon. When Helen saw the reading on the thermometer, six degrees, she wondered if they had good sense. The Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting scheduled for that evening was canceled.

To remind Helen Helm that she

really was having a birthday, Ceanne Rinehart, Kathy Brashears, and Mike, Deb, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, and Timothy Helm brought pizza, birthday gifts, cards, and a decorated cake to the Helm home for supper on Thursday.

She also received several phone calls from absent family members. Ceanne and Kathy spent the night and returned to their work early Fri-

day morning.

Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Jolly attended the potluck supper in Norcat with the Senior Citizens Friday evening and remained for the card party held afterwards.

Jim Helm took his father, John Helm, to McCook Tuesday to take care of some business and get groceries. Jim took the time to put the groceries away before going home.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Royal Neighbor members Marg Leh, Deb Stepper, Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, and Zula Horinek attended installation of officers in Norcat. They had a lunch of finger foods at their potluck. Everything was very delicious. The national secretary, Donna Doyl, was in attendance from headquarters in Rock Island, Ill. Towns represented were Wilsonville, Neb.; Oberlin, Rexford, Norcat, and McCook. They made plans for a convention in Wilsonville in September.

Cleda Moeder spent the weekend in Arvada, Colo. with her nephew and niece, Clyde and Tillie Preston and family. Paul Preston, a nephew, joined them. They are sons of the late Bud and Bernie (Moeder) Preston.

DeAnn and Deloras Dible went to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson in the Logan Manor. They also went to the Hansen Museum to see the

quilt display.

On Monday there were eight players for Barnswallows pinochle. On Thursday there were seven players for the "Come On Down" group.

Those attending the Friday Coffee were Deloras Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Liz Raile, Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Cleda Moeder, Eunice Sanford, Vesta Roth, Hulda Wark, Margie Leh, Deb Stepper, and Sondra Barnett.

Betty Nichols is in Colorado Springs, with her brother, Bob Kiefer. She underwent knee surgery and is receiving therapy in Colorado.

Jean Hawkins went by ambulance to Wichita Friday where she was admitted to Via Christi Hospital. She received seven pints of blood because of a bleeding ulcer. She returned home Wednesday and is feeling much better. Her husband, Fred, was with her.

## McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Gayle Bainter brought Ruth Bainter to the Sheridan County Regional Health Center from Salina Regional Health Center on Friday.

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## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings City Library has received a memorial in honor of Bertha Brock. The title is "Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind" by Ann B. Ross. Be sure to stop by and give this book a try. It is book one in a series and we will be adding the

other titles. We have also added a printer with the abilities to fax and copy. We will begin offering these services to patrons. For more details visit the library on: Monday 3-6 p.m., Wednesday 9-11 a.m. and Saturday 9-11 a.m.

## Cedar Living News

The Dresden Guild donated a supply of beautiful, handmade bags to hang on walkers and wheelchairs. The residents report that these are very handy for carrying extra items around with them.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served cream pies, including chocolate, banana and coconut, to residents, staff and guests.

Zola Brown won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Dorothy Davis, the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Stan Chapin led the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning on the patio. Barbara Solko and Wynemah Cox played

Scrabble on Thursday afternoon. Residents celebrated Kansas Day on Thursday by playing a Kansas trivia game. The group also tried a new dice game.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon. Recent visitors: Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Beth Johnson, Norcat; Cindy Mines, Wichita; Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury; Wayne Frickey, Fort Worth, Texas; Gary Matheny, McCook; Rose, Sohn and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; Don Ashley, Selden; Richard Samson, Ludell;

Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Betty Jenik, Danye Uehlin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Vayle Rohan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juenemann, Fern Jording, Elaine Bryan, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

Coleen Rippe led Monday morning devotions, assisted by Cheryl Miller on the piano. Residents gathered around the Reminisce table to work on winter word search puzzles. Those attending were Leo Mooty, Mamie Unger, Kenneth VanVleet, Ella Peterson, Elsie Macy, and Elfie Brown. Don Farr led exercises.

One-to-ones were shared with Ivah Alexander. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. Cowboy Paul Mye shared reading time with Little Sam's Daycare. Card sharks gathered in the Town Square to play Canasta. Those playing were Garrah Gaumer, Elva Shaughnessy, Hildegard Euhus and volunteer Mildred Holmdahl. Cowboy Paul shared one-to-one reading with young Jack Farr. A card game entitled Twenty-one was shared with Ruth Laidig, Bonnie Weskamp, Leo Mooty, and activity assistant Lisa Stacy.

Tuesday morning devotions gave a message of simple abundance in life and under heaven by Jan Badsy. Over 15 First Hand Friends from Mrs. Olson's class visited their special partners. Barbara Dehlinger shared front porch reading with Dena Gillespie, Eryline Nichols, Ella Peterson, Fred Helmkamp and Fern Anderson. The center wished Florence Jones a happy birthday on her 101st year.

