

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — March 1882**

The new sod mansion of R.H. Riley just over the river south of town looms up conspicuously.

Arthur Allen has the mumps. A.H. Hollister has moved onto his homestead on Hazard Draw.

Bethel Brevities: Mrs. C.B. Palmer has been engaged to teach the Hayward School.

Two of our prominent businessmen (Mr. Colt and Mr. Cornish) ride in from their suburban residences on horseback every morning.

A rousing railroad meeting was held Monday evening after considerable discussion and a committee formed to make arrangements for meetings and to secure speakers to address the people: George A. Metcalf, Grant; J.P. Ulrick, Bassettville; L.G. Parker, Center; J.W. Short, Jennings; R.W. Finley, Prairie Dog; F.M. Ross, Beaver; Daniel Caster, Olive; George Colby, Oberlin, S. Taylor, Custer.

**100 YEARS AGO — March 1907**

The raise in rural carrier's salary to \$75 takes place July 1.

Norcat items: Married, March 5, Miss Sadie Bell and Leslie Temple.

Six inches of very wet snow fell on Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mont Chapin, a 11-pound boy, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. I.O. Wear gave a reception Tuesday evening in honor of the new Presbyterian minister, Rev. Everett.

**75 YEARS AGO — March 1932**

Near zero temperatures for five consecutive days has been a record for Oberlin in March. Folks with a bit of time to spare have found that the courthouse with its nice warm rooms is a good place to spend it.

During the past week Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harger and daughter Lorraine have arrived home from

Southern California where they spent the winter. They had been gone over 8 months, driven 14,049 miles, visited 26 states, the District of Columbia, two provinces in Canada and one in Mexico.

In the closest basketball game of the season, Oberlin defeated the Goodland Cowboys 24-19 in a game which went into an extra period. The team has a 11-1 record and will leave Friday for Hays for the district tournament.

Announcement has been made in Washington, D.C., of the marriage of Miss Bess Furman, daughter of A.C. Furman, genial editor of the Southside Sentinel at Danbury, to Robert Armstrong, also of Washington, D.C. Miss Furman is a member of the AP staff in Washington and is the only woman assigned to cover the present session of Congress. Mr. Armstrong is a special Washington correspondent for three California newspapers.

A new White Knight soda fountain has been installed in the Stevenson drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Musgrave are the parents of a baby boy born March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Decker of Beaver Township are the parents of a baby girl born Feb. 28.

Bill McMullen is spending a week with his parents here following a tour with the Ambassador Orchestra. Bill plays the clarinet and will leave the first of the week to join the orchestra in Missouri.

Dixie Lee Patton was the honor guest at a birthday party at her home on Monday, Feb. 29. This was a real occasion for Dixie who can celebrate only once in four years. A large birthday cake was served at school and later 15 children came to the Patton home for games and refreshments.

**50 YEARS AGO — March 1957**

The board of directors of the

Decatur County Farm Bureau and the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce have gone on record to oppose the state retaining the so-called sales tax residue.

March was officially ushered into Kansas this week. Tulips have started to pop through the ground, and if that's not sufficient fanfare for the lion-lamb month, Monday's dust storm made it definite.

The annual fund drive in Decatur County for the American Red Cross got underway this week with Mrs. Fred Ploussard as campaign chairman.

Mary Lou Bendon was honored with a surprise miscellaneous bridal shower the afternoon of March 7 at the Green Lantern with The Oberlin Herald correspondents as hostesses. Mary Lou became the bride of Keith Olson Sunday, March 10 at the Oberlin Methodist Church.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln, son, George Griffin, March 12.

Dresden: Jack L. Rogers has completed work for a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering at the University of Kansas and will be listed in the June commencement program.

Harold Randall has resigned from the coaching staff at Colby High School after 19 years of coaching. He will retain his position as shop instructor. Randall was wrestling coach in Oberlin before going to Colby.

**25 YEARS AGO — March 1882**

The H. T. Paul Co., Inc., Topeka, announced this week plans to construct a 16-unit general occupancy apartment complex in the city of Oberlin. The complex will consist of four 1-bedroom apartments, four 2-bedroom and eight 3-bedroom apartments and will be built at the southeast corner of Ash and Garfield. Rental of the family dwellings will be based on income

with a minimum and maximum charge established.

USD 294 board of education heard an evaluation of importance accorded to math and science in the U.S. educational system from DCHS math and chemistry instructor Ahmad Nasser in their Monday night meeting. Since coming to the U.S. from Iran to pursue a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Northern Colorado and now teaching at the high school level, Nasser has observed that students do not have a strong background in mathematics and are not required to do much homework. "Homework is important in math and science," he said, "as they require thinking to increase their reasoning ability." Nasser is looking for more students in his classes next year because he believes that "everybody can understand science and physics." He added that "Students should learn some new thing each day even if they do not make excellent grades" and "I want to see them succeed." Board members expressed approval of his methods and goals.

