

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1881

County Treasurer Hitchcock is able to be about but is still pretty weak. It will be some time before he is as strong as formerly.

The town of Oberlin was full of people Saturday last, over 125 wagons belonging to farmers, were on our streets at one time. This is a good showing for a town out on the frontier.

New township officers:

Grant: L. A. Lamb, trustee; Charles Bradbury, treasurer; W. D. Akins, clerk; E. Allen and S. N. West, justices of the peace; R. L. Booth and Able Cox, constables, John Robinson, road overseer.

Jennings: Bedford Jennings, trustee; Mr. Hirsch, treasurer; J. W. Rector, clerk; Everton Doom and H. L. Millen, justices of the peace; L. M. Wamsly and James Adcock, constables; J. D. Neusam, John Fulmer and J. B. Allen, road overseers.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1906

Dr. Morrison has begun getting material together for his new house on Penn Avenue.

Elbert Chilson and his wife of Sappa Township are the parents of a pair of twin boys born Tuesday, Jan. 30 and weighing 10 and 1/4 pounds each.

A. J. Metcalf has purchased the old Capt. Allen residence property now owned by H. R. Marietta.

The names of the 10 largest taxpayers in the county are: O. L. Benton, A. J. Metcalf, Victor Lorig, M. E. Mix, S. A. Fish, G. Brown, V. B. Wiggins, J. I. Decker, I. E. Larrick and George Colby.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1931

The Norcatat Commercial Club members were guests of Oberlin Rotary Club at an inter-city meeting held at the splendid auditorium of the Norcatat High School building Tuesday evening. The dinner prepared by the club women of Norcatat and served by high school girls to 115 persons was of southern style and most excellently prepared. Guests were introduced by

Frank Nelson and Rotarians by Harold Benton. Violin music was played by Miss Ruth Rickenbacher and a piano solo by Miss Mildred Nibert.

An unmistakable omen that spring is in the offing was the unloading Tuesday of a carload of the new John Deere tractors for the J. C. Nitsch Implement Company.

Kanona: A handsome 7-pound baby boy arrived Jan. 20 to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Soderlund.

Miss Irel Barnes, superintendent of the Atwood Hospital, spent Tuesday with Oberlin friends and relatives.

Dresden: We are quite proud of our Dresden high school and Dresden town team basketball teams. They have been winning most of their games.

Jennings: Boulls Motor Co. unloaded another carload of Fords last week.

The DCHS basketball team won over Brewster 35-33 in a game played at Brewster. Sam Francis led the scorers with 23 points.

Traer: A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wonderly on Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1956

Dedication of the Oberlin Covenant Church will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Clarence Swanson is pastor of the new church which is located across the street south from the Decatur County Hospital.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. John (Christina Kuhlman) Lueke, 82, who was born in Germany and came to this country in 1868. She came to Decatur County in 1887 after her marriage and the couple made their first home in a dugout in Logan Township. They later built a home on the site now occupied by St. John's Lutheran Church northwest of Oberlin.

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Vern Bradley by a fatal heart attack at his blacksmith shop. When he was 13, his father, Perry Bradley purchased the Oberlin Foundry and was assisted

by his three sons, Vern, being the youngest. Vern took over management of the shop upon the death of his father and in later years the name was changed to Bradley Blacksmith and his son, Orvin, has assisted him. Other survivors include his wife, Jennie, and two daughters, Odene Koehler and Elaine Mines.

Dr. C. M. Dillon, osteopathic physician, is moving to Oberlin this week and will open his office in the north end of the Max Bobbitt building, next to Olson Shoe Service.

Atoning for an early season 52-34 setback at Hoxie that had plagued them all season, the Oberlin Red Devils smashed the Indians 96-70 at the DCHS gym last Friday. Sparked by the fine floor play and feeding of Allen Jeffus, Rusty Adleman and Jerry Baker plus the 40-point performance of 6-5 sophomore Bob Vernon, the Devils were never in trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell took Mrs. Dennis Campbell to WaKeeney Sunday where she took the train for Kansas City. From Kansas City she went by plane to New York City where she will attend interior decorating school.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1981

First baby of the New Year, Elizabeth Jean Fort, daughter of

Robert and Julie Fort, arrived Jan. 23 at Decatur County Hospital. Fort is an employee of Halliburton Services.

