

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1883**  
H.O. Douglas could not accommodate all the teams on Monday. A good sign of prosperity.  
The roof of W.S. Frazier's stable caved in Saturday night. Wonderful to relate, his horse "Plunger" was not hurt and was found in the morning quietly browsing on the fallen roof.  
Lumber for the church has been ordered and as soon as it arrives work will be finished rapidly.  
The black walnut grove near town owned by Mr. Maddox has received more care and work than any 40 acres of land in Decatur County, and the effort to save the trees has been praiseworthy.  
One and all are invited to attend and take part in the Calico Ball to be given by the ladies of Oberlin at City Hall on Feb. 22nd. Spectators will be charged 10 cents admission. Tickets to the ball, 50 cents; supper, \$1 a couple.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1908**  
Tuesday was one of the worst days of the winter and the streets were as quiet as on Sunday.  
In order for politicians and others an opportunity to study the provisions of the new primary law, 50,000 copies will be printed for distribution after the adjournment of the special session of the legislature.  
George Bayne bought out John Eddy's meat market Monday.  
Art Steele stopped at our office door to say "hello," the first time he has been down town in six weeks.  
J.B. Leaman and family left Tuesday for their new home in Texas.  
The Norton band gave a fine concert Wednesday evening at the opera house to a rather small audience. A number of the listeners that they were just as good as the Kilties.  
Married, Feb. 17, Mr. Everett Eiler and Miss Susie Ireland.  
Public School Notes: The trio, Christina, Dora and Belle Bremer are fine teachers. Christina has charge of the Jennings school, Dora is teaching in District 6 and Belle in District 4.  
South Sappa News: Renne Barnes has his new barn almost finished.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1933**  
by other family members coming, including some great-grandchildren she had never met before. What a joy!  
Happy Valentine's Day from all of us at the Good Sam! Jesus loves you and so do we.  
Recent visitors were: Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall, Tami Cook (Norcatour) and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Brian and Pam Simonsson, for **Opal Bryan**. Don and Joan Grafel (Herndon) for **Thelma Spiers**. Jim Rogers (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Ralph Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. 180 Boys for **All**. Lynette Donaldson and Enid Foland (Almena) for **David McGee**. Samaria Vilar and "Puppy" for **Alan Adleman**. Steve and Arian Arnold and Lila Thorson (Washington) for **Edla Olson**. John and Carol Barrett for **Dorothy Bryan**. Cheri Kastars (Herndon) for **Pooch Portschy**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Vicky and Bud Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Carole Unger and Cindy Traphegan (Yuma, CO) for **Harold and Eleanor Demmer**. Lori Moore and Kay Thomas (Denver), Lavern and Carolyn Burtis, Phyllis Metcalf,

In the most thrilling basketball game that has been staged on the home court this season, the Decatur Red Devils defeated the hitherto undefeated Hoxie basketball team 30-17 and thus regained a place at the top of the league. Sam Francis was high point man with 16 points.  
In the wrestling contest which preceded the basketball game, the Oberlin grapplers took 8 of 10 bouts to win 34 to 6. Hitchcock, Norton, Koehler and Wilson won by falls while Relph, Van Vleet and McCarty won by time advantage.  
If you want to be sure of having an overcoat to wear home after attending any public event it is advisable to use a little extra caution in selecting a place to leave it. Last Friday evening a number of persons, mostly students, hung their overcoats and hats in the open lockers in the main hall of the grade school building while watching the Hoxie-Oberlin game and wrestling match and afterwards a number of the wraps were missing.  
---adv. Special Sunday dinner at Hotel Oberlin: roast goose or fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings, 40 cents.---adv.  
Funeral services were held for R.A. Reasoner who came to this county in 1879 and homesteaded in Cook Township. He served as county clerk in 1884-85. At the time of his death he resided on his farm in Olive Township where he made a hobby of raising fruit trees. The final resting place for Mr. and Mrs. Reasoner in the Oberlin Cemetery is within two miles of the farm home where the active years of their lives were so well spent in the rearing of a family.  
Miss Gladys Smith, teacher at Victory school, stayed at George Martin's last week during the cold weather.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1958**  
In recent Emporia State scholarship tests, 35 students ranked in the top five percent. Wanda Moody, senior, had the highest score in the state in bookkeeping while students in two classes, physics taught by Eugene Oshima, and American history, taught by Bob Rumble, ranked at the top among all classes in the state.

