

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1880
Decatur County Commissioners proceedings:

F. Kimball was chosen chairman for the ensuing year.

It was ordered that S.L. Bishop, county surveyor, buy of the Auditor of State, field notes for the 23 townships for \$125 in scrip.

It was ordered that N.G. Addleman, county clerk, order a bookcase and desk for use of county clerk and that the register of deeds buy lumber to make a desk for use of register.

A petition with 310 signatures and another with 215 signatures were presented requesting the licensing of two dram shops in Oberlin Township. Both were rejected.

It was ordered that the following described animals are hereby prohibited from roaming at large in the County of Decatur and the State of Kansas: cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine and sheep. This order shall take effect April 9, 1880.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1905

Frank, Anthony and Theodore Tacha of Jennings were in Oberlin on Wednesday.

Marriages: March 20, 1905, Luther T. Nitcher and Anna L. Heavilin, Norton; March 22, Bert Lake and Miss Nina Jordan; March 23, J.W. Nicholson, Vinton, Ia., and Mrs. T.J. Wood, Sherman Township.

Albert Kennedy of the Bluffs will soon leave to resume his baseball playing with the Ottumwa, Iowa, team.

Hayes & Son will store your stoves for the summer season.

Charles W. Burger, a resident of this county since 1879, died March 25th.

J.W. Edmonds is having his jewelry shop repaired this week.

J.R. Deupree, while working for the Co-ops along the creek Monday, found several jugs of whiskey that had been stolen from the joint Saturday night.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1930

Norcat: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Frank Montgomery, the former Bertha Eckhart, who died after a short illness. Death of a loved one always brings sadness but this loss is doubly hard to bear be-

cause of the two small children left motherless, one 18 months old and the other only 5 days.

Sappa Valley Items: A large crowd attended the baptismal services at Prairie Chapel Church Sunday morning when eight young folks united with the church.

The pool hall owned and operated for several years by Lou Weir was sold last week to John Chambers. Mr. Chambers is a successful farmer living about 15 miles northeast of Oberlin.

Mrs. Zella Driskell has returned from the National Hair Dressers convention held in Kansas City. Mrs. Driskell purchased some new equipment including a new Balsam machine. One of the more disturbing trends for the future, according to Mrs. Driskell, is that no long hair is being shown.

Dresden: A new furniture store will open in Dresden in the building just east of the First State Bank.

Along Big Timber: A fine little lass has arrived at Henry Heilmans and a young lady at the home of Claude Votapkas.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1955

The contract for the erection of the new Sacred Heart Catholic Church and rectory was awarded to Nichols Construction Company of Oberlin in the amount of \$84,140. Mr. Nichols has announced that the heating and plumbing contract will go to Guinn's and the electrical contract to Ridgway. Building committee members for the Sacred Heart parish are Leo Zodrow, Ted and Bert Berls, W.J. Corcoran, Elmo Corder, VOLLIE Pollnow, Joe Martin and Francis Bruggeman.

Hospital News: Lee Don arrived March 26 to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Don Scott, weight, 6 pounds; Mr. and Mrs. Samme Steinmetz, Dresden, a boy, March 29, 6 pounds, 14 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Vleet, Lebanon, Neb., a boy, March 28; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Anderson, boy, March 28, Richard Duane, 6 pounds, 10 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. John Bearley, boy, Larry John, March 28, 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianne, to Mr. Melvin L. Bareiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.V. Bareiss of Holton. Both

are students at Kansas State College.

Jennings: At a recent luncheon given by Mrs. C.E. Feely at the Jennings school building for Fine Arts Club members and many additional guests, Charles Carper was the afternoon speaker and told about the time spent in Hong Kong while serving in the U. S. Navy. In addition to sharing many facts about the island of Hong Kong and its people and government, he had many articles on exhibit which he had purchased in China.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo May announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Arthur Rutsch of Los Angeles, Calif. Miss May graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1949 and from St. John's College, Winfield. She is employed in personnel for Coast Federal Savings and Loan, Los Angeles. Her fiancé is an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan and is Associate Engineer, City of Los Angeles. The wedding will be April 16 at Faith Lutheran Church, Inglewood, and they will reside in Westwood, Calif.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1980

Elevator operators along the Rock Island railroad reported operations were at a standstill Tuesday

following a full day's work on Sunday to move grain before the deadline for rail service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Jolene, to Jimmie Modlin, Roxboro, N.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Modlin, Beaufort, N.C. The bride-elect is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and Kansas State University and her fiancé is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. They plan a July 5 wedding at the United Church of Oberlin.

