

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1882

Last Friday evening, about 20 old settlers gathered at the residence of Wm. Love to help him celebrate his 49th birthday. A partial list of those present: Capt. and Mrs. J.W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Rodehaver, Mrs. Peter Johnson, Mrs. Robert Bridle, Mrs. R.H. Riley, Mrs. Will Ufford, N.G. Addleman, Capt. W.C. McGonigal and John and Billy Love.

Geo. Metcalf and D.H. Sherwood started for New Mexico this week. They will buy sheep and drive them back; they sold 3,300 head last season.

J.R. Colby, of Colby post office, near the center of Thomas County, called last Monday.

Connersville Cullings: Mr. Morgan, the sheep man, is one of us. He has bought out Mr. Gregory and moved in the 18th.

North Fork Sappa: Mr. Griffin is erecting a new sod house.

On Tuesday morning several wagon loads of our citizens pulled out for Lenora to join the railroad excursion from that place to Atchison.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1907

Dan Dees has rented the Acton farm for three years.

Ray McClauray and Vincent Chapin have rented the Daughters blacksmith shop and ask a share of your patronage.

J.K. Stiner of Olive Township has now been in this county 34 years and has no intention of leaving.

This has been the most wonderful March ever known by the oldest residents.

W.A. Burnett has sold his farm and will have a sale next week.

Otis L. Benton recently sold the controlling interest in the Oberlin National Bank to Mr. Lew E. Darrow of Corning, Iowa.

Married, Wednesday, March 20, Mr. Addison Coulter and Miss Muriel Decker, Rev. D.O. Banta officiating.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1932

The DCHS debaters took second in the district tournament held at Colby. The affirmative team of Wilma Johnston and John Wilcoxon won all of their debates while the negative team upheld by Berta Frickey and Harold Hamilton did not win a single decision.

The basketball team composed of Sam Francis, Leo and Voyle Ridgway, Swede Anderson, Jim and Joe Martin, Dwight Stephens, Neil Reeves and Jack Johnston were nosed out by Hays Parochial at the Class A basketball tournament held in Hays and placed fourth. In the Class B tournament, Dresden High School won fourth place, losing in consolation to Alton.

Sam Francis, captain of the

DCHS league champion basketball team, was the only player named to the all-star NWKL first team. Ridgway and Anderson were on the second team and both Joe and Jim Martin received honorable mention.

Wallace Wolfe drove to Ovid, Colo., to meet his father. R.G. Wolfe, editor of the Laramie, Wyo., Leader, who will visit in Oberlin and Smith Center several days. The thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero the morning he left Laramie.

Court House News: Judge Kulp issued a license to Arlie Barratt and Miss Eva Berry, both of Oberlin, on March 13 and they were married that day by Rev. Frey of Olive Chapel.

Holden Simpson of Oberlin Township had the third finger of his right hand injured in a corn sheller and it was necessary to amputate the finger.

Traer: A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jording last week.

Custer: Miss Mildred Allen had a fine program and plate supper at Custer School Friday night which was well attended and certainly enjoyed by all present. Proceeds were \$26.70.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1957

All persons between the ages of one and 40 have been advised by local doctors to obtain the Salk polio vaccine, which is now available at Oberlin Clinic. Maximum protection is afforded from two shots, one month apart, and a third booster shot seven months later.

Vyrl Rush, DCHS senior and president of the Oberlin chapter of FFA, was the winner of the Regional Swine Production Award and a cash prize of \$25. He will now compete against five other regional winners for the state prize. This is the first year the KHSAA has permitted money to be awarded to high school students.

If the Indians dubbed Kansas "the land of the southwind," northwest Kansas must have been "land of the almost rain." Decatur County had all the ingredients of some corking good moisture this week but the wet stuff itself; someone was needed to go up and squeeze the clouds.

Funeral services were conducted at Herndon Covenant Church for Myron Lee Duell, seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Duell of Buena Vista, Colo.

