

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO—March 1904**  
Jennings: Last Saturday we had the first snow of the winter; it came just in time to save the wheat. Let the good work go on; we need all the snow we can get for this is the driest winter we have had since 1890.

W. H. McMullen returned from Illinois Monday and says the mud is hub deep there and rural mail carriers were going on foot.

A fire early Saturday morning burned the Hollister and Johnson Bros. Implement building, the W. A. Cook Billiard Hall and the H. D. Colvin office building. The Hollister & Johnson building was a 3-story brick veneer structure erected in 1886 and occupied by the Commercial Hotel for a number of years. The fire company could do little to save the building and only by the hardest kind of effort kept the Griffith and Acton livery barn, the Herald office and the W. A. Dale carpenter shop from burning.

Norcatour: H. O. Douglas is president of the new bank.

Married: Sunday March 6, 1904, Mr. Louis Jackson and Miss Georgetta Bechtoldt.

**75 YEARS AGO—March 1929**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Stevenson are busy moving into their fine new residence on Griffith Avenue this week.

Dresden: Sunday, March 10th being the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Launchbaugh, the children planned and carried out a complete surprise on them at their home in Dresden.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Tolle Hoppas in Summit Township on Sunday, March 10, when their daughter, Estel Alice, was united in marriage to Rex Randolph Macy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macy, also of Summit. The happy young couple will make their home on the Ruffner farm southwest of Oberlin.

Mrs. Arthur Miller living on the Sappa, south of Danbury, was seriously injured last Saturday in a peculiar accident. She had just released the lever to throw the windmill in gear and returning to the house when a five and one-half pound iron weight fell from the 30-foot windmill tower and struck her square on the head, rendering her unconscious. The ugly gash required 11 stitches.

Decatur's basketballers finished in second place in the league as a result of the win over Norton by the Goodland team on Thursday night and the win over Goodland by Oberlin on Friday night.

Jennings: Mr. M. T. Munson has made over 30 cement gravestone markers which will be put in the Jennings Cemetery soon. They are very durable and inexpensive.

Cedar Bluffs: The inaugural ceremonies of President Hoover were heard over the radio March 4 and greatly enjoyed by the Cedar Bluffs school students and other visitors.

**50 YEARS AGO—March 1954**  
The blizzard predicted for this area of Northwest Kansas last Friday proved to be more wind than snow, and the total moisture recorded here was only .08. The wind increased during the afternoon and blowing dust darkened the area enough to make streetlights necessary in Oberlin.

A goal of \$5,000 has been set for the Musgrave Children Fund and currently the total stands at just over \$3500.

Rev. and Mrs. Hjalmer Swanson, Lois and Ruth, will leave March 31 for their new home in Lowry, Minn., where he will be the minister for the Covenant Church near Sarawell and also the church in Barrett.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Church in Oberlin for Walter Vernon, 66, who died of a heart attack at Yumatille, Ore., where he has made is home the past four years. He is survived by eight

children, including Mrs. Fausta Nicodemus of St. Francis; Mrs. Aleen Van Vleet and Mrs. Nila Brunk of Oberlin and Mrs. Mary Hix of Norcatour.

Decatur County school children will participate in the clothing drive for the Save The Children Foundation. Sturdy, warm children's clothing is especially needed in Korea, six war depleted countries in Europe, in Lebanon and on Navajo Indian reservations.

**25 YEARS AGO—March 1979**  
While the price of slaughter cattle edged up past the \$70 mark this week, cattlemen were still nervous over future predictions. Owner and operator of the local sale barn, John Simonsson, said they had a good sale Monday with more than 1,100 head going through the ring.

Dana Wilson, a senior at Decatur Community High School, has been awarded a Frederick Knautz Memorial Scholarship by the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America according to Larry Ganje, administrator of Decatur County

Hospital. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilson, Prairie Dog Township, she plans to pursue a career in physical therapy after completing studies at Colby Community College.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Peters, son, Travis Brand, 3-8-79; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Fuller, daughter, Echo Linnaea Kaylaine, 3-10-79; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hrabe, son, Travis Lee, 3-12-79; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lippelman, son, Rye Eric, 3-12-79.

