

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1904

The dust blizzard on Wednesday was one of the worst ever known in this country. The mercury fell from 86 above at 3 p.m. to 30 above at 6 p.m. and to 4 above by 7 this morning. The wind was from the north and blew a gale. At one time in the afternoon, it was necessary to light lamps in offices, it being too dark to transact business without a light.

It has been figured that the trial of Dewey, McBride and Wilson for the murder of the Berry families will cost Cheyenne County not less than \$15,000.

It was reported that a lot of Cheyenne Indians were in town last week.

Mail agent Johnson has purchased the town residence property of Miss Emma McCleery and moved his family to their new home the first of the week.

Married: Feb. 14, 1904, at Menlo: Mr. Chas. W. Barr and Miss Lucy I. Roper.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1929

A new grocery store operated by the Efficiency Stores Co, a chain store concern who have headquarters at Fairbury, Neb., opened this morning in the W. C. Rogers building, recently vacated by the Bobbitt Clothing Store.

The Fleming Bakery recently installed a new \$1,500 dough mixer capable of mixing 260 pounds of bread dough at one time.

The bakery is capable of producing 2,000 loaves of bread a day in addition to rolls, cookies, cakes, etc.

A big crowd was in attendance at the Vavroch Brothers Duroc sale at the Oberlin Sale Pavilion last Saturday. An average of \$62 was realized for the entire offerings, tops in Kansas so far this year.

Mrs. Viola Caster reports the birth of a baby girl to her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Taylor and husband of Almena on Saturday, March 2nd.

The league leading Atwood high school basketball team was beaten 33-30 by Coach Anderson's team in a hard fought game on the Ober-

lin court Friday evening.

Kanona: On Sunday about 60 relatives met at the George Vernon home bringing well-filled baskets in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Grant McNeal, who will leave soon for their home in Washington. The afternoon was spent in visiting, taking pictures, pitching horseshoes and singing.

Vickers Items: The Dawson brothers purchased a new John Deere tractor from John Nitsch.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1954

A committee was formed last week at the regular quarterly meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church to look for a possible site for building a church in Oberlin.

Four boys who were involved in the automobile accident in northwest Oberlin last week are showing improvement.

Forrest Paddock and Donald Richardson have been released from the hospital and Paddock has returned to school while Richardson is able to be at his home near Traer. G.B. Long and Vyril Rush remain hospitalized but are showing improvement.

Former Decatur Community High School students who will appear with the College of Emporia Choral at the high school auditorium Friday night are Ruth Addleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman, and Mary Kurtz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Luther Kurtz.

Court House News: Charles F. Votapka and Marian Joy Cathcart were issued a marriage license March 2 and were married on Sunday at Prairie Chapel by Rev. O.G. Brown.

For the fourth consecutive year, Waldo Anderson received first place in the FFA speaking contest held at Hill City. He is now qualified to enter the state contest at Manhattan.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1979

The wheat crop was given a new lease on life in Decatur County when a half inch of rain fell Friday

followed by a good snow cover.

The New York Harp Ensemble composed of four women harpists and their director will present a program of classical and modern music at the high school auditorium on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Western Plains Arts Council.

John Barrett, city power plant manager, has resigned his position March 1 to take a job in Great Bend.

An informational meeting on a proposed sunflower processing plant will be held March 8 at the meeting room of the Decatur County National Bank.

Decatur Community High School students selected to attend Boys State are Terry Ream, Kevin Unger, Rohn Hamilton, Ward Wurm and Eddie Schwab, alternate. Chosen for Girls State are

Christine Rippe and Sherri Johnson and Melissa Depperschmidt, alternate.

Gary Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Anderson, was a member of the Kansas State University Men's glee club which sang at the Kansas Music Educators' Association Conference in Wichita.

Former Decatur Community High School wrestler Bob McDaniel placed second in the 177-pound division of the National Junior College Athletic Association wrestling championship held in Worthington, Minn. He is a sophomore at Colby Community College and finished the season with a 27-3 record.

Elden Huff, a senior at Decatur Community High School, has been awarded the FFA State Farmer of the Year award.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The moisture we have received has been wonderful and most beneficial to both crops and humans. The small amount of mud is just fine, according to most folks.

With St. Pat's Day coming, remember that you can play "Pot of Gold". Oberlin Business Alliance is sponsoring the game, which started Tuesday, and will run until 5 p.m. on March 17. You can find an entry blank in *The Oberlin Herald*, with a list of participating businesses, or pick one up at the Chamber office.

Just stop in at each business and have an associate sign the entry form. There are 14 places to visit and when you have the last one signed, leave it at Stanley Hardware or turn it in at the Chamber office. We hope you have fun doing this. You can win the "Pot of Gold" if your name is drawn on Thursday, March 18. Remember, there is nothing to buy and you

don't need to be present to win.

The Chamber will be holding ribbon cuttings at the following businesses: Wednesday, March 17, at 10 a.m., we will start with Just on Time located at 802 N. Penn, travel down to Split End at 211 N. Penn, and on to Flowers by Lee at 157 S. Penn. Join us to welcome these businesses to Oberlin.

