

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1883**

Hereafter, no contest of Final Proof Notices, or other legal advertisements, will be inserted unless accompanied by the cash. Serious loss compels us to this course, and we shall not deviate from it.

Word fight on the street Monday morning.

John Brothers and Mr. Tolle of Lyle were in town Monday on business. John Henderson, from near Lyle, has been stopping a few days in Oberlin.

The German settlement on the Beaver of about three miles square, thrashed this fall 11,600 bushels of wheat.

H.O. Douglas shot a horse a few days ago. It wasn't even fit to trade to residents of Norton County on their visits to Egypt for corn.

Cyrus Bishop and Miss Lizzie Creed were married at the County Clerk's office on the evening of Saturday, 17th inst. Justice Darlinson stood the ceremony well and the band boys gave the couple a lively racket.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1908**

It rains and snows every day and acts a wonderful sight like it does back in Indiana; or as it used to act when we were a kid and helped to make maple sugar.

The Monday Evening Club gave a Washington Day dinner at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Young.

Five divorce cases were tried at the February term of court.

Doctor Reeves would like to know whether anyone has purchased the Oberlin franchise in the Northwest Kansas League. If there is any chance of his playing this year the Doctor would like to know it in time to take a training trip to Hot Springs before the season opens.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1933**

With all of the seven towns of the Northwest Kansas League sending their wrestling teams, the annual league tournament held here Saturday proved to be the largest and most interesting the league has yet held with 63 wrestlers entered. Oberlin captured the league title

with a total of 45 points followed by Atwood with 24; Norton with 20; St. Francis, 16; Colby, 14; Hoxie, 7; and Goodland, 2. Perhaps the most interesting bout was the heavyweight final when Hackney and Schultz of St. Francis brought the crowd to their feet.

Lester Kirkendall and six of his wrestlers, Barratt, Norton, Van Vleet, Koehler, McCartney and Hackney will go to Manhattan Friday where the boys will enter the state tournament.

Little Barbara Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wiemer, has been seriously ill with pneumonia. Reports yesterday were of slight improvement.

Custer: Glenn Flaska's birthday, Feb. 13, was certainly enjoyed by all the Custer school children when his mother, Mrs. Charley Flaska, and Lavina came to school in the afternoon with a fine big cake.

A worthwhile and interesting program was given at Rotary by Miss Betty Halloran consisting of an explanation of the letter-writing project by the 6th and 7th grade pupils at Oberlin City School with pupils of like age in schools in Switzerland, Cuba and Hawaii. A large board displayed postcards, letters and other articles received by pupils through this correspondence. Mary Jane Peterson, 7th grade, and Bill Smick, 6th grade, explained some of the exhibits and read a few of the letters.

A Kanona couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Vernon, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1958**

Decatur County shivered through its first zero temperature recording of the winter.

The three Jims — Alexander, Carver and Kelley — are off to the state wrestling tournament with Coach Melvin Simpson whose team finished in seventh place in the regional tournament held last week.

Among the movies listed on the Chief Theatre card for the months of March and April are: "Rebel Without A Cause" with the late James

Dean; "An Affair to Remember" with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, and "3:10 to Yuma," a western with Glenn Ford and Van Heflin.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Royal Fisher, son, Thomas Ray, Feb. 14; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Farr, son, Feb. 17.

Gale Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harold, is attending the University of Illinois at Urbana, where he has an assistantship and is working on his master's degree in agronomy. He graduated from Kansas State in January.

Jennings: Many were disappointed when they received word that Jess Hardesty and Francis Castle had sold their buffalo herd consisting of 25 animals that were to be shipped to Jennings. This was the largest shipment of buffalo in the Denver Livestock Show history. The animals came from a ranch near Gillette, Wyo., and we assume from reports that they found it impossible to build fences to hold the animals in captivity.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1983**

Speaker of the House Mike Hayden answered questions at the Chamber of Commerce office in Oberlin last week mostly related to the severance tax which is being debated by the legislature. Hayden does not favor passage of the bill in its present form.

Five Decatur County students were among the 103 winners in the Dane Hansen scholarship program: Duane Cressler and Stann Hartzog, Jennings; and Kathy Schuetz, Dana Young and Lonnie McEvoy, DCHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holmberg will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 6, at Lund Covenant Church.

The Beloit Trojans captured their third state wrestling championship at Hays Saturday with the Red Devils a distant second. Winning gold medals for Oberlin were Andy Shobe at 112 pounds and Buck Matson at 145. Brent Simonsson at 119 and heavyweight Dave Aker took third and 132-pounder Vince Rodocker took fourth.

DCHS Student Council representatives who served as pages in the Kansas House and Senate Feb. 23 were Dana Young, Trina Wendland, Bob Lund, Angie Bader, Heidi Martinson, Debbie Jackson and Roger May. They were accompanied by Dick Ahlberg, government and history instructor, and were luncheon guests of Speaker of the House Mike Hayden.

