

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1884

The editor is away this week and the devil and the comp are responsible for the religious tone of this week's issue.

H.D. Colvin and F. F. Bliss weighed together the other evening and tipped the beam at 450 pounds.

Prairie Dog Items:
Rev. J.E. Langley preached his farewell sermon Feb. 21st.

A big surprise party was held on the Perry Ashcraft family Feb. 22.

A pair of goats yoked to a sleigh made amusement for the "kids" the first of the week.

J.B. Hitchcock will open a restaurant first door north of Frasier's furniture next Monday.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1909

The Kansas House of Representatives has killed the bill which sought to extend suffrage to women.

Will Moore has traded a half section of land in Cheyenne County to W.H. Davis for the O.K. Hotel and will take possession March 15.

Married, Feb. 24, Ernest E. Plotts and Miss Verne Margaret Logan.

Kanona Items: C.F. Orbin is having a cistern dug north of his store.

In the big debate and contest in elocution between the Decatur and Norton high schools, honors were divided: Decatur winning the former and Norton the debate. Miss Lioba Heitmann was Decatur's representative in the elocution contest; Miss Nellie Danley of Jennings was Norton's speaker.

Decatur debaters were Charles Battin, Dean Rogers and Glenn Logan. The question was, "Resolved, That women of the United States should have the same right of suffrage the men possess." The Norton debaters arguing the affirmative, the naturally stronger side.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1934

Winning five first places and one second, Coach Huey's Decatur Community High School wrestlers won the league championship in the tournament held at Atwood.

Tommy Atkinson, a businessman of Pittsburg, met his death when his plane crashed at Goodland a few hours after he was in Oberlin. He was known to several people here and a personal friend of Glen Hanson.

The Jennings High School team is probably the best high school basketball team in the county having won nearly every encounter and defeating Oberlin High 35 to 21.

Dresden: The new Chevrolet is on display at the Bainter Garage.

Lund: Almost every youngster in the community has ridden Ellnette Anderson's pony. She likes to ride to and from school on it.

Miss Susie Goltl and Mr. Lloyd Beneda were married at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, Feb. 7, Rev. Fred Blanding of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiating.

John Willcoxon and Mary Brown left Tuesday for Hays to enroll for the second semester's work at Hays Teachers College.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1959

Saturday night shopping, a long-time institution here, may be on the way out. An accusing finger was pointed at Saturday night's better fare of television programs as the culprit causing the business decline.

Red Devil cagers finished fourth in the District basketball championship at Colby, winning their opener then dropping two games. Goodland, the state's top-ranked and only undefeated class A team, rolled to an expected championship.

Ben Spiers, meat cutter at Wakeney, left last week for Denver where he has accepted a job with Imperial Boning Plant.

E.W. "Wes" Canaga has resigned his position with the county highway department, and he and Mrs. Canaga moved Wednesday to Belen, New Mexico. Wes will work with the highway department there as a blade operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McGowne of Oberlin are the parents of a boy, Larry Duane, Feb. 26. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

An open house Sunday, March 1,

at the Dresden school auditorium honored Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones on their golden wedding anniversary. Glenn Jones and Lizzie Walling were married Feb. 3, 1909, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Walling, eight miles south of Oberlin.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 28 at the Oberlin Methodist Church for Donald R. Kyte, 28, who died suddenly at Boulder last week.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1984

Dennis Sloan, Oberlin, appointed to the State Health Coordinating Council by the Governor, said that western Kansas hospitals will be facing a critical period with the phasing in of the DRG (diagnostic related groups) Medicare plan which is expected to reduce the length of hospital stays and the amount of inpatient services.

New Arrivals: Teresa and Jim Dowling, Oberlin, daughter, Tara Catherine, Feb. 24, 1984; Susan and Lynn Scrivner, Oberlin, daughter, Chelsey Dawn, Feb. 26, 1984; Kim and Dennis Bell, Oberlin, daughter, Tamara Ann, Feb. 27, 1984; Robert and Dana Morton, Dighton, daughter, Sheena Adele, Feb. 20, 1984.

Funeral services were held from Corcoran-Bateman Funeral Home for a well-known Oberlin resident, Tom Thomsen, 85, who was a retired salesman for a grocery distributing firm. He is survived by

his wife, the former Ione Francis; a son, Noel, and his wife Betty, York, Neb., and two brothers, Dr. Andy Thomsen, Oberlin and Fred Thomsen, Springfield, Mo.

