

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1880

Mr. Doom, who has been living on a farm on Big Timber Creek in this county, has leased the Tremont House in this place from Mr. Churchill, and took possession on Monday last.

Geo. M. Miller has purchased the Star livery barn from D.W. Bruce and will put in a number of fresh horses and first class rigs.

From 10 to 40 prairie schooners arrive in town every day.

Married, Feb. 21, by Rev. E.G. Carey, Newton J. Bowen and Miss Clara A. Thomas.

C.F. Johnson received 38 votes and L.G. Parker 27 at the special election held last Saturday at the schoolhouse for township committeeman.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1905

Art S. Steele left Monday evening for Excelsior Springs for a few weeks.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coulter of Decatur, a baby girl.

We hear that Frank Brown, the skating rink man, has sold out to Guy Allen and a man by the name of Fisher.

Ira Kellogg returned from his visit to Missouri Thursday. Ira has sold his farm to A.H. Hollisster and will likely move to town.

W.D. Street was downtown last week and said he had lived in this part of Kansas over 30 years and that the six weeks cold just past was as severe as any he ever witnessed. He had seen worse blizzards, but the cold did not last.

The First State Bank of Dresden was organized the past week with the following officers: Fred Bremer, president; Otis L. Benton and H.O. Douglas, vice presidents; David Muirhead, cashier; other local stockholders are Atley Wickersham, C.H. Law, P.L. Ashcraft, Mahlon Walker and Peter Johnson.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1930

Believing that a single newspaper can best represent the interest of Oberlin and vicinity, the owners of The Oberlin Times and The Oberlin Herald have decided to go into partnership and hereafter publish but one paper. Because of the greater age of The Oberlin Herald, which is now in its 51st year, and because it was the first paper to be published in Decatur County, the consolidation of the two papers will be published under the name of "The Oberlin Herald," with which is consolidated "The Oberlin Times."

The working force of the new partnership will consist of Elmer Carmen, Cy Wolf and Harold Heiskell. Mrs. Mary Jackson will write social affairs and general local news. While the owners will do a little of everything found necessary from sweeping out to writing heavy editorials, E.R. Woodward will look more after the advertising end of the work, and the writer of this more to the job printing and subscription department.

Rell Landau, popular secretary of the Reserve Building and Loan Assoc., received a serious injury while playing indoor baseball Monday evening at the City School gym. In running from third to home he fell in such a manner as to strike his head against the wall, fracturing a vertebrae of his neck. After a week in the hospital in Norton, he can come home but will have to wear the cast for about six weeks.

Mrs. Charles Hendrix and Mrs. John Wurm of Traer were the originators of a household shower Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bogart are the proud parents of 9-pound son born Feb. 21. Mrs. Mabel Cramer is helping care for him.

Clarence Mueller and family are back in Decatur County again and are making their home at the A.I. Nitcher residence for the present.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1955

The Oberlin Red Devil wrestlers coached by Charley Lyons took second place at the regional tournament at Hoxie. Qualifying for the state tournament at Salina were Larry Guinn, Dick Kelley, Larry Brainard, John Votapka and Bobby Wurm.

—adv. A benefit dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Old Bohemian Hall with music by the Rathbun Orchestra. Proceeds will go to Mr. and Mrs. James Kaspar whose home burned Jan. 1. Ladies, 50 cents, men, 75.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fredrickson, son, Gary Leroy, Feb. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Morton, son, Tony Lee, Feb. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Larue, daughter, Charlene Faye, Feb. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Atley Muirhead, daughter, Joan Ollie, Feb. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wasson, son, James Ira, Feb. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Marhenke, Jennings, boy, Feb. 22.

Jennings: Mrs. L.A. Jeffries and Mrs. L.A. Simpson entertained with a one o'clock luncheon for

members of the Fine Arts Club at the home of Mrs. Jeffries. The occasion marked the 45th anniversary of the club, which was organized as the "Swastika" Club, an Indian symbol meaning "good luck." The club was federated in 1915. During World War II, the name was changed to the Fine Arts Club. There are three remaining charter members, Mrs. W.P. Noone, Mrs. C. E. Feely and Mrs. Jeffries.

Miss Ethel Marie Johnson, daughter of Mr. Otto Johnson of Jennings, became the bride of Cpl. Robert J. Taylor, son of T.J. Taylor of Atwood, on Feb. 20 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The bride is a graduate of Jennings High School and Kansas State College. The groom is a graduate of Atwood High School and attended Fort Hays State. He is a brother of Mrs. Loyd Waldo of Oberlin. He is presently serving with the Army in the Hawaiian Islands.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1980

Ten enumerators and two crew leaders will be hired in this area to gather information for the 1980 census. The U.S. Postal Service will deliver questionnaires to each household on March 28 and they are to be filled out by April 1 and kept until picked up by a census worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, rural Selden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Dawn, to Kim Eccles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eccles of Waukegan, Ill. The

bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a freshman at Kansas State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and will complete work on a master's degree in geology at Kansas State University in May. A May wedding is planned at Lund Covenant Church.