Top scorers in Oshima's class were Dave Banta, Howard Benton, Peggy Jennings and Colleen Mathews.  
Johnny Hopp, who wore a major league baseball uniform with distinction for 17 years, was the guest speaker at Oberlin Rotary Tuesday in his position as public relations man for the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company. In later conversation Hopp, who played for the Cardinals, Braves, Pirates, Dodgers, and Yankees and later coached at both Detroit and St. Louis, gave the opinion that "Ted Williams is the best hitter I ever saw. Even Joe DiMaggio would stop playing catch to watch Williams in the batting cage."  
The Oberlin City Council voted to order a new fire engine at the cost of \$9,324 to replace the 1928 GMC currently in use.  
Losses to Norton and Goodland have dashed the hopes of the Oberlin basketball team of winning the Northwest Kansas League title.  
Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead, Dresden, daughter, Michelle Leigh, Feb. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wurm, Herndon, daughter, Judy Lynette, Feb. 8.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wenger are the parents of a daughter born Feb. 9 who has been named Lynette Kay.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1983**  
USD 294 Board of Education approved creation of a new position, that of grounds and outdoor maintenance supervisor for school

properties.  
Decatur County commissioners agreed to help fund an addition to Oberlin Clinic to house the county health department after being told by the hospital board that in August with the addition of Dr. Lyn Fogleman the medical community will have expanded to five physicians and one physician's assistant.  
Herndon: Dawn Tongish, a student at Herndon High School, won first place in a state speech contest on conservation sponsored by Reader's Digest.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Michel, Norcatour, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cathy Sue, to Galen Mark Pfeifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pfeifer, Hays. The wedding will be May 21, 1983, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hays.  
An April 16, 1983, wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin by Shanna Wurm and Brad Long. The bride-to-be is currently a student at Ottawa University and will graduate in May and her fiance attended Colby Community College and is now working on the family farm/ranch.  
Qualifying for state wrestling are: Andy Shobe, Brent Simonsson, Jay Ketterl, Vince Rodocker, Buck Matson, Trevor Urban, Barry Solko and Dave Aker.  
Paul Haimberger of Arequipa, Peru, has arrived to spend six months with the Marvin Hansen family and attend DCHS.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Naomi Annette Meitl. She died Wednesday, Feb. 6, at their home in Dresden. Her mother, Jeanette Reis, Irving Texas, is a former resident of Jennings.  
Sympathy is also extended to the family of Thelma Louise (Brock) Walker, of Lindsborg. She died Wednesday, Feb. 6. Graveside services were held Saturday at the Jennings Cemetery. She graduated from Jennings High School with the

class 1952.  
United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Because of snowy weather last week, the meeting was postponed to this week.  
Louise Cressler visited with her sister, Leotha Bohl, of Phillipsburg Sunday. She is improving daily after suffering a stroke in October. Three days a week she goes to Lincoln, Neb., for therapy.

# Good Samaritan News

This week we celebrated the lives of two more dear residents who have passed from death to a new eternal life with our Father: Ruby Wennihan and Alvina Unger. We extend our love and sympathy to their friends and family. They will be sorely missed by all of us who loved them.  
This week we celebrated National Library Week with a word game on Tuesday. We listed 50 items that could be found in the library.  
Then on Thursday, Kathryn Post, Faye Miller, Hazel Flaska, Opal Bryan, Emma Sanford and others helped Anita Hirsch make chocolate truffles to serve at Social Hour when we honored Phyllis Metcalf for being our library volunteer for over 20 years. Eva Bryan presented her with a book "Hugs from Heaven" and a bookmark in appreciation for her dedicated service.  
The 180 Boys came for games and discussion later that evening. Amy Rehm, Dorothy Pryor, Opal Bryan, Lora Swickie and Doris Marintzer attended.  
Saturday was a wonderful day for Elaine (Cody) Thomas. She celebrated her 90th birthday with a reception hosted by her daughter Connie Hogg. Elaine was surprised

