

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1881

The U. S Land Office A Sure Thing:
The U. S. Land office in the Northwestern District has been located by the Interior Department at Oberlin, the county seat of Decatur County.

Since putting the above in type, a letter has been received from Washington which now confirms it. We can now rejoice.

It looks as though the apparently everlasting snow would dry up in a few days.

The assessor is around again, so make a list of your personal property.

The county commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday and most of the time was spent making out about 100 applications for relief to be presented to the aid commissioner at Grainfield.

Married: Tuesday, March 22, 1881, Mr. George Hoffman and Miss Hannah Rathbun, formerly of Peoria, Ill., but now, henceforth and forever, of Decatur County.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1906

It snowed all day Sunday in a regular Manitoban manner.

George Metcalf, one of the early settlers of Oberlin and the founder of the First National Bank, now living in Kansas City, arrived in the city Sunday to see his brother, A.J., who has been seriously ill.

Prairie Temple Items: Married: Mr. Lee Nall and Miss Pearl Teeter. Harlan Items: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frickey, a fine baby girl.

Prairie Temple Items: Andrew Simpson was hauling lumber for his new house last Tuesday.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1931

There are 28 business houses in Oberlin offering special sales on merchandise for the monthly sales event this Friday and Saturday. Oberlin's trade territory enjoys the patronage of people for 25 miles and more in each direction and it is because of personal service rendered at all times with prices equal to or below those in larger towns.

Court House News: On March 12, Probate Judge Kulp married Miss Ruth Shrock of Norton and Frank J. Gallentine of Norcatour.

Three Oberlin Red Devils were placed on the mythical all-star basketball teams for the Northwest Kansas League: Sam Francis, forward, and Leslie "Slim" Brown, center, on the first team. Leo Ridgway, forward, was chosen for the second team.

The regular meeting of the dental study club of Northwest Kansas-Southwest Nebraska was held at the

Hotel Oberlin on Sunday afternoon and evening with 20 members present. Golf was played preceding the luncheon. Dr. Andy Thomsen was elected vice president of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tacha of the Jennings neighborhood were hosts at a family party Friday evening. They have recently built an addition to their home and purposely left the dividing partitions out until after the party.

Two more business buildings are being constructed in Oberlin. The seven lots north of Foster Lumber Company were purchased by Benton & Hopkins by Francis Anderson, local distributor for the Case line of implements, and the lot now occupied by Harris Produce Station by John Siegenthaler for construction of a 25x60 building for a battery and magneto business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo are the parents of a son, Donavon Keith, born last Thursday. Mrs. Waldo and son are at the Cliff Waldo home.

Mrs. Floyd Lotker entertained 10 little boys at a party Saturday afternoon honoring the 10th birthday of her son, Floyd Lee.

Norcatour: The stork brought a baby boy to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nelson on Feb. 28 and the little one will answer to the name of Billy Jean.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1956

Paul Nitsch, a native son of Decatur County, this week announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Decatur County representative in the state legislature. "P.A.," as he is familiarly known to many friends, grew to manhood on his father's homestead in Logan Township.

He assisted his father until 1914 when he built a garage on the corner where the Farmers National Bank now stands and sold Oldsmobile, Buick and Overland cars until he sold out to his brother, J.C. Nitsch, in 1924. He has devoted himself to farming and livestock business in recent years.

DCHS Notes: Duane Unger and Jerry Macfee went to Colby last week to take the Putnam Scholarship tests for Kansas State.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thieler have purchased the Dairy King on U.S. Highway 36 from Bertha Unger Griffen.

The Thielers moved to Oberlin from Rexford several years ago and she is a teacher at Oberlin City School. They will be assisted in the Dairy King by her daughter, Marjorie Daniel.

Dennis Barratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Barratt, has been ap-

pointed as full-time pastor of the Prairie View Methodist Church, which is located six miles out of Arkansas City and 20 miles from Winfield, where he is attending college.

