

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1884

It now costs \$3.50 per week to paralyze your appetite at the Oberlin House.

The editor is absent this week attending Grand Lodge at Lawrence.

Married, Feb. 14, at the residence of Rev. Henry C. Miller, Vallonia, Rev. John Wilson officiating: Mr. Albert H. Beal and Miss Laura E. Miller.

Newly elected Township Trustees: Grant, W. H. Underwood; Oberlin, D.C. Moser; Garfield, T.H. Fawcett; Custer, Jason Bennett; Olive, D.O. Banta; Beaver, David Royce; Bassettville, James Hackney; Jennings, N.A. Knowlton; Prairie Dog, P.L. Ashcraft.

The returns of Center Township were rejected, not being certified by the judges and clerks.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1909

R.L. Nickell who recently bought the Field and Bagley store on the east side was a caller Tuesday.

None of the rural carriers went out on their routes Monday, the huge drifts being impossible to get over or through.

J.D. Barrett left on Thursday for the north part of Nebraska where he expects to make his home in the future. He shipped his furniture and is driving thru in a wagon.

On Saturday evening a genuine old-fashioned blizzard began, lasting all day Sunday. Train service since has been somewhat crippled.

We have received the first copy of the Norcatr Dispatch, J.W. Deeter, editor.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1934

Administrators of the Civil Works in Decatur County are awaiting word about reducing the number of men on the CWA rolls in the county.

Mrs. Floyd Lotker expects to return from Waconda Springs this week. She has been receiving treatment in the hospital there for the past

three weeks.

Howard Banta and Elam H. Reist placed an exhibit booth in the Herndon poultry show last week.

Having won first places in the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament last week, the following boys will represent the league at Manhattan tomorrow: 95-pound, Cody, Oberlin; 105, Palmgren, Colby; 115, Greason, Atwood; 125, Norton, Oberlin; 135, Bearley, Atwood; 145, Duncan, St. Francis; 155, McCartney, Oberlin; 165, Keller, St. Francis; 185, (heavyweight) Hackney, Oberlin. Although he won first place in the league tournament in the 85-pound class, "Tommy" Townsend of Oberlin isn't making the trip as that class won't wrestle.

Howard Banta and Howard Benton of Norcatr drove to Topeka Tuesday to attend the session of Grand Lodge being held there this week.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1959

The acreage of wheat produced in 1959 on a farm with a wheat allotment will affect the farm's wheat acreage history for future years according to Bartos B. Brown of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

Peggy Jennings, Decatur Community High School senior, has reached the finals of the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship Program and will be awarded a certificate of merit according to Superintendent Harry Mahon.

Elmo Lund, recent Washburn University law graduate, arrived Monday morning to assume his position as associate lawyer at the office of L.F. Cushman.

Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Nelson spent the weekend in Salina where they attended a dinner and mid-winter meeting of the Kansas Saddle Horse Association. He has served as president the past two years.

W. H. Lechtenberger presently purchased 260 acres of land from

T.V. Sloan. The land is in Sheridan County just west of Selden and he paid \$33,800 for it.

Wauneta Wurm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wurm, Herndon, was one of the 16 nurses receiving caps from the Newman Hospital School of Nursing in Emporia.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1984

Decatur County Agricultural Agent Allen Dinkel was granted his wish over the weekend when Agricultural Secretary John Block extended the sign-up date for farmers for the 1984 wheat and feed grain programs to March 16.

A blizzard over the weekend closed area highways forcing high school wrestlers attending the regional wrestling tournament and travelers to seek shelter. As local motels were full, numerous persons opened their homes and more than 20 persons stayed at the Oberlin United Methodist Church Friday and Saturday nights sleeping on the padded pews. Some 100 persons were served breakfast at the Fifth Wheel Cafe Sunday morning as another restaurant remained closed because employees could not get to work. All highways were open by Sunday.

Oberlin City Council has scheduled a meeting to study the feasibility of hiring a city manager. Oberlin Mayor Dave Nichols said that some

things are getting so complicated that council members just don't have time to follow through. Councilman John Wright added that areas of concern are fiscal responsibility, improved buying practices, personnel management, and being aware of new laws, new programs and grants.

Herndon: Many relatives and friends attended the special 8 a.m. Mass of Feb. 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon honoring John and Mary Tongish on their 67th wedding anniversary. A surprise breakfast and reception followed at the parish house with Father Kerry Ninemire and Denis and Wilma Tongish as hosts.