Coffee hour will be held from 9-11 a.m. at Ward Drug on Friday, March 19. Stop by and have something to drink and a cookie with Kurt and the girls.

The Chamber and 101.1 KFNF radio are sponsoring the Home and Garden Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21 at The Gateway Arena. The hours on Saturday are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Come and see what the new look is for spring. There will be concessions by The Gateway both days. Admission is free. If this isn't enough for you to do, I am sure that we can find something else.

Stop in and have a cup of coffee, as the pot is always on.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Herndon Covenant Church for a missionary work day. Hostesses are Daisy Schmidt and Gayle Anderson. Members are to bring a sack lunch and supplies to work on mission projects.

Ken and Dolores Ericson of Des Moines, Iowa, visited in Oberlin last week with relatives. They and Fern Wenger were supper guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda on Wednesday.

The Ericsons and Bendas were breakfast guests of Fern and Jodie Wenger on Thursday. Mrs. Ericson, Mrs. Wenger and Mrs. Benda are first cousins.

A "come as you are" breakfast was enjoyed by members of Covenant Women Ministries at the Herndon Covenant Church on Saturday with Melinda Carlson and Betty Hafer as hostesses. The group sponsored a housewarming on Sunday afternoon for Lori Seaman, who recently purchased a home in Oberlin.

Mildred Holmdahl spent the weekend of Feb. 28-29 in El Dorado with her daughter, Janet and Sherrill Vermillion, and family.

Gordon and Norma Anderson returned home last week from Phoenix, Ariz., where they had spent several weeks. While there,

his sister, Gertrude Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, spent a week with them.

Edla Olson has returned to her apartment at Wheat Ridge

Terrace in Oberlin.

She had spent some time at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center while recuperating from heart surgery which she underwent in Kearney, Neb.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Kathy Launchbaugh was a Friday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter. Mr. and

Mrs. Warren Bainter visited on Sunday afternoon.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Barnswallows had 12 present to play pinochle on Monday. We were all thankful for our nice rain.

Social Hour Club met in Colby at Fairview Acres on Wednesday with Eileen Dible as hostess. The afternoon was spent playing robber bingo. The hostess prize was won by Grace Cheney. The bingo prizes were won by Cleda Moeder, Vesta Roth, Jeanette Dible and Sondra Barnett.

Betty Nickols returned home after spending several weeks in

Colorado Springs Colo., with her brother, Bob Kiefer. We are happy to have her back.

The "Come On Down" pinochle group had nine players on Thursday.

The Coffee Klatch had eight present on Friday. They were Grace Cheney, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth, Berneda Zoberst, Margaret Arasmith, Cleda Moeder, Hulda Wark, and Sondra Barnett.

Cleda Moeder and Deb Stepper went to Colby High School to see the stage production, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." They said the production was awesome.

Cedar Living News

Axie Sass is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Mildred Cochran joined the Gary Fredrickson family for lunch at the Pizza Hut on Sunday.

Dennis Brown of St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the Sunday service on Feb. 29.

Sally May and Linda Fox assisted residents with playing penny cards on Monday afternoon. Myrna Jones gave the music program.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Charley Vavroch won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of dominos on Wednesday with Sally May. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura celebrated her birthday on Friday. Bernie and Othelia Vacura were her guests for supper.

The baking group made oatmeal raisin cookies on Friday afternoon.

Residents gathered on the patio Friday afternoon for a World Day of Prayer service. Teresa Shaughnessy led the group.

The Cedar Living Center residents and staff would like to welcome the staff of Cottonwood

Home Care to their new office, located in our unit. They were formerly located in the hospital basement.

Recent visitors: Richard Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Frank Cox, Herndon; the Domsch family, Atwood; Don Ashley, Steve and Barbara Brown, Selden; Marjorie Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Merl and Ruth Chance, Paul Nauer, Jennings; Mike McVay, Colby; Susan McCain, McDonald; Gary Matheny, Christine Anderson and Paul Matheny, McCook; Donna Hughes, Hays; Sara Bishop, Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Leanna Davis, Amanda Winstead, Dan Hay Salina; Ron Uehlin, Danbury.

Mary Ann Amack, Jeanette Miller, Fern Jording, Dale Carlisle, Roger and John Carlisle, Elsie Wolters, Butch Stanley, Carrie Morford and Tubby, Dorothy Cochran, Barb Solko, Mary Lemman, Eula Juenemann, the Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce, Bob Keenan, Dennis Thomas, Duane Carman, Alyce Avery, Vayle Rohan, Pastor Heidi Wiebe, Paul Sass, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Phyllis Screen, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Rosella Meitl, Delores Koerperich, Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, March 1, a devotion on integrity was presented by Lavern Burtis. Little Sam's children joined Mamie Unger, Fern Anderson, Bonnie Weskamp, Eva Bryan and Elsie Macy to make lions, since March had "come in like a lion". The Lyle Gals came for pinochle with Ivah Alexander and Eva Bryan. Myrna Jones accompanied a sing-a-long on the organ, along with Edla Olson on the piano. Other residents enjoying the singing were Florence Fisher, Bonnie Weskamp, Eva Bryan and Fern Anderson. Leo Mooty and Elfie Brown helped with the March bulletin board.