by other family members coming, including some great-grandchildren she had never met before. What a joy!  
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Elsie Wolters, Lynette Donaldson and Enid Foland (Almena), Fran-nie Wood, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf for **Elaine Thomas**. Other visitors;

Larry James (Norcatour), Vince Martinez (Garden City), Faustinez Martinez (Wichita) and Rod and Glenn Copland (Vermont).

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

A benefit homemade noodle dinner with all the fixings, hosted by the Lions Club will be held on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Community Hall on Main Street in Rexford. It will be a fundraiser for Tate Bruggeman, a junior at Golden Plains High School. He will be a participant in the "Down Under Sports" in Australia from June 30 to July 12, competing in high jump, long jump, and the triple jump. He is the son of Paul and Karla Bruggeman. Your participation in supporting Tate will be greatly appreciated; plan to attend to support Tate and enjoy a great meal and good conversation.  
Flyers have been posted around town advertising a presentation of *Yankee Doodle* on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Golden Plains High School Auditorium. The presentation is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. *Yankee Doodle* incorporates nearly 100 characters in American history, beginning with Paul Revere's ride and ending with Lindbergh's historic flight in 1927. The tour manager states, "Flash photography and video taping of portions of the performance is permissible only in conjunction with the media. Under no circumstance may the entire performance be video taped. The Company would be happy to pose for cameras and videos after the performance."  
Phyllis Cheney had a birthday on Sunday, Feb. 10 and Levi Allen on Feb. 14. The Rexford City Council will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13. Anyone interested in entering the Pinochle

Tournament at the American Legion, Saturday, Feb. 16, is encouraged to do so. The entry fee is \$10. Contact Dick Sanford, at (785) 687-2275, if interested.  
The monthly Bingo at the Red Barn was held Saturday evening. Everyone 50 plus years of age is invited to this monthly activity. Come out and enjoy a couple of hours of Bingo and win yourself some fruit and or candy.  
A Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.  
Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo is the second Saturday at 7 p.m. each month.  
Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

On Feb. 1 at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Gail Mumm took second, Helen Karls got low and had the most nines. Other members present included Shirley Emigh, Ann Hazlitt, Jeanie Spresser, Alfred Albers, Edna Schiltz, Leone Porsch, Carol Shaw, Paulie Neff and Lois Neff.  
On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Helen Karls won high, Mary Goal-den took second and had the most Ace's and Paulie Neff got low. Other members present included Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Leone Porsch, Carol Shaw, Ann Hazlitt, Shirley Emigh, Jeanie Spresser, Lois Neff and Bernita Aumiller.  
Birthdays and anniversaries - Feb. 8 - Monica Aumiller Svoboda, Wanda Spresser, Joseph Koerperich. Feb. 9 - Joe Wessel, Shirley M. Emigh.

Feb. 10 - Carlene Bruggeman, Danica Ritter. Feb. 11 - Fansion Juenemann, Adrienne Pauls. Feb. 13 - Carol Lobato, Robert Ritter, Thayne Spresser, Olga Vargas. Feb. 14 - Marge Miller, Tressie Rogers, Alan Spresser, Daryl Juenemann, Shirley Albers Niermeier, Nick Stacey.  
The Selden Lions Club will be sponsoring a broom sale in combination with their annual Feed on March 8. There will be more details in next week's paper.  
The Selden Public Library is open on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The Library is run completely by volunteers so anyone wanting to volunteer please contact any of the board members.