New Arrivals: Pat and Shelly McKenna, Jennings, son, Christopher Patrick, Feb. 17, 1984; Shawn and Hope Guinn, daughter, Lenna Ruth, Feb. 17, 1984; Kevin and Connie Green, Hays, son, Patrick Allen, Feb. 15, 1984; Verl and Kathie Sauvage, son, Delane Lewis, Feb. 16, 1984.

Sainty dominated the regional wrestling tournament held in Oberlin over the weekend qualifying 11 wrestlers for state. Phillipsburg and Oberlin finished second and third. Qualifying for Coach Tom Alstrom's Red Devils were Buck Matson, Glen Baughman, Gary Juenemann, Scott Gawith and Corey Raulston.

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Greetings from the Chamber!

The Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Dinner was an evening filled with great conversation, food, entertainment and prizes.

Seeing the faces of the children who won the door prizes was priceless. Paul Siebert from Aurora, Neb., played the hammer dulcimer, guitar and banjo. He was very entertaining, capturing his audience

with his silly songs and stories. He was great!

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored the event. Without your support, the evening would not have been the success it was. The Chamber would also like to thank Kathy Brainard and her staff at The Gateway.

Have a nice weekend! We will see you on the brick streets.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:36

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit three different care facilities in Colorado, while trying to place a loved one. It was very educational being on the "outside" trying to make an educated decision on which facility would be the best.

My mother and I looked at all the ratings, considered location and in essence we did as much research as we could before we actually visited. The questions my mother kept asking were, "Can I trust them, will they care?"

Those two questions really helped us to change our focus. We started judging each care center through new eyes. We watched the residents who were already living there. The new criteria became — are they happy?

Gladly, we found a facility that is excited about culture change and creating a home-like environment. The residents were happy and so were the family members we spoke to. It made me a little homesick.

I was glad to return to the Good

Sam.

I started looking around again with discerning eyes to evaluate our own residents — are they happy? Do they feel loved in their new surroundings?

This is just a glimpse of what I saw: Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan and Alice Bobbitt rocking on the front porch; Leone Porsch and her husband walking hand in hand; Eulaine Benda and her husband sharing memories with staff about their 65 years together; Jan Conway got news of the birthday of her first great-grandson, Oliver James, who was born Jan. 15, one day late of being her birthday present. His picture is proudly displayed on her door. I was greeted with loving concern over my granddaughter's recent surgery.

It felt nice being home surrounded by family. I do believe the people living here are happy sharing life with one another!

We welcomed Elden Long to our family this week. He joined Men's Coffee with his friends Earl Brown and R.D. Thornton, along with Paul Miesner and Pastor Keith Reuther.

During Living History, the resi-

dents viewed a documentary made about Eileen Laird's son and the work he did on the city clock in his town.

The new Dietary Director, Sonya Gillespie, has a daughter named Cassidy who visits regularly. The residents have adopted her as their own. On Tuesday, she and nine ladies played kick ball for an hour and a half. Wow!

In preparation for our Valentine's Day family potluck, ladies gathered to "get ready for company." They helped to roll silverware, spread table clothes and set the centerpieces. We enjoyed a wonderful supper together with their families.

Nineteen Bible study ladies have started a new study on "One Another's." The first scripture is at the top of the column. There are 12 "one anothers" that we will look at in the weeks to come.

Recent visitors included Frank and Mert McEvoy, Margaret Fikan and Ralph Crimm (Atwood) for Lucy Schissler. Penny Fringer, Jim and Reva Marshall, Mildred Black, Helen Brooks, Brandy and Eric Kuhlman (Norcatr) and Tami and Bri Cook (Norcatr) and Di-

xie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Julia Otter and Francis Porsch (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Donna Kelley, Pastor Doug Hasty and Jeanne Hafner for Eva Bryan. Pastor Doug Hasty for John Ready. Connie and Jerry Olson for Evelyn Olson. Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) for Faye Miller. Chris Dempewolf, Sheree Dempewolf and Aaron Mann (Colby) for R.D. Thornton. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty. Colleen Hill (Lawrence) Dennis Rogers (Selden), Delores Raile (Hoxie), and Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for Hubert Mumm. Becky and Heather Faيمان and Michael Swanson (Stratton) for Doris Marintzer. Connie and John Simonsson and Mike and Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) for Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird. Cheri Kastens for Pooch Portschy. Brian and Pam Simonsson, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Laurene Van Otterloo for Opal Bryan. Doug Hasty and Donna Kelley for John Ready and Eva Bryan. Dave and Jen Schissler, Cassidy, Kennedy and Brooklyn Jensen for Violet Schissler.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary Anthony surprised his wife, Cathy, with a birthday party at the Cardinal Cafe on Saturday evening, then they left the next morning for Brush, Colo., where they celebrated her birthday with members of her family.