Kevin Amack suffered a broken leg while skiing with the United Methodist Church youth group in Colorado last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Amack.

Golden Harvest corn dealers recently honored two Decatur County farmers for their 1979 corn yields. Sid Metcalf, Danbury, had a yield was 200.7 on irrigated land and Gary D. Orr, Oberlin, was the dryland winner with a 91.1 yield.

Funeral services were held for Clifford C. (Duke) Marietta, 73, who operated a grocery store in Oberlin from 1933 until his retirement in 1973. Marietta graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1927 and attended Washburn College where he participated in sports.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Here it is spring already and time for our weekly news. Hope all of you had a good winter.

This year brings new changes for the museum. As most of you know, Myrna retired at the end of December. Lynda Peters has been hired as the new assistant director.

Lynda is married to Randy and they have six children. She is doing a wonderful job and is looking forward to the opening and all of the upcoming museum activities. Come in and meet her!

Another change this year will be the hours that the museum will be open. Starting April 1 and until Dec. 1, hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. On Dec. 1, the

museum will close, as usual, but office hours will be the same, but only Tuesday through Thursday.

Starting April 8, we will start to take your items for the annual rummage sale. The date for the sale is April 16 and 17.

If you have gently used items they can be brought in during regular hours and on Wednesday evening, April 13, between 5 to 7 p.m. This year we will not be able to take exercise equipment or large appliances.

If you are not a member of the Museum, make this the year to join. Single membership is \$10 and family membership is only \$20, which entitles you to free tours the whole year.

Cedar Living News

The Rev. Rick Langness of St. John's Lutheran Church gave the worship service on the patio on Palm Sunday.

Charley Vavroch was the champion bowler on Monday afternoon. Other residents who joined in the game were Nettie Britton, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Eva Vacura, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Shakia Domsch of Atwood assisted.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Hank Wolfram won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Axie Sass won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

The Residents Council hosted the annual Easter egg hunt on Tuesday evening. About 20 children enjoyed hunting for candy and treat-filled eggs in the dining room.

Beth Sebaugh and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along on time on Wednesday morning.

Residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon to plant tomato seeds in cups. We hope to have strong plants to give away to volunteers and other friends of Cedar Living Center in about six weeks.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Harold Frickey provided cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff at noon on Thursday in honor of his birthday. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler was his guest

for dinner. Barb Solko played pinochle with Don Shaw on Wednesday afternoon and Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday.

An Easter egg social was held on Thursday afternoon. Residents, staff, and guests gathered to eat colorfully-dyed hardboiled eggs.

Teresa Shaughnessy hosted a Good Friday devotion service Friday morning on the patio.

Jamie Samson, grandson of resident Tressie Samson, assisted residents with making an Easter bunny craft on Friday afternoon. Bernadine Samson of Ludell also assisted. Cookies and coffee were served following the program.

Recent visitors: Rose and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; Wilma Ritter, Richard, Tammy and Corey Shaw, Carl Mumm, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Eric Tuller, Wamego; Patt Tuller, Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Ron and Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcat; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Don Grafel, Herndon; Marilyn and Reed Griest, Jewell; Taryn Rogers, Dresden; Leanna Davis, Salina; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg.

Donald Stapp, Butch Stanley, Karen Bennett, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Gary, Sarah, Karli, and Kaine Fredrickson, June Harold, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, March 21, Phil Erickson led morning devotions and highlighted both song, accompanied by Cheryl Miller, and gospel text towards the Easter season. The morning movie, entitled "Those Dogs," was from National Geographic. Enjoying the video were Marilyn St. Clair, Leo Mooty, Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Eleanore Demmer, and others.