A party was held Tuesday afternoon for Iris Wurm in honor of her 87th birthday. Entertaining were daughter Jeanette Diederich, vocal and guitar; daughter Beverly Witt of Danbury, Neb., vocal and piano; granddaughter Anita Hirsch (who shares a birthday with her grandmother), vocal and guitar; granddaughter Jennifer Hirsch, piano, and grandson Joseph Hirsch, saxophone. Guests enjoyed homemade angel food cake and pineapple punch. Attending in addition to the entertainers were residents and staff of Good Sam, Gene Witt of Danbury, Neb., Dennis and Pat Wurm, Doyle and Julie Richardson, Tyler and Clay, and Dennis Brown.

Jan Badsy led Songs of Worship on Wednesday. Bible Study was shared with the residents, led by Mert McEvoy. Don Farr led exercises. Volunteers Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel shared nail care. Social hour was a January birthday celebration honoring Dena Gillespie, Florence Jones, Neva Campbell, Marilyn St. Clair, Marguerite Fullerton, Iris Wurm, and Agnes Chambers. Sponsoring the celebration was Monday Evening Club.

Serving were Kay Moon, Roxie

Erickson, Sharon Addleman, and Karen Metcalf. Delicious pies were served and providing entertainment was a Barbershop Quartet consisting of Brent Smith, Brett Keck, Anthony Marshall, and David Morris. A duet from Anthony and Andrea and Marshall was also shared. Ellen Horn assisted with serving. Katie Glading, Good Sam's newest volunteer, shared a game of checkers with Leo Mooty. Volunteer Anna Shaw shared art time with Garrah Gaumer and reading time was shared also with Garrah Gaumer by Kaylee May. Chris Dempewolf gave Fern Mapes a special treat with a beauty shop session. Bingo concluded the evening events with volunteers Marilyn Horn and Coleen Geishler.

Thursday morning devotions brought childhood memories back with a song entitled, "This Little Light of Mine." Lisa Stacy shared devotions, and accompanying on the piano was Cheryl Miller. Catholic services were held in the quiet room with Lois Buchholz, Ruby McKenna, and Bonnie Weskamp attending. Little Sam's Daycare shared Valentine creativity as red felt door hangers designed as hearts were shared. Residents attending were Leo Mooty, Fern Anderson, and Eryline Nichols. Exercise time brought Dena Gillespie, Fred Helmkamp, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Mamie Unger, Bonnie Weskamp, Eryline Nichols, and Ella Peterson to share a round of circle ball. During Hearts Creation, residents made scripture hearts to be shared at the upcoming Valentine party on Feb. 12. Those assisting were Elsie Macy, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, and Ann Leitner.

Morning devotions on Friday were shared with the topic, "Stepping out of your comfort zone." Sharing the message was office manager Montine Alstrom. Reminisce topic was taken from the book, "The Country Mothers Cookbook," written by Jane Watson Hopping, the Pioneer Lady. Those enjoying the conversation were Agnes Chambers, Ann Leitner, Elfie Brown, Laverne May, Hazel Flaska, and others. Carol Duncan shared current events. Bethany Smith served social hour and Cheryl Miller played an assortment of love songs. Popcorn donated by The Bank was served with the feature movie entitled, "Angels in the Outfield."

Joyce Ploussard shared Saturday devotions and Lund Covenant Church led Sunday church services. Shirley Nichols served social hour.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will be in charge of the morning worship services at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow.

Congratulations to Orrin Holle, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture at the semester. He was also on the fall semester honor roll. His parents are Kevin and Mary Holle.

Weekend guests of Quentin and Olive Bergling were Richard and Susan Bergling, Megan and Cassidy of Larned, and Amy Bergling of Hays. Additional Sunday supper guests were Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; and Dave and Sherry Bergling and Jeremy Bergling.

Sunday dinner guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda to honor him on his birthday were Willard and Esther Noren, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara

Olson, Kurt and Mary.

Helen Jaderborg of Longmont, Colo., visited relatives over the weekend. She and Elden and Detta Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, and Richard and Maureen Anderson and family helped Eva Bryan move from Wheat Ridge Terrace to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Brent and Carolyn Ginther, Brandy and Brady, Menlo, and Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia, and Harlan and Naida Ginther, Atwood were Sunday supper guests of J. R. and Carrol Ginther and all enjoyed the Super Bowl.

Margaret McEvoy and Sage Lohoefer took Mary Lou Olson out for dinner on Friday to help her celebrate her birthday. Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones and Cecil Hess took her out to eat that evening.

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