

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1881

Mud till you can't rest. The county clerk, sheriff, district clerk and superintendent moved their offices to the building recently occupied by J.E. Cochran, Esq., just west of the Oberlin House.

On and after the first of March, the southern terminus of the daily mail line from this place to the Kansas Pacific Railroad will be Grainfield instead of Buffalo Park, as heretofore.

Just why the change has been made we do not know, but as it does not interest us materially which place the mail goes, we will not bother ourselves much about it.

On Sunday last a family gathering was held at the residence of Wm. Love, two miles up the Sappa, it being the 90th birthday of Mrs. Mitchell, the mother of Mrs. Love. Among those present aside from relatives were Dr. Moore and wife and George Miller and wife of Oberlin who report a pleasant time. Mrs. Mitchell is still very spry as a great many people not over 50 years of age and bids fair to live to be a centenarian. She very often visits her granddaughter, a mile away, and walks both ways.

Married: Feb. 22, 1881, Mr. John R. Fisher and Miss Symantha J. Carns, all of Decatur County.

Clark St. Clair, son of Mr. St. Clair who lives south of town, had his feet badly frozen Friday while on his way home from Buffalo Park.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1906

Mr. Bobbitt is erecting a new residence on his lots east of the city park.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayward of Vallonia Feb. 20, 1906, a bright-eyed baby girl.

K.C. Lathrop and L.C. Tilden are having the tract of land between the Sappa addition and east Oberlin which they recently purchased of Garwood, laid out in lots.

The people of Dresden dedicated their new hall on the evening of the 30th with a grand ball.

H.A. Griffith has purchased the furniture store of Tilden & Lathrop.

The school meeting on Friday called for the purpose of selecting a site for the county high school was largely attended. Only one site was seriously considered, that land usually known as Court House square, a site given to the county many years ago, presumably a site for the court house.

Married: Mrs. Ida M. Smith of Rexford and Mr. Geo. T. Crosswhite of Gem.

Deaths: Feb. 20, 1906, Mary Scott Mines, age 71; Feb. 14, 1906, Elizabeth Reeffe Branstool, age 64.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1931

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couter of the Lund neighborhood were the honor guests at a surprise party Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8. The affair was planned by their many friends and neighbors who gathered to wish them luck in their new home. The yard was filled with the visitors' cars and more than 100 were present. Late in the afternoon a delicious lunch of cakes, cookies, doughnuts, sandwiches and coffee were served. The couple will be greatly missed in the community and the Lund Mission Church but their many friends wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell of Aurora, Neb., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Neva, to Ted Addleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Addleman of Oberlin. The wedding took place at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14, in the home of the bride's parents in the presence of immediate members of the Russell family. The bride took her nurses training at the University of Nebraska and came to Oberlin to head the staff at the Benton Memorial Hospital. Ted has lived in Oberlin all his life and is associated with his father in the business there. He has his degree from the College of Emporia and from the School of Pharmacy in Kansas City.

Court House News: One license was issued last week to Edwin Anderson, 25, Dresden, and Miss Doris Pringle, 21, Selden, who were married by Rev. Roberts at the Methodist parsonage on Saturday the 14th. Both are graduates of Selden High School and the bride has been employed in the Farmers State Bank in Selden. They are to be at home on a farm two miles south of the Lund Church.

Wrestling fans will have an opportunity to witness some real mat contests when the league championship meet will be held Saturday in the city school auditorium. Coach Kirkendall's Decatur team is the

only team in the league with an undefeated record, but each of the other schools have strong teams.

DCHS School News: One day last week 46 students were out of class with mumps.

Recent wins for the Decatur basketball team include those over Colby and Goodland and Hoxie, the latter by a score of 22-21 in three extra periods. "Slim" Brown, Oberlin's center, has been out for three games with the mumps.

The stockholders of the First State Bank at Traer and the stockholders of the First State Bank of Herndon have determined to merge the interests of the two banks in the latter institution.

Ross Wingfield, who has been cashier of the Traer Bank, will be affiliated with the First State Bank at Herndon so the patrons of the Traer community can be assured of the same personal interest in their accounts that they have previously enjoyed.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1956

Record crowds jammed the DCHS gym for two days at the regional wrestling tournament and watched the underdog Red Devils qualify nine men for State while compiling 88 points, enough to usurp the regional leadership held by St. Francis since 1952. Two Larry's, Larry Brainard, 106-lb junior, and Larry Guinn, 178-pound senior, were regional champions and Bob Wurm and Jim Carver took third places.

