

**THE OBERLIN HERALD**

**Events of Yesteryear**

*By Jody Betts*

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1882**

The Oberlin Mill is running full-time and doing good work. Dr. Bariteau has changed his office to the second story of the Wamsley Building directly opposite the store of J.W. Allen & Son.

Arthur Allen started for the end of the B. & M. on Tuesday.

H.O. Douglas returned from Wisconsin last Thursday evening. Bassettville:

Mr. Hemming saw a mountain lion on the Beaver below Atwood a few days ago.

J.J. VanMeter has sold his ranch on the North Sappa and will move over the line into Thomas County or some place else, out of the reach of the 1874 herd law.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1907**

People that had sleighs were using them on Sunday.

The electric light plant is self-supporting. Mr. Byers collected enough the first of the month to pay the January expenses.

Born Friday, Feb. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lytle, a son.

People are putting up ice, but it is only eight inches thick.

Will Carper sold his interest in the west side barber shop last week and his residence to Nels Bystrom and left Monday for Jennings.

Deaths: G.S. Langmade, Feb. 1, 1907, age 52; D.W. Eiler, Feb. 3, 1907, age 65; W.J. Bell of Norcatgur, Jan. 25, age 63.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1932**

The groundhog saw his shadow Tuesday and the next day it snowed. January was a cold month with a mean temperature of 23.7 degrees and a high of 45 degrees during the month with a low of 7 degrees below zero.

Oberlin merchants will undoubtedly take advantage of the new service offered by the Railway Express Agency whereby there will be free delivery and pick-up of express packages. They have contracted

with Harry Bates to provide this service for businesses and individuals. For outgoing express, call the depot agent before 3 o'clock in the afternoon for pickup anywhere in the corporate limits of Oberlin. Announcements are out regarding the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reznor on Saturday, Jan. 30. This is the first son in the family and a name worthy of the young man has not yet been discovered.

About 10 hours after the surprising triumph over the Norton quintet on Friday night, the following players of the Decatur basketball squad left for the tournament held at Quinter: Sam Francis, Leo Ridgway, Swede Anderson, Joe Martin, Jim Martin, Voyle Ridgway, Dwight Stephens, Neil Reeves and Jack Johnston. Oberlin downed WaKeeney, Hill City, and in the finals, Norton to win the trophy, which is a bronze statue of a player on a pedestal about 3 inches square.

“The Toymaker,” city school operetta, will be presented Feb. 12 in the city school auditorium under the direction of Miss Ruth Rickenbacker. The cast is Norton Kessler, Mary Banta, Alford Banta, John Laidig, Mary Wingfield, Nadene Paddock, Junior Gierhart, Ross Reeves and Eugene Chilson.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1957**

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon for Raymond Jones, 57, who was a lifelong resident of Oberlin and had been employed by Nitsch & Nitsch for many years. He is survived by his wife, Florence; a son, Dwayne; and a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Carlisle of Hays.

The DCHS debate team won the district championship and finished fifth in the state tournament. Team members are Dick Carman, Peggy Jennings, Wauneta Wurm and Roger Perkins.

The Bureau of Reclamation may

be spending some big money in this area soon. Included in this year’s budget is \$3 million for “Investigation of advance planning for the Belvidere Unit in Nebraska and the Nelson Buck unit in Kansas.” The Nelson Buck Unit is a proposed dam on the Beaver Creek west of Cedar Bluffs that would be a part of a Republican Valley conservation program of the Pick-Sloan plan. The site of the proposed dam is owned by Joe and Ed Martin.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Von Schuetz observed their 40th wedding anniversary at their home on Jan. 6.

Norcatgur: Wallace Hawkins, coach at Norcatgur High School, has a new basketball team. Wednesday morning, less than 12 hours after the Norcatgur Cardinals won their third game of the season by whipping Wilsonville, Nebr., Mrs. Hawkins gave birth to twin boys at Decatur County Hospital. The Hawkinses already had three boys so they can field their own team in a dozen years or so. The babies were named Timothy McCall and Terrance Gravley and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Voyle Sauvage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sauvage, recently discovered a small meteorite while on a field trip with the Bassettville school. The teacher is Mrs. Duane Aase.

New Arrival; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willcoxson, Kansas City, son, Samuel Randolph III, Jan. 27, 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1982**

A new month, a new week, and a nine-inch snow greeted area residents Monday.

