

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1882

An extensive prairie fire is raging southwest of here. It started from sparks from an engine on the Kansas Pacific, has burned over the west part of Sheridan, through Thomas County and is still burning in the southwest corner of this county. Should a strong wind set in from the southwest, it will burn over the entire country. Preparations should be made to fight the fire.

A 12x36 dog went thru the window of the bank last Monday.

One hundred and twelve teams in town last Saturday at 2 p.m. by actual count.

Treasurer Hitchcock sends us a letter from Excelsior Springs. His health has been greatly benefited by his stay there.

The iron on the B&M is now laid over 100 miles in Colorado and only about 80 miles of road is yet to be completed before the cars run into Denver, which will be about May 1.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1907

The whole Banta family was thrown into great excitement when it became known that the stork had left a pair of twins at the home of H.Q. Banta.

The new high school building will be occupied next week.

For the first time in his life, Mont Chapin of Logan was sick one day last week and couldn't start the fire in the cook stove.

High School Notes: The weather makes the boys think about playing ball.

A goodly number of people attended the dedication of the new M.E. Church at Kanona on Saturday.

Homer Wolfe leaves Saturday evening for Kansas City where he will learn the jewelry trade.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at Claude Paddock's on Monday. He came in the house and turned his back toward the red-hot stove; the seat of his pants caught fire, and

when he noticed it a good-sized blaze was roaring up his back. Luckily just then his wife appeared on the scene and by emptying the water out of the reservoir put out the fire, but Claude now stands up when he eats.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1932

A concerted drive to again bring into circulation millions of dollars that for the past year have been in hiding is about to be staged by President Hoover's Reconstruction Finance Corp. It is believed that if only a portion of the money now idle because of investment and buying fear can be brought to light and put to work a piece of prosperity work will have been accomplished.

Like Oberlin, the board of the Norton grade school last week voted to eliminate the kindergarten from the Norton school next year. The board figures the elimination of this department will net a saving of \$1,200 per year.

Miss Alice Coulter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Coulter and Mr. Cyril Campbell, McCook, were married at the home of the bride's parents Thursday evening by Judge J.E. Kulp.

Dixie Lee Patton is making early plans for the celebration of her birthday, which falls on the 29th of February.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay are moving to Russell from Topeka, where they have been located this winter.

The Goodland Cowboy wrestlers are the latest victims of the Decatur grapplers. They won only one of the seven bouts, making the score 28-3 in favor of Decatur. Goodland's only victory was a win over strong man Gordon Rathbun by Goodland's strong man, Goings.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1957

The new Decatur County Home for the Aged is getting closer to the moving-in date, according to the

administrator Walter Oehninger. Presently about 25 applications have been received for the home, which could accommodate 50.

Workmen for the Nichols Construction Company started removing five trees from the site of Oberlin's prospective city swimming pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heilman of Jennings announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty June, to Mr. William E. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude O. Kelley of Norcat. The bride-elect is a registered nurse and is presently employed at the Larimer County Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. Mr. Kelley is employed with Western Electric Company at Fort Collins. A spring wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Shite of Little Rock, Arkansas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to 1st Lt. Donald Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude O. Kelley of Norcat. Miss Shite is employed at a florist shop in Little Rock and Lt. Kelley is stationed at Little Rock with the U.S. Air Force. A March wedding is planned.

Dresden: Mrs. Frances Vacura began teaching school Monday at Dresden as Mrs. Raymond Kraft of Jennings has resigned. Mrs. Vacura taught in Dresden three years ago and was then Miss Frances Bullimore.

Bill King, former secretary of Reserve Building & Loan, was named assistant treasurer of the Englewood, Colo., Savings and Loan Association at the annual meeting Jan. 16.

Keith Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Olson, arrived home Saturday after receiving his discharge from the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, Calif. He has been stationed in Hawaii for the past 19 months.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1982

Northwest Kansas has one of two certified bookbinders in the state of Kansas and one of 60 in the United

States. His name is Richard Koerperich and his library binding business is located in Selden. Richard learned the binding trade from his uncle in Albuquerque, where he worked for four years before returning to his hometown of Selden. The bindery is now a full-time family business with his wife, Sandra, his mother, Helen Koerperich, his mother-in-law, Vaydel Brantley, as well as several others as employees.

Four DCHS students will participate in the state Piano Festival Saturday at Fort Hays State University: Tom Berkheimer, Shirley Schwab, Pippa Stanley and Renell Erickson.

