

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1881
Dr. Bariteau is slowly recovering.

Parties who left this county last fall to winter farther east, are returning to their claims every day.

Colvin & Nelson have embarked in the real estate business and have trimmed their sails to catch the boom expected to strike Oberlin this spring.

Hon. D. B. Stone, who represented Decatur County in the 19th session of the Kansas legislature this winter returned home from Topeka Monday evening.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1906

Sappa Creeker Aaron Brown is building a new house 26x28 feet.

Prairie Temple Items: Ross Chilson was seen discing last week. This is rushing the season.

Over 200 immigrants have come into the county in the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shaw are the parents of a son born Sunday, March 4.

Will Garland has started another paper in Norton, "The Telegram." An old-time blizzard was doing business from early Friday morning until late at night.

Philip Martin and son, George, from Phillips County, arrived this week with two car loads of household goods and implements. They have bought land and expect to become permanent residents.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1931

Oberlin was grieved and shocked Sunday morning when it was learned that Mrs. Glen (Katherine) Gierhart, 38, had died of a pneumonia relapse. She is survived by her husband; two sons, Glen Junior and Forrest Dale, and her mother, Mrs. Jennie K. Langmaid; two brothers, Forrest of Arizona and Ben of Goodland and two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Ufford of Goodland and Mrs. Copia Lockard of Ruleton. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church with Rev. J. E. Bartholomew conducting the service.

Oberlin during the past year has conducted a fairly active building program with 11 new homes built, the Paddock seed house, V. H. Griffith furniture building, Kinsley Camp Cabins and station, King Cabin Kamp, and the largest project, the Banta elevator and feed mill.

The annual father and son banquet sponsored by the Hi-Y organization was attended by 275 persons. A sumptuous dinner was served at the auditorium of the city school building by the women of the Methodist Church.

The grade school basketball team at Rexford did not let a trifling 9-inch snow stand between them and the silver loving cup offered for first prize in the tournament at the Oberlin grade school and they came, they played and the cup traveled home with them.

Cedar Bluffs: A very pleasant surprise was carried out at the George Miner home the evening of Feb. 26 honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ehlers who are leaving soon for Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson of the Dresden neighborhood are the parents of twin girls born March 2 at the Norton Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore are the parents of a little son born March 3rd.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1956

The Federated Church will hold dedication services Sunday for the new addition which, together with the remodeling of the former building, provides an almost new church edifice. The additional space provides enlargement of the main floor of the sanctuary, balcony space and two new foyers, fellowship hall which will seat 125 persons at tables; a new completely modern kitchen; kindergarten room, nursery, pastor's study and secretarial office. The current pastor is the Rev. Alvin Daetwiler.

Rev. Algot Sporrang, pastor of Lund Covenant Church the past six and a half years, has resigned to take a pastorate at Bethlehem Covenant Church, Waverly, Neb.

Marvin Meyer, junior member of the law firm of Wolfe, Bremer & Meyer, has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of county attorney.

The front of the Paddock Seed House was almost completely demolished Monday afternoon when a driverless car owned by a salesman from Oklahoma went out of control while the owner was adjusting the carburetor and backed into the building.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Orr, a daughter, Susan Jane, March 1; Mr. and Mrs. Thaine

Emahizer, Ludell, a son, John Craig, March 2; Mr. and Mrs. Max Carman, daughter, Tamellea Cae, March 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hague, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hunter and Dean Coughenour attended funeral services at Oakley for Lawrence Gridley, father of Roy Gridley, who graduated from DCHS with the class of 1953.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1981

Funeral services were held for Denzel DeMay Reist, 67, Custer township farmer and greyhound dog breeder.

Brad Fredrickson, a member of the wrestling squad at Central Missouri University, Warrensburg, has qualified for the national championships to be held this weekend on the campus of the University of California, Davis.

Seven DCHS wrestlers are headed for State: Denny Rhodes, Paul Shields, Todd Richards, Buck Matson, Todd Vaughn, Todd Wilson and Dave Akers.

