

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1883
Windy March is nearly gone. The Vallonia lyceum is progressing finely: the subject last discussed was: "Resolved, that women should have the right of suffrage." Decided in the affirmative.
The assessor has made his appearance.
A Kansas editor says: "I don't have to attend all the weddings, and don't get invited to all the births, and if the people interested want these events noticed, they must furnish the necessary information."
O.W. Evans of Adell was in town last Friday and of course called at the office of the great local paper of the Northwest. He was returning from Indianola where he had taken Geo. Evans who goes to the South Republican to work with cattle this season.
H.A. Simpson has returned from Beloit, Mitchell County, where he wintered. His brother came out with him and is already a land owner in Decatur County.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1908
Otis L. Benton will represent the Sixth Congressional District as delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago in June.
Joe Young has a new automobile.
Pearle Stowell has accepted a position as cashier and stenographer of the Oberlin Mercantile Company.
Jim Fleming has a gasoline engine to run his ice cream freezer.
The new Methodist minister for Oberlin is J.M. Mumford. Young Merdith is returned to Kanona; Gerhardt Johnson to Selden; J.H. Brown to Lyle.
Norcaturn Items: Mrs. Del Andrews has sold her home place south of the school grounds to Fay Simmons for \$5,600.
Paul Nitsch who has been roaming over a good portion of Illinois and Nebraska returned home on Tuesday. He says there was plenty of mud where he has been.
Traer Items: R.S. Thomas and

family leave Tuesday for Pleasanton, Kansas, where he has purchased a farm.
75 YEARS AGO — March 1933
The banking situation here is rapidly clearing up with both banks now open but one, the Oberlin National, is restricted to the handling of new deposits with D.G. Campbell acting as conservator, a position created by the new banking regulations.
Losses to Emporia and Marysville eliminated the Decatur basketball team from the state tournament. Without offering any alibis, for such are not needed when competing with teams entered in the state tournament, it is only fair to explain that Sam Francis, high point man of the Oberlin team and selected as the best player in the Northwest Kansas League this year, was in some manner off form and went through two tournament games without a field goal.
This issue of the Herald carries photos and rosters of three Northwest Kansas League championship teams for the 1932-33 school year: the football team coached by Russell Anderson; the basketball team coached by Paul Sandy and the wrestling team coached by Lester Kirkendall. In addition the grade school basketball team coached by Edwin Hitchcock, which won their league championship, is pictured.
Funeral services were held at the Allison Church for a well-known county resident. Byron Scott, 54. Byron and his parents, John and Laura Ann Scott, came from Missouri and homesteaded in Sheridan County in 1879 and moved to Decatur County settling in the Allison community in 1897. In 1904 he was married to Jessie Gardner. Three of their six children are left to comfort his widow, Clarice Scott Thomsen of Oberlin, Robert and Rodney of the home.
Dr. Heber Reeves reports the following births: March 2, a 9-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holliday; March 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs.

Floyd Hackney; March 25, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Cody and a son to Mr. and Mrs. John King.
50 YEARS AGO — March 1958
County engineer Don Claussen said that although some drying has taken place, he thinks it will be June before county roads are restored to their former condition.
County crews assisted Red Willow County officers in getting to the Glen Bryan farm last week where they searched for a gun which allegedly had been used in a robbery and beating of a liquor store employee in Indianola, Nebr. The accused man had been employed by Guy Bryan and lived in the tenant house with his family until recently fired.
For many years the mail was carried by pony, horse and buggy and later by car but for the past 10 days Cloyce Vernon of Norcaturn has been carrying the mail on a Ford Tractor on his route north and east of Norcaturn.
Mary Reeves, junior at DCHS, received a I on her informative speech at the district festival held at Hays Saturday. It's went to Peggy Jennings, manuscript reading and oration; Eva Sue Myers, manuscript; Patricia Euhus, humorous reading and Carolyn Russ, dramatic reading.
Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fortin, Cedar Bluffs, son, Steven Jay, March 19; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, daughter, Karen Susan, March 19; Mr and Mrs. Charles J. Smith, Selden, daughter, Leslie Ann, March 23.
Wedding vows were solemnized for Barbara Latta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schoonver of Enid, Okla., and Glen B. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Long, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. Robert Clingan performed the ceremony at the couple's home at 510 N. East. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Oklahoma A&M School of Technical Training at Okmulgee, Okla. He is employed at Oberlin Jewelry as a watch re-