At a sale of land owned by the late Ferd Pavlicek and conducted by auctioneer Art Leitner on the steps of the Decatur County courthouse, high bidder for the 400 acres was Dwayne Vacura of Custer Township for \$375 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lohoefer announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, Topeka, to Lennie Joe Currey, Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Currey, Kensington. The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of DCHS and a graduate from FHSU with a master's degree in speech pathology. She is employed as a speech therapist at Santa Fe Trail District 434. Her fiancé is a graduate of Kensington High School and received a master's degree in history from FHSU. He is employed at Bob Finch Realtors in Hays. An Oct. 2, 1982, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin.

Coach Tom Alstrom's Red Devil wrestlers put the finishing touches on the NWKL championship by downing the Scott City Beavers 42-10.

The Jennings Coyotes suffered their first defeat in Western Kansas League play Friday night with a 52-44 loss to Golden Plains. On Feb. 2, the Jennings boys downed the Herndon Beavers for the third time this year.

Good Samaritan News

Please mark your calendar for the Good Samaritan benefit soup and pie supper from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the high school cafeteria before the basketball games. Thrivent for Lutherans will be matching funds.

Do you remember what it felt like when you first fell in love? There is something about love that is exciting and energizing.

There is a glow about you, a smile that does not fade, a sparkle in your eye and a spring in your step.

People notice the look of love, and as a song says, "Love Looks Good on You." That description of love could be for your first love, a future spouse, or even the memory of a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord.

The newfound love of Jesus Christ will enhance your countenance and brighten a room. When you come to visit here at Good Sam, you will see that radiant love in the faces of those you meet. "Looking Through the Eyes of Love" is our theme this month in honor of Valentine's Day, but every day is a day to celebrate love.

This week we had many opportunities to give and receive love. We are partnering with the 180 House to minister to the young men who are striving to better their lives. On Monday four boys came for the first time to visit with Kathryn Post, Elaine Thomas, Opal Bryan, and Pooch Portschy.

They played a game called "Life Stories." It was a perfect way to get to know one another and we look forward to their weekly visits.

The Lyle Gals came to play pinocle with Elaine Thomas, Opal Bryan, Eva Bryan, Kathryn Post, Pooch Portschy, Thelma Spiers, and Doris Miller.

Faye Miller celebrated her birthday by going on an outing with her family.

On Tuesday, the Art Class ladies made potpourri valentines, to hang in their rooms or on their wheelchairs. Living History was spent looking at old photos and scrapbooks of Good Sam in the early days.

A video camera was set up to record the fun taking place as people were recognized and stories unfolded.

On Thursday the family of Elaine Thomas surprised her with a party, complete with cake and ice cream for all. She was overwhelmed with the outpouring of love shown to her through a card shower arranged by her sisters. Thank you to all that

participated.

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop came to hang homemade valentines on the doors. These sweet little things made their way through the halls with giggles and gifts, leaving behind them a wake of grins and gratitude. The Daisy Scouts were Monica and Maria Geihlsler, Cory and Calista Isbell, Faith Meitl, Dani Rouse, and Emily Hollars. Penny Fringer is their troop leader.

Bonnie Weskamp celebrated her birthday on Saturday with friends and family who came to share birthday cake with everyone.

Dr. Michael Breiner was our guest, speaking on Alzheimer's disease. Twenty-four people attended, learning about the disease process and how to deal with a loved one diagnosed with this illness. These presentations were a precursor to the opening of our Alzheimer's activity room.

Several names have been submitted for the "Name That Room" contest.

The committee went through the

entries and chose five names to be voted on: The Enchanted Garden, Noah's Place, The Garden of Hope, Country Angels and Sunny Haven.

If you would like to phone in a vote, Montine will be happy to help you. Staff voted on Friday, and the residents will vote on Tuesday, so give us a call to have your vote counted. The winning name will be announced on Feb. 28.

Judy Goltl of Hill City called and correctly identified the Good Sam volunteers of yesteryear, Kathleen Claar and Edith Anderson.

The remodeling of the Town Square has begun, so all activities will take place in the Quiet Room or Angel Lane dining room. We may redirect you to the back door for a couple of days while the flooring is being laid.

The residents are always so good-natured and flexible when a project like this is undertaken. Be sure to stop by often to watch the work in progress.

Thank you for your cooperation. The result will be beautiful!