The Jennings Coyotes boys' basketball team defeated Herndon 60-54 but lost to Eastern Heights 60-55 in the regional tournament. They qualified for sub state action in Colby.

## Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

Shayla Williby was the lucky winner of the National Football League big game contest. Congratulations!

The sun is shining, blue sky, no wind and warm temps — must be spring. Oh, I must be dreaming.

It's cold outside. The wind is blowing. There's no sun and they're calling for snow. Just wishful thinking, I guess.

I learned something the other day, about something called "Prairie Land Food." If you don't know

about it, come by the Chamber and pick up a flyer.

I am also going to have coffee and cookies out in the hospitality room, so if you're out shopping, take a break and have a cup of coffee and a cookie on the Chamber.

There will be a Coffee Hour at Ward Drug on Friday, Feb. 29, (Leap Year Day), so come join us from 10 to 11 a.m. See you there.

Have a great weekend. Maybe it will warm up  
See you on the sidewalk.

## Cedar Living News

The bowling group met for a game on Monday afternoon. The group included Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Leopold, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank Ward and Lyle Gamblian.

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

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Darlene Fisher won the blackout game.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Wednesday afternoon. He served strawberry shortcake to an appreciative group of residents, staff, and guests.

Juanita Williby played pinocle with Frank and Velda Ward, Helena Bruggeman, and Elsie Goodnight on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Wednesday evening and again on Saturday evening.

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

We had a good time celebrating Valentine's Day all day on Thursday. There were deliveries of flowers and balloons throughout the day and the mailbag was overflowing with cards.

A Sweetheart Lunch was served at noon on Thursday. Kay Brown provided a medley of love songs on the piano. Invited guests were the spouses of Cedar Living Center resi-

dents. They included Earl Brown, Rowena Cathcart, Frank Cox, Ira Kolsky, Charlotte Meints, Roxie Pomeroy, and Marian Thornton. Othelia Vacura took pictures of all the married couples and they are on display in the dining room.

The dietary department hosted a Valentine's Day party on Thursday afternoon. They arranged for each resident to receive a small gift from a staff member. The gifts, delivered during the party, included boxes of chocolates, stuffed animals, lap robes, and flowers. There was a buffet of snack foods provided by the staff including cupcakes, brownies, cookies, fresh fruit, and chips and dip. The day ended with the delivery of assorted Valentine's Day cards left for residents and staff in a big Valentine bag at the front desk.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Terry Kruse, Russellville, Mo.; Adrian Tadlock, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Linda Bosler, Marlene and Tom Cook, Frank Cox, Herndon; Elaine and Bob Koerperich, Selden; Rod and Glenna Copeland;

Marian Thornton, Danyne Uehlin, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Ana, Jon, and Spencer Wishon, Barb Solko, Regina Stanley, Sondra Young, John Bremer, all of Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

Last week we celebrated love in honor of Valentine's Day. Each day was special on its own but as we built upon each day our hearts were moved more and more, and love was greatly magnified, come Friday.

On Monday Myrna Jones came to play love songs during Social Hour. She is a specially requested guest by the residents and well-loved by them all. She strayed from love songs for just a moment to play a special request, "Happy Birthday," to Elsie Macy.

On Tuesday Mrs. Sattler's first graders came for First Hand Friends bearing hand-made Valentines for their reading pals. The residents gave them chocolate truffles they had made in special heart boxes.

The STAR Committee served a popcorn sampler for Social Hour on Wednesday. They also sold Telehearts for the staff to purchase to put on residents' doors. The hallways are pretty with pink and red hearts with cute little sayings written on each one.

Thursday was our Valentine's party. Town Square was decorated with a whimsical Grandfather's Clock that read, "A Friend Loves at All Times," Proverbs 17:17. The party theme was "A Time for Friendship."

Decorated sugar cookies were served while an interactive program was presented by Lisa Paulson. Everyone was encouraged to share a time when they were especially blessed by a friend. The names of friends were written on hearts and added to the display throughout the program.

The DCHS Singers surprised us with singing Valentines which added a nice musical touch to our program. It was Jeanette Conway's birthday; how fitting that she was

born to be a Valentine baby.

On Friday we ended the week's celebration with a game called True Love Toss. A board was made that had hearts labeled "Puppy Love" (5 points); "Brotherly Love" (10 points); "First Love" (15 points); "Lost Love" (-5 points) and only one heart read "True Love" (25 points). Two teams were formed and each team member had three bean bags to toss on the board, adding or subtracting points. Team one included Hazel Flaska, Earl Brown, Hazel Kilbourn and Kathryn Post. Team two included Amy Rehm, Marylu Brown, Opal Bryan and Ruth Laidig.

On Saturday, Tino, Vincent and Joey from the 180 House came to play kick ball with Mary Lemman, Bonnie Weskamp, Eileen Laird, Elsie Macy, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor, Ruth Laidig and Fern Anderson. This is a favorite pastime for everybody. Later that afternoon we had another birthday celebration, this time for Hazel Kilbourn. Town Square was filled with residents who came to wish her well. We have celebrated seven birthdays this month. Wow!