The Kyle Railway is expected to begin operating over the bankrupt Rock Island tracks from Caruso to Belleville beginning Feb. 16. Kyle has established an office in Phillipsburg and plans to station crews at Phillipsburg and Goodland to utilize shop facilities.

An open house will be held at Reliance Motor and Equipment Feb. 9 by Mike and Mirra Coleman who purchased the business in October. Also working in the front office are Barbara Solko, Sara Sellers, Lyman Black and salesman Wayne Zwickle. Mechanics in the shop area are Ralph Pavlicek, Ernest Colson, Varlan Neal, Jim Rogers, Tom Anderson and Kevin Ketterl.

Steve Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess, has been accepted into the 1982 entering class in the School of Medicine at the University of Kansas for the fall term. He is a 1978 graduate of DCHS and a senior at Fort Hays State University, where he will graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry.

Funeral services were held for Duane Wenger, 54, who died in San Diego, Calif., following a heart attack. Gail Euhus, Oberlin, and Michael Harvey, Yuma, Colo., were united in marriage Dec. 29 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann officiated. The bride is a 1976 graduate of DCHS and a 1980 graduate of Fort Hays State and has been a loan officer for the Federal Land Bank Association in Dodge City. Her husband is a graduate of Kelton High School, Kelton, Texas, and of Panhandle State University. He served two years in the U.S. Marines and is president of the Federal Land Bank Assoc. in Yuma, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritter announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to James R. Bloss of Hays. An Aug. 7, 1982, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

New Arrivals: Susan and William Neff, Oberlin, daughter, Lacy Dianne, Jan. 26; Vickie and Merlin Cook, son, Wayne Alben, Jan. 27; Bobbie and Don Shuler, son, Brady Robert, Feb. 1; Rhonda and Kenny Wildeman, Jennings, daughter, Jessica LeAnn, Feb. 1.

**Cedar Living News**

A party was held Monday afternoon to celebrate Kansas Day and to honor the residents who had January birthdays. Staff members served ice cream sundaes.

Elwood Bailey and Dell Pomeroy were recognized for having birthdays in January. Everyone enjoyed guessing the answers to trivia questions about Kansas history.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The black-out game ended with a tie between Naomi Carter and Mildred Tacha.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Players included Don Shaw, Velda Ward, Mildred Tacha, Elsie Goodnight, and Helena Bruggeman.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was here for Mass on Thursday morning with residents and parish members.

Lyle Gamblin was the big winner at penny cards Thursday afternoon.

Residents joining in on the game included Helena Bruggeman, Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, and Hank Wolfram.

Barb Solko played Scrabble

Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

Norine Bailey ate lunch with Elwood Bailey on Monday and again on Friday.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Residents report that they enjoyed watching the Seeds of Hope Telethon on Saturday. Many of the residents watched the Super Bowl on Sunday.

We will begin our celebration of Valentine’s Day with an open house from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11. Everyone is welcome to attend. The gospel singing group, Faith, Hope and Charity, will perform at 3 p.m.

Recent visitors: Rose, Sohn, and Shakra Domsch, Atwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jerry Temple, Leslie Ward, Norcatgur; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Lillian Sulzman, Paul and Mildred Welter, Dresden; Agnes Roberts, Jeremiah and Beck Meixner, McCook; Sandy and Larry Wolfram, Liberal; Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Frank Cox, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Laurene VanOtterloo, Dolores Koerperich, Doris and Edwin Black, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead, Regina Stanley, Oberlin.

**Decatur Health Systems**

*By Othella Vacura*

Friday was Wear Red Day to help awareness of women’s heart health.

Women’s heart attack symptoms differ from those of men. Shortness of breath, feeling faint and experiencing heartburn or indigestion may be the only warning symptoms a woman may experience.

Many doctors are not aware of the symptom differences in men and women, so more women die from heart attacks. Employees wore red last Friday to boost women’s heart health awareness.

The crash carts now have three new Lifepak 20 defibrillators. A defibrillator is used most often to monitor a patient’s heart rhythm in the emergency room, during a procedure such as a colonoscopy, and in the recovery room after surgery.

If the need arises, they can be used to defibrillate, or shock, a heart that is beating in a dangerous rhythm or not beating at all.

