

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1880

The snow which fell last week and this has disappeared. A petition for a road south from the foot of Penn Avenue is being circulated and is generally signed. A young man made a trip of over a 100 miles to bring his lady love to the dance at Will Uffords. Girls must be scarce, or else he is very fond of this particular one.

Sunday morning was cold in this neck of the woods. Water was frozen in the wells 30 feet deep. We don't mean that the ice was 30 feet thick, but that the water was 30 feet from the surface of the ground and was congealed solid for an eighth of an inch.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1905

A nice wet snow made people quit making garden.

R.P. Fringer and family of Summit Township leave this week for Burlington, Wash.

The family of C.E. Bayes leaves this week for Fort Scott where they expect to make their home in the future.

The new land company composed of A.H. Hollister, C.H. Tilden and H.D. Colvin, have bought the Hayward building at the corner of Hall Street and Penn Avenue and have fitted it up for an office and are now ready for business.

Students of the high school staged the play "Dido" at the Opera House last Friday under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. H.Q. Banta. It was a great success.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Love are the parents of a baby son born March 10 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Worcester are the parents of twin daughters born March 9 who have been named Joan and Frances Lee. Mrs. Worcester and babies are in Hill City at the home of her parents.

At the Frank Ruzicka home in Center Township on March 9, two occasions were observed: the 90th birthday of Grandma Ruzicka, who has lived in Decatur County since 1897, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruzicka. All the children were present.

Dr. H.J. Morrison and Dr. Harry Cevely attended a dental meeting in McCook Thursday at which 35 to 40 dentists were present. Their wives accompanied them and attended a show while the meeting

was in session.

Miss Clarice Scott and Dr. A.J. Thomsen were married March 7 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Scott of Allison. Rev. W.H. Robb of Menlo read the marriage service. The bride graduated from Decatur County High School in 1924 and attended Kansas State Agricultural College where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, and for the past three years has taught in the grade school here.

She is an accomplished pianist. The bridegroom is a graduate of Nebraska University and for the last five years has been one of Oberlin's efficient dentists.

They have taken an apartment in the Anna B. Morrish house and Mrs. Thomsen will finish her school work.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1955

The post office at Kanona will be discontinued March 31, according to information received by Warren Vernon, postmaster. After that time postal patrons will have their mail addressed "Oberlin" and it will be delivered by rural carriers out of the Oberlin post office.

Lewis Williams, Decatur Community High School vocal and piano instructor, has resigned his position and will assume the post of Christian education and music director at the Capitol Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Williams will be the organist of the same church effective July 1.

The DCHS Madrigal Singers directed by Lewis Williams will make a 13-day tour of the West, leaving May 22 and returning June 4. The 16 high school students will also be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Mahon. Members are Marlene Berls, Martha Lois West, Betty Batterton, Karen Wendelin, Vernadean Euhus, Marcia Petracek, Phyllis Anderson, Beverly Morris, Rusty Addleman, Larry Law, Don Musgrave, Wilbur Baker, Bob Morris, Dennis Barratt, LeRoy Hoehner and Dan Miller.

Funeral services were held for Leslie Walker, 67, a rural mail carrier on route 1 out of Oberlin the past 23 years. He had been in failing health in recent months and his son, Verle, had been his substitute carrier since his return from military service.

The Red Devil basketball team will enter district play at Atwood, hoping to qualify for the four-team tournament at Hoxie next week.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1980

Winter weather continues in Northwest Kansas. Schools were canceled this past Friday due to icy conditions. Wheat has continued to benefit from the moisture according to Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel, and is expected to remain in the dormant stage for approximately another month.

Funeral services were held at Lund Covenant Church for Dick Fredrickson, 56. The Rev. Monty Newton officiated and burial was in Selden Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Phyllis; a son, Jim, Mesa, Ariz., and two daughters, Joline and Mrs. Shane (Jill) Boultinghouse, Great Bend.

The home of Bob and Pat Glenn on North Penn received heavy damage in a fire Sunday afternoon caused by a swag lamp which hung from the ceiling and shorted out,

setting the drapes on fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stonebraker, Harper, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail, to Steve Flaska of Atwood. Miss Stonebraker is employed by the Winfield School District and Flaska is employed by Marquise Studio of Enid, Okla. A July 20 wedding is planned.

The Oberlin Red Devil boys downed Plainville 65-57 in sub-state action. Leading all scorers was Roger LaSalle with 23 points. The Red Devil girls, coached by Annette Sulzman, were eliminated in the first round of tournament action at Plainville by Ellsworth, which had compiled a 16-0 record during the season.

