

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — March 1904**

John Stastney broke out with the chickenpox the next day after he was married.

**Marriages:**

Feb. 22, 1904, G. Everett Bates and Miss Effie M. Ridgway, both of Jennings; Mr. Albert McLeod of Dresden and Miss Alta Alvord, McGraw.

Feb. 17, 1904, Mr. Fred Alexander and Miss Lulu Smith, both of Grant Township.

It is rumored that Renne Barnes and Miss Josie Hamilton were married Feb. 2 at Clay Center.

Born Feb. 25, 1904, to Professor and Mrs. H. Q. Banta, a son, weight 9 pounds.

Norcatar News: Mr. Jesse Carter of Jennings and Miss Grace Tice of Dresden were married Feb. 10, 1904, at the home of the bride's parents.

Young Glenn Jones, the ball player of Dresden, dropped in Saturday and said it being his father's birthday he thought it would be nice to send him the official county paper a year as a present.

Judge Gieger came home from Norton Saturday where he is hearing the Dewey trial; 214 jurymen have been examined. The trial is expected to last a couple weeks.

**75 YEARS AGO — March 1929**

The wolf hunt held last week in the four townships southwest of Oberlin failed to capture any wolves, but the line was not good on the west and the wolves all took advantage of the fact and hiked out of Rawlins County.

Funeral services were held for W. Amer Burnett, 78, who came to Decatur County soil in May, 1879, from Decatur County, Iowa. His family took land on the Prairie Dog

Creek and built a store and engaged in a general merchandise business. He was elected county commissioner when the county was organized in 1880 and in 1881 was selected county treasurer during which time his family moved to Oberlin, homesteading the quarter section one mile southwest of Oberlin. Previous to his illness he had been in Wichita where he served as Grand Tyler for the various Masonic organizations during Grand Lodge.

Funeral services were held for Katherine Handwerk, 71, who died on the 50th anniversary of her marriage. Mr. Handwerk had taken a claim in Decatur County southwest of Oberlin and was afraid that someone would jump his claim if he left it long enough to return to Wisconsin to marry Miss Meisen, so he persuaded her to meet him at Beloit, then the western terminus of the Missouri Pacific Railway, where they were married on Feb. 2, 1879.

Cedar Bluffs: A pleasant party was held at the home of Shelby Witham Feb. 21 in honor of their daughter Jean's fourth birthday.

Jennings: Dr. W. H. Liggett of this city now has the very latest in X-Ray equipment in his dental rooms. Dr. Liggett's patients say that he is very careful and patient and that his charges are quite reasonable.

Prairie View Items: Our community was sadly shocked to learn of the sudden death of J. S. Cleland of the Danbury neighborhood. The funeral was attended by many more than could find room in the Sherman Chapel Church.

**50 YEARS AGO — March 1954**

Tragedy struck this community last Wednesday evening when a

two-car collision just south of the intereseccion of US Highways 36 and 83 in northwest Oberlin resulted in the deaths of three high school students and the parents of six children. Killed were Lowell Foley, driver of the car and two companions, LaMoine Galusha and Ronald Reist, and Clarence Musgrave, driver of the second car. His wife died Saturday evening at Decatur County Hospital where other passengers in the car, Forrest Paddock., Glenn B. Long, Vyril Rush and Donald Richardson are still hospitalized. At present the Musgrve children are being cared for by Mrs. Eva Purvis.

A committee has been formed to collect donations for the six Musgrave children whose parents were killed. Ward Claar was appointed chairman. Mr. Ira Ladig has been appointed guardian for the children, Delbert, 18; Donald, 16; Dallas, 14; Delores, 10; Danny, 7; and David, 13, who will be staying at the Laidig home.

At the Oberlin City Council meeting it was decided that Oberlin should have two voting precincts in all coming elections; all residents east of Penn Avenue will vote at the courthouse while residents west of Penn Avenue will vote at the city office.

Dresden: Mrs. Florian Karls went to Salina last week to attend a musical program in which their daughter, Mary, participated. She is a freshman at Marymount College.

At the regional basketball tournament at Phillipsburg, the Oberlin Red Devils were downed by Phillipsburg who went on to win the tournament.

**25 YEARS AGO — March 1979**

Servi-Tech Inc., Dodge City, an

agricultural service, has expanded to the Northwest Kansas area. Heading the program in the Oberlin area will be Tom Wonsettler, a graduate of Colorado State University in agronomy. Wonsettler and his wife Pam are making their home at 311 N. Rodehaver and he will maintain an office at Decatur Co-op.

The proposed coal slurry pipeline, estimated to cost more than \$750 million, may soon get underway near Gillette, Wyo., and is designed to end near White Bluff, Ark., where an electric generating station is to be built. The proposed route would cut through Rawlins, Decatur and Sheridan counties.