Janice Shobe led devotions Tuesday morning, speaking about jealousy. The Welcoming Committee had a short meeting. Faith Lutheran Church came for communion service, attended by Mamie Unger, Fred Helmkamp and Ella Peterson. Fern Anderson, Hattie Olson, Ruby McKenna, Eva Cuthbertson, Eva Bryan, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Dena Gillespie, Hazel Flaska, Fern Mapes, Garrah Gaumer and Bonnie Weskamp joined in playing kickball, catch, two-square, parachute-pool and hot potato. Fern Moore came to read to residents. During Social Hour, residents ate cookies gathered around a 1934 RCA Radio (loaned by Times Past Antiques) to listen to recordings of "Fibber McGee and Molly", "The Great Gildersleeve" and Jack Benny.

Wednesday morning began with songs of worship led by Marian Dempewolf, followed by Bible study by Mert McEvoy. Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel gave nail care and Ellen Horn served fresh-popped popcorn. Bingo ended the day.

Cheryl Miller gave devotions on Thursday, on the topic of worrying. Stan Chapin led communion services for Ruby McKenna and Lois Buchholz. Lisa Stacy led Exercise for Arthritis for Fern Mapes, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, Eva Bryan, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Bonnie Weskamp, Eva Cuthbertson, Fred Helmkamp, Hattie Olson and Dena Gillespie. Fern Anderson helped Lisa put finishing touches on the bulletin board. *Two Ways to Fish* by Helen Frazee-Bower was read during Story Time, for Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Helen Styles and Fern Anderson. The same ladies stayed and had Bible Talk during Social Hour, joined by Ruby Shuler. Ellen Horn served.

Lisa Davies gave Friday's devotions, and Cheryl Miller played the piano. Hattie Olson baked chocolate chip cookies with Jeanette Diederich, then Little Sam's children donned chef hats and aprons to help residents play a word game called Alphabet Soup.

Those participating were Leo Mooty, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Elfie Brown, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Eryline Nichols and Elsie Macy. Carol Duncan read Current Events, attended by Leo Mooty, Ruth Laidig, Elfie Brown, Ella Peterson, Eleanore Demmer, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers and Ivah Alexander. At Social Hour, the cookies Hattie Olson had baked were served by Bethany Smith. The Friday movie feature was "Dave".

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

The Assembly of God Church led Sunday services. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On March 4 at Senior Citizens, Dorothy Lovin won high, Irene Kruse took second, Betty James got low and Cecelia Otley had the most kings. Other members present included: Don Smith, Catherine Campbell, Leone Porsch, Vesta Shea, Son Shaw, Royce Cook, Paulie Neff, Lola Cook and Shirley Emigh.

March 15-19 is Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. At 10:30 a.m. on March 16, Sheridan County will be participating in a planned test. Sirens will be sounded for two minutes, while everyone should practice, or at least be thinking what they would do, for a real emergency.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 4 - Rodney Johnson; March 5 - Bernadine Spesser; March 6 - Sheila Ritter, Jennifer Eatherly; March 7 - Bud and Tressie Rogers; March 8 - David Weis, Lindsey Albers, Vala Mosier; March 9 - Evelyn Brainard; March 10 - Mark Miller, Lindsey Carman, Joe Zodrow, Debbie Koerperich, Raymond Zeddie;

March 11 - Everett Shuler, Lois Neff, Margee Wilson, Jacob Mosier; March 12 - Joe Kruse, Cherrie Johnson; March 13 - Elaine Koerperich, Joni Shaw; March 14 - Cole Wachendorfer; March 15 - Linda Shuler, Levi Rogers; March 16 - Mary Peter, Marvin Kaus, Joshua Mosier;

March 17 - Betty Barnett, Boyd Wilson, Dan Campbell.

On March 29, the Sheridan County Rural Fire Department will be holding a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) class at the Senior Citizens building in Selden. Please contact Steve Hirsch if interested in attending, so they know how many to set up for. Class will begin promptly at 7 p.m., in order to be finished by 10 p.m.

The Kan-Step grant for the community center is still under way. The architect has been out and now we are waiting on his plans for approval by the committee.



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Public Notice

to Residents of Oberlin

The City Water Department will be Flushing City Water Mains Thursday, March 11 at approximately 10 p.m.

Please be aware that certain amounts of discoloration may appear in your domestic water supply.

Thank you for your cooperation

Gary Shike, City Administrator



List of Participating Businesses

CMA	First National Bank
The Dresser	LandMark Inn
Rocking R	Prairie Petals
Stanley Hardware	The Bank
Addleman Drug	Times Past
Decatur Co Farm Bureau	Dale's Fish 'N' Fun
Dec. Co-op & Ampride	Ward Drug