The State FFA Star Farmer degree was awarded to Dave Huff, a junior at Decatur Community High School.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

March came in like a lamb, wonder what it will go out like? Hopefully like a lamb, but who knows? We can have some really good and bad days this month.

If you haven't gotten an Avenue of Flags book yet, they are available here at the Chamber office. This is really a wonderful tribute to the Veterans of World War II from Decatur County and the surrounding area.

When Memorial Day comes, the trip to the cemetery is a spine-tingling sight, with the rows of flags waving in the breeze. This not only pays tribute to just World War II, but to all the men and women who have given their time and lives for the safety of our country. The cost of the book is a small amount when you consider the cost to the veterans and their families.

Remember the chicken and noodle dinner benefit for the Forget-Me-Nots, sponsored by the Eastern Star from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Masonic Temple dining room. There is an elevator available.

This is a freewill donation. Dennis Brown does a wonderful job with the Forget-Me-Nots for the nursing homes and shut-ins.

With St. Pat's Day coming, remember you can play the "Pot of Gold," which Oberlin Business Alliance is sponsoring, starting Tuesday, March 8, and running until 5

p.m. on March 16. You can find in The Oberlin Herald an entry blank with a list of participating businesses or you can pick up a form at the Chamber office. Just stop in each business and have an associate sign the paper. There are 13 places to visit and when you have the last one signed on the dotted line, 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 17. Remember that there is nothing to buy and you don't need to be present to win.

Also on St. Pat's Day The Bank is hosting the Chamber coffee hour from 9-11 a.m. Be sure to stop by and enjoy their hospitality and some refreshments.

The Chamber/KFNF second Annual Home and Garden Show will be March 19 and 20 at The Gateway arena. Times on Saturday are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and see what the new look for spring is. We have some new vendors this year. Admission is free.

Plan on having lunch with the Oberlin Business Alliance on March 25 before you attend Good Friday services. They will be serving burgers and fish sandwiches, in the former The Bank drive-through from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Remember the pot is on, so stop by and have some.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

The Rexford community was saddened by the death of Zula Horinek on Wednesday. She was our news correspondent for a time, and part of the Red Barn Gang and many other activities here. We give our heartfelt sympathy to Lawrence and the rest of the family.

The Missionary Aid ladies met on Feb. 22 at the church for their meeting and a covered-dish luncheon. Roll call was answered with a verse from Proverbs. Delores Dible gave the devotional and letters were read from missionaries. Those present were Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Fran Leach, Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper and Delores Dible.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Hutchinson last week to spend some time with her son, Robert and Marsha Moeder. They all drove to El Dorado for a surprise birthday party for Cleda's 90-year-old cousin. On Sunday, Cleda and Buck stopped at the Coliseum near Wichita to take part in the huge boat/camper show.

Sondra Barnett had lunch with a long-time friend, Sally Michael, the news correspondent from Brewster.

The Barnswallows who met last week were Darlene Robben, Cleda Moeder, Buck Harper, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Rex and Betty Carswell, Dick Sanford, Fran Leach, and Deb Stepper. Darlene furnished cake for the February birthdays.

Former Rexford resident Bernard Messer of West Jordan, Utah, died on Feb. 22. He was the son of Pearl and Mike Messer. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, Utah, and his sister, Juanita Dawes, Colby.

Social Hour Club was held on Wednesday, with Marjorie Leh as hostess. Others present were Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Ruth Luna, Fran Leach, Deborah Gamboa, Hulda Wark, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, and Sondra Barnett. Winners

of the bingo prizes were Deb, Deborah, Ruth and Sondra. Vesta was winner of the hostess prize.

Birthdays for this month are Janette Dible - Mar. 6; Florence Gilchrist - Mar. 7; Dale Mustoe - Mar. 8; and Frances Zoerberst - Mar. 18.

On March 16, registered voters over the age of 60 will be casting ballots at the Barn for the Silver-Haired Legislature. Candidates are Virginia Hopper, Gem, and Rosalee Seeman, Colby.

There will be another night of fruit and candy bingo for the seniors at the Barn at 7 p.m. on Saturday. All persons over the age of 50 are welcome.

Those attending Koffee Klatch last week were Ruth Luna, Deborah Gamboa, Hulda Wark, Velma Barnett, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Fran Leach, Eunice Sanford, Deb Stepper, Liz Rall, Berneda Zoerberst and Sondra Barnett.

