

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1882

Hank Counter has planted watermelon seed and other garden truck. D.C. Moser has moved into the residence he purchased from Mrs. Marshall.

From the dates of March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882, 74 tracts of land were deeded in this county and will be added to the taxable property.

Today W.C. Thornton issues the first number of the *Lenora Leader*. We congratulate Lenora and wish the new enterprise success.

The iron on the B. & M. has been laid to Akron, Colo.

Mr. Colt has shown us a sample of some alfalfa clover now growing on his farm. We think alfalfa grass could be successfully raised in this county.

Mr. Penson says he has some fine corner lots for sale over on his place. They were blown there from town Saturday and will be sold cheap to close out the consignment.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1907

A.E. Bennett has commenced the erection of a fine residence on his farm six miles south of Oberlin.

Dresden Items: W.A. Wickersham is moving to Nebraska this week.

Fred Bremer tells us he is sorry he has to return to the farm just as he was getting accustomed to city life.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1932

Court House News: Reo S. Harris, 24, Clayton, and Miss Ruth Tacha, 21, Jennings, were granted a marriage license on Feb. 26 and were to be married on Feb. 29 by the Rev. Oscar Brown of Hoxie.

In the death of W.E. Ufford on Feb. 24 Decatur County loses one of its earliest settlers and one of the first to take out homestead papers. Born in Oneida County, New York, he felt the call to go west at the age of 26 and joined a wagon team which arrived in Oberlin in April of 1874. He filed homestead papers in June on a quarter section of land two miles southwest of Oberlin. He is survived by his wife, the former Elsie Elmira Love, and seven chil-

dren, Dan Ufford, Cedar Bluffs; Mrs. Viola Small, North Platte; Mrs. Mandy Atwood, Heartstrong, Colo.; John Ufford, Goodland; Frank Ufford, Oberlin; Herbert Ufford, on the old homestead; and Elmer Ufford, Dresden.

An attempted robbery at the clothing store of Ralph and Ward Claar early Sunday morning was apparently foiled when the burglar alarm sounded. Entrance had apparently been made from the coal chute door at the rear of the building.

Jennings: The ladies of the Swastika Club held a Washington Bicentennial celebration at the home of Mrs. W.H. Liggett on Feb. 19. The program included the music played as Washington marched across the Trenton bridge on his way to his inauguration, as well as favorite selections of the Washington family. A dinner followed, prepared as in the time of George and Martha Washington with colonial-style dolls as place cards. Members present were Mesdames Booher, Erickson, Feely, Heatherington, Jeffries, Jennings, Law, Noone, Smith, A.W. and H.E. Simpson and a guest, Mrs. Sejkora.

Norcatour: The Reid Lumber Company again suffered from thieves last Saturday night when the fireproof vault was broken into and over a \$100 in sack taken. These hauls are getting too frequent and we hope there may be some development soon and justice overtakes the thieves.

The basement has been completed and construction work started on the new Rell Landau residence which is being built on West Oak Street.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1957

Walter Oehninger, manager of the new Decatur County Home, said that over 1,300 persons signed the guest book at the open house of the new facility on Sunday. At the present time they have seven guests, Mr. Oehninger added.

A light snow Wednesday morning raised the 1957 moisture total to .83.

Mr. John Handwerk is 70 years of age and he's never seen anything like it. One of his 150 hens laid an egg which weighed 6 ounces, about three times the size of a normal hen egg, and was eight inches in circumference. Mr. Handwerk was mighty proud but the effort was too much for the producer, a Leghorn-Hamp cross, who died before she could try again. Despite its size, the egg had only two yolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harger were honored with a dinner Feb. 24 at the home of their daughter, Velda Vernon, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. The dinner was at the old family home for the immediate relatives and a few close friends and Oran Harger, a son, acted as master of ceremonies.

New Arrivals: Pfc. and Mrs. Wilbur Baker, a daughter, March 2, Pamela Ann (Pfc. Baker is stationed in Italy.); Mr. and Mrs. Rex McGowne, a son, March 4, who has two brothers, Steven and Stuart; and Mr. and Mrs. John Rubendall, Norcatour, daughter, March 5, Janice Faye.