USD 294 board members accepted the resignation of Amy Rehm, senior high secretary and board treasurer who plans to retire; Denise Krupka, who plans to teach in another state and Patty Gorrell who plans to study for a master of accountancy degree at KSU. The board also agreed to Jim Keller's request to be released from duties as varsity basketball coach for 1982-83.

The DCHS girls basketball team coached by Annette Sulzman downed WaKeeney and Oakley to earn a berth in the state tournament. For a team that wasn't given much of a chance in sub-state, the Red Devils have cut a pretty good niche for themselves and will meet St. Mary's in the first round of the tournament to be played at the Buhler High School gym.

## Good Samaritan Center

Time and faces change, but the Love remains the same.

Our 50-year celebration is upon us! The week has been a flurry of activity and preparation. Everyone's anticipation is heightened and we're ready to celebrate. We hope you plan to join us.

The Star Valley 4-H kids came to perform on Monday. Children included Isaac Carman, Britta, David and Michael Noren, Sarah, Nehemiah and RuthAnn Langness. They put on two skits, "The Hare and the Tortoise" and "Does This Pith Hat Make Me Look Fat?" Several musical pieces were also performed. It was our first performance in Town Square since the new flooring was put in.

On Tuesday during Art Class the ladies tried a technique called pointillism. They created beautiful kites, sunflowers, and tropical fish using the points of markers to bring texture and color to their pictures.

Dennis Brown with the Forget-Me-Not Ministry brought veggie plates for the residents during Social Hour.

Living History was a time for the residents to get a sneak preview of the visual presentation that will be used during the anniversary celebration.

On Thursday the Zeta Nu Club came to have their meeting and to celebrate our March birthdays.

They honored Eleanor Demmer, Mary Lemman, Ethel Nemeth, and Loren Escher. Mary Henzel brought her piano students to perform for the party entertainment and they served cookies and ice cream. A good time was had by all.

As you can see, we were able to squeeze in some fun, even in the midst of the preparations.

**Recent guests:** Ethel Nemeth - Mika and Shelby Hackney; Roberta Urban - Fay Utter and Roemello Grier of Stratton, Neb.; Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Donna Mae Frandsen; Dorothy Hunt - Ron Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall and Helen Brooks; Opal Bryan - Jeanne Britton of Thornton, Sharon Slabaugh; Irel Lohofener - Merlou Robinson and Jerry Lohofener; Jeanette Conway - Daisy Rhein; Hazel Flaska - Charles and Cleta Morgan of Brighton, Colo.; Doris Miller - Clyde and Verdie Peddycord of Greeley, Colo.; Mae Guy, Ruby Wennihan and Elaine Thomas - Norma Richards.

## Selden News

By Jacqu Boultinhouse

On March 1 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Julie Pope got low and Helen Karls had the most kings. Other members present included Lola Cook, Betty James, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Leone Porsch, Jeanie Spesser, and Shirley Emigh.

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On Tuesday, March 20, the National Weather Service in Goodland will be holding Weather Spotter Training in Hoxie at the Bowen

Scout House at 6:30 p.m. Birthdays and anniversaries: March 8 - Vala Mosier, David Weis; March 9 - Evelyn Brainard; March 10 - Mark Miller, Lindsey Carman, Ted Juenemann, Debbie Koeperich, Joe Zodrow, Paul Kaus; March 11 - Jacob Mosier, Everett Shuler, Lois Neff, Marge Wilson; March 12 - Joe Kruse, Leanna Zodrow; March 13 - Elaine Koeperich, Jami Shaw; March 14 - Cole Wachendorfer; March 15 - Levi Rogers, Linda Shuler; March 16 - Josh Mosier, Mary Peter, Marvin Kaus; March 17 - Betty Barnett, Boyd Wilson, Dan Campbell, Tanner Gillum; March 18 - Nick Rall; March 19 - Danielle Hickert, Tate Bruggeman; March 20 - Mitch Miller; March 21 - Alfred Albers.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the family of Dr. Delvin Randolph of Sterling, who died Friday. He was a brother of Lennis and Gaylen Randolph of Jennings, and was a graduate of Jennings High School with the class of 1961. The funeral was held Monday at Sterling.

The Jennings community also extends sympathy to the family of Don Sulzman of Dresden, who died Friday.

The February meeting of the Tuesday Study Club was held at the Country Kitchen restaurant in McCook for lunch. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Vendla Tacha, Ruth Chance, Neoma Tacha, Joan McKenna, Lynn Tacha, Helen Muirhead and Helen RRhodes. Gwen Lee of McCook gave the program telling of her collection of 900 refrigerator magnets.