The defibrillator can be set to a synchronized mode for use when the heart is beating in an abnormal rhythm, or it can be used in an external pacing mode to act as a pacemaker for a patient whose heart is beating too slowly.

All hospital nurses staffing the emergency room are trained in advanced cardiac life support, and follow a credentialing process that is repeated every two years to maintain proficiency.

With this equipment and the training to use it, our facility is doing all it can to protect the “heart health” of our community.

**Good Samaritan Center**

The story of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center started 55 years ago with a vision born in a group an Extension group.

In November 1955 the county commissioners needed a group to take over the new “home for the aged.” They had two candidates for consideration, the Lutheran Homes and Hospital Association and the Good Samaritan organization. The former concern was operating the Decatur County Hospital.

How fitting that the Good Samaritan Society be chosen, for it, too, was born of someone with great vision. Newly graduated Rev. August Hoeger, 23, told his teachers and the call committees, “Send me where nobody else wants to go!”

He was a humble man of great faith, beginning each morning with this prayer: “Lord, what do you want me to do today?”

The following excerpt is taken from “Ever Forward, the Story of Dad Hoeger.”

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY IS BORN**

Pastor Hoeger’s life was not quite fulfilled. He had been born and brought up in a church institution. His mother had spent her early life in a deaconess training school.

He saw so many needs. Christians were depending on government to take care of the needy, and often with little compassion.

There was no place for the physi-

cally and mentally handicapped to go except to crowded institutions. Penniless old people who had no families were sent to the poor houses. Fortunately, the churches did have orphanages where those without parents could get good loving care.

Life fulfillment did come finally in 1922, when the Good Samaritan work got its start. Pastor Hoeger’s story of the beginnings of the Good Samaritan Society is as follows:

“I, of course, like to think that the whole Good Samaritan Society started in the heart of God; that it was His good will that His elderly people should have Christian care, so He put into the hearts of men that they should go and do His good pleasure....”

It is in the same spirit as “Dad” Hoeger that we at the Good Sam still seek to do His good pleasure, by providing a loving, Christian Community of Care to all those He brings to us. For 50 years the Decatur County Good Sam has operated with that vision and will continue to do so as long as God blesses and permits.

Activity highlights included: Monday - Kansas Day Trivia; Tuesday - Living History discussion on cemeteries and grave stones; Thursday - Bible study on the Holy Spirit; and Friday - Cook’s Parade. Dorothy Hunt helped Jeanette Diederich make apple dumplings to

be served during Social Hour.

On Sunday Maurice Schaller of Larned, son-in-law of Faye Miller, entertained the residents with impromptu singing later in the day.

Saturday, Feb. 10, will be your last chance to hear Dr. Michael Breiner who will speak on Alzheimer’s Disease. The program will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost and refreshments will be served.

Join us Thursday night, Feb. 15, at the high school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. for a Soup and Pie Fundraiser for a new Good Sam van. Thrivent for Lutherans will be matching funds. Then stay to cheer the junior

high girls basketball team to victory!

Recent guests: **Roberta Urban-**Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Kim Frankie of Atwood, Harry and Mary Depe of Trenton, Neb., Gladys Geis; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Opal Bryan** - Gladys and Zane Geis; **Kathryn Post** - Gladys Geis; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **John and Muriel Ready** - Esther Ready of New York City; **Marie McChesney** - Don and Julia Ray; **Faye Miller** - Rita and Maurice Schaller of Larned; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon.

**Midway News**

*By Mary Lou Olson*

Clint Schmidt of Denver and Erin Kittson of Tucson, Ariz., visited a few days last week with their parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. They came especially to visit their father after he suffered injuries to his hand while working with a large bale loader.

Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson, became a member of the Herndon Covenant Church during morning worship services Sunday. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther.

Brady Ginthier of Menlo spent the

weekend with his grandparents, J.R. and Carol Ginthier.

Pastor Keith Reuther attended the Midwest Covenant Conference in Colorado this week.

Tyler Witt and Tiffany Robinson of Scottsbluff, Neb., visited Saturday afternoon with his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, then joined his parents, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney of Oberlin, and his grandparents, Larry and Carolyn Schultz of St. Francis, for supper at Park Hill in Atwood.