The Red Devil basketball team was virtually eliminated from the

Northwest Kansas League race as the Norton Blue Jays whipped them for the third time this season. The score 61-56.

The Brown Grain Company, which is owned and operated by Harold Brown, was sold to Oscar Lohofener in a business transaction completed last week.

Mr. Lohofener will take over the ownership on March 1 and will form a partnership with his son, Harold.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vavroch, daughter, Connie Marie, Feb. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vernon, Kingsville, Texas, daughter, Mary Alice, Feb. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foster, daughter, Barbara Jane, Feb. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lindstrom, Galesburg, Ill., daughter, Barbara Kay, Feb. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Gaines, Wichita, son, Randall Lowell, Feb. 11.

Miss Sandra Anderson is a new employee in the Addleman Drug store.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1981

The new elevator unit at the Decatur County courthouse was getting a good workout last week as county residents hurried to beat the deadline for 1981 license tags for pickups, trucks, trailers and motorcycles.

McDill (Huck) Boyd reported to *The Oberlin Herald* this week that representatives of the Mid-States Port Authority are still negotiating an agreement to lease a portion of the bankrupt Rock Island Railroad on a long-term contract.

Some 20 persons attended a local

meeting of Agri Food and Fuel Co-operative, Inc., which hopes to construct an alcohol plant in the Tri-State area.

Ralph Marcuson, who serves on the energy committee of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, said the plant will require about 13.5 million bushels of grain, mostly corn and milo, per year and would be two years in construction if financing is obtained.

Diana Shoff and Kent Euhus were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1980, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby. The Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann of Oberlin officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Penny Marshall and Robert Fringer exchanged wedding vows Jan. 23, 1981, at the United Church of Oberlin. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. Grant Davis. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Verman Fringer.

Jerry Schuetz, Gove County Soil Conservation Service district conservationist, was notified this week that he has been named to fill the vacancy of John Dark, who left Oberlin last week to assume the responsibilities of state conservation agronomist in Salina.

The Red Devil grapplers took first at the regional tournament held at Hoxie Saturday, with first places taken by Denny Rhodes, Phil Shields, Buck Matson, Todd Wilson and Dave Aker.

All 11 wrestlers placed in the top three places and qualified for substate to be held in Oberlin next Friday and Saturday.

Cedar Living News

Mathilda Bollig, Phyllis Vavroch, and Elsie Goodnight are new residents of Cedar Living Center.

A group of residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. They included Vivian Bishop, Nettie Britton, Freda Gamblin, Dell Pomeroy, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Paul Sass treated everyone to Girl Scout cookies following the game.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

A Sweetheart Luncheon was held on Tuesday in honor of Valentine's Day. Beth Sebaugh provided special music on the piano. Spouses of Cedar Living Center residents were invited guests. They included Earl Brown, Marie Jean Vavroch, Frank Cox, Lillian Sulzman, Gilbert Bollig, Roxie Pomeroy, Lyle Gamblin, and Lloyd Harden.

Zola Brown won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Charley Vavroch won the blackout game. Bingo volunteers Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Ann Martin, Gerry Temple, and Ila Ray assisted with serving Valentine cookies after the game.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with a sing-along time before supper.

The Norcatut Royal Neighbors hosted the February birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. They served cake and ice cream and each resident also received a candy party favor. Berenece McKay was honored for having the only birthday in February and she received a stuffed animal.

Vivian Bishop attended the meeting of the United Methodist Women at the Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon, with Mary Ann Amack.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw, Zola Brown, and Nettie Britton. Mrs. Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Stan Chapin of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church gave a communion service on Thursday afternoon.

Bowlers Vivian Bishop, Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Hank and Bea Wolfram, and Loyl Wilson met on Thursday afternoon for a game.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Friday afternoon. Opal Huntley assisted the baking group with making peanut butter oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Paul Neff, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, Beth Johnson, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Norcatur; Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Rose and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Julie Harold, Hays; Lee and Lora Arnold, Clayton; Maxine Brooks, Norton; Shirley Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D.; Blanche Skubal, Celina, Texas; Larry Vavroch, Palm Bay, Fla.;

Phyll and Connie Cramer, Dorothy Woods, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Bernice Martin, Lee Martin, Ella Betts, Gary Fredrickson, Butch Diederich, Karolyn Muirhead, Sandra Young, Oberlin.

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