Visitors who signed our guest book this week were: Sharon Slabough for **Opal Bryan**; Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post**; Eunice Richards for **Elaine Thomas**; Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**; Don and Joan Grafel (Herndon) for **Thelma Spicers**; Rod and Colenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) for **Glenn Martin**; Bill and Judy Ladehoff for **Hazel Kilbourn**.

Jesus teaches us to love one another all the time, not just Valentine's Day. Let someone know they are loved by you today!

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the Senior Center. The "Six-Pack" group will entertain at 5 p.m. followed by refreshments and social hour. A freewill donation would be appreciated.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings held its annual meeting Feb. 7 at the Royal Neighbor building of the Czech Museum. President Neoma Tacha presided over the meeting with directors Larry Mizer, Roger Shimek, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith present.

Directors re-elected for the Museum board were Dean Gawith, Lawrence Jennings, Larry Mizer, and Roger Shimek. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved and the yearly report was given by the secretary.

Projects discussed for the next year were improving and upkeep of the yard and windmill, eaves troughs for the buildings, completing the cataloging of the inventory of artifacts, and to continue work on the newspaper collection.

Following this meeting, the February meeting of the Czech Museum was held. The 2008 officers will be Neoma Tacha, president; Roger Shimek, vice president; Lila Jennings, secretary; and Dean Gawith, treasurer. We had a good crowd at the Kansas Day program. On April 27, the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission of Oberlin will have a historical tour of Dresden, Clayton, and Jennings and they will tour the museum. We will need to appoint a new director to finish out the term of Jay Kump.

Four seed pictures done by Bob Lahony of Belleville were given to the museum and Mary Votapka donated a kitchen stove that belonged to her parents, the Otto Johnsons, for display. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. The public is invited to attend.

Lawrence, Lila, and Brett Jennings met Marcia Casey, Milt Sherwin, Marlene, Jeremy, Maranda, Jackson, Andrew, Samantha, and Emily Hounshell, Derek Cook, Jackie Standage, Dan, Alissa, Tori, and Mitchell Zubco, all of the Denver area, at Burlington, Colo., on Feb. 10 for a February dinner honoring Lila, Marlene, and Maranda.

Brent Jennings and Brendan Topeka, and Steve Carlton, Oberlin, visited with the at the Lawrence and

Lila Jennings the weekend of Feb 7-9. Brian Jennings and Westley,

Solomon, were guests this past weekend.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Everyone noticed that some newspapers were a day late because of blowing and drifting snow on Tuesday. It was a good day to stay inside, although many workers can't. It reminded me of days on the farm, when it seemed that the worse the weather, the more we had to be out chasing cows, fixing fence, etc.

Kathy Van Meter attended the Special Olympics basketball game on Feb. 4 to watch her niece, Janie Engleman, Atwood, play. She also visited Eileen Laird at Cedar Living Center.

On Thursday morning, June Jolly called and asked, "Do you want to go to Norton for pancakes?" It sounded good to me, so Rhonda Jolly, June, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter came by and we went to the Chris Cakes Customer Appreciation breakfast. The meal was sponsored by several Norton businesses.

Norcatur's Senior Citizens met Feb. 8 as it had been postponed from last week. It was attended by people

from Lyle, Norton and Clayton as well as Norcatur.

Friday was my sister, Bonnie Klein's birthday. I called and talked to her and nieces, Dena and Shelly in Cocoa, Fla.

John Paulson, Oberlin, brought a very good message to the Lyle Church congregation on Feb. 10. We are so glad to have him bring us the word. After church, someone remembered it was June Jolly's birthday, so we got to sing, "Happy Birthday" to her.

Gary and Cathy Anthony went to Kearney, Neb., to celebrate Cathy's birthday.

Dixie Wood called to say her husband, Elvin Wood, was air lifted to a hospital in Tulsa, Okla., where the doctors said he had had a heart attack. He is better and she promises to keep in touch. He will be in our prayers.

Tracey Pershing, Douglas, Wyo., daughter of Carol Moye, Oberlin, brought her daughter, Brooke Glosser for a week's visit.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Betty James got low and Bernita had the most tens. Other members present were Shirley Emigh, Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff, Lois Neff, Carol Shaw, Mary Golden, Gail Mumm and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 22 - Thesia Wessel Weber, Shane Ryan, Ian Koerperich; Feb. 24 - Ryan Brantley; Feb. 26 - Betty Schieferecke, Klint Wessel; Feb.

27 - Theda McKee, Brittany Ritter; Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson.

The Selden Lions Club will be having its annual Pancake Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Community Center in Selden.

They will also be having a broom sale.

Any pre-orders can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For your pre-orders contact Dave Neff, Jackie or Mike Neff, Chuck Neff, Paulie Neff or Tammy or Mike Miller.

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