pairman.
25 YEARS AGO — March 1983
According to local veterinarians the prolonged wet, cold and muddy conditions have caused death losses of livestock to be relatively high with several producers reporting losses of new calves as high as 20 percent.
Nearly 200 helium-filled balloons containing letters were released into the March 21 breeze by pupils at Oberlin Elementary School. First to receive a reply was Jordan Hilliard, a first grade student of Janette Votapka, who received a letter from Mrs. Jerry Sieker of Ellinwood written on Tuesday, March 22 saying they had found the Weekly Reader balloon in their wheat field. Jordan is the son of Keith and Debbie Hilliard of Oberlin.
At the annual meeting of Oberlin Country Club, Dr. Donald Harrier was elected to head the club replacing Frank King. John Wright will serve as vice president and Mike Munson as secretary-treasurer. Richard Bachman was hired as full-time groundskeeper and dues were raised from \$175 to \$225 with student memberships remaining at \$40. Total membership during 1982 was 111.
New Arrivals: March 22: Jolene and Jerry Fortin, Oberlin, son, Corey John; Christina and Ora Gillespie, Jennings, son, Aaron Blake; March 29: Crystal and Bill Mosier, son, John William.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Deller, rural Selden, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lolita Ann, to Joseph Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dole Metcalf, Danbury. A May 6, 1983, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oberlin.
Norene Jording, Oberlin, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Tammy Wendland, Hays, to Brian McDonald, also of Hays, A June 25, 1983, wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Wynemah Cox and Lee Arnold who passed away over the weekend.
We had a quiet Easter at Cedar Living Center. We were hit hard by illness during the week, forcing us to curtail visitors and cancel activities starting on Thursday.
We are still restricting visitors as of Monday morning. Anyone planning a visit this week might want to call first.
Frances Bader visited last week to offer assistance with free tax preparation for the residents. She reminded us that senior citizens who want to receive the economic stimulus payment this spring will need to file an income tax return, even if they owe no tax and have not filed in several years.
Monday afternoon we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party. Residents all wore shamrock necklaces made by the crafters at Cedar Living Center.
The party featured stories about St. Patrick and Ireland and an assortment of green treats to eat. The dietary department did their part

to make the day special by serving corned beef and cabbage for lunch. The afternoon ended with the sing-along time with Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack. We sang Irish songs, spring tunes, and a few Easter songs as well.
Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.
Elsie Goodnight and Frank Ward tied for the first bingo and Elsie also won the blackout game.
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on Tuesday afternoon.
Juanita Williby played pinch-ole with Elsie Goodnight, Helena Bruggeman, and Frank Ward.
Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.
Recent visitors: Julie and Bob Hafner, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Frances Bader, Jennings; Bob Streyve, Wade Reames, Norcaturn; Paula Tadlock, Colorado; Kay and Doyle Brown, Jennings; Connie Gosler, Mesa, Ariz.
Cecil Hess, Regina Stanley, Ira Kolsky, Charlotte Meints, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Hank, Lorrie, Wesley and Tyler Martin, and Ann Martin enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill Saturday night.
Ann Martin went to the home of Bob and Liane Martin for Easter dinner on Sunday. Others present were Nik Martin, Kansas City; Anikka Martin, Manhattan; Kirche and Tasha Martin and children, Indianola, Neb., and Ray Kircher, Oberlin.
Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kortney Grafel of Utica spent the weekend with Don and Joan Grafel. Additional dinner guests were Kyle, Cindi, Ben, Sara and Rachel Grafel, Herndon, and Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, Oberlin. They also celebrated Susan's birthday on Sunday.
Weekend guests of Sharon Ecker were her sons, Troy and Bart Ecker, and granddaughter, Brandi Ecker, Hays. Additional Easter dinner

guests at her home were Carla Marintzer, Herndon, and Marlin and Dana Marintzer, Oberlin.
Those attending Easter dinner at the Williams farm were Brad, Deanna, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassidi Williams, Zach Williams, Denise, Patience, Jeremy, Chase and Chance Graham, Ludell, and Voni Sattler, Herndon. Additional afternoon and evening guests were Kathy, Sami, Joey and Braden Leitner of Atwood.
Michelle Hartner was an Easter dinner guest of Chris and Kent Wood.

Internet tonight.
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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Don and Ann Mines returned home Wednesday after spending a few days in Georgetown, Texas, visiting their children and attending the wedding of their grandson, Nathan Coon. Nathan and Carlen Coon were married Saturday afternoon, March 15, at the United Methodist Church in Georgetown.
Also attending were his parents, Patrick and Sheri (Mines) Coon and a family of Georgetown, Pat and Lynette (Mines) Salvo, Tucson, Ariz., and Joe and Chris Mines, Cori and Jared McPherson.
At 4-H Days on March 7, Mollie Tate received a Regional Blue on her poem reading and a blue on her piano solo; Dakota Tate received a Blue on his piano solo and Red on his saxophone solo and poem reading.
Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace returned home Thursday evening after spending a few days vacationing in Manitou Springs, Colo.
Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, attended funeral services for her aunt, Evelyn Jorns, on Mon-