The Oberlin Red Devils lost their opening game in the district tournament at Colby last week with a 52-38 loss to Colby. Coach Bob Rumble's team finished the season with a 15-4 season mark, the best record since 1952 when the team went 19-3, but lost their bid for the state tournament by bowing to Norton at the regional.

Don Shaw, Oberlin senior at Fort Hays State, has been leading in points for the first wrestling team in the history of the school. The team, under Fred Reith who is also formerly of Oberlin, has won six and lost one. Aard Erickson, who like Shaw once wrestled at Oberlin, is also a member of the team.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1982

Meeting with local citizens at the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning, 120th Dist. Rep. Mike Hayden of Atwood predicted that the vote on the severance tax on oil and gas production would come on Thursday and that he planned to vote against it. Other

topics included the reason for taking so much land out of cultivation to make new highways, citing the new Highway 83 being built south of Oberlin, proposed state support for Washburn University and assistance to counties for public health.

Speaker at the March 12 annual banquet of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will be Dave Preston, running back for the Denver Broncos.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fidele announce the sale of the Montgomery Ward catalog sales agency at 121 N. Penn to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sitton of Limon, Colo.

New Arrivals: Pam and Tom Wonsettler, Oberlin, daughter, Amy Louise, Feb. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vaughn, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. William Owens, Wamego, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Tonie Lynn and Thomas Edward. Both are 1981 graduates of Fort Hays State University and the bride-to-be is employed as an accountant at Lindburg and Vogel Chartered in Hutchinson. A July 10 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Wamego.

The season ended for the Red Devil boys basketball team with an 89-59 loss to Leoti in the regional tournament. High point man for Oberlin was Cliff Hartzog with 23 while Brad Erickson had 15. The Red Devil girls drubbed the Leoti girls 62-44 to advance in regional play. Sandy Nichols was high for Oberlin with 18, followed by Tina Jones with 16.

The Red Devil wrestlers took nine boys to the state tourney at Hays and ended up with one first place, Buck Matson; one third, Todd Vaughn; and three fourths, Brent Simonsson, Scott Gawith and Wayne Dellere, to finish second with 91 points behind a powerful Beloit team which garnered 137 points. Returning next year for the Devils will be six of the nine which went to state, according to coaches Tom Alstrom and Delbert Erickson.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party Monday afternoon. He served meat, cheese, crackers, vegetables, and dip to an appreciative audience of residents and staff.

Dennis had been unable to be with us for a couple of months. Everyone was happy to have him back; not just because he brings treats, but because we truly enjoy his company.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the residents in a game of "Name that Tune" on Monday afternoon.

John Schuhart won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Velda Ward and Kayo Sattler.

Paul Sass led the exercise group Wednesday morning.

Margee Wilson and Lynn Doeden hosted a pancake supper for residents and staff on Wednesday evening. They had much help from the dietary and nursing departments as well as from volunteers Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Rick Doeden, and Kay Matheny. Guests included Stuart Euhus and several residents of the Wheat Ridge Terrace.

Father Henry was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward Thursday afternoon.

Paul Sass was the biggest winner at the dice game played Thursday

afternoon. Paul shared a box of Girl Scout cookies with the rest of the group following the game.

The baking group made chocolate cookies Friday afternoon. While the cookies were in the oven we read some of the recipes from the Decatur Health Systems cookbook. The baking group has several cookie recipes in the book.

Frank Bouts donated two CDs of swing music to Cedar Living Center.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Susanne Sulzman, Shawnee, Okla.; Agnes Chambers Roberts, McCook; John Tacha, Lawrence; Geraldine Packer, Deborah Graham, Norton; Frank Sulzman, Jim Sulzman, Carol Shaw, Rick Shaw, Selden; Roxanna Jankovits, Rochester Hills, Mich.; Jeanette Sulzman, Grand Island, Neb.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Harold Sulzman, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Bill Sulzman, Colorado Springs; Frank Cox, Herndon; Norine Bailey, Mike Bailey, Jennings; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Sandra Young, Marguerite Bailey, Regina Stanley, Roxie Pomeroy, Dolores Koerperich, Walt and Rosella Meitl, John Juememann, Charlotte Meints, Bob and Jo Ann Shuler, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The St. John's Lutheran Church was privileged to have guest clinician, Dr. J. Gordon Christensen, present a choir workshop at the church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, for its choir, pastor, organists, and any other interested congregational members. Dr. Christensen is a well known musician and also head organist and musical director at Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, Neb.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Preston visiting her father, Ben Jorns, and attending his 80th birthday celebration. Pam's brothers and families, Phil and Lisa Jorns, Logan and Julia, Norman, Okla., and Tim Jorns, Gavin and Teresa, Overland Park, were also there to help their father celebrate his birthday.