Larry Steckline, farm broadcaster with the KSN television network will be this year's speaker for the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamilton announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha Ann, to Randy Kinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kinder of Topeka. She is a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a senior majoring in art education at Fort Hays State and Kinder is a 1976 graduate of Topeka West High School and is a junior at Fort Hays State University majoring in sociology.

St. Francis won the 3-2-1A wrestling tournament held at Hays with a total of 132 points.

Oberlin wrestlers who placed were Todd Wilson, 126-pound sophomore who took fourth and Dan Denner who took third at 185 pounds.

Oberlin rural mail carrier Lee Waldo will retire March 1 after 33 years of postal service that began in 1945 when he was discharged from the U. S. Air Force.

## Cedar Living News

Jim Screen is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service on Feb. 22.

Myrna Jones assisted with the music program Monday afternoon. Residents and staff enjoyed a pancake supper that evening. The menu was rounded out with sausage, eggs, and fruit salad. Gary Bartels and Margee Wilson flipped pancakes while Lynn Doeden and Pam Harmon assisted. The dietary department, nursing department, and Teresa Shaughnessy also helped.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. Maxine Chambers won the first bingo in the afternoon, and Frieda Matheny, the blackout game.

The bowlers met in the dining room for a game Wednesday afternoon. Charley Vavroch bowled a perfect game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon, Barb Solko and Wynemah Cox played Scrab-

ble. Katie Glading assisted the baking group with making chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Steve and Barb Brown, Carl Mumm, Selden; Celene Dunker, Erma Niermeier, Richard Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatar; Shakia, Sohn, and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Tom Ferriter, Longmont, Colo.; Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury; Sylvester and Rosemary Bange, Colby; Susan McKain, McDonald; George Wurm, Rosa Boehm, McCook; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Marie Miller, Dresden; Dorothy Cochran, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Mary Lemman, Lyle Gamblin, Jennifer, Jason and Dennis Thomas, Phyllis Screen, Butch Stanley, Jim Plotts, Danny Uehlin, Eula Juenemann, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Vayle Rohan, Mary Ann Amack, Elsie Wolters, Esther Noren, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Feb. 23, Reminisce Corner gathered Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Helen Styles, Agnes Chambers, Elfie Brown, Eva Bryan, Hildegard Euhus, and Mamie Unger for a discussion on homemade soap from Smokey Hill Suds, made in the Hays region. The Welcoming Committee met for party preparations to welcome Everett Fisher. Serving on the committee were Garrah Gaumer, Elva Shaughnessy, Neva Campbell, Eva Bryan, Marguerite Fullerton, and Hildegard Euhus. Music with Myrna brought familiar tunes. Singing along were Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Janice Shobe, Joan Evans, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, and Elfie Brown. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The Card Sharks, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Ivah Alexander, and volunteer Mildred Holmdahl, gathered with Elva Shaughnessy.

Janice Shobe led morning devotions Tuesday. First Hand Friends brought smiles to their reading partners. Front Porch Reading was led by Barbara Dehlinger. Social Hour brought a celebration of February birthdays, honoring Bonnie Weskamp and Elsie Macy, hosted by Rebekah Lodge, which included: Dorothy Woods, Joyce Price, Arlene Hix, and Beth Johnson. Homemade brownies and ice cream were enjoyed. Reminisce Corner gave residents Garrah Gaumer, Elfie Brown, Fern Anderson, Marilyn St. Clair, and Agnes Chambers time to work on their rug-braiding skills.

Peggy Carswell led Bible study on Wednesday for Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Ann Leitner, Fern Anderson, Fred Helmkamp, Elsie Macy, Helen Styles, Ivah Alexander, and Bonnie Weskamp. Ladies enjoying their weekly manicures were Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Lorna Bishop, Neva Campbell, Agnes Chambers, Hildegard Euhus,

Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Ann Leitner and Elsie Macy. Social Hour and Bingo ended the day's activities.

Coleen Rippe gave an interesting devotion Thursday about exploring the rooms of our hearts. Little Sam's Fun brought eight children to help residents create foam critter collages. Mamie Unger, Dena Gillespie, Fred Helmkamp and Erma Holt participated. Residents Fern Anderson, Bonnie Weskamp, Marilyn St. Clair, Erma Holt and LuVerne May made wallpaper kites to put on the new March bulletin board.