Many Rexford residents attended the Lions Soup Day in Gem. We really enjoyed the great food and getting to visit with friends from that community.

Landon Truetken, son of Ladd and Lori Truetken, said that being chosen to work on the Global Flyer Mission was the greatest opportunity he has had. He really appreciated being able to work with a lot of intelligent people and to learn so much. He was one of six students from the Kansas State University-Salina Aviation School chosen to work with ground operation and maintenance for the special plane.

Starting in January, Landon worked on the project for two months after his regular classes, weekends and holiday vacation from school. Although the students did all the work, there was a project supervisor present, giving them instructions. They worked with the electrical equipment, video systems, accessories on the engine,

fuel management and other areas. The plane had 13 fuel tanks and 85 percent of its total weight (23,000 pounds) was fuel.

The plane left Salina at 6:48 p.m. on Feb. 28 and returned from the trip around the world at 1:45 p.m. on March 3. He was present for both occasions and after the press left last Thursday, the students began checking over the plane before putting it in the hanger. The solo flight took only 65 hours, without landing or refueling. The trip followed this route: Chicago, Montreal, Algeria, Egypt, over the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia, India, China, Japan, the Pacific Ocean, north of Hawaii, Los Angeles, and back to Salina.

The Shepherd Staff was the host site for the McCook Evangelical Free Church board meeting. Twelve members were overnight guests.

Clyde Preston, a nephew of Cleda Moeder, spent the night at her house and then took Zula Horinek's daughter, Linda

Lunsay, to the airport in Denver after her mother's funeral. Clyde was also Zula's nephew.

SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL

Both girls and boys high school basketball teams lost at the Sub-state tournament. At the 1-A state basketball tournament, the Golden Plains cheerleaders will be doing a dance routine at half-time of the last game on Friday.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Each week, this part of my column salutes someone who has done something to make Rexford a better place to live. This week, I hope that the memory of Zula, who was such a tremendous asset to our town, will inspire each of us to reach out to someone in helpfulness and kindness, as Zula did each day that she was a part of our community. Zula was a ray of sunshine to all of us who knew her. Several people used that exact phrase when they talked to me about her this week. We will ALL miss her terribly!

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers, Veda Wood and Kathy Van Meter attended a dance class session at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin on Monday evening.

On Wednesday the Lyle ladies, Toots Magers, Veda Wood and Joyce Sumner, quilted at the June Jolly home.

Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers took June Jolly to McCook for a belated birthday dinner on Thursday.

Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly played cards in Norcat on Friday evening.

The Royal Neighbors treated the senior citizens to a soup and pie supper and supplied really nice gifts for the winners.

Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter

and June Jolly went to the pancake supper in Norcat on Saturday evening, then on to Jennings to play cards.

Joining them to play cards were Joyce Sumner and Claudia Bridges of Norton.

Sunday was the potluck luncheon at Lyle. There was a great turnout and lots of visiting.

Judy and Charlie Easton accompanied Toots Magers to Norton on Sunday afternoon, where they surprised Jane Engelhardt for her birthday with a cake.

That evening Toots, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Juanita Eckhart and R.D. Thornton played in the pitch tournament in Norton at the American Legion.

Cedar Living News

Residents who gathered on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards included Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Axie Sass, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, Bea Wolfram, Hank Wolfram, and Lowell Sebaugh.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Charley Vavroch won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Myrtle Hazuka won the blackout game.

Barb Solko played pinochle with Don Shaw on Wednesday afternoon.

The staff hosted a pancake supper on Wednesday evening in the dining room. Pancakes, sausage and eggs were on the menu. Most of the meal was cooked in the dining room and served fresh to each resident. The administrative team, Margee Wilson, Lynn Doeden, and Suzanne Ahlberg, were in charge of the cooking.

Several guests also attended including June Harold, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, and Paul Sass. Melanie Anderson attended the supper with several ladies from Wheat Ridge Terrace including Irel Lohoefer, Doris Gilbert, Hilda McGee, Merle Shirley, and Alvina Unger.

Father George offered the Catholic mass on Thursday morning.

Everyone won at least one game of dice on Thursday afternoon. Those joining the game included Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran,

Freda Gamblin, Myrtle Hazuka, Eva Marie Vacura, Hank and Bea Wolfram, and Lowell Sebaugh.

The baking group met outside on Friday afternoon for lemonade and cookies. Everyone enjoyed sitting in the sunshine.

Bernie and Othelia Vacura were guests of Eva Marie Vacura at supper on Saturday evening to help her celebrate her birthday.

