

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1904

The prairie fire Tuesday and Wednesday did quite a bit of damage. The Henry Sage place in Summit Township, the Lew Armstrong farm in Liberty Township, the Perry Fair place one-half mile east of town, the M.A. Conklin place in Lyon, the Sol Rees farm in Jennings Township and the George Cody and Geo. Nettleton farms in Altony Township all suffered damage.

Our equinoctial storm consisted of a few drops of rain and wind from the southwest.

Fred Patton is having a commodious residence erected just south of the old Bariteau property.

H.D. Colvin's new office is ready for the plasterers.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shaw, March 12, 1904, a little girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rector at Butler, Colo., on Feb. 5, a little girl.

Married March 22, 1904, Otto E. Mercer of Selden and Miss Pearl Conquest of Dresden.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1929

Jack Riley will take his high school wrestling team to Manhattan for the state tournament Friday and Saturday of this week.

Lyle Items: Van Cozad and Irene Powell were married Friday evening by the Lyle pastor, the Rev. Walmer. These young people have lived all their lives around Lyle and vicinity. Irene is teaching her third term of school in Dist. 103 and Van has farmed here the past three years.

Oberlin's first "talkie" movie, "The Barker," was shown this week. The Vitaphone and other "talkie" films cost twice as much, so naturally the Opera House managers will have to charge considerably more, but they have made this investment in the belief that the public will approve.

Mr. Ed Grossniklauss and Mrs. George Jackson were married Mon-

day at Norton.

Renne Barnes stopped in the office, and in an investigation of the weather records, we found that from Dec. 15 to March 11 it was below freezing every night, a period of 87 consecutive days.

Harlan Items: Floyd Laidig has moved to the Cleland place to prepare for spring farming.

The Hotel Stapleton is enjoying a full house regularly now. Some have to be turned away. By 3 o'clock Tuesday, every room was taken and more wanted rooms.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1954

Moisture continues to be in short supply in Decatur County, with only a half inch coming in the first three months of the year 1954 compared to an average of 2.12.

Subsoil moisture from last November and December has enabled the wheat in the Decatur County area to look more promising than in many other areas of the state.

Four juniors at Decatur Community High School, Phyllis Anderson, Betty Batterton, Wilbur Baker and Dan Miller, will attend Girls State and Boys State in June. Girls State will be held in Lawrence and Boys State in Wichita.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead, Dresden, a daughter, Mignon Elise, March 24.

G.B. Long observed his 16th birthday at Decatur County Hospital on Sunday with a decorated birthday cake and all the trimmings. He received over 250 birthday cards and other gifts.

Vergil McKinzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McKinzie of Oberlin, has been named high school football coach for the coming year at Osborne. He has coached the past three years in Lenora.

Approximately 85 persons attended the piano recital of the pupils of Mrs. Herman Schmah held

at the Oberlin Elementary School auditorium Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Artery, who are moving to Denver to make their home.

Sacred Heart Church, Selden, was the scene of the wedding of Madonna Koerperich and Edward Wilkie on Feb. 27, 1954. The bride is a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is completing nurses training at Halstead and her husband is employed in Wichita.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1979

Northwest Kansas, an area which unlike most of Kansas, has been passed over on measurable precipitation throughout the winter, found the pattern changing with the coming of spring.

Moisture for the last week including the unpredicted snowfall which arrived Monday morning, totaled 2.40 inches.

The westbound Continental Trailways bus was halted in Oberlin due to hazardous road conditions, with passengers remaining overnight at the Frontier Motel before

continuing on their way after breakfast Friday morning. According to Ira Chesley, motel manager, all rooms were filled Thursday night, many with truckers who were unable to continue due to the road conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Darl Schweitzerberger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday at the dining hall of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chaffin, daughter, Melinda Michelle, 3-17-79; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, daughter, Lindsay Jean, 3-22-79.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smalberger will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday at the Sappa Valley Manor community room.

Ben Miller and Guy Morrish were honored last week at the 60th anniversary celebration of Oberlin American Legion Post. Miller joined the American Legion at Lincoln, Kan., in 1919 and transferred to the Oberlin post 10 years later, while Morrish is a charter member of the local post.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

The month of April will be the beginning of many exciting activities at the Museum.

It all begins April 1, with the opening of the Museum for the 2004 season. That evening the annual meeting for members and prospective members begins at 7 p.m. in the newly restored Bohemian Hall. What a great time to see all the improvements made to the Hall over the winter. This should be a fun time with the dessert bar, entertainment, and meeting.