Catholic services were attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby McKenna and Lois Buchholz. The afternoon began with Lisa Stacy reading excerpts from an 1898 publication, Abe Lincoln's Stories and Speeches. Eva Bryan, Hattie Olson, Ann Leitner, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Everett Fisher, Garrah Gaumer and Elsie Macy came to hear a bit of history. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

On Friday, Lisa Stacy gave a devotion, "Our spiritual seasons". Exercise for Arthritis followed, with Dena Gillespie, Ella Peterson, Edla Olson, Eryline Nichols, Lorna Bishop, Hattie Olson, Marilyn St. Clair and Garrah Gaumer participating. Volunteer Jeanette Diederich baked a delicious coconut cream pie with Hazel Flaska. Current Events brought Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Elsie Macy, Ruth Laidig and Ivah Alexander to hear Carol Duncan read from The Oberlin Herald. Bethany Smith served Social Hour. Our Friday film feature was "Evita". Popcorn was donated by The Bank.

Stuart Euhus led Saturday's devotions.

St. John's Lutheran Church led Sunday church services.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Rexford American Legion had their pinochle tournament last Saturday at the Legion Hall. They have one every month. Winners were Ben Albers and Steve Shuler, first; Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper, second, and third was won by Dave Williams and Junior Albers. They seven and one-half tables.

Dick and Eunice Sanford went to Dodge City to visit her brother,

Terry Rhoten and wife, Novella. Terry has been very ill but is improving nicely now.

Rex and Betty Carswell went to Newton Thursday. From there they visited their grandson, Brandy Dible, to watch him play ball. They spent the night with Steve and Terry Salter in McPherson. They got in on a real thunderstorm that evening with thunder and lightning, and a

downpour, then they went to Hays to celebrate help their grandson, Darron, celebrate his 18th birthday.

Royal Neighbors met at the Community Hall with five present. Deb Stepper was hostess.

The Friday Coffee Klutch had a large group. Those present were Delores Dible, Eunice Sanford, Clea Moeder, Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Liz Rall, Velma

Barnett, Sondra Barnett, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Vesta Rall and Darla Dible.

Zula Horinek had surgery at the outpatient surgical department. Her husband, Lawrence and their two sons, Larry Horinek, and Gary Delzeit went with her. When she got home that evening Cleda Moeder had a nice arrangement of bright pink carnations.

## Useful tips for brown sugar

Brown sugar is a staple ingredient in many kitchens. It is used in cookies, cakes and pastries to add a caramel, spicy flavor as well as moisture. It is also used in baked beans, minced meat and plum pudding.

The difference? Brown sugar contains molasses. Originally, brown sugar was made from semi-refined sugar that contained natural molasses.

Now, white sugar is blended with molasses in different amounts and types to make various grades of brown sugar. The grades are known as 6, 8, 10, and 13. Higher grades have darker color and stronger flavor.

When measuring, always pack it

firmly into the measuring cup. Not doing so will result in inaccurate measuring.

Dark brown and light brown sugars are interchangeable, although dark brown sugar will add a deeper, spicier flavor.

If you run out, make your own by combining 1 cup white sugar and 3-

4 tablespoons molasses in a food processor. Pulse to blend.

To prevent drying out and hardening, store in an airtight container or resealable plastic bag.

Soften by placing a slice of bread or moist paper towel in the container for several hours, or heat in the microwave 15-20 seconds.

## McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Ruth Bainter returned home from the hospital on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Betts of Oberlin were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter. Kathy Launchbaugh was a Wednesday afternoon caller and George Launchbaugh called on Saturday.

Larry Kness of Northglenn, Colo., was an overnight guest Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh.



### Home Time

By **Tranda Watts**  
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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Roland and Pam May, Zachary and Hannah returned home Sunday, Feb. 22, after an eight-day combined vacation/business trip to California where Roland attended a Farm Bureau National Beef Advisory Board meeting in Irvine. En route to California, they stopped and saw the Grand Canyon and on their way home enjoyed seeing Hoover Dam. While in California, they enjoyed visiting relatives and toured Disneyland, Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, and the beach.

Stuart Euhus returned home Monday after spending 10 days

with his grandson, Shad Morton, in Garden Plain, while his parents were in California on a combined business trip and vacation.

Robert Muirhead, Rebecca, Alex, Rachael and Erin, Colby, were weekend visitors of his mother, Karolyn Muirhead.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory visited Ladd and Greta Wendelin, Seward, Neb., Saturday and Sunday. While there, they enjoyed watching Ladd perform in a play produced and presented at Concordia University. They returned home Sunday evening.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Ann Martin was a guest of Jackie and Mike Weins at their home in Colby to honor Julie and John Geisinger on their wedding anniversary.

Judy Solko of Larned spent last weekend with her mother, Monica Solko. Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were Saturday dinner guests. Tom, Pat and Charles Solko were Sunday visitors.

On Sunday, Monica, Judy and Tom Solko were guests of Mildred Kleidosty for the Immanuel United Church of Christ pancake feed.



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**United Methodist Church in Norcatar**  
will be having a  
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& egg supper**  
**March 6, 2004**  
~ 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.~  
It will be held at the educational building.  
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