Gov. John Carlin has appointed Arnold Anderson of WaKeeney to the State Highway Commission, replacing Howard Benton of Oberlin, who completed his four-year term Jan. 31. Anderson is a native of Decatur County and the father of Dr. Jay Anderson of Oberlin. Before serving two terms in the Kansas Legislature, Anderson was superintendent of schools in WaKeeney.

Six Decatur Community High School wrestlers advanced from the sub-state tournament: Terry Urban, heavyweight; Barry Richards, 132; Phil Shields, 112; Todd Wilson, 138; Todd Vaughn, 145 and Dave Aker, 185. St. Francis won the tournament with 148 points and Oberlin was fourth with 84.

The Red Devil boys' basketball record went to 10 and 5 with a 61-54 win over Norton. The Northwest Kansas League record is now 7-4 going into sub-state action. Coach Jim Keller praised Kevin Unger, who played well inside and scored 25 points as well, as Roger LaSalle and Rusty Montgomery, in the win over Norton.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which tried to find a waterway from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Neal Corey, a McCookite, presented a lyceum on the subject at Oberlin Elementary School, sponsored by your chamber. He told of his experiences during a reenactment of the Expedition, put on by a club he belongs to.

First through sixth graders found this to be very interesting and they asked many questions not covered in their usual studies.

Mr. Corey told how the keel boats were taken up the rivers, and the things they found traveling the same route Lewis and Clark had taken 200 years ago.

The re-enactment group stopped in many places to present programs. Mr. Corey showed the musket he carried, the dress uniforms they had

and the clothes worn at other times. The ate deer, elk and other wildlife along the way, in the line of food.

Thanks to all that were able to attend.

Coffee hour will be this week, on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Stanley Hardware. Joe and his staff have done some wonderful things in his store with the addition.

Upcoming events you might want to mark on your calendar are: Eastern Star chicken-noodle benefit for the Forget-Me-Nots, March 10; the Oberlin Business Alliance's Pot of Gold promotion, March 17; and the Chamber/KFNF second annual Home and Garden Show, March 19-20. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on these events.

Remember that the pot is always on, so stop by and have a cup.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

I have one piece of advice for everyone. "Run . . . faster than the flu bug!" I guess a lot of people (including me) have had a hard time of it. Judging from the number of cards I've received, I feel loved. Thank you all, yet again.

Guests of Tim Dahl last weekend were Robert and Bobbie Korte of Johnson.

Ernest and Janine Colson took Edna Colson to Hays on Feb. 12 to visit her son, Arthur Colson of Hoxie, who is hospitalized there. His wife, Nancy, was also with him.

Others who visited on Saturday were Charles and Cheryl Colson, Colby, and Martha Elling, Hays.

On Sunday, Edna Colson returned to visit him with her daughter, Grace Kauk of Colby, and Kathryn Richard of Norton. Other visitors on Sunday were his wife, Nancy; Martha Elling, Hays; and Charles and Cheryl Colson, Colby.

Nancy and son, Leamon, attended a Boy Scout supper in Hoxie, where Leamon is a member of the troop.

The Red Barn Gang band played at Quinter at the nursing home on Monday. Bus driver was Darrell Leh.

Social Hour met on Wednesday with Grace Cheney as hostess. Winners of the bingo prizes were Fran, Clea, Ruth and Vesta. Winner of the hostess prize was Deb Stepper. Marjorie Leh will be hostess for the next meeting, on March 2.

The Rexford Community Church was the setting for the wedding of Tracey King and Bill Gilchrist on Wednesday night. There were between 50 and 60 guests present. The attendants were Tracey's son, Chris Flores, and his wife, Andrea.

The Come on Down group met on Thursday, including Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Jean Hawkins, Clea Moeder, Buck Harper, Dick Sanford, Grace Cheney, and Lawrence Horinek.

Deb Stepper attended a family

birthday celebration for Bert Dible in Colby. Bert's daughter, Kay and Ben Benham, arrived in their motor home after spending five weeks in Mexico. Kay's daughter, Michelle and Jim Lincoln, and twins Mackenzie and Savannah, Denver, also joined them.

Lane and Patty Purcell have returned from a short trip to Siloam Springs, Ark., to visit their son, David, who attends John Brown University.