The third annual Rummage and Food sale will be held April 17 and 18. While you are doing your spring housecleaning and wondering what to do with all that extra "stuff", here is the place for it. We will be taking good clean items April 6 through Friday April 16 during our regular hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. We are asking that each member donate an item or two for the food sale, which will be held on Saturday, April 17, starting at 9 a.m. in the Land Office.

If you have questions about either of these events, can call the Museum at 475-2712.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2004 year and we hope that you will say, "Let's Go to the Museum."

Helen Marintzer, Ann Martin, Edie Pettera, Wilma Bobinmyer and Anna Mae Ketterl.

Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., were dinner guests last Sunday of Ann Martin.

David Cox was a last weekend guest at the Frank and Wynemah Cox home.

Coffee guests at the home of Chris Wood recently were Edie Pettera, Esther Pennington, Helen Marintzer, Ann Martin, Doris Marintzer, Beth Hraha, Vonnice Sattler and Ann Solko.

Ella Bueck of Agate, Colo.; Jananne Garl of Parker, Colo., and Gussie Bueck of Vail, Colo., visited Wynemah Cox, a patient at Decatur County Hospital, last Saturday. George Lee Wurm and Rosa Boehm of McCook; Becky Boehm of Kearney, Neb.; Susan McKain of McDonald visited Mrs. Cox last Sunday.

David and Frank Cox were last Sunday supper guests of the Mike Domsch family, rural Atwood.

Katherine Kogl, a junior in psychology at Kansas State University, is among students who will present SpringDance '04 at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in McCain Auditorium. This year's presentation features performances and choreography by students and faculty in ballet, modern dance, lyrical jazz dance and movement/theater. Her parents are Tom and Jean Kogl of Herndon.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to the Destination Imagination teams of Herndon School, who placed first at state at Kearney, Neb., on Saturday. They had qualified after winning their regional competition at Grand Island Neb. The fifth grade team includes Jonathan Samson, Rachel Grafel, Tyler Martin, Brady Stock, Cody Wright, Audrey Basgall and Jessica Riener. Coaches are Jacques Leitner and Kyle Grafel.

Members of the sixth grade team are Britney Swart, Logan Hoyt, Charles Solko, Ashli Samson, Ryan Bruning, Brandi Williams and Valentine Solko. The team is coached by Destiny Schroeder.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Irene (Fleischaker) Buk, 83, who died March 23 at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood. She is a former resident of Herndon and her husband was the late George W. Buk.

Survivors include a son, Gary Buk, Atwood, and a daughter, Karen and Rodney Berry, McCook. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood and burial was in Union Cemetery, rural Herndon.

The Herndon Chamber of Commerce met on March 15 to review committee plans for the Ox Roast on June 12. T-shirts are available for \$10 and \$12, as well as framed postal cancellations for \$5 pre-paid orders, sent to Jayne Niermeier at

The Bank, P.O. Box 217, Herndon, Kan., 67739. Those taken at the Ox Roast will be \$9 to cover priority mailing costs.

Senior Citizens will be served lunch by the junior leaders at the Herndon Senior Center between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Various games will follow, including the Out-house./Personal Porcelain Appliance Race, which requires a team of five. The day will also include volleyball, horseshoes and a pick-up softball game. The 3-on-3 basketball tournament is scheduled from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost to enter is \$24 per team until May 22, then \$30 after that date. It was reported that there have been 22 entries received for the parade thus far.

Herndon PRIDE committee will be selling cookbooks, calendars and special postcards of three Herndon landmarks at Das Memory Haus located on Main Street. The next chamber meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, April 12, at the Sunflower Villa meeting room.

Herndon Senior Citizens met March 17 at the Senior Center for a potluck dinner. Guests were Jerry and Mildred Green and Ann Solko. Helen Marintzer won blackout in Bingo and Doris Marintzer won the door prize.

Golden Oldies met March 11 at the Down Home Cafe. Those present were Doris Marintzer, Dorothy Engleman, Lillian Wahrman,

grandson of Wayne and Lois Larson, returned home from the hospital Friday evening. He will be undergoing outpatient rehab services for a length of time, following his recent auto accident.

Greg and Janice Cundiff and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were guests of Martin and Evelyn May when they ate out on Friday evening to help Greg and

Janice celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary.