The St. Francis Indians took top honors in the State 3-2-1-A wrestling tournament held at Hays. Oberlin was fifth with four wrestlers placing in the finals: Scott Gawith, 1st place in the 119-pound weight; Glen Baughman, 2nd at 105 pounds; Buck Matson, 2nd at 145 pounds, and Corey Raulston, 4th at heavy-weight.

In sub-state basketball action at Hill City, the Red Devil boys coached by Dan Buchanan knotted the score in the final seconds on a free throw by Roger May and a tip-in by Marquis Sauvage but were unable to hang on and were edged by highly-rated Hill City 63-61 to end their season.

In sub-state basketball girls action, Oberlin lost 55-38 to Lakin in their final game.

High scorer for Oberlin was Diana Horn with 16 points followed by Robyn Russell with 8. Coaches Duane Dorshorst and Robi Bellah expressed appreciation to the fans for their support throughout the season.

Winifred and Caroline Wiggins, Grant Township landowners, were presented a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Award by the Kansas Bankers Assoc., and Kansas Fish & Game Commission.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Thomas County road crew spent time on Tuesday cleaning up sand for the City of Rexford. The residents along School Street appreciated the sand cleaned up along the gutters and property adjacent to the curb.

Winter snow removal, when done too quickly, flies sand onto property where it is not wanted.

Colby Community College Sunflower Singers will perform at 10 a.m. Thursday at the high school.

Sunday, March 8, Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks an hour ahead.

Red Barn happenings: Monday: Barnswallows, 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday: Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Thursday: Come on Down, 1 to 5 p.m.; Fridays: Koffee Klatch, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Do you have any Rexford news? Contact me at 687-2525.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13

This scripture was used for the second of a 12-part study on "One Anothers." Every Thursday afternoon the Quiet Room fills with gray-headed ladies eager to hear the word of God. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Dorothy Pryor, Shirley Hayward, Amy Rehm, Lucy Schissler, Leona Helmkamp, Eulaine Benda, Jeanette Conway, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Violet Schissler, Leone Porsch, Nadine Anderson and Dorothy Hunt are all faithful attenders.

If you were to look around the room you might ask, "Why do they come week after week?" Some have walked with the Lord their entire lives, while others have never gone to church or attended Sunday School. Each one with age is struggling with the Bible tells us that we should be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Does hearing a regular dose of God's Word impact how these ladies live their daily lives? Absolutely! During a message you can physically see a change in the demeanor of those listening. Worried expressions disappear. This

week we were reminded to serve one another and after the study you could hear words like; "Let me help you," "I'll walk you home," "Need a ride?" It's always good to be reminded!

The same ladies attended Bible study on Wednesday with Marilyn Horn filling in for Mert McEvoy. The lesson was about Lent and preparing our hearts for Easter. On Monday, Anita Hirsch set up the projector and everyone enjoyed a rousing time of Sing-A-Long. Old-time favorite songs could be heard all the way down the halls.

On Tuesday, cheery little First Graders came to read to their resident friends. What fun to witness their reading skills progress!

The weather was teasing us to believe that Spring has already arrived! We played right along with another round of Hillbilly Horseshoes on the front patio! Contenders included Doris Marintzer, Helen Marintzer, Eileen Laird, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller, Dorothy Pryor, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Mary Lemman, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross and Amy Rehm. Eileen Laird was our winner! Congratulations Eileen!

We came inside to yet another reminder of Spring. Prairie Petals donated a bucket full of beautiful flowers that Shirley Hayward, Faye

Miller, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Opal Bryan and Leone Porsch arranged to make lovely centerpieces for both dining rooms.

Pooch Portschy, Alan Addleman, R.D. Thornton, Lucy Schissler and Lora Zwickle were excited for Friday to arrive. Larry Mack came to serve up some Poker and Pizza! This has become a monthly tradition. Recent visitors included Frank and Mert McEvoy, Sally Olson and Ralph Crimm (Atwood) and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler**. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall, Mildred Black, and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Ann Hazlett (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Dick and Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson and Jeanne Hafner for **Eva Bryan**. Pastor Doug Hasty, Gladys Geis, and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Connie and Jerry Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Francie and Dale Miller and Rita Schaller for **Faye Miller**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo**