Precipitation up to one and one half inches in some parts of the county during the night was music to the ears of area farmers and ranchers.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. James Fall, Oberlin, daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erich Mueller,

Tampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Steve Witt, son of Eileen Witt of Oberlin and the late Waldeane Witt. The future bride is a 1977 graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, and is presently director/teacher at Eastmoor Preschool/Day Care in Marion. Witt is a 1973 graduate of DCHS, attended McPherson College and KSU and is a teacher at Herington High School. A May 24 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mead, Waldo, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Jacqueline, to Kevin Lynn Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Brown, Oberlin.

Both are 1980 graduates of Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical School, Goodland. She is employed at Decatur County Hospital and he is employed with Machart Construction. The ceremony will be Saturday, April 11, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

The Oberlin Red Devil wrestlers finished fourth in the State 3-2-1-A tournament at Hays which was won by Beloit. Denny Rhodes, junior, took second at 98; Buck Matson, freshman, was second at 132; sophomore Dave Akers second at 185 and senior Todd Wilson, third at 155.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

March and the wind have arrived, so hopefully some moisture will follow. The dust and tumbleweeds are bad. With those having baby calves the warm temperatures are great, but the dry conditions are bad for them also. Please watch to see that there aren't any fires started or we could lose a lot.

The first annual Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Day is fast approaching. We have had great response for attendance and the committee has worked hard to make many things happen. The Chamber would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to this night. It takes everyone to make something happen and this is an opportunity to thank all

farmers and ranchers in our area for what they do to make this a great place to call home.

The third annual Home and Garden Show is set for March 18 and 19 at the Gateway, starting on Saturday 9-5 p.m. and Sunday 11-4 p.m. Admission is free and The Gateway is serving concessions both days. We have a large group of vendors that will be showing their wares. Mark your calendar to spend time looking us over and getting some new ideas. That new grill you see on main street will be there with something cooking to sample.

The racing season is starting; watch for the schedule to appear.

Remember that the coffee pot is always on; stop by and chat a bit.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Congratulations to the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs and Coach Parker Christensen for receiving the first-place trophy at the 1-A substitute basketball tournament held March 2-4.

On Friday evening they beat the Grinnell Warriors 53-46, going on to beat Agra-Eastern Heights 63-58 in the finals Saturday evening. The Class 1-A State finals will be held at Fort Hays State University March 7-10. Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. the Lady Bulldogs, with a record of 23 wins and 2 losses, will play Deerfield, who also has 23 wins and 2 losses. There will be a pep rally at the school at 10 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. A bracket has been posted on the Golden Plains website, www.usd316.k12.ks.us.

Patty Purcell was in a car accident Wednesday morning. We are thankful she was protected from any serious injury after being struck by a semi-truck.

Glendora Bastin has been in Phoenix, staying with her daughter Louise and family. Glendora had a chemotherapy treatment on Jan. 27 and is expected to return home March 9.

Our community wishes to extend heartfelt condolences to Karen and Gary Hibbs on the death of Karen's mother, Edith Dale, of Hiawatha.

Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell, Betty Nickols and Jolene Hansen went to a conference given by the International Center for Biblical Counseling in Sioux City, Iowa.

Edna Colson, Ernest and Janine Colson enjoyed a wonderful meal Sunday evening, Feb. 19, at the 4-H building in Hoxie for Arthur "Buck" Colson who had surgery to remove a tumor last summer in Hays. He is doing fine and working every day at John Deere Implement in Hoxie.

Sondra Barnett went to Hill City for the first meeting of the "Stitchin' Sisters," a group of women who will be meeting once a month to watch a demonstration of different

kinds of handiwork. They will have an opportunity to learn how and make something that pleases each one. This first month's demonstration was on hand-dyed, a very interesting and delicate type of needlework brought to this country from Europe. The fabric the work is done on is sold by the inch and ranges in prices from \$50 to \$75 per yard.