Families to be honored by the Decatur County Conservation District at the annual meeting to be held at the Oberlin American Legion are Mr. and Mrs. Charley Vavroch, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Meitl, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, John and Elwin Brunk and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Betts. In addition, a new award for Wildlife Habitat Conservation will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wurm and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wurm.

An April 26 wedding is planned at the United Church of Oberlin for Patricia Bryant and Barry Richards. Miss Bryant is the daughter of Mrs. John A. Bryant the late John Bryant and her fiancé is the son of Karen Metcalf and Norman Richards.

American Field Service student Elisabeth Ueland of Norway was guest speaker at the Jan. 26 meeting of Pi Alpha Club.

The Cheylin boys continue to dominate the Oberlin Invitational Basketball tournament with a 52-41 win over Grinnell while the Grinnell girls defeated Cheylin to win the championship trophy.

The 120th birthday of the State of Kansas was observed on Sunday, Jan. 25 by the Heritage Associates of Jennings

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Chris and Gabe Anderson, who both placed first in the wrestling tournament on Saturday in Colby. Chris won first in the 70-pound division, and Gabe, first in the 60-pound division for those ages 10 and under. Richard and Maureen Anderson and Samantha, and Detta Anderson attended the tournament.

Joy Votapka and Detta Anderson took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn to celebrate her birthday.

Dick Kelley is recuperating satisfactorily from recent hip surgery. Kevin Kelley of Topeka was in Kearney, Neb., with him for the surgery, then Sheldon Kelley of Frederickburg, Colo., spent a few days with Dick and Donna Kelley.

Wesley Benda and Mary Lou Olson were honored with a birthday dinner on Sunday at the home of Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary. Others present were Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Duygu Kavran.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Jay and Nancy Dahl's daughter, Linda Dunn of Beloit, had the nicest article written about her in the January 2006 issue of the SER Corporation publication, *SERVICES FOR YOU*. Linda is employed as an independent living specialist and part-time resident assistant at OCCK's Beloit facility. Cindy Villarreal, regional manager, wrote the article, "Building a Successful Partnership." Linda and her husband, Bob, have four children.

Gary and Mary Withers are grandparents! Kristi (Withers) and Dave Gray are proud to announce the birth of Cade Anthony who was born Jan. 26 at 11:30 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Gary, Mary and Danny Withers went to Wichita to welcome Cade home.

Lyn Cheney's great-grandmother, Fanny Peacock, died last week at the age of 100. She was a resident of Atwood.

There were five tables at the Legion pinocle tournament held Saturday, Jan. 21. First-place winners were Dick Sanford and son, Kenny Sanford; second-place winners were Dave Williams and nephew, Dwight Williams; and in third place were Jacque Boultinghouse and Tammy Shaw.

The Royal Neighbors of America lodge met at the Community Hall on Thursday with six members present, including Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Betty Carswell, and Margie Leh as hostess. After lodge the group joined Come on Down.

Lions Club had its regular meeting Monday evening. The club wishes to express its appreciation to Nathan Reed, Rexford Grain manager, for donating the biscuit mix for the biscuit and gravy lunch on Jan. 15.

Golden Plains School District and the community extend appreciation to the Lions Club members for working the ticket booth during the Golden Plains athletic events.

The Shepherd Staff catered for 25 women over the weekend who spent hours working on photo scrapping.

John Stanley of Oberlin was a surprise visitor to Dennis and Vicki Allison on Saturday. Also Vicki's brother, Duke Anderson of Topeka, was back to hunt the final weekend of pheasant season and visit family and friends.

The Rexford Community Church held a fellowship luncheon after services on Sunday.

Last Thursday Cleda Moeder went to Oberlin to visit her sister-in-law, Delores Zodrow, who had surgery on Tuesday of that week. Vesta Roth accompanied her. The women were friends with the Zodrows through Lions Club.