There will be a public sale at the Myron Johnson farm at the edge of Kanona on Monday. Johnson has accepted a permanent position with the Rural Telephone Service Company and the family will make their home in Lenora, where he will be plant superintendent for the Rural Telephone and will head the outside plant in the company's Edmond, Logan, Damar, Palco, Lenora and

Morland offices. He is a 1942 graduate of DCHS and is married to the former Metta Schweitzerberger and is the father of two children.

The College of Emporia Chorale and the Luther College Choir will perform in Oberlin in the next two weeks. Singing in chorale, which will perform at the DCHS auditorium, are Rusty Addleman and Don Musgrave. The choir from Luther College at Wahoo, Nebr., will perform at Faith Lutheran Church.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1982

New officers for the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce for the coming year are: Ralph Marcuson, president; Ed Bateman, president-elect; Jim Gaumer, vice president; Judy Shirley, treasurer. Jessie Barrett will continue as full-time secretary.

Mrs. Bob (Sandy) Russell has been hired as curator for the Last Indian Raid Museum. Born and raised in Norcatour, she is the daughter of the late John H. and Marcella Ward and is deeply interested in genealogy. Her great-grandparents homesteaded in Decatur and Norton counties and her great-grandfather, J.C. Frewen, was

Decatur County clerk from 1892-95.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Copper, Hoxie, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to Steve New, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney New, Norcatour. Both are graduates of Fort Hays State University. The wedding is planned for Aug. 7, 1982, at the United Methodist Church in Hoxie.

Jan Robertson and Ronnie Deringer, both of Pratt, were united in matrimony in a 7 p.m. ceremony Jan. 16, 1982, at the United Church of Oberlin.

DCHS students who visited the Kansas statehouse with their government instructor Richard Ahlberg were Lori Cozad, Lisa Schweitzerberger, Paul Shields and Kathy Schuetz. They were sponsored by Sen. Richard Gannon of Goodland.

The Red Devil girls' basketball team hit the toughest 3A State tournament team in the first round of action and were soundly defeated 59-35 by St. Mary's, who went on to win the tournament with a 59-38 win over Hesston on Saturday night to post a perfect 24-0 season.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The weather has cooperated for two weekends in a row for the Chamber. Last Saturday we held the Farmer and Rancher Appreciation night. The crowd was large, the speaker outstanding, the food scrumptious, door prizes very useful and the dance band very easy listening.

This weekend was the Home and Garden Show. The crowd was a steady flow and the vendors were pleased with the buying. The patio furniture was right in line for the weather outside and the grilling a delightful smell as you walked in. We had something for everyone to see. Thanks to those who took the time to stop in and see what was available.

Decatur Health Systems will break ground for the new addition on the hospital Monday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m. They will be having a coffee hour during this time. We are so lucky to have this beautiful facility in the community and be fully staffed with our doctors and nurses. This is what makes our community attractive to people wanting to move to a smaller place. Let's get out and support our hospital.

Oberlin Business Alliance is sponsoring its annual contest for the best college basketball team. A basket full of prizes will be awarded to the winner. Kansas and K-State were still in the running for the Na-

tional Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Invitational Tournament, as of Monday.

Watch and pick your favorite for the final match-up. The sheets will be available Monday at Addleman Drug, Ward Drug and the Chamber office. They need to be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday, March 30, to be eligible.

Choosing the winner as well as the total points of both teams will be the tie breaker. In the case of a further tie, the winner will be picked out of a hat.

Easter is coming! The bunny is bustling around looking to see if there are places to hide his eggs. Good Friday is April 6, and with it there will be church services and the Oberlin Business Alliance fish and burger fry in the drive-through of the Business Enhancement Building, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The next day the Lions Club will hide Easter candy in City Park starting at 1 p.m., then on Sunday we will celebrate the meaning of Easter in all the churches.

There will coffee hour in April and the annual Administrative Professionals Day on April 25.

