

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1884

There are said to be more people in Custer Township than anytime since '80.

Dr. Bariteau has moved his office into the Burnett building, first door west of the courthouse.

The public school closes Friday.

Everton Doom has been appointed deputy county surveyor by County Surveyor Bariteau.

Wirt Bartlett of Clarksburg, W. Va., a brother-in-law of the Griffith boys, is seeking a location in Decatur County.

Klayton Klatter: Tuesday evening the 11th, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brooks gave a party in honor of their daughters, Lydia and Sudie, it being the night before their birthdays.

The Lenora stage comes in every night loaded down with passengers.

Decatur Items: Mahlen Croy recently lost his riding pony, a beautiful gray — it choked to death.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1909

Love & Reist have about the noblest milk wagon that ever went over the streets of Oberlin.

Earl Wilson, who has been taking a course in veterinary medicine, will graduate this week.

J.E. Love shipped 95 head of hogs to the Kansas City market recently and they made him a little money.

Danbury News: Roy Plotts and family left Thursday for the state of Washington where they will make their future home.

Norcatour Items: Charley Reed, the Norton photographer, was up Saturday and among other photos taken was a group of Norcatour's heavyweights, viz: Barney Brower, Dr. Kenney, Jim Hughes, Jeff Black and Charley Sloan.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1934

Funeral services were held March 20 for Bertina Johnson, 91, Oberlin's most aged citizen. In 1887 she

and her husband Abraham B. Johnson came to Decatur County and established themselves nine miles southwest of Oberlin. This county has since been her home.

In the death of Howard Anderson at the Benton Memorial Hospital at 8:50 Saturday morning, Oberlin loses one of its popular young businessmen; one whose cheery good nature and likable personality will cause his untimely death to be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Bill Langmade, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Langmade of this city, is a member of the Men's Glee Club at the University of Kansas and will accompany the club on the annual concert tour through Kansas towns.

Friends of Mrs. Albert Harold are glad to hear of her continued improvement following a recent attack of sinus trouble. She spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bates, in order to have medical attention.

The basketball game with the Globe Trotters has been canceled.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jennings are the proud parents of a baby boy born March 14.

Allison: A terrible wind storm struck here last Friday night making traffic dangerous. Many people were away from home, having gone to various entertainments. Several auto wrecks were reported but nothing serious. Toward morning snow began to fall and at daylight a blizzard was raging which subsided by 10 o'clock Saturday.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1959

Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jane, to Robert E. Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Dodson of Ellsworth.

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ron Springs.

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Remember, the fund-raiser for Melissa Hadley will be held Saturday, March 28, at the Masonic Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided while the community is being asked to bring side dishes.

Kay and Doyle Brown enjoyed visiting two weeks with their daughter, Keli and Phil Kleidosty in Kekaha, Hawaii. On their way home they visited their son Kent and Robin Brown and family in Estes Park, Colo. They also visited with Doyle's sister, Dorothy and Jim Stealy, Wheatridge, Colorado.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We received a lovely donation of lap robes this week from the Dresden Legion Auxiliary. The robes were made by Margaret Rhodes, Lillian Sulzman, Helen Derby, Jeanie Spesser, Dolores Depperschmidt, Evelyn Meitl, Betty James, Roberta Schilling, and Mildred Welter.

Gene Van Vleet of San Diego, Calif., and Leo and Josie Van Vleet of Phoenix, Ariz., visited Aleen Van Vleet this past week. During their stay they set up a web cam so that family members will be able to visit and see Aleen via the computer from across the country. The Van Vleets have extended an invitation to other Cedar Living Center residents and their families to use the web cam. Anyone interested in more information on setting this up may contact Charlotte Kurtz or Teresa Shaughnessy by calling Cedar Living Center at 785-475-2276.

We received a donation from the Western Fraternal Association to be used for supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt at Cedar Living Center. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. More information on the hunt will be available in the near future.

The dietary department hosted a St. Patrick's Day lunch at noon on Tuesday. Green salads and desserts were among the choices.

Connie and Kary Miller had lunch on Tuesday with Alvina Gamblin. They came to help Alvina celebrate her birthday.

Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Blanche Skubal won the blackout game.

Wilma May and Karl Wendelin attended the funeral service on Tuesday afternoon for Elwood Mines.

Residents met for an evening of games on Tuesday in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

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

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Joan Noble, Blanche Skubal, and Aleen Van Vleet.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon. The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Beth Johnson, Norcatour; Carol Kompus, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Dave and Zoie Johnson, Lenexa; Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.

Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Shelli, Jay, Josh, and Jacob Fortin, Lyle Gamblin, Eunice Richards, Karen Bennett, Catherine Neal, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Miriam Fisher, Ira Kolsky, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"Everything Green" was the theme for the week. Both staff and residents were encouraged to wear green all week. By Friday, we all realized green wasn't the most prominent color in our wardrobes! The kitchen staff followed the theme by serving something green all week. Sonya Gillespie, our new Dietary Director, told her staff to be creative ... so here is a sampling of what they served: Green oatmeal, green eggs and ham, lots of Green veggies, Green gelatin and Green cupcakes. Yum!