The Oberlin Red Devil boys' basketball team was eliminated from sub-state competition by the Hill City Ringnecks by a score of 69-50. With a season record of 11 and 10, the team finished third in the Northwest Kansas League standings according to Coach Jim Keller. Dave Stapp and Roger LaSalle placed in the top 10 of the league in scoring and Brice Bickford and Brad Long in the top 10 in rebounding.

The Red Devil girls season came to an end in earlier action when they were downed by Hill City 44-28.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Girl Scout Troop #110 will be at the Barn on Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to sell Girl Scout cookies. They will be in Selden from 1-3 p.m. They will be happy to sell a lot of cookies.

The Rexford Bridge Club met March 10 in Colby with Val Wark as hostess. Helen Karls was a guest. Prizes were won by Joann Vaughn, Deb Stepper, and Barbara Young. Marguerite Edmondson will be hostess on April 4 in Colby.

Rex and Betty Carswell have a new great-granddaughter, Zoe Lee. Her parents are Lance and Maisha Dible. Grandparents are Robert and Peggy Dible and great-great-grandmother is Lula Thieler. She arrived on March 7.

Royal Neighbors met March 11 at the Community Hall. Those present were Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, Marg Leh, Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, and Zula Horinek. Marg Leh was hostess and had a St. Patrick's Day theme. She served a very delicious lunch.

Cleda Moeder and Vesta Roth made a trip to Hays to see a dermatologist.

Friday coffee held at the Barn had 13 in attendance: Liz Rall, Freda Ketchum, Deb Stepper, Marg Leh, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark. Cleda Moeder, Deloras Dible, Vesta Roth, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Sondra Barnett, and Velma Barnett.

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## Cedar Living News

The Assembly of God Church was in charge of the worship service on Sunday, March 7.

Charley Vavroch bowled a perfect game in the dining room Monday afternoon. Myrna Jones and Lois Carlson gave the afternoon music program.

Freida Matheny won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon, and Jim Screen won the blackout game. The Rev. Nolan Pierce of the Oberlin United Church gave the monthly communion service in the afternoon.

The Residents Council met on Wednesday afternoon. The agenda included making plans for the upcoming Easter season. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson in the afternoon.

Stan Chapin of Sacred Heart Catholic Church led communion service on Thursday morning.

Mildred Cochran attended funeral services on Thursday for her nephew, Duane Jording. He was the son of Cedar Living Center resident Alvin Jording.

The craft group met Thursday afternoon to make decorations for St. Patrick's Day. Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox in the afternoon.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Frank Cox, Ann

Martin, Herndon; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Rose Domsch and family, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Joe Schmaderer, Ludell; Terry and Nancy Kruse, Russellville, Mo.; Larry Kruse, Oklahoma; Don and Jan Thomas, Columbia Falls, Mont.; Steve, Lisa, Caleb, and Bethany Thomas, Lamar, Colo.; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Patt and Ray Tuller, Gary Matheny, Paul Matheny, Christine Anderson, McCook; Ron Uehlin, Danbury; Ward Brown, Kansas City; Mary Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Mary Miller, Dresden; Juanita Willib, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Butch Stanley, Judy Ostmeier, Paul Sass, Nolan and Barbara Pierce, Dennis and Kaylene Thomas, Don Stapp, Dannie Uehlin, Eula Juenemann, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Jim Plotts, Bernard Corcoran, Gary Juenemann and family, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Vayle Rohan, Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Phyllis Screen, Heidi Wiebe, Duane Carman, Richard Karnopp, Vivian and Ed Russ, Josiah, Sarah, Erin, Andrew, Nicole and Michelle, David Simpson, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsy shared devotions on Monday, March 12, with inspirational words about the movie, "The Passion of Christ." Cheryl Miller shared piano music. The children of Little Sam's Daycare gathered to make sheep with residents. The afternoon brought old-time songs with piano music by volunteer Myrna Jones. Those singing along were Garrah Gaumer, Hazel Flaska, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, and Elsie Macy. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The Card Sharks gathered in the home of Elva Shaughnessy to enjoy Canasta, and included Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, and volunteer Mildred Holmdahl.

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## Lyle News

By Kathy Van Meter

Kathy Van Meter is substituting for Helen Helm while she is with her husband, John, who had a heart attack on Feb. 17. Mr. Helm is improving at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Those who worked on quilts for American Mexican Missions were Joyce Sumner, Margaret Magers, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter.