Using the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center facilities during the week were four representatives of Gideons International: Jerry Swanson, Colorado state president; Harold Berg, of Saskatoon, Canada; Rusty Jamison, Colby Camp state chaplain; and Allen Huth, zone 3 trustee, (Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska) of Englewood, Colo.

Also using the Conference Center over the weekend was the Hays Liberty Fellowship Ladies Retreat. There were 30 ladies enjoying the Main Center.

Allen Huth, a Gideon, was guest speaker for the Sunday morning service at Rexford Community Church. His message involved subject material from the book of Ezra, chapter 8, and he stated, "We learn who we are when we read God's Word." Mr. Huth is the founder of the Ezra Project: a call back to the Word. The mission of Ezra Project, entering its fifth year on April 1, is to connect God's people to God's Word.

The church will be having a potluck lunch on Sunday in honor of Dwight and Sharla Williams, who were married last month. A reception will follow from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Red Barn in Rexford.

"Walk Kansas," a health initiative involving Kansas communities across the state, begins March 12 for a duration of eight weeks. For more information contact the Thomas County extension office.

Red Barn events: Hostess for Social Hour on March 1 was Clea Moeder. The hostess prize went to Hulda Wark and bingo winners were Ruth Luna, Jean Hawkins,

Deb Stepper and Marge Leh. The next hostess will be Marge Leh.

At Friday's Koffee Klatch were Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Hulda Wark, Deb Stepper, Clea Moeder, Berneda Zoberst, and Sondra

Barnett.

Saturday at 7 p.m. will be bingo for those who are 50 and over.

Happenings at Golden Plains: Tuesday, March 7, the fourth and fifth grade band will perform at the elementary building in Selden. There will also be recorder solos for your entertainment.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

United Methodist Women met Wednesday for a Bible study, "The Power of a Clean Heart" led by Glenda Johnson. Those attending were: Rachel Carter, Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Lila Jennings, Violet Foster and Glenda Johnson. Refreshments were served by Kay.

For the February meeting, Tuesday Study Club met at Pure Prairie in Norton for lunch. In the afternoon Liza Deines gave a tour of her home which is furnished with antiques. She gave a history of the start of her hobby, making references to articles that give her special memories. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Lynn Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lucille Stackhouse and Neoma Tacha. One guest, Eleanor Morel, a cousin of Liza's, shared the afternoon with the group.

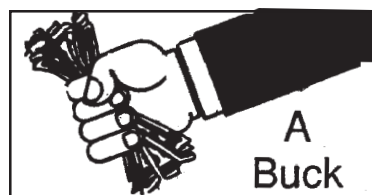
Jennings City Council met Thursday. In the absence of Mayor Bob Jones, Council President Louise Cressler conducted the meeting. Guests were Helen Rhodes, city librarian, and Dona and Eugene Mrstik. Helen gave a financial report of the library. Dona and Eugene expressed their concerns about water supply and also curbs that need cleaned out. One member told the council the water dock is not the right height. This will be looked into. Sue Long, city clerk, will contact Duro-Lost about the Community Hall leaking.

They also discussed the propane tank for the generator to be put at the Community Hall in case of an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Plan Phone List was reviewed. Work is being done at the sewer location to correct several problems brought to our attention. Maintenance jobs were discussed and a work day needs to be set. An update on the sale of the school building was given. Franchise agreement with Rural Telephone was read. The next meeting is April 6.

Reminders: Elementary students program, "Music in our School," will be held Thursday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Change of addresses are needed for the alumni paper. Please contact Mary Votapka.

Sunflower Senior potluck supper will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. A program will follow.



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Cedar Living News

Lora Lynn Leichliter is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Vivian Bishop has returned to her home in Oberlin after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served meat, cheese, crackers, carrots, and dip to residents, staff and guests.

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

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning.

Velda Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Betty Harden won the blackout game.

Barb Solko played pinochle Wednesday afternoon with Zola Brown, Nettie Britton, and Donald Shaw. She played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox Thursday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stan Chapin of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the communion service on Thursday morning.

Those joining in for the bowling group Thursday afternoon included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw,

Charley Vavroch, Bea Wolfram, Mathilda Bollig, and Velda Ward.