Marjorie Leh returned from an eight-day trip to help surprise her youngest son, Randy McNat, on his 40th birthday. She drove to Wann, Okla., and met her sons, George and Gerald Hiatt, Gerald's wife Dianna, and children, Casey and Michael. They drove to Arkansas, where they met Marjorie's daughter, Yvonne and Pat Thompson, and children Tracy and Elizabeth Jardin. The group traveled together to Memphis, Tenn., where the party, planned by Randy's fiancée, Amy Richardson, took place. Randy was delighted to have his family visit his "home turf".

Those at Koffee Klatch last week were Fran Leach, Freda Ketchum, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Hulda Wark, Velma Barnett, and Deborah Gamboa.

Those in attendance at the American Legion pinochle tournament on Saturday night were Robert and Connie Renner, Dwight Williams, Bill Dible, Warren and Julie Ziegelmeier, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier, Rosanna Lock, Junior Albers, Ken Sanford, Dick Sanford, Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper.

First-place winners were Rick and Tammy Shaw; second, Dwight Williams and Bill Dible; and third, Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper.

Guests of Nancy and Jay Dahl on Saturday were their daughter, Linda

and Bob Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris, and Craig of Beloit. Visitors Sunday afternoon were their other daughter, Tina and Jon Anderson, Marcus, Jake, and Ashley, of Goodland.

Ten days ago Lane Purcell and his brother, Gene, of Arnold, Neb., went to Denver to pick up their sister, Debbie Sajardo, who lives in Hawaii. Debbie then traveled back home to Arnold, Neb., with Gene to spend some time with their father.

Both Debbie and Gene were guests at the church service here last Sunday. Pastor Lane's brother, who is also a pastor in Arnold, gave an inspirational message. After the service, Lane, Gene and Debbie went to Denver so Debbie could return to her home.

Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

On Feb. 17 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Cecelia Otley took second, Dorothy Lovin got low and Paulie Neff had the most kings. Other members present included: Leone Porsch, Lola Cook, Don Smith, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Irene Kruse, Carol Shaw, Stan Shaw and Edna Schiltz.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: Feb. 24 - Ryan Brantley; Feb. 26 - Dorman Hill, Betty Schieferecker, Clint Wessel; Feb. 27 - Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Britany Ritter; Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson, Dan and Jacki (Pauls) Schreiner; March 2 - Caleb Koerperich.

Tammy and Rick Shaw were able to participate in the pinochle tournament in Rexford over the weekend.

They managed to walk away with first prize, which I hear was a new

home in the Bahamas. Congrats, Tammy and Rick — I might come visit you.

Visitors over the weekend at the home of John and Helen Karls were Barbara and Keschia Wenger of McPherson, and Micha, and Tamra and JayLynn Wenger of Salina.

School calendar: Feb. 24-26 - Regional basketball; Feb. 28, 6 p.m., Junior high instrumental clinic in Tribune.

New books at the Selden Public Library include: "Blue Dahlia" by Nora Roberts, "The Rivals" by Joan Johnston, "Be Very Afraid" by S.K. McClafferty, "Demon Rumm" by Sandra Brown, and "The Night Spider" by John Lutz. The Selden Public Library is open from 9-11 a.m. every Monday and Saturday, and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cedar Living News

A Sweetheart Dinner was held at noon on Monday, Feb. 14. Beth Sebaugh entertained on the piano during the meal. The dietary department served up a prime rib dinner to residents and invited guests. The guest list was made up of spouses of Cedar Living Center residents including Don Ashley, Earl Brown, Elaine Bryan, Frank Cox, Lyle Gamblin, June Harold, Carl Mumm, Paul Sass, and Marie Jean Vavroch.

Opal Huntley assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with hosting a game of Valentine Bingo on Monday afternoon. Chocolate hearts were given out as prizes. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along. Valentine cards were delivered at the end of the afternoon.

Tressie Samson won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freda Gamblin won the blackout game.

Alice Fiala was the big winner at penny cards on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave Catholic Mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played pinochle with Donald Shaw on Wednesday afternoon. She returned on Thursday to play Scrabble with Wynemah Cox.

Cookies and coffee were served after the Residents' Council meeting Thursday afternoon. Council members worked on plans for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 22.

Jennifer Shaw hosted a game night for residents on Thursday evening.

The baking group made applesauce cookies on Friday afternoon.

Phyllis McKay of Jenks, Okla., Mildred Holmdahl, and Bonnie Anderson were dinner guests of Berenece McKay on Saturday. They came to help Berenece celebrate her birthday, which was on Feb. 10.

Carl Mumm had Sunday dinner with Delores Mumm in honor of her birthday.

The ZCBJ Lodge held their monthly meeting on the patio on Sunday.

Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs of the Jennings United Methodist Church were in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry and Ron Temple, R.D. Thornton, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Norcatur; Richard Samson, Ludell; Chris Edwards, Atwood; Dale Hazuka Jr. and family, Bird City; Gary and Shirley Emigh, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Betty Maske, Russell; Dean Geihlsler, McCook;

Rita Garver, Dolores Koerperich, Juanita Williby, Jeanette Diederich, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Herschel and Jody Betts, Don Stapp, Dewaine Stapp, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Eunice Richards, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Feb. 14, residents enjoyed many expressions of love from friends and family. Flowers and valentines arrived all day long, including the "singing" variety, compliments of the DCHS Singers.

Coleen Rippe brought Monday morning devotions. Phil Erickson sang, accompanied by Cheryl Miller. Little Sam's Day Care kids brought valentine bears to Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers, Hazel Flaska, LuVerne May, Eryline Nichols and Leo Mooty.

Barbara Dehlinger read another chapter of Gisela Humes Fisher's book, "It Is Well" for Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Phil Erickson and Genevieve Erickson.

A friendship tea was held in honor of Valentine's Day. A short program was conducted by Lisa Stacy. Jeanette Conway and Marguerite Fullerton read poetry and Phil Erickson sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Music was provided by Myrna Jones and Edla Olson.

Decorated heart-shaped sugar cookies were served at the tea, donated by Anita Hirsch. A chocolate cake was brought by Torre Conway for her mother, Jeanette Conway, in honor of her birthday.

Janice Shobe led morning devotions on Tuesday. During Reminiscence Corner, Ellen Horn brought her porcelain doll collection for the ladies to enjoy. We then shared stories about our own childhood "dollies," some store-bought, but mostly homemade.

New volunteer Gladys Geis spent time Tuesday with residents on Angel Lane. Leo Mooty played pool with 11-year-old Serena Stacy. Leo hasn't lost a game yet!

Bible Study met Tuesday evening on t Jeff Walling's "Until I Return" study. LuVerne May, Fern Anderson, Phil Erickson, Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Eva Bryan, Neva Campbell, Edla Olson and Ruth Laidig participated.

Anita Hirsch and Joey led Songs of Worship Wednesday morning. Mary Henzel accompanied them on piano. Jan Badsy led Bible study. Don Farr led exercises for Neva Campbell, Hazel Flaska, Marguerite Fullerton, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Fern Mapes, LuVerne May, Eryline Nichols, Marilyn St. Clair, and Mamie Unger.

Kellie Morris and Pat Whetzel provided nail care for 14 ladies and one gentleman. LuVerne May and Ruth Laidig visited over banana bread. Lisa Stacy, Kellie Morris, Jeanette Conway and Hildegard Euhus played a game of Scrabble.

Lisa Stacy brought Thursday morning devotions. Phil Erickson

led singing. Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Jeanette Conway, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer, Genevieve Erickson, Phil Erickson, Ruth Laidig, Edla Olson, and Mamie Unger attended. No Catholic services were held, but Lisa read a short devotion and had prayer time with Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz.

Later Thursday morning Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Genevieve Erickson, Phil Erickson, Hildegard Euhus, Hazel Flaska, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy and Bonnie Weskamp joined Lisa Stacy for some "Parachuting Fun." Heart's Creation time was spent making paper mache trinket boxes. Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson and Jeanette Conway took part. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, Hildegard Euhus, Dena Gillespie, LuVerne May and Ruby Shuler enjoyed coffee and glorified rice over a game of Bible Outburst Thursday afternoon.

Morning devotions were brought by Janice Shobe on Friday. Jeanette Diederich and Doyle Richardson helped Hazel Flaska make cheese-cake tarts. They also helped Iris Wurm make Rice Krispie treats.

Merry Mums gathered Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, Bonnie Weskamp, Eryline Nichols, LuVerne May, Agnes Chambers and Florence Fisher together.

Monday afternoon Social Hour was served by Bethany Smith, who also played the piano. We had a full house there to enjoy Hazel's cheesecake tarts.

Bible study met Monday evening for the last lesson in the series of Billy Graham's "Angels, God's Secret Agents." Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Genevieve Erickson, Phil Erickson, Dena Gillespie, Neva Campbell and Garrah Gaumer attended.

Kelley Black led Saturday morning devotions. Social Hour was served.

Pastor Krebs of the United Methodist Church in Jennings presented Sunday services.

Recent guests: **Iris Wurm** - Doyle Richardson, Jeanette Diederich; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Lora Zwickle** - Doris Fringer; **Hazel Flaska** - Doyle Richardson, Jeanette Diederich, Charlene Karnes; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Eryline Nichols, Elsie Macy, Clarice Leake, Neva Campbell, Bernice Brown** - Chris Edwards.

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