Red Barn news: The Barnswallows had three tables of card players on Monday.

Those at Come on Down on Thursday were Dick Sanford, Cleda Moeder, Buck Harper, Lawrence Horinek and Rex Carswell.

There were 13 in for Koffee Klatch on Friday: Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Deborah Gamboa, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, Cleda Moeder, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible and Sondra Barnett.

Golden Plains events: On Monday the high school scholar bowl team, Jessica Shaw, Scott Johnston, Valerie Broeckelman, Andrew Broeckelman and Clay Phillips, received first place at the Brewster meet with five schools participating. The middle school traveled to Weskan on Tuesday for the Freedom League academic bowl. The eighth grade took first place and the seventh grade placed second, out of nine schools participating.

This week's high school basketball games at Rexford were with the Healy Eagles on Tuesday, Bulldogs winning 59-33 and Lady Bulldogs winning 53-44, and with the Grinnell Warriors on Friday with both teams winning, Bulldogs 57-53, and the Lady Bulldogs winning by nine points.

The high school cheerleaders have shown excellent talent in cheering and stunting to support the teams and in keeping the fans excited throughout the games. The squad consists of Jennifer Eatherly, captain; Ashley Albers, co-captain; Jami Wark; Amanda Rall; Elizabeth Staats; Megan Juenemann; and Caitlyn Moss.

The middle school played Brewster at Rexford on Thursday with a win only to the girls B team.

Valerie Broeckelman and Jessica Shaw were selected to play in the All-star volleyball match on Sunday at Max Jones Field House in Goodland.

Deb Stepper donated several books pertaining to geographical locations to the library.

Governor Sebelius has proclaimed January as "School Board Recognition Month" and the local board members were honored at the January meeting. Betty Barnett, district clerk, distributed certificates of appreciation. Super-

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rhonda May, Hunter and Elizabeth Nedland, and Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah attended J. Gordon Christensen's spring organ recital Sunday afternoon at the Lutheran Church in Imperial, Neb.

Arthur and Alice May, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Tuesday evening guests of Loyd and Fern Moore, Mike and Mirla Coleman, Monte and Kelly Moore and Gabe, and Francis Moore. They enjoyed dinner and birthday cake at a local restaurant and celebrated Art and Alice's 87th birthdays.

Ruth Peters, Walton, was a visitor of her mother, Carolyn Muirhead, on Thursday and Friday.

Ralph and Norma Unger returned home Friday evening after spending a week vacationing in

Washington, D.C. They visited the offices of Senators Sam Brownback, Pat Roberts, and Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, and Congressmen Jerry Moran and Todd Tiar. They also visited their great-nephew, Jeffrey Long, who is serving as a page in the House of Representatives. One of the highlights during their sightseeing trips was a visit to the Washington National Cathedral.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Saturday evening dinner guests of Darrell and Natalie Mickey, McCook.

Marvin May, and Martin and Evelyn May returned home Sunday evening after spending Friday and Saturday night in Andover at the home of Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw. On Saturday they enjoyed attending a birthday party to help Sarah celebrate her birthday.

intendent Dr. Baskerville and the clerk presented the seven board members with pen and clock desk sets. They are Teri Brantley, president; Jay Todd, vice-president; and directors Dr. Dennis Allison, the Rev. Lane Purcell, Paul Bruggeman, Mark Miller and Leroy Spresser.

visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muirhead at Aspen, Colo. Keith and Mignon enjoyed a few days of skiing.

Merle Snyder is a great-grandma for the third time.

Brad Meitl, son of Ed Meitl and Theresa Meitl, and Heather had a baby girl, Kimberly, born Jan. 19 in Kentucky.

United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday (today) at 2 p.m. Jennings City Council will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday in the Senior Center.

The Unified School District 295 school board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party at Cedar Living Center on Monday afternoon. He served meat, cheese, and crackers to residents, staff and guests.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning. Lowell Sebaugh won the first bingo that afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game.