Folding Fellowship Monday afternoon was laundry share time for Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Lucy Schissler, and Fern Anderson. Irene Wagoner and Lisa Stacy enjoyed looking at garden seed catalogs in preparation for the center garden. Don Farr led exercises. Special one-to-one time was spent with Erma Holt, LuVerne May and Eleanore Demmer.

Other afternoon activities included entertainment by God in Christ Church of Cimarron. The group sang various gospel tunes. Jan Badsy served social hour. Lisa Stacy and daughter, Serena, shared craft time painting suncatchers with Ruth Laidig, Marilyn St. Clair, Irene Wagoner, and others. Card Sharks gathered for an interesting game called canasta. Those participating were volunteer Mildred Holmdahl, Lucy Schissler, Hildegard Euhus, and Jan Conway.

A memorial service for Clarice Leake on Tuesday was shared with family and staff, followed by devotions led by Janice Shobe. Hearts Creation completed an ongoing craft project with Lisa Stacy. Residents and staff enjoyed a sack lunch prepared by the dietary department.

Later on Tuesday Leo Mooty and his great-grandson, Christian Rittman, enjoyed afternoon pool. Refereeing the game was Leo's daughter, Norma Unger. Ellen Horn served social hour. The last Bible study for this session, timed to lead up to Easter and entitled "Until I Return," was shared with Edla Olson, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, and Jan Conway.

Songs of Worship on Wednesday morning were held in the Town Square. Volunteers Jeanette Diederich, Anita Hirsch and Joey Hirsch led the service, with voices and guitars combined in a beautiful medley.

Morning devotions on Thursday were brought by Jan Badsy, with Maundy Thursday emphasized in the message. Catholic Communion

was presented to Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz. Stan Chapin officiated.

Art Class on Thursday afternoon, taught by Lisa Stacy, gathered residents to do a little watercolor painting. Beautiful sunflowers now adorn the hallway to add some cheery color. Artists included Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Bonnie Weskamp, Irene Wagoner, Lucy Schissler and Jeanette Conway.

The Zeta Nu Club served social hour Thursday afternoon for the March birthday honorees, LuVerne May and Eleanore Demmer. Sarah Marcuson entertained the group with a flute solo, and Mary Henzel played hymns on the piano. Club members present were Mary Waldo, Marian Fraker, Angie Wilson, Marie Zimmerman, Charlotte Meints, Lois Fredrickson, Dorothy Cochran, Florence Vavroch, Kay Marcuson, and Mary Henzel.

Plants from the United Methodist Church were gifts to parish members Edla Olson, Harold and Eleanore Demmer, John and Muriel Ready, Florence Jones, Marilyn St. Clair, Ruth Laidig, and Eva Bryan. Distributing the beautiful plants on Thursday was Jody Betts.

Janice Shobe led services Friday morning in memory of Clarice Leake. The Good Sam Choir performed selections with Cheryl Miller accompanying on the piano. Good Friday services came to the center in theatrical performance by Lisa Stacy. Anita Hirsch shared music. Also participating in the wonderful performance were Lavern Rippe and his farm lamb, Dennis Brown distributing communion, and young volunteers Joey Hirsch and Serena Stacy.

Lucy Schissler, Jan Conway, and Fern Anderson enjoyed Folding Fellowship later Friday. John Wright, Good Sam's newest volunteer, enjoyed a game of pool with resident Leo Mooty before dinner was served. Jan Badsy served social hour. Lisa Stacy shared storytime with residents entitled, "Benjamin's Box," a story on the resurrection of Christ.

Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions, and residents enjoyed the rest of the day with family and friends.

Oberlin United Methodist Church/Prairie Chapel led Sunday church services. Delores Koerperich then served social hour.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Joshua and Dawn Zimbal, Mesa, Ariz., are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Riane Elizabeth was born Saturday, March 26, weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Her big sister, Hannah, will help welcome her home. Riane's maternal grandmother and great-grandparents are Connie (Mines) Gosler, and Elwood and Elaine Mines.

Stuart Euhus visited Robert and Dana Morton and family, Garden Plains, over the Palm Sunday weekend.

Zane and Gladys Geis and Karen Larson attended funeral services for Leona Havelly in Wheatland, Wyo., on Thursday. Leona, 102, was the mother of Gladys Geis and the grandmother of Karen Larson.