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# Cedar Living News

It is time to get those Valentine's Day cards and notes in the mail for your favorite Cedar Living Center residents. Phone calls, flowers, and chocolates also are a hit with any age group, including those who live at Cedar Living Center. The Stick-To-It 4-H Club made Valentine decorations to hang on all of the doors.  
Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon in the dining room.  
Many residents enjoyed watching the snowfall on Tuesday. We did meet for our bingo game on Tuesday afternoon, but we were missing our volunteers due to the weather. Fortunately, residents helped each other and staff members Teresa Ely and Roberta Petracek joined the group and helped as well. John Schuhart won the first bingo and Edie Pettera won the blackout game.  
We spent Wednesday afternoon rolling the dice. Darlene Fisher and John Schuhart won the most games. Others playing along included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Mary and Ira Kolsky, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler.  
Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.  
The poker club met on Wednesday evening with Sam Mack.  
Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward on Thursday afternoon.  
Father Henry Saw Lone brought ashes from the Ash Wednesday services when he came for Mass on Thursday morning on the patio.  
The Zeta Nu Club hosted the February birthday party on Thursday afternoon in the dining room. They served rolls and coffee to residents, staff, and guests. The entertainment was provided by a men's quartet from Decatur Community High School under the direction of Susan Nelson. Berencec McKay was honored for having the only birthday in February. She received a birthday balloon and lotion as a gift from the

Zeta Nu Club. Club members met at Cedar Living Center for their February business meeting following the party.  
Grace Cook attended funeral services on Thursday for her son, Merlin, who passed away last week. Family members met on the Cedar Living Center patio following the graveside service for coffee and sandwiches.  
Fern Moore read *The Oberlin Herald* aloud for a group of residents on Thursday afternoon.  
The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies. The cookies were decorated with red sugar in honor of Valentine's Day. We enjoyed eating half of the cookies and the other half were put away to save for the Valentine's Day party on Feb. 14.  
The Rev. Doug Hasty gave the worship service on the Cedar Living Center patio on Sunday afternoon. Following the service residents and their guests enjoyed a program of sweetheart music, provided by Ron Temple and the group, Faith, Hope, and Charity. Punch was served during the program.  
Recent visitors: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Doyle and Kay Brown, David Carter and family, Jennings; Rod and Glenna Copeland, Colchester, Vt.; Marsha Seck, Falcon, Colo.; Bob and Irma McDaniel, Scott City; Dorothy Ward, Chris, Sharee, and MJ Dempewolf, Norcatour; Frank Cox, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Collin and Mary Clark, Atwood; Ralph and Lynn Streit, Larned; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Connie Quador, Pueblo, Colo.; Margaret Stanley, Colby.  
Rita Garaver, Roxie Pomeroy, Charlotte Meints, Marian Thornton, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Roger and Angie Wilson., Tom Fisher, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Jon and Ana Wishon, Regina Stanley, Rowena Cathcart, Sandra Young, Denise Abbey, Mary Noone, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Visitors of Esther Pennington during the week were Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., and Chris Wood.  
Les and Myrna Pettera returned to Loveland, Colo., after spending several days in Herndon visiting relatives and friends in Herndon, Atwood and Oberlin, and spending time with his mother, Edie Pettera at Cedar Living in Oberlin.  
Don Grafel underwent surgery in Kearney, Neb., on Tuesday, Feb. 5, and returned home on Wednesday to recuperate. On Friday, Don and Joan Grafel went to Oberlin to visit her mother, Thelma Spiers, at the Good Samaritan Center.  
Sunday after church, Tom and Kay Franke were honored guests for dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill. They will be moving to Council Grove later this month. Those attending besides the guests of honor were Pastor Dennis Brown, Dale Allacher, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Leon and Marita Portschy, and Don and Joan Grafel.  
A potluck ham dinner will be served on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at noon with a business meeting and bingo to follow at the Senior Citizens Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
Herndon PRIDE and Redeemer Lutheran Thivent reported that the benefit dinner for Christine Dean was quite successful, thanks to all who came and contributed. She is recuperating satisfactorily at home

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Please RSVP by Feb. 14, 2008 to Save Your Spot!



Look forward to seeing you there.

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