Mary Margaret Helm came from Arizona to be with her parents while her father recuperates from his recent heart attack.

Pam Engelhardt and her children, Tyler and Brittany Hawk, Aurora, Colo., took her grand-

mother, Margaret Magers, to funeral services for Merle Berry at St. John's Lutheran Church, northwest of Danbury, Neb. Burial was at Hamburg Cemetery, northwest of Lebanon. Mr. Berry was a brother-in-law of Richard Engelhardt. Jane and Richard Engelhardt visited Mrs. Magers.

Veda Wood, Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves spent ten days in Florida with their son and brother, Merlin Wood.

Margaret Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended Friday night pitch at Norcatour.

June Jolly's family met in

Kearney, Neb., recently to shop, sight-see and attend a hockey game. Present were the Dean Jolly family, the Dennis McFarland family, McCook; the Carroll Jolly family, Omaha, and friends, the Ron Weich family of Omaha.

Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers helped distribute Heartland SHARES and delivered them to the John Helm, June Jolly and Veda Wood homes.

On Sunday, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter attended the Norcatour Commercial Club pancake supper and then went to party pitch at the Norton American

Legion.

June Jolly and Karen Brown played pitch in McCook recently.

Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly played pinochle recently at the County Line Café in Norcatour. They were joined by Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jensen of Norton.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

June Jolly played Bingo at WalMart in McCook, then joined the McCook National Bank's Freedom 50 Club for a card party.

# Eatsmart for maximum health

The goal for National Nutrition Month is to promote sound nutrition practices, healthy eating, and to incorporate exercise each day.

Are you looking for ways to improve your lifestyle? Make a list of 10 items you want to change in your life related to diet and exercise. Try new recipes, buy fruits or vegetables you never tried before, incorporate more whole grains into your diet, prepare family meals at home more often than you do currently. When you have made a list, try to start implementing these ideas into your lifestyle.

For exercise, use the buddy system! It's a great way to motivate each other to keep exercising. Plan to join the "Walk Kansas" program. The program will begin on Saturday and continue through Saturday, May 8. You may still sign up for "Walk Kansas" through this Friday. Don't let this opportunity slip by for 2004.

Start each day with a healthy breakfast. Keep it simple with quick-to-fix items such as fruit, yogurt, whole grain breads, and more. Continue this plan by having healthy snacks available.

For a special dinner at a restaurant, look for menu items such as stir-fried entrees, low-fat pasta,

salads and more.

Ask for dressings to be served on the side. A generous amount of dressing can add a generous amount of calories to a salad, not to mention extra sodium.

During Lent, you may decide adding more fruits and vegetables to your diet is a good goal. Adding something healthy may be a goal as good as giving up something from your diet that you really enjoy.

Tranda Watts is multi-county extension specialist in food, nutri-

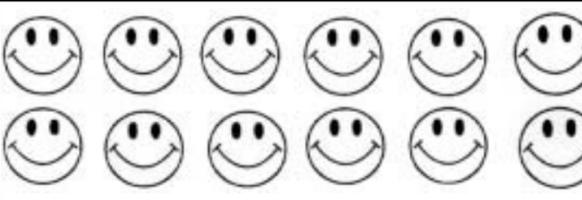
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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent




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## Midway News

### By Mary Lou Olson

Quentin Bergling was honored with a pizza supper on Saturday at the Pizza Hut in Atwood in observance of his 85th birthday. Others present were Olive Bergling, Atwood; Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters, Casey McPheeters and friend, Jenny, Colby; Richard Bergling, Larned; Dave and Sherry Bergling and Jason Bergling. They enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream later at the Quentin Bergling home.

Maxine Peebles of Denver visited over the weekend with her mother, Hattie Olson, and other relatives.

Curtis and Peggy Stoeffler of Chapman were weekend guests of her sister and husband, Patti and Gerald Benda.

Genevieve Henningsen has returned home after visiting her daughter, Marsha and Bob Espenson, and family at Bingham Lake, Minn.

Sarah Olson of Manhattan spent the weekend with her parents, Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary.

Internet tonight  
475-2206

**DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON**

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 29, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2004. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

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| Alumni's Name   | Class |
| Spouse or Guest Name  | Class |
| Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.   |       |
| If spouse is also an alumni, please indicate the class year the spouse would like to be seated with: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> |       |