Caitlin Shields and friends enjoyed birthday cake followed by a swim party at the YMCA in McCook in honor of her eighth birthday on Thursday. Guests were Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Gannon Henningson, and Regent Erickson.

Dan Nedland and Cameron returned home Saturday evening after spending the week visiting his mother and step-father, Elizabeth and Karl McConnell, Rice Lake, Wis.

John and Edith Tate returned home Friday evening after spending the week in Hot Springs, Ark., visiting Jaron and Tara Tate and making the acquaintance of their new granddaughter, Abigail Marie.

Rhonda May, Hunter and Elizabeth, vacationed over spring break in Breckenridge, Colo., returning home Saturday evening. The Roland May family also joined them for a few days during spring break.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May were Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Greg and Janice Cundiff, Kelly Black, and Quintin Cundiff and Lindsay Thomas, Seward, Neb. They also celebrated Quintin's 20th birthday which was also on Easter.

David and Karen Eskew, Melvin

Waterman, Oberlin, along with Michael and Heather Wessel, Alexandra and Corbin, Terry Lippelmann, Selden, and Scott, David, Tommie and Courtney Waterman, Colby, spent the Easter weekend in Wichita visiting Ed and Cathy Waterman, Gary and Nora Waterman, Darren and Becky Hibbs, Ashlee, A.J., and Emma. Also attending were Joey and Stephanie Waterman, Ponca City, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hibbs and Nora Waterman's brother, Rodney, all of Wichita.

They all attended a reception for newlyweds Gary and Nora Waterman at the Ed Waterman home, and enjoyed Easter dinner at the Darren Hibbs home.

Ruth and John Peters and Amber Saliba, Hays, Joan Loughmiller and Chris, Wellington, and Robert and Diane Muirhead, Rebecca, Alex, Rachael, and Erin, Colby, were Easter weekend guests of Carolyn Muirhead.

Thelma Spiers, Joel Shaw, and Richard and Anna Shaw and Jennifer were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. Tami Shaw and Dante and Norman and Julie Gallentine spent the Easter weekend in Colorado Springs visiting Al and Becky (Gallentine) Rohr.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Hildegard Euhus, Stuart Euhus, Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, and Fern Jording.

Walter and Betty May, Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and Robert May and Cole were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth. After dinner, an Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by all the children.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Norman Wendelin home were Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson, Kathy Almquist, Craig Larson, and Greta Wendelin,

Seward, Neb.

John and Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Jessie Grace were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Lois Carlson.

Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, David May, McCook, and Stean Olson, Salina, were dinner guests of the Jerry Olson family on Easter Sunday.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 31 - Kyle Emigh, Bruce Otter; April 1 - Nikki Campbell; April 2 - Tenna Ashley, Doug Shaw, Matthew Juenemann; April 3 - Tex Shaw, Rex Shaw; April 4 - Ben Albers, Kalena Zodrow, Donna Wessel Irwin; April 5 - Dick Pauls; April 6 - Dennis Urban, Fred and Theda McKee.

On March 24 at Senior Citizens, Dorothy Lovin won high, Carol Shaw took second, Leone Porsch got low and Shirley Emigh had the most kings. Other members present included: Cecelia Ottley, Jeannie Spesser, Lola Cook, Irene Kruse, Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Betty James and Paulie Neff.

On March 22 some 40 people

Arthur and Alice May, Helen Derby, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica enjoyed Easter Sunday dinner at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts.

Greta Wendelin, Quintin Cundiff and Lindsay Thomas, students at Concordia University, Seward, Neb., spent Easter break with the Norman Wendelin and Greg Cundiff families.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Joyce Martin, Rachel Wurm, and Maralyn Courange took a trip to Ludell recently to do genealogy on three graves in the Ludell area. They visited the grave of Christian Hamper and the Indian boy, both of whom were killed by the Indians, but did

not find the Janousek family graves. Shawn Wheelbarger and Desiree Morgan and Dominic of McCook, called on Maralyn Courange Sunday evening. They were taking Shawn's sister, Kaitlin Brown, home after she had spent the weekend with him.



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