Selden: Walter Rogers, 53, died in an auto crash near Russell while en route to Great Bend to watch Selden play in the State Class BB basketball tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean announced the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to Franklin Kester of Oakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kester of Cañon City, Colo. Marie graduated from Decatur Community High School with the Class of 1954 and has been employed at Don's Super Market. Franklin graduated from Cañon City High School with the Class of 1949 and is employed at Trader's Super Market in Oakley.

Fairview-Summit: Dr. Kenneth Stanley of Kansas City, who is an intern with Dr. Nelson, was a supper guest at the S.R. Willcoxon home Saturday evening. Dr. Stanley is a fraternity brother of Sam Willcoxon.

Norcatour: Mr. and Mrs. Jay K. Locy and little son, Scott Douglas, late of Kodiak, Alaska, arrived in Norcatour March 8. Jay received his discharge from the Navy March 5 in Seattle.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1881

Lynn Johnson, Harlan Township farmer, will head the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He replaces Lyman Leichliter. Other of-

ficers are Ralph Marcuson, president-elect; Dick Kelley, vice president; and Paty Brown, treasurer. New board members are Ed Bateman, Jay Anderson, Rodney O'Hare and Jimmie Gaumer.

At the annual stockholder meeting of Farmers National Bank last week, President Dwayne Jones announced plans to build a 25x75 foot addition at the rear of the bank which will include a drive-in banking facility.

It was second time around on the first bridge on U. S. 36 just east of town as the concrete for the north portion of the bridge poured Jan. 15 has been removed and will be repoured because of the tipping of the I-beam during the construction process.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. David Zodrow, Leoville, girl, Leanna Kay, March 12; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Slinker, Oberlin, girl, March 16.; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, Oberlin, girl, Lisa Jon, March 16.

DCHS computer instructor David Brown has announced that 13 teams and 40 projects have been entered in the computer contest to be held at DCHS on Saturday, March 21.

Judges will be from Fort Hays State, Wichita State and McCook Community College. Team members at DCHS are Ward Morgan, Doug Wright, Mary Nemeth and Joe Shobe.

Clinton Hartzog, DCHS junior, and DeDe Parker, sophomore, were selected to the all-NWKL boys and girls basketball teams.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

As we start the 2006 season and the 48th year that the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum has been open, the board and staff are planning for activities and events to make it a GREAT one.

The museum will open Tuesday, April 4. Our hours until December 1 will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with Sunday and Monday by appointment only for groups of 10 or more.

Liane Martin, my new assistant; Maralyn Courange, our gift shop manager; and I have been busy over the winter months with many projects ranging from changing exhibits to working on genealogy.

A BIG thank you goes out to those that have given memorial money to help maintain and support the museum. We have been able to

fix several things that were in great need of maintenance.

We greatly appreciate Terry Rush and family, and Karen Metcalf and family, for having memorials for their loved ones go to the museum.

We want to thank Joy Votapka for the four new file cabinets and the help with the military display given in Chuck's memory. With the Genealogy Society disbanding, they also purchased a legal-sized file cabinet for genealogy files.

If you would like to be a part of this growing entity, become a member by coming in or calling the Decatur County Museum at 258 S. Penn, (785) 475-2712.

With several events being planned for April, be sure to read this column each week.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played pinocle with residents at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin on March 6.

On Tuesday, June Jolly, Veda Wood, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended the dinner for Prairie Land Electric.

Liberty Star Club met with Deanna Sumner on Wednesday. Those present were: Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, Theresa Wood, Carolyn Plotts, Cathy Anthony and Deanna Sumner.

Ruth Vise and Karla Clason were visitors of Toots Magers.

Kathy Van Meter attended the First State Bank party in Holbrook on Thursday. Afterward she loaded up her car with clothes for the Mission in Garden City.

Lyle ladies sewed on Friday. Kathy Van Meter went to Garden City, then on to Cimarron to visit her brother-in-law, Sam Williams. Other houseguests were Shauna Dillon and friend Mindy of Plattsmouth, Neb.; Connie Falkner and Grace Hartman, Shawnee, and Leona Breeden, Hays. En route

home, Kathy stopped in Gove for dinner and visited Gena Price and boys.

On Saturday, Toots Magers attended the pancake supper in Norcatour, and Sunday was party pitch in Norton.