Volunteer Catherine Neal led the exercise group on Wednesday morning. Juanita Williby assisted with a game of dice in the afternoon. She served snacks following the game. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave a Catholic mass on the Cedar Living Center patio Thursday morning.

Opal Huntley assisted the baking group with making sugar cookies on Thursday afternoon.

Barb Solko played pinocle with residents on Wednesday afternoon and Scrabble on Thursday afternoon.

Vivian Bishop was guest of

honor at a birthday party on Friday afternoon. Bernice Martin and Roxie Erickson hosted the party and Marie Jean Vavroch assisted. They served doughnuts to residents and guests.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Earl Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lois Fiala, Mishel Lathan, Colorado Springs; Gerald Childs, Olathe; Vendla Tacha, Frances Bader, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Helen Derby, Dolores Depperschmidt, Paulie Neff, Dresden; Ron and Jerry Temple, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Norcatat; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; Mike and Mai McVay, Colby; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Laurene Van Otterloo, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich, Eula Juenemann, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Jody Betts, Jan and Timmarie Walters, Karen Bennett, Lavonne Baker, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

"There's no place like home, there's no place like home." Do you know who made that line famous?

Yes, you're right. It was Dorothy, from "The Wizard of Oz." Do you remember where home was? Right again, it was Kansas!

In fact, I think it was Oberlin, Kansas. And to be even more specific, I think it was 108 E. Ash in Oberlin, Kansas.

I was recently on vacation, on a cruise to Mexico. About the fifth day homesickness began to set in. I started to think about "home."

There are lots of cute little quips about home. "Home, home on the range ... Home is where you hang your hat ... Home Sweet Home ... Home is where your heart is." Ah, I think that one sums it up pretty well.

My immediate family was with me so I wasn't homesick for them. I was homesick for my Good Sam family!

Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. Within these walls are some of the most dedicated, loving professionals you could ever hope to meet and about 44 of the sweetest grandmas and grandpas in town. The Good Samaritan Center is home to both the staff and residents alike, making us one big family.

The nursing home industry is in the process of what they call "culture change." We at Good Sam call it developing a "Christian community of care."

Another way of saying it is "home." We want the people who live here to be at home here. We have already made great strides in accomplishing this goal. But, there is more we would like to do, and a big part of that includes you. We want to extend our hospitality to you and the community, inviting you into our home to be a part of our family on a regular basis.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, we are hosting a communitywide art show from 2 to 5 p.m. Art pieces will be on display, refreshments will be served and Leanne Miller, a very talented and acclaimed violinist,

will provide music for the afternoon.

While I was away Anita Hirsch and her mother, Jeanette Diederich, spent the week with residents creating new watercolor paintings, clay sculptures and a paper quilt to be part of the show. You will see the talents of Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Virginia Ike, Lucy Schissler, Nadine Anderson, Everett Fisher, Elsie Macy, Hazel Flaska, Irene Wagoner, Alvin Unger and Jeanette Conway.

Artists both young and old in the community have brought their masterpieces for us to enjoy.

Artwork of residents who have moved to their eternal home, including Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Neva Page Campbell, Catherine Munson, Iris Wurm, and others, will have a special place in the display.

I got home from Mexico just in time to take an "armchair" trip to China to celebrate the Chinese New Year. All week we explored Chinese traditions.

On Monday, origami party hats were made. Tuesday we had a silly Chinese "language course" followed by a lesson about the geography of China. We created beautiful Chinese fans with watercolors on Thursday. Rhythm band played to a different beat this week — Chinese music, of course.

All the activities culminated on Friday as we celebrated the Chinese New Year during Social Hour. Many residents came to figure out which Chinese zodiac animal they were.

Walt Mosier is a rooster; Irel Lohofener, a snake; Jeanette Diederich, a dog; and David McGee and Edla Olson were rabbits. We also had rams, pigs, rats, and an ox. A fortune cookie cake was served, compliments of Jeanette Diederich. The most amusing fortune read, "Disregard all previous cookies."

Again, thanks to all our faithful volunteers and visitors.

It's great to be home.

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