Lowell Sebaugh attended the pancake supper in Norcat on Saturday evening.

Ann Geihlsler was the guest of honor at a birthday party held at noon on Sunday. The Geihlsler family provided cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff. Donna Geihlsler of Wichita ate dinner with Ann and Harlan Geihlsler and helped her mother celebrate.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the Sunday service.

Recent visitors: Wilma Ritter, Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Patt Tuller, Gary Matheny, McCook; Gary Anthony, Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcat; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Rose Domsch, Roy Crist, Leona Wolfram, Atwood; Frank Cox, Herndon; Jamie Samson, Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Clay Burrell, Todd, Julie, Leslie and Morgan Burrell, Benkelman, Neb.; Monte Burrell, Wauneta, Neb.; Dale, Avis, and Dianna Hazuka, McDonald; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Catherine Neal, Nadean Stoney, Dolores Koeperich, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Phil Erickson gave the morning devotions last Monday in memory of his mother, Genevieve Erickson. Cheryl Miller accompanied him on piano. Foldin' Fellowship included Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer and Jeanette Conway. "Just Us" time was spent with Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, LuVerne May and Leo Mooty.

Monday afternoon Barbara Dehlinger came to read "It is Well" to Ruth Laidig, Dena Gillespie, Neva Campbell, Fern Anderson, LuVerne May and Marilyn St. Clair. Mildred Holmdahl played canasta with Hildegard Euhus, Jeanette Conway and Garrah Gaumer. John and Muriel's daughter, Esther, was here for a visit.

Jan Badsy began Tuesday morning with a fun devotion about "tying your shoes." Our new volunteer, Gladys Geis, spent time with Marguerite Fullerton, Ruby Shuler and Elsie Macy. Lisa Stacy and Jan Badsy turned the pond into a leprechaun garden, complete with rainbow and a pot o' gold.

Leo Mooty whipped his daughter later Tuesday afternoon in a game of pool. So far he holds the record for No. 1 Pool Shark! Jan led the Bible Study entitled "Until I Return" for Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Neva Campbell and Marilyn St. Clair.

Anita Hirsch and her mother, Jeanette Diederich, brought their guitars and beautiful voices for our weekly Songs of Worship. Bible study was led by Jan Badsy. Don Farr challenged Neva Campbell, Hildegard Euhus, Fern Mapes, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Eryline Nichols, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Marguerite Fullerton, Lorna Bishop and Bonnie Weskamp in exercises.

Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel faithfully come to give manicures every Wednesday afternoon.

They did nail care for LuVerne May, Fern Anderson, Clarice Leake, Muriel Ready, Lucy Schissler, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, and Eva Bryan.

Also on Wednesday, we enjoyed

a singing program by the St. John's Lutheran KICK children. They also brought Easter door decorations. Bingo ended the evening, with LuVerne and Wilbur May, Everett and Florence Fisher, Fern Anderson and Ruth Laidig playing. Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler were in charge.

Memorial services were held Thursday morning for Genevieve Erickson. Many friends and family members joined us as we said goodbye to a very dear lady who will be sorely missed. Her granddaughter, Mary Long, sang "How Great Thou Art."

Lois Buchholz attended Catholic communion services. Lisa Stacy began a new art appreciation class that will meet weekly to study a particular artist and then later in the day the class will meet again to actually try some techniques used by that artist. Everett Fisher, John Ready, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson and LuVerne May participated. Lisa read a book about American artist Mary Cassatt to Agnes Chambers for "Just Us" time. Chinese checkers were played by Lisa Stacy, Garrah Gaumer and Fern Anderson.

Jan Badsy brought the Friday morning devotion, then played balloon toss with our Merry Mums group: Mamie Unger, Hazel Flaska, Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Leo Mooty, Agnes Chambers and Eleanore Demmer. Fern Anderson baked a German chocolate cake with Jeanette Diederich and Doyle Richardson.

Carol Duncan read The Oberlin Herald during Current Events later Friday afternoon. Social Hour drew a crowd, eager to sample the cake Fern baked. It got rave reviews! Thank you, Jeanette and Doyle. Lisa Stacy taught the afternoon Bible study with Edla Olson, Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Lorna Bishop, Neva Campbell, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer and Jeanette Conway present.

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday. Social Hour was served.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church held services on Sunday, followed by Social Hour.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines visited George and Carolyn Launchbaugh on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, Dwayne and Rose

Hardman, and John Hardman of Hill City, visited the home of Mark and Dorothy Heim to celebrate Quincy Scott's confirmation.

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