Dan Nedland, Cameron and Elizabeth, left Friday afternoon for Manhattan where they spent the weekend visiting the Kansas State University fraternities. They returned home Sunday evening.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dale Nelson. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Kersenbrock Funeral Home in Colby. Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Marvin and Paul, and a daughter, Marilyn Landen, and their families; and a sister, Maxine Starkey.

Covenant Women Ministries will be in charge of the morning

worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow for everyone.

Sally Olson visited several days with her daughters, Annette and Bob Frenzl and Whitney in Salina; Ava and Lewis Perkins in Wichita; and Debra and Larry Marks and family in Mulvane.

Good Samaritan Center

"The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness." Proverbs 16:31

Have you ever stopped to ponder the tremendous riches living inside the walls of the Good Samaritan Center? There is untold wealth here... knowledge, wisdom, history, spiritual giants and incredible mentors inhabit this place.

Isn't that different to what some believe about a nursing home? Some would say nursing homes are dark, depressing places where forgotten people go to die. Nothing could be further from the truth!

We recently have come into partnership with the 180 House, a half-way house for teen boys who have had trouble in their past and are seeking to turn their lives around. They come Monday night to learn from and visit the residents. This has become a highlight of their

week for the boys and also for the residents. Not only is this an opportunity to share life experiences but also a time to share the love of Christ through words and actions.

Six boys showed up on Saturday to paint the new Alzheimer's activity room. The room was transformed in a matter of hours. Our thanks to the boys and also to John Paulson for his willingness to oversee the project. Only two weeks remain until the ribbon-cutting reception and the opening of the room.

All the votes from staff, residents, family and the community, have been counted to determine the name of our new room. Thank you to all who participated. The winner is "Garden of Hope," submitted by Carol Neyens, an *Oberlin Herald* reader from Hayward, Wis. She will receive a LandMark Inn Cookbook for winning the contest.

On Tuesday Myrna Jones came

to give us some insight on the many churches that have impacted Decatur County over the years. This was the Living History program, which was well attended. We believe it is important to provide learning opportunities to the residents, and they always end up teaching us.

Friday was the highlight of the week. Coleen Rippe came to social hou. It has been a long while since we have seen her and it was a joyful reunion. We seized the opportunity to celebrate her birthday a couple days early. As she was enjoying hugs, kisses, gifts and kind words, the residents had homemade cream puffs made by Jeanette Diederich, Anita Hirsch and Lucy Schissler.

Again, a reminder our 50th anniversary celebration will be on Thursday, March 15. There will be a ribbon-cutting reception at 2 p.m.,

and a program and reception at 7 p.m. We hope you will plan to attend. Come and discover the wonderful treasures living and loving here!

In Christ's Love, everyone is someone!

Recent guests: **Roberta Urban-Jan Badsy**, Adelaide Unger of Stratton, Neb.; **Mary Depe** of Trenton, Neb.; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon Slabaugh, Sharon Johnson; **Edla Olson** - Sharon Johnson; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby; **Mae Guy, John and Muriel Ready** - Norma Richards.

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4	5 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	6	7 Echocardiograms 10:30 Ultrasounds	8 Mammograms	9 MRI Mobile Unit 9:30 Vascular Ultrasounds	10
11	12	13	14 Echocardiograms 10:30 Ultrasounds Dr. Frankum Surgery	15	16 MRI Mobile Unit 9:30 Vascular Ultrasounds	17
18	19	20	21 Echocardiograms 10:30 Ultrasounds	22	23 MRI Mobile Unit 9:30 Vascular Ultrasounds	24
25	26 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	27 Dr. Miller Cardiology	28 Echocardiograms 10:30 Ultrasounds	29	30	31 In House Services - Available Daily CT Scan ** Bone Mineral Density ** EKG Electrocardiograms

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