As you think about your special Valentine today don't forget to thank God, the Author of Love, for the blessing it is to have them in your life!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Recent guests: **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes of Salina; **Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway** - Darrel and Elda Youngs of McCook; **Eva Bryan** - Donna and Dick Kelley, Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh, Elden and Detta Anderson; **Opal Bryan** - Donna and Dick Kelley, Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh; **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan of Atwood, Jerald and Elaine Leitner; **Dorothy Hunt** - Reva Marshall; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Shelby Hackney, Darci Meitl; **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker.

Cedar Living News

Happy Valentine's Day.

Sympathy is extended to Freida Matheny and her family on the loss of her grandson, Randy Matheny.

The United Methodist Women sent party favors to share with all the residents for Valentine's Day.

Thaine Emahizer has moved to Hamilton Manor in Aurora, Neb. His son, John, lives in Aurora.

Residents gathered Monday afternoon for a party. We enjoyed crackers, cheese, summer sausage, and cookies.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time.

Naomi Carter won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and John Schuhart won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle group on Wednesday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Don Shaw, Elsie Goodnight, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Tacha, and Frank and Velda Ward.

The craft group met Wednesday afternoon to finish making decorations for Valentine's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

A group of residents gathered Thursday afternoon for a game of dice. Those joining in on the fun included Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Don Shaw, John Schuhart, Mildred Tacha, Bea Wolfram, Helena Bruggeman, Frank Ward, and Lyle Gamblin.

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The Zeta Nu Club held their Feb-

ruary meeting at Cedar Living Center Thursday afternoon. June Harold, a resident, is a member of the club and was able to attend. Club members left Valentine's Day cards for all the residents.

The baking group met Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies. We ate some, and saved the rest for the Sweetheart Open House on Sunday.

Berenece McKay celebrated her birthday on Saturday.

A Sweetheart Open House was held Sunday afternoon to kick off our week of Valentine's Day activities. Family and friends joined us for cookies and punch. Ron Temple and his group, Faith, Hope, and Charity provided special music. John Schuhart, Frank Cox, and Myrna Jones won door prizes.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Meredith Hrnchir and Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Frank Cox, Herndon; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jerry and Ron Temple, Gary Anthony, Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Norcat; Doyle and Kay Brown, Norine Bailey, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Harold Sulzman, Mike and Marie McVay, Margaret Stanley, Laci Leichter, Colby; Steve and Barb Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Gary Matheny, McCook;

Lyle Gamblin, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Mary Ann Amack, Phil Erickson, Melanie Anderson, Joe and Regina Stanley, Amy Zwickle, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Donald Stapp, Phyll and Connie Cramer.

Barnswallows on Thursday to play pinocle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Dick Sanford, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Lawrence Horinek.

Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Eunice Sanford, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Jean Hawkin, Evelyn Proffitt and Vesta Roth.

There were 14 at bingo Saturday evening.

I hope this Valentine's Day will be a romantic one for you. Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The piles of snow are shrinking around town and exposing Christmas yard ornaments that didn't get put away before the end-of-the-year snowstorm. Most of the decorations will probably be up until springtime.

The area Teens for Christ used Shepherd's Staff facilities, the hall and ranch house, on Saturday evening.

Social Hour Club met at the home of Eileen Dible at Fairview Estates in Colby on Wednesday.

A "happy birthday" to Levi Allen who celebrates on Valentine's Day. At the Red Barn: Those attending

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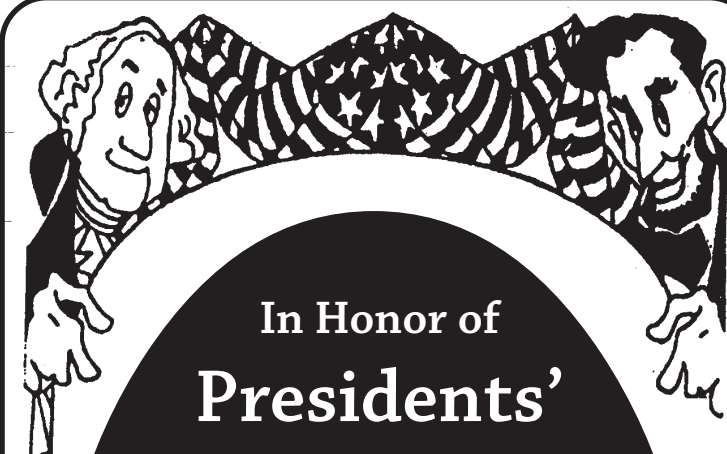
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