day, March 17, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Preston. They were Sunday overnight guests of her father, Ben Jorns, and returned home Monday evening after the funeral.
Pam May, Zach and Hannah were Friday overnight guests of her father, Ben Jorns, of Preston. Joining them for an early Easter celebration was her brother, Tim Jorns, Tabor and Gavin, of Overland Park.
The Mays returned home on Saturday.
Dianne and Jessica Bremer were Saturday morning visitors of Staci Coyle, Emily, Rodney, and Kaidyn, Rossville, who were Easter weekend guests of her mother, Marilyn Gamblin.
Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante returned home Saturday evening from Winterset, Iowa, where they visited his aunt and uncle, Ben and Leone Spiers, and extended family for an early Easter celebration.
Enjoying dinner together Saturday evening were Greg and Janice Cundiff, Bryan Richards, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, St.

Louis, Mo., who were visiting his parents for Easter.
Millard and Sherri Kyte, Sara and Austin, were Easter dinner guests of her parents, Jim and Beverly Gaines.
Easter dinner guests of Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, were Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson, David May, McCook; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; and Stean Olson, Hays.
Wayne and Lois Larson, Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., and Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, were Easter dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.
Mike and Nancy Shields and Corinne, Omaha, Neb., were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Additional Easter dinner guests were Stuart Euhus, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin.
Easter dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May were Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, St. Louis, Mo.; Greg and Janice Cundiff, Marvin May, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Andy May,

Kelley Black, Kalen Townsend, and Jack and Charles Fortin.
Walter and Betty May and Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May and family.
Easter dinner guests of John and Edith Tate were Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace.
Arthur and Alice May, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and Kristen Bremer, Colby, enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts.
Easter dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson were her brother, Keith and Marie Geis, Wheatland, Wyo.; Zane and Gladys Geis, and Renee Roethler.
Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis, and Ralph and Norma Unger were Easter dinner guests of Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly.
Jennifer Shaw visited the past week with her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw, during her spring break from Emporia State University.

Coffee hour, fish fry provide fun

Hope everyone had a great Easter.
The coffee hour at the Dresser was really good. If you didn't come, sorry you missed it. There's really a lot of wonderful spring and summer things in there. I need to stay out, or wear blinders. Had a lot of fun.
Right after that was the Oberlin Business Alliance fish fry, also great fun, and again, if you didn't go, you missed a good thing.
Well I'm giving away four sets of

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

two tickets to the movies. Maybe we can get some of those empty seats filled. It would be a shame to lose the theater, because I promise you, you'll miss it if we do.
I also have two Pizza Hut coupons, so come and get them and

have Pizza and a movie on the Chamber.
Enjoy the sun when it's out. Spring is really teasing us — but it will be here soon enough.
See you on the sidewalk.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Lyle Methodist ladies met to sew and sort clothing donated to them on March 11.
Veda Wood spent Monday to Tuesday noon visiting Dwight and Teresa Wood and Sheryl Patterson. Teresa is now doing Dwight's hemo-dialysis at home and his foot is healing well.
The Liberty Star club met March 12 with Kathy Van Meter as hostess. Carolyn Plotts had a program on John Phillip Sousa; Cathy Anthony had a fun game, trying the dexterity of our fingers, and if Toots could have kept Veda from juggling the table, it may have been more fair, but not more fun.
Kathy served a delicious lunch.
Sheryl Patterson received word that Twila (Van Gundy) Vernon had been in the hospital, but is now home.
Margaret Magers and June Jolly played in the pinocle tournament at Norton on Sunday evening.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The community is saddened over the loss of Deb Stepper, who passed away over the weekend. Deb was a good friend to all and will be greatly missed.
There were a lot of families who brought their children to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. A special thank you is extended to the Lions Club for helping in making the holiday memorable.
It was good seeing so many families able to be together for the weekend. Family members at my

house included mother, MaDonna Anderson, Gem; brothers, "Duke" Anderson, and friend, Rhonda Schaller, and his children, Duke Jr. and Jayci, of Topeka; Marty Anderson, Colby, and children June, Hope, Kansas; April and Homero Vargas, Selden; Shawn and Nikki Anderson, Grandview, Missouri; sister, Tina Ohlrogge, and Daniel Urban, Colby, and her children, Mitchell and Shane; Mark Ohlrogge, Colby; Chad, son, and Desiree Wark and their children.

Morgan and Hayden, Rexford; and daughters, Kristin Wark, Lawrence and Jami Wark, Hays.
Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2:00pm; Wednesday, 10:00am, Ladies Bible Study and 8:00 pm, Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2:00pm; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30am. Bingo is the second Saturday, 7:00pm, of each month.
Until next time, make your week memorable.

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