On Thursday, the Lyle ladies sewed.

Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers played cards in Norcatour on Friday, then they saw the all school play, "Deadwood Dick," in Oberlin.

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter visited Rea and Dee Magers on Saturday. Other guests were his nephew, Doyle and Pat Magers, of Willard, Ohio. Later they all attended the Jim Arnold benefit hog roast in Norcatour.

Sunday dinner guests of Toots Magers were: Rea and Dee Magers, Doyle and Pat Magers, Richard and Jane Engelhardt, and Kathy Van Meter. They all hurried home when snow flurries started.

Weekend visitors of June Jolly for the funeral of Arlie Bethel of Wilsonville, Neb., were Carol Jolly and friend, Ron, of Omaha.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Weekend guests of Paster Keith and Sandy Reuther and family were his father and wife, Carl and Gayle Reuther of Akron, Ohio.

Roy and Ben Delsaver of Brighton, Colo., and Richard Bergling of Ness City were weekend guests at the home of Dave and Sherry Bergling. The men enjoyed the Beaver Creek European Pheasant Hunt at Atwood. Mrs. Bergling spent the weekend in Hays and joined other relatives to honor her sister, Virma Dreiling, on her birthday.

That evening, the three hunters and Mac and Jeri McPheeters of Colby took pizza to the home of Quentin and Olive Bergling in Atwood to honor Quentin on his birthday.

Bob and Sally Olson accompa-

nied the Bob Frenzl family of Salina to Maryland Heights, Mo., where they were weekend guests of Jonathan and Daisy Olson, Corbin and Candalin. Joining them for a housewarming for the Jonathan Olson family in their new home and a surprise 50th birthday party honoring Jeanean Olson were Rennie and Jeanean Olson and Scott, Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; the Larry Marks family, Mulvane; and Lewis and Ava Perkins, Wichita.

Covenant Women Ministries met at the Herndon Covenant Church on Saturday. Breakfast was served by the officers and Mildred Holmdahl gave devotions. Janeil Jensen was a guest. Plans were made for a salad luncheon to be held at the church on April 22.

Please clip out this ad and save for handy reference.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The burning of vegetation, limbs and other organic material will be permitted (no rubber tires):

Saturday, March 18 through Sunday, April 30

provided adequate safety measures are taken, and being mindful of wind conditions.

By Order of
City Mayor
Ken Shobe

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Stella Leitner, 97, who died on March 11 at Harlan County Hospital in Alma, Neb. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with Father Damian Richards officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Word was received on Friday of the death of Francis E. Riepl, 85, a native of Herndon, at a hospital in Columbia Falls, Montana. He was the son of Math and Susanna (Pingetzer) Riepl and was a 1937 graduate of Herndon High School.

His wife, Irene, preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter, Connie Vetter, Columbia Falls, Mont.; two grandsons, Michael and Thomas Vetter, and two great-grandsons, Cody and Dylan Vetter. Military graveside service and burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson, Mont.

BAPTISM HELD

Tristan Allan Martin, three-week-old son of Kirche and Tasha Martin of Indianola, Neb., was baptized on Sunday morning at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola. Godparents were Nik

Martin, Manhattan; and Talona Heiden, Kansas City.

Others attending were his sister, Kiana Martin, Indianola; his grandparents, Bob and Liane Martin, Herndon; and Allan and Edna Heiden, Hampton, Neb.; Heather Eckhoff and Kenley, Aurora, Neb.; and Anikka Martin, Manhattan.

Bob and Liane Martin received word on Sunday that Allan Heiden was killed in a two-vehicle accident en route home from Indianola. His daughter, Mrs. Eckhoff, and daughter, were riding with him, and Mrs. Eckhoff was taken to Good Samari-

tan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Tony Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb., spent last weekend with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were Sunday dinner guests of Monica Solko. Tom and Tim Solko were also visitors.

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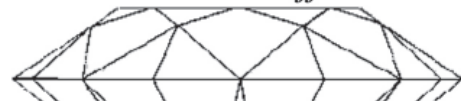
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