Mooty and Earl Brown. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm**. They also spent time with **Doris Marintzer**, as did Marie Zimmerman. Mike and Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) for **Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird**. Eunice Richards for **Opal Bryan and Earl Brown**. Audra Duncan and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Dave Schissler for **Violet Schissler**. Dorothy Shimek (Jennings) and Tammy Parish (Wellington) for **Emma Sanford**. Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post**. Chris Lemman and Amy Henderson (Salina) for **Mary Lemman**. Daughter Pat, grand-daughter Lisa and great-grand-daughter Allison for **Loren Escher**. Gail and Kay Marcuson for **John Ready**. Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**. Candy Rauhut (Garden City) and Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Donna Hazin, Steve and Joyce Carlton and Pastor Royce Leitner for **Nelda Vaughn**.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high, Betty James took second, Anna Albers got low and Carol Shaw had the most aces. Other members present were Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Ann Hazlitt, Alfred Albers, Paulie Neff and Janice Kruse.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 5 - Bernadine Spresser. March 6 - Sheila Ritter, Jennifer Eatherly. March 7 - Bud and Tret Rogers. March 8 - Vala Mosier, David Weis. March 9 - Evelyn Brainard. March 10 - Cheryl Ochs, Lindsey Carman, Paul Kaus, Debbie Koerperich, Joe Zodrow, Mark Miller, Raymond Zodrow. March 11 - Jacob Mosier, Everett Shuler, Clay Bruggeman, Lois Neff. March 12 - LeAnna Zodrow, Jennifer Kruse.

School Calendar: Thursday - Sub-State Basketball. 10 a.m. Sunflower Singers in Rexford. Friday and Saturday - Sub-State Basketball. Monday - School dismissed early at 12:30 p.m. 1 to 6:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher conferences. Tuesday, March 10 - 7 p.m. Grade School solo

concert. Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 and 12 - State Basketball. 3 p.m. High School Forensics at Colby.

Monday, March 9 thru Friday, March 13, is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Sheridan and Decatur Counties, as well as the cities of Selden, Hoxie, Oberlin, Norcat, Jennings and Dresden will be participating in the state-wide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 10. Tornado sirens will be blown at 1:30 p.m. At that time, everyone should exercise their plan of action.

If you do not have a plan of action, that would be a good time to be thinking of what you would do should you be in the path of a tornado.

The weather spotter training in Decatur County will be March 25th at the Gateway in Oberlin. The training in Sheridan County will be Tuesday, March 31, in Hoxie at the Bowen Scout House. Personnel from the National Weather Service in Goodland will begin the training at 6:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have turned the page on another month at Cedar Living Center. We have lots of fun things planned in the next few weeks. Be sure to stop in for a visit.

We had a table full of gamblers when the penny card group met for a game on Monday afternoon. Residents trying their luck included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Alice May, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, Marie Thomas, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, Aleen VanVleet, Agnes Pruitt, and Joan Noble.

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

Aleen VanVleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Dale Butler and Elsie Goodnight.

Charlotte Kurtz hosted a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday evening in the Cedar Living Center dining room. The evening included games and prizes, a clown, refreshments, and lots of old-fashioned fun. Everyone reported having a good time.

Several residents spent part of Wednesday afternoon sitting outside to soak up the sun on a beautiful day. A small group gathered for a game of pinochle.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

There were several residents in attendance at the dice game on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group had a good time making banana cookies on Friday. There are always extra helpers who show up in time to sample the warm-from-the-oven cookies.

Joan Noble was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday afternoon. Residents joined Joan and her family for cake and ice cream.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday Worship Service on the patio. Church members Gene and Helen Gee, Opal and Eldon Huntley, and Gaylen Huntley assisted with the service.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones, Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lentz, Alma; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Chris Wood, Voni Sattler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson, Hays.

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Jackie Votapka, Paula Tadlock, Connie Miller, Eunice Richards, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Earl Brown, John and Dianne Bremer, Max and Veanna Carman, Shelli Fortin, Roberta Johnson, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

We begin Daylight Savings time at 2 a.m. the second Sunday in March. So, remember to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday evening for the time change on Sunday, March 8.

Kelly Noble, Colorado Springs, and Jeff Mirabelle, Aurora, Colo., took the tour of Herndon Saturday, visiting cousins, Chris Wood, Julie and Bob Hafner and Alan Solko. They had lunch at Roger's Bar and Grill and traveled by the Hartner homestead and St. Mary's cemetery. Kelly is the granddaughter of Joan Hartner Center, a resident in Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Visit Herndonkansas.com for a nice tour of our community. This website is sponsored by the Herndon Pride. Check out the Calendar of Events, City information, Chamber officers, Pride activities and officers and much more. Anyone wanting to contribute to this web site may contact Deb Portschy, 322-5212.