Jennings United Methodist Women met Wednesday, March 7. The meeting was opened by Kathy Nauer presenting the program, "Fear Not, Pray Earnestly, a Time for Soul Searching." Roll call, an answered prayer, was given by Kay Brown, Glenda Johnson, Rachel Carter, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings and Kathy Nauer. The purpose was recited in unison. A thank you was read from the Edna Smith family for the memorials. Items of discussion were new faucet installation in the kitchen and new curtains for the ladies rest room. An offering will be taken at the April 4 meeting for "The Week of Prayer and Self Denial." The program will be given by a representative of the district officers.

Jennings City Council met March 8 with council members Stan Hartzog, Bill Gawith, Rick Foster

and Louise Cressler present. Guests Helen Rhodes and Violet Krizek, representing the library, attended the meeting. Council approved appointment of Mindy Fleckenstein to the library board in the place of Larry Mizer, whose term is up. Meyer's of Hoxie has not come to look at the rewiring of the Community Hall and the city shop.

Discussed trimming trees, hanging over curbs. Norton Correctional men will be working in town on March 22 and 23. Asphalt millings will be put on Third Street and Washington Street this week. Leroy Spesser will do the hauling.

A permit from the Department of Agriculture has been received by the city to drill a backup well. The new generator has been installed at the well site. Council discussed having Jim Zodrow sell the other generator.

Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., was an overnight guest of Lawrence and Lila Jennings on Friday. She was en route to Glen Elder to visit her mother, Daisy Stratton, and brother and wife, Bud and Dorothy Johnston.

Housing board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Ruth and Merl Chance enjoyed having most of their families visiting over the weekend.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings attended a birthday party for Brendan Jennings in Oberlin on Sunday at the Lee and Judy Ploussard home. The March birthdays of Lee, Judy and Brent Jennings were also celebrated. Also present were Brett

Jennings, Rhonda Workman of Wichita, and Rod and Pat Fringer.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings held its meeting on March 1 with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were: Jay Kump, Bob Tacha, Roger Shimek, Dean Gawith and Lila Jennings. Officers elected for 2007 were Neoma Tacha, president; Roger Shimek, vice president; Lila Jennings, secretary; and Dean Gawith, treasurer.

The school class picture stands have been assembled and show cases arranged in the school memorabilia room. A few trophies have lost their name plaques and we will be asking visitors if anyone can identify them as to year, sport, etc. We are displaying more items all the time while making ready for the open house in May.

Contractors are being contacted for the work on the RNA Hall, part of the museum, now that the weather is better along with the outside work that needs to be done.

We invite the public to attend our next regular meeting on April 5.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bonnie Olson, who died last week at her home in Boulder, Colo. She is the former Bonnie Shaw and her husband, the late Kelly Olson, was a native of this community.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy and Elma Lee Erickson attended the wedding of Tami Gillespie and Bradley Reve March 3 in Anthony. The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Sonya (Lang) Gillespie of Mulvane and a granddaughter of Mildred (Erickson) Lang of San Leandro, Calif., but formerly of this community. En route home they visited and had dinner with the Terry Thoren family at Hoisington.

Steve and Arian Arnold attended funeral services on Saturday, March 3, in Boulder, Colo., for a friend, Linda Starck, who died Feb. 23. They were houseguests of Judy Scott in Erie, Colo.

Brady Ginther of Menlo visited over spring break with his grandparents, J.R. and Carrol Ginther.

Don and Em Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson visited last Monday in St. Francis with their cousins, Marsha Magley and Helene Landenberger.

Ethan and Jordan Beckman of Grinnell are spending the week with their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

B and S Cafe is now open in downtown Herndon, and is under the management of Cat Mullen. The cafe serves breakfast and lunch every day of the week. They had a fish fry Friday evening.

Guests last weekend of Ann Martin were Lucy Evans and Dick and Betty Martin.

Don and Joan Grafel were Sunday dinner guests of Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Rachel and Sarah at the B and S Cafe in Herndon to help Ben Grafel celebrate his birthday.

Visitors last Sunday of Tim and Monica Solko were Ron Solko,

Oberlin; Rodney Solko, McCook; and Tom, Patrick and Charles Solko.

Guests last weekend of Bob and Julie Hafner were Jason Hafner and Raquel, Lexington, Neb.; Edie Pettera and Janice Sattler. They helped Raquel celebrate her birthday.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a potluck at the Herndon Center on Feb. 21. Ann Martin won blackout in bingo and John Eby won the door prize. The next potluck will be next Wednesday at the Senior Center.

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