Things are slowing down a little bit until May starts the last month of school and all that goes with it.

Stop by, have a cup, pick up your extra phone books and let me know if you need something else.

Cedar Living News

We will have a dance in the Cedar Living Center dining room Thursday at 7 p.m. The public is invited to join us for an evening of music, dancing, and refreshments.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party Monday afternoon. He served blarney stones and ice cream in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning.

Opal Huntley and Alice Shirley assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby organized the pinocle group on Wednesday afternoon. Don Shaw, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Tacha, and Elsie Goodnight attended. Mrs. Williby served doughnuts.

The craft group met Wednesday afternoon to cut out shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Mass on Thursday morning.

The dietary department hosted a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Thursday. The main dish was corned beef and cabbage. The menu also included a salad bar.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox on

Thursday afternoon.

The bowling group met on Thursday afternoon for a game. Those joining in on the fun included Elmo Bailey, Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Bea Wolfram, and Ruth McQuiston.

The baking group made sugar cookies which featured green sugar on top.

A St. Patrick's Day party was held Saturday morning. Residents enjoyed doughnuts and coffee and shared stories about Ireland and St. Patrick.

Recent visitors: Gene Hrnchir, Atwood; Shirley and Gary Emigh; Robert Koerperich, Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Jordan and McKenzie Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Norine Bailey, Jennings; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Denise Sweeney and A.J., Lincoln, Neb.; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; Frank Cox, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Wava Reames, Norcatour;

Lois Lamb, Bob and Joanne Shuler, Regina Stanley, Marguerite Bailey, Elvin Beneda, Orline Beneda, Jamie Wray, Helen Gee and family, Roxie Pomeroy, Gary and Kaine Fredrickson, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10b

If you were not able to be with us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, you missed a wonderful event! All week long, even during the preparation days there was an air of excitement and unity, a very real sense of family. It was as if we were planning a family reunion instead of an anniversary celebration. We had many visitors, reminisced over old photos, identifying, laughing, sighing and remembering.

The staff worked together to spiff up the place for company, while having a great time together. Each day they dressed for a different decade and hung a picture of themselves during the different years on designated posters made to reflect the particular year. This became a gathering place for both residents and staff to look at an old "family album" and to share comments and conversations together. We all know each other better, and like each other even more.

The ribbon cutting for the new Garden of Hope activity room was an exciting beginning to our celebration. About 50 community and family members came to attend and get their first glimpse of the room. It is the fulfillment of a vision planted in the heart of our administrator, Janice Shobe. It will be a wonderful way to provide for our dementia residents in a way that will bring them to their highest level of functioning and give them purpose and meaning to life.

In the evening, we had the pleasure to dine with past commission-

ers, board members, administrators and Regional Director Randy Fitzgerald. Cheryl Christner and Alisia Hoke, both of McCook, played beautiful harp and cello music in the background.

As the program progressed, Anita Hirsch sang the Good Samaritan theme song "In Christ's Love," followed by a slide show presentation entitled, "A Step Back in Time." It was so much fun to see faces of loved ones who were a part of Good Sam in the earlier days.

Then a second presentation entitled "A Leap into the Future" was viewed with the faces of current staff and residents. The Good Sam Choir sang the "Spirit Song" while it was being shown. The motto we used in the publicity for this event was never more appropriate: "Time and Faces Change, but the Love Remains the Same."

Never have I been more proud to be a part of an organization than I was this day. The love of God, the love of the residents, the love of the staff, and the love of the community of Oberlin were so evident. The ladies of the ABC Extension Unit would have been proud too, to see their vision shine so brightly 50 years later.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this day a success. In addition, thank you to all who came to celebrate with us. What a joy and a blessing you are to us.

Truly, Jesus did come to give us life, and that we might live it more abundantly. We praise Him and thank Him for this wonderful week of serving and celebrating in His name! God Bless You, all.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

The appearance of a robin in the yard has always been a sign to let me know that winter is coming to an end and spring is nearly here. Sunday morning I saw one and neighbors saw some as well.