Carol Kompus enjoyed Sunday dinner with her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Julie Hafner received a call from Lorraine Pittman Knotts of Eugene, Ore., this week. Lorraine is a graduate of Herndon High and is optimistic of attending this year's alumni banquet in May.

Herndon holds many wonderful memories for her. Even though leaving many years ago, she still has a soft spot in her heart for the community.

Family, friends, residents and staff gathered at Cedar Living Center Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 91st birthday of Joan Noble. Birthday cake and ice cream were served by nieces Chris Wood, Voni Sattler, Ann Solko and Julie Hafner of Herndon. Joan's special guests this weekend were Kelly Noble, granddaughter, Colorado Springs,

and friend, Jeff Mirabelle, Aurora, Colo., and her sister, Esther Pennington, Herndon.

Greg and Rita Marintzer are jumping for joy on the birth of their new grandson, Kade Gregory Marintzer. He is the son of Jacob and Tara Marintzer of Westmoreland. He was born on Feb. 26 at 3:32 p.m. in Manhattan, weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and is 21 inches long. Mother and baby are doing great.

The Immanuel United Church of Christ reported the annual pancake breakfast held Sunday at the senior center was a huge success, supported by so many community and area residents.

Julie's Memory Joggers
1979-1980 Beaver Tale Yearbook
Homecoming '79

On Sept. 21, Herndon Beavers played our homecoming game against the Weskan Coyotes. Herndon won 26-20.

Our homecoming theme was "After the Winnin's Done." The sophomore class made a float to use as a throne for the queen candidates.

At halftime of the football game, the King and Queen were announced. The Queen was Candice Magers, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Magers. The King was Gerard Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Green. Attendants were Mary Leitner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Leitner, and Kyle Grafel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Grafel; Patti Sattler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sattler, and Brad Thompson, son of Mrs. Cheryl Smith. Shayla Smith, daughter of Cheryl and Kevin Smith, carried the crown and Danny Sattler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sattler, carried the football.

A disco dance was held after the game at the V.F.W. Hall, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments were served at the dance by the freshmen and sophomore classes.

Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of the Specialty Clinic at Decatur County Hospital.

This is an opportunity to meet Dr. Obed Saint Louis, the new physician on our medical staff. He will have a question-and-answer session on cardiac and renal complications in the diabetic patient. Bring any questions and come be a part of this group discussion.

We are looking for 15 to 20 community volunteers who have been hospital patients to take part in our Strategic Planning session from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, or from 7 to 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 30. Coffee and rolls will be served at the morning meeting. The featured speaker is Vince Vandehaar.

If you would like to volunteer for either meeting, please call the hospital, 475-2208, and speak to Administrator Lynn Doeden.

We continue to look for specialists who would like to practice at our Specialty Clinic once a month, which would allow us to offer treatment in more areas. Podiatry is covered by Dr. Stefan Lorincz on the second Friday of each month.

Put those unwanted items in the CLASSIFIEDS!

Call 475-2206

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Mr. and Mrs. Don Threlkel, Neva Lou and Eric Holub, and Elma Lee Erickson were Feb. 21 and 22 weekend guests of the Ronny Morris family in Lakewood, Colo. They all attended the farewell for David Morris, who left on Tuesday for New Zealand, where he will serve six months with the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) project. Many friends and relatives were present to wish him their best.

Word was received of the death of John Peebles, 83, at his home in Denver on Feb. 22. Funeral services were held Tuesday with burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

He was a brother of Bill Peebles, husband of the former Maxine Olson. Immediate survivors include

his wife, Mercedes; a daughter, Michael, and a daughter, Debbie, and their spouses.

Bill and Maxine Peebles returned home last week after spending the past two months in Arizona.

Ruth Swanson of Rifle, Colo., is to undergo surgery. She is formerly of this community and the daughter of the late Rev. Hjalmer Swanson, a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church, and his wife, Nadine. Mail will reach her at 701 E. First Street, Rifle, Colo., 81650-2909.

Kurt Olson of Manhattan spent the weekend with Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary.

The board of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet following morning worship services on Sunday.