Keith Anthony continues to do well.

The Lyle ladies met for an all day sewing day — at least that's what I thought. After helping with the local paper, I fixed my lunch and drove to Lyle, only to find they were coming back to town. We came to Norcatr to eat lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for June Jolly's birthday. The diners were June, Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen and Veda Wood. After lunch we finished the six quilts that were promised to the emergency fund.

Toots Magers hosted the Liberty Star Club on Wednesday. Our program was on Abraham Lincoln, secret sister Valentine gifts were exchanged and Toots served a delicious lunch.

On Thursday, June Jolly took Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Veda Wood to Norton to a pancake breakfast, and since that was not enough for one day, Toots and Veda went to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, to hear the "old time" music of Vic Mowry's group.

Aunt Alta Van Gundy was scheduled for x-rays on Friday, and I was planning to go with her, but since it was snowing and blowing furiously at the time, I backed out and they rescheduled for Monday. I accompanied her to the hospital, where they x-rayed her leg that had been giving her pain.

Jim Plotts gave a good lesson on the *Book of Romans* on Sunday.

Carolyn's brother, Bob Kelley, faces possible surgery on his leg, and needs people's uplifting prayer.

I found out last night that, although the little Amish stoves are supposed to save electricity, too much is too much, and I blew a fuse. After this, I'd better not have my television, computer, and heater all

going at the same time. Oh well, I thought I was thinking. (One of my late husband's favorite sayings.)

Toots Magers and June Jolly won the pinochle games at Norton on Feb. 15.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4. Roll call is "A Lenten Sacrifice." Lesson leader will be Helen Rhodes. The program is "This is the Fast I Choose." Devotions will be given by Patty Foster and snacks furnished by Kathy Nauwer.

Several in the Jennings community have been entertaining a coughy cold that has been going around. If you escape it, you are fortunate.

Gwen and Jeff Anderson of Council Grove visited at the home of her parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler,

Friday evening on their way home. They had come to Oberlin on Thursday to visit Jeff's parents, Don and Nadine Anderson. Nadine was released from the hospital on Friday and returned to Good Sam feeling much better.

Jane and Jim Wahlmeier, Concordia, visited her mother, Rachel Carter and other relatives in the community over the weekend.

Burning will be permitted within the Jennings City limits the week of March 2, if weather is favorable. Use caution when burning.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Playing any kind of game is always a fun way to spend an afternoon at Cedar Living Center. A group of residents met on Monday afternoon to enjoy a game of dice. Those joining in on the game included Zola Brown, Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, Mary Votapka, Aleen VanVleet, and Joan Noble. Not everyone won a game, but everyone had a good time.

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

Aleen Van Vleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Elsie Goodnight and Dale Butler. Opal Huntley and Alice Shirley assisted Charlotte Kurtz with bingo.

Charlotte's son Sean, who was visiting for the week, helped with bingo and also got in on a few rounds of Wii bowling with Elsie Goodnight.

Helen Juenemann assisted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Aleen VanVleet won the most games.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Gene Kleidosty, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Sandra Jones, Manhattan; Steve and Barb Brown, Lad and Lori Truetkin, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Shirley Williams and Hattie Toth, Jan Sattler, Atwood; Alysha Tadlock, Wray, Colo.

Jackie Votapka, Shelli Fortin, Roberta Johnson, Lyle Gamblin, Connie Miller, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Norman Wendelin, John and Dianne Bremer, Max and Veanna Carman, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Brandon and Kristi Dirks on the birth of a daughter, Kodi Kristine Dirks. She was born Feb. 16, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long. She has two sisters, Kaci, 3, and Kylie, 18 months.

Eulaine Benda was honored at Covenant Women's Ministries services during morning worship at the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday.

She has been an active member for 65 years, serving in many capacities. The presentation of a Covenant Ministries Recognition Award and a pin were made by

President Beth Holle.

Bev Messerly and Anna of Sublette visited over the weekend with Wesley and Eulaine Benda and other relatives.

Congratulations to Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry, Eli and Maggie, who were featured in the Farm Bureau magazine, "Kansas Living," as outstanding Young Farmers and Ranchers.

Frank McEvoy, Greg Jones and Elijah, and Simon Micek attended the non-denominational men's retreat sponsored by the organization, "Men Made for Christ," at the YMCA near Bailey, Colo., over the weekend.

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