Spring officially began Tuesday and the city will sponsor another spring cleanup. A letter of information will be mailed out with your city utility bill. This is a great gesture on the city's part to take advantage of the free service.

Michael Johnson has agreed to be a write-in candidate for city council on the April 3 general election ballot. Please note, this needs to be written as Michael Johnson.

Jay and Nancy Dahl spent Sunday and Monday in Beloit with their daughter, Linda and Bob Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris and Craig. They also did some shopping in Salina before returning home Monday evening.

My daughter, Jami Wark, and I spent several days visiting her sisters, Kristin Wark in Lawrence and Rebecca Rains and nephew, Jaren, in Victoria. While in Lawrence, a Kristin took them to Jeffersons, a restaurant noted for individual placements of one dollar bills on the walls. Yes, we pinned a bill to the wall.

Gary and Karen Hibbs spent several days in Denver visiting their daughter, Kelly and Kerry Kohberg and Presley.

Dennis and Vicki Wark had a surprise visit from Mike and Joy Meserve and Paul on Saturday morning. The Meserves were former residents and moved to The Colony, Texas, in 2003. Mike is

teaching middle school math and Joy is working as a legal secretary for a law firm. Their oldest son, Samuel, attends a local college and works at Waldens, a book store.

Also on Saturday, Vicki Allison celebrated her birthday by having lunch at Hong Kong with friends Beverly Vaughn and Brenda Kinderknecht. After lunch we hung out at Brenda's and watched a movie and then watched her husband, Lonnie, work in the yard. But, my day wasn't finished. My son, Chad and family, Desiree, Morgan and Hayden, took Dennis and I out for supper to the South Wind Bar and Grill in Selden. It was a wonderful day. A sincere thanks to all of you who had sent me a birthday card.

Jeremy Gould is on leave from San Diego and his ship, the USS Mimmitz. He is in Goodland spending time with his mother, Tina Anderson, and will be in Rexford sometime during the week to see and visit family and friends.

The American Legion's March Pinochle Tournament had a good turnout with 18 players. Third-place winners were Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper; coming in second were father and son, Dick and Ken Sanford; first place went to Shirley Emigh and Jennie Spresser of Selden.

If you would like to hear first-hand information regarding the proposed Colby Community College Wellness Center, the college president, Dr. Lynn Kreider, will be holding an informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Golden Plains high school gym.

The Rexford Lions Club will be holding a roast beef and homemade noodle lunch with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, at the Community Hall located on Main Street. Donations will be accepted for community projects.

Aisha Walter and Taylor Todd will celebrate a birthday on Saturday.

Decatur Health System

By Othelia Vacura

The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Specialty Clinic addition at 9:30 a.m. Monday on the east side of the Decatur County Hospital.

The addition will include three exam rooms, a stress test room and procedure room as well as a nurses' work station, a physicians' office and a patient waiting room. Also included is a large office for Cottonwood Home Health.

Financing will come from a federal loan and bequests made by area people who wanted to make a positive impact on health care in our community. Having a separate, more private area for visiting specialists will encourage them to continue coming to our community, and will also provide more privacy for the patients they consult with.

Coffee and donuts will be served following the groundbreaking ceremony. The avenue adjacent to the emergency door on the east side of

the hospital will be closed to parking and traffic until construction is done.

March is National Professional Social Workers Month. Joanne Wendelin, the social services director at Decatur Health Systems, has made a positive impact on our community in helping all age groups to receive discounted prescription drugs when needed. We appreciate her efforts to help those community members who need this assistance.

We remind everyone that the "Shared From the Heart" cookbooks are still for sale for \$15 each. These attractive books make wonderful gifts. The purchase is also an investment in health care for our community. Proceeds will be used to buy defibrillator equipment. Copies are available at the front office of the hospital.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

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