The baking group met Friday afternoon to make doughnuts.

Eva Marie Vacura celebrated her birthday on Sunday with Bernie and Othelia Vacura.

Recent visitors: Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Connie and Curt Meixner, Arkansas City; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Frank Cox, Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Ann Martin, Herndon; Jeremy Wolfram, Stacy Mercer, Wichita; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Carol Young, Patt Tuller, McCook; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Dorothy Ward, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Wava Reames, Norcator; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Vendla Tacha, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Earl Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Gilbert Lillian Clayton; Rodney and Lisa Leichliter, Seibert, Colo.

Lyle Gamblin, Laurene Van Otterloo, Florence Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Butch Diederich, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Marie Jean Vavroch, Eula Juenemann, Janiel Jensen, Ella Betts, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirle, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

March came in like a lamb; will it go out like a lion? That's what we would like to know. Every day this month we will be tracking the weather, making note if it is ferocious like a lion or mild like a lamb.

Everyone is hoping for a little of the lion side of things, "a roaring blizzard" or a "thundering thunderstorm." Some moisture would be appreciated!

Friday during Social Hour the residents participated in a skit on this very subject. Each one was given a prop and at the appropriate cue, added theirs to the stage. The Lion-like North Wind roared (ribbons on a stick), colorful autumn leaves swirled (Eva Bryan), cheerless clouds darkened the sky (Edla Olson), snow blew across the woods (pill cups filled with white confetti thrown by Walt Mosier, Irel Lohofener and Ruth Laidig), the trees (Dena Gillespie, Fern Mapes and Ruby Shuler) were covered by icicles (June Saum) yet sheltered the animals (Elsie Macy and Fern Anderson) until a gentle breeze like the breath of the lamb melted away winter, making way for the sun (Bonnie Weskamp) and the brave little crocus announcing the arrival

of spring. Everyone had a great time. We celebrated with snickerdoodles made earlier that day by Ruby Shuler and Jeanette Diederich.

Colorful kites fly above the pond now, with spring crocuses and daffodils edging the green grass that has taken the place of the elegant art display. Fond memories of making homemade kites from funny papers were exchanged by Leo Mooty and daughter, Norma Unger. Seems like everyone has a memory or two to share about kites!

We look forward to the changing seasons and changing scenery, especially spring as it reminds us of the promise of Easter and the resurrection of the earth that is just around the corner.

We said goodbye to two loved ones this week. Kenny Rydquist and Sylvester Meitl have gone home to be with the Lord.

It is because of the Resurrection that we who believe can rejoice knowing that we have the promise of eternal life through Christ, so we need not sorrow as others, who have no hope." (I Thess. 4:13)

We will miss them both very much.

Wheat Ridge News

The weather cooperated and a steak barbecue was held on Feb. 23. Residents attending were Doris Gilbert, Juanita Eckhart, Ivis Hanson, Merle Shirley, Myrtle Waldo, Lora Zwickle, Eunice Avery, and Delores Zodrow.

Additional guests present were Ardith Wayne, Jody and Herschel Betts, Shirley and Gaylord Shields, Shirley and Dave Nichols, Dennis Brown, Jerry Lohofener (the cook), and staff.

Everyone is happy to welcome a new resident, Charlie Corcoran. There have been a lot of lookers this last month. We hope to have the two remaining 2-bedroom apartments full soon.

We have discovered a new way to play bingo using a deck of cards.

Everyone enjoys the game. Often we have supper along with our monthly bingo session.

We celebrated Juanita Eckhart's 39th birthday with lunch at the Pizza Hut.

Lighted ceiling fans are being installed in the bedrooms and living rooms in all 12 apartments.

Seven of the apartments have been repainted.

In addition to the weekly cleaning included in the rent, a deep cleaning is done every six months. Melanie Anderson is our housekeeper. Ronda Schroer helps with extra housekeeping and dietary.

We have several puzzles to share, exchange or give away.

Weekdays we have coffee at 10 a.m. Come join us.

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