Jerry and Connie Olson were among guests attending the bachelor and bachelorette parties for Kendal Neal and Tammy Gutchewsky Saturday evening in honor of their upcoming wedding on Saturday.

Stean Olson, Salina, was a weekend guest at the Jerry Olson home.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Word was received Saturday of the death of Irene Green, 76, of Woodward, Okla., last week in Oklahoma City. She was a sister of Irvan Courange of Traer.

She and her husband, Carl, formerly lived in Oberlin during the

1950s.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth; two grandchildren; seven sisters and five brothers. Her husband, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Students of Jennings High School will present their all-school play, "The Boardinghouse" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the school gymnasium.

The cast includes: Katie Randolph, Rocki Bochert, Jake Kramer, Nakita Graf, Kim Coiner, Seth Ritter, Elise Kinser, Josh Vahling, Buddy Graf and Jody Brooks. Tyler Bolt is stage manager

and Julie Carter is director. The freshman class will serve a spaghetti supper from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited.

The junior high and high school music concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Jennings School. The musicians will participate in the music contest at Logan on Wednesday, April 7.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Former Selden resident Barbara Rome, 93, died on Feb. 5, 2004. She was born on July 16, 1910, in Munjor, one of 15 children. She, in turn, had nine children, 34 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. At 19, she married August Rome. Together they bought a grocery store in Menlo, then later moved to Selden where they owned a combination grocery store, meat locker plant and creamery for 22 years. In 1959, after a freak storm dumped 18 inches of hail and caved in 18 of the 36 businesses in Selden, Barbara and August moved to Denver.

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 1 - Nikki Campbell; April 2 - Tenna Ashley, Matthew Juene-mann, Doug Shaw; April 3 - Tex

Shaw, Rex Shaw; April 4 - Ben Albers, Donna Irwin; April 5 - Dick Pauls, Gloria Walker; April 6 - Fred and Theda McKee, Dennis Urban.

On March 25 at Senior Citizens, Don Smith won high; Lola Cook took second; Catherine Campbell got low and Betty James had the most tens. Other members present included: Irene Kruse, Carol Shaw, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Don Shaw, Clara Schieferecke, Edna Schiltz, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin and Gene Rogers.

School Calendar: Friday, 10:30 a.m., junior high track meet at Bird City; 10th grade state assessments; Saturday, Prom, 5 p.m.; pictures; 6 p.m., promenade and 6:30 p.m. supper. Wednesday: High school cheerleader tryouts.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The pinochle tournament was held Saturday, March 20, at the Legion in Rexford. The winners were Dwight Williams and Ed Sandoval, second were Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper, who tied for second and third place. They split the pot. There is always a large crowd for this event. Next month is the last tournament until next fall.

Monday, March 22, the Barnswallows had 15 playing pinochle and the "Come on Down" group had three.

Royal Neighbors met at the community building with seven members present on March 25. Betty Carswell was hostess with an Easter theme. Royal Neighbors will have a tea with invited Royal Neighbor groups from the surrounding area on May 13.

Pat Casey took Zula Horinek to Wichita recently. They visited Pat's daughter, Mitchell and Randy Briggs, Chance, Blake, Aston and Hunter. The boys were on spring break.

Glendora Bastin is in Arizona visiting her daughter.

Betty Nickols went to Colorado for a checkup on her knee surgery. She is spending some time with her brother, Bob Kiefer and wife.

Arlene Standley was taken to Colby by ambulance after a fall at her home.

Friday there were 11 attending the Coffee Klatch: Liz Rall, Eunice Sanford, Deb Stepper, Sondra Barnett, Grace Cheney, Delores Dible, Vesta Roth, Velma Barnett, Hulda Wark, Freda Ketchum and Berneda Zoberst.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Edwin and Ruth Noren and son, Dan, Cadillac, Mich., and Gordon and Geneva (Noren) Christensen, Westminster, Colo., attended the funeral of their brother, Willard Noren, on Saturday, March 20, and were houseguests of Lois Carlson. The Christensens and Dan Noren returned home on Sunday, and Edwin and Ruth returned home on Wednesday after visiting family and friends.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Monday after visiting their son and family, Mark and Corby Shields and Keric, in Tucson, Ariz. En route to Tucson, Gaylord attended a Farm Credit meeting in Phoenix.

Visitors of Alvina Unger this past week were her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Colleen and Rielly Rittmann.

Ian Crane, Wichita, son of Suzanne (Larson) Cooper, and