**Mount Pleasant News**

*By Dianne Bremer*

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home last Monday from Omaha after spending the weekend with Mike and Nancy Shields and Corrine. While there, they all attended the production of Disney’s “The Lion King” at the Orpheum Theater Sunday afternoon.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, Walter and Betty May, and Fern Jording ate at the Pizza Hut on Thursday night, Jan. 25, to celebrate Hannah’s 11th birthday. After dinner, they enjoyed cake and ice cream at Fern’s home.

Friday overnight guests of Hannah May for her 11th birthday party were Elizabeth Nedland, Alexis Hissong, and Ashley Witt.

Stephanie May was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning, Jan. 27, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Hostesses were Peggy Groneweg, Teresa Diederich, Colleen Rittmann, and Karen Eskew. Also attending was Joanne Frankforter of Lincoln, Neb.

Dan Nedland, Cameron and Hunter, returned home last Sunday evening after spending the weekend

in Manhattan visiting the K-State campus.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory visited Ladd and Greta Wendelin in Lincoln, Neb., on Tuesday. The next morning, Greta flew out of Omaha for Tisovec, Slovakia, where she will be teaching English as a second language to high school students at Evanjelicke Gymnazium in Tisovec (EGT) until May 1. EGT is a Lutheran boarding high school for 300 students from all over Slovakia.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica drove to Hays Saturday morning where Jessica performed at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Regional Piano in Malloy Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus. She received a II rating on her memorized piece, “Nocturne in E Flat Major” by Chopin.

Elizabeth Nedland, a sixth grader, won the county spelling bee Monday at Oberlin Elementary School. She competed with participants from grades 4 to 8. She is the daughter of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

**Traer News**

*By Maralyn Courange*

Maralyn Courange has a new great-grandson, Elijah Worth Cornelius, who was born Jan. 30, 2007, at Spearfish Memorial Hospital in Spearfish, S.D. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. His parents are Kaylee Ware and Daniel Cornelius of Spearfish.

Grandparents are Kim and Brad Ware, Gettysburg, S.D.; Dan and Carol Cornelius, Missoula, Mont.; and Dawn Gerber, Rapid City, S.D.

Other great-grandparents are Kay and Don Archer, Gettysburg; Ron and Gloria Cornelius, Lemmon, S.D., and Sylvia and Dale Moore, Corpus Christi, Texas. Great-great-grandparents are Vi and Worth Stodcker, Gettysburg, and Wes Edwards, Hettinger, N.D., and Joan Edwards, Ellendale, N.D.

**Cold didn’t slow meeting goers**

Br!!!!!! That’s the only word for the weather. How can it be so cold, with the wind blowing, and yet the ice is melting on the streets? Mother Nature has her own tricks of the trade.

The Chamber annual meeting was well-attended. The meal was excellent, the speaker was very interesting and three new board members were elected. They are Tami Shaw, Kari Ketterl and Doug Clausen.

The winners of the NFL football game contest gave the right team and total points for a three-way tie. They will have to draw to see who will receive the bowl of prizes from Oberlin Business Alliance.

The Alliance is providing a chance to win a night’s stay at the LandMark Inn with dinner for two. This would be a great gift to your sweetheart or yourself. All you have to do is sign up and drop the slips in

**Chamber News**

*By Glenva Nichols*

the boxes at the Oberlin Business Alliance stores. No purchase necessary. The winner’s name will be drawn the morning of Feb. 14, and they will be notified that morning.

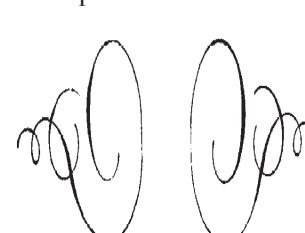
The Farmer/Rancher Appreciation night is coming fast. This is something you will want to attend. There will be a free meal and door prizes. Cal Siegfried will be the guest speaker. All you have to do is call the Chamber office to register so you can be included in the meal count. Watch this column for more information.

The Home and Garden Show is March 17 and 18 at the Gateway. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free to see all

the new things on the market this year. I know, it’s too cold to think about gardens and flowers, still spring is coming.

The weather forecast does say, as I am writing this, that there should be some warm weather next week. Here’s hoping so.

Remember that the pot is always on. On these cool days, stop by and have a cup.



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