The highlight of the week was, of course, St. Patrick's Day. We started by doing a word search, trying to make smaller words out of Saint Patrick's Day. We ended with 200 words. This is a favorite game for us. We keep last year's tally on the back of the board and try to get more each year. This year will be hard to beat!

Two residents, Jeanette Conway and Kathryn Post, touted their authentic Irish Heritage, while staff member "Irish Wannabe's," Anita Hirsch and Tina Perrin, dressed the part complete with green wig and silly hat. We weren't convinced so they broke into their version of an Irish jig. While they were dancing, Kelley May demonstrated her Irish skill by kicking up her heels Leprechaun Style. Residents joined in the fun by playing "Go for the Gold" and "Lucky Coin Toss." The whole afternoon left us laughing and feeling a bit green.

Birthday visitors of Evelyn Ol-

son's Family were Wendy, Justin, Garrett and Gage Scott, Janice, Bob and Brandi Baer (Topeka), Connie and Jerry Olson, Stean Olson (Hays), Kelly Olson (Manhattan).

Other visitors were Clem Mumm (Colby) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Roberta Ritter for **Hubert Mumm**. Ralph Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, great-great granddaughter Kara Hazelhorst and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Donna Kelley and Delta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**.

Brad, Michelle, Braylon, Colton and Taylor Simonsson (Wamego) and Marvin and Sharon Slaybaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Esther Ready (New York City) for **John Ready**. Wayne and Odetta Marietta (Russell), Elsie Wolters, Linda Wade, Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Eunice Richards for **Earl Brown** and **Lora Zwickle**. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thornton (McCook) for **R.D. Thornton**. Hanna Brooks, Rylan Wildeman, (Norton), Jaren and Jayla Rush (Wichita), Kacen and Koy Smith (Newton), Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) for **Faye Miller**.

Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Cheri Kastens (Herndon) for **Pooch, R.D., John, Loren** and **Elden**. Elsie Wolters for **Elaine Thomas, Kathryn Post** and **Dorothy Pryor**.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Spring break is over (also the beautiful weather) and I hope everyone is refreshed and able to finish out the school year with excitement.

My spring break, as well as my birthday, March 17, was spent in Round Rock, Texas, with my sister and husband, Debbie and Dan Thompson. I could easily become a born again Texan; a great state for rodeo, live music, fantastic weather, large parks, and great people.

Care packages for five soldiers were put together from members of the Rexford Community Church and sent off. Packages were sent to Tyler Knapp, Iraq, the grandson of Edna Colson; David Purcell, Iraq, son of Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell; Jake Gould, San Diego, son of David Gould and Tina Anderson, grandson of Jay and Nancy Dahl; Brady Dible, San Diego, son of Robert and Peggy Dible, Menlo, and grandson of Rex and Betty

Carswell; and Jordan Rogers, San Diego, son of Andrea Mitchell, Selden. Our troops appreciate the contact from home.

The American Legion held a pinochle tournament on Saturday. Dick Sanford and son, Ken Sanford, placed first. Warren and Julie Ziegelmeier and Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier tied for second place. There were 12 individuals in the tournament.

The County Polling Booth will be at the Red Barn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the school elections.

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

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

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Concordia University A Cappella choir, Seward, Neb., will travel to Des Moines, Iowa; Valparaiso and Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Frankenmuth, Mich., on its annual spring tour from March 25-29.

The 70-member group includes Rory Wendelin of Oberlin, and they will perform an eclectic mix of music including folk songs, spirituals, and original compositions by members of Concordia's music department.

Don and Ann Mines hosted a dinner at their home Tuesday, March 17, following the funeral of Elwood Mines that afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

Attending were Elwood and Elaine's daughters, Ron and Nancy (Mines) Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo.; and Connie (Mines) Goslar, Mesa, Ariz.; Chuck and Carol Van Ert, Steven and Sandy, Aurora, Colo.; Craig and Vicky Baumfalk, Denver; Bob Dorsch, St. Francis; John and

Diane Bradley and Orrin Bradley, Arvada, Colo.; Steve and Christine Kramer, Bethune, Colo.; Sherri Coon, Georgetown, Texas; Pat and Lynette Salvo, Tucson, Ariz.; Joe Mines, McPherson, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler. Millard Kyte and Austin were afternoon visitors at the Mines home.

Sherri (Mines) Coon, Georgetown, Texas, and Pat and Lynette (Mines) Salvo, Tucson, Ariz., were March 15 to 18 guests of their parents, Don and Ann Mines.

Rory Wendelin, a freshman at Concordia University, Seward, Neb., returned to campus the weekend of March 14 after spending spring break with her parents, Norman and Joanne Wendelin.

Ernest May, Tonganoxie, and Rebecca May, Lawrence, arrived Sunday, March 15, to spend spring break with their parents and grandparents, Martin and Evelyn May. They returned home Saturday morning.

Dan Nedland, Cameron and

Hunter, Brandon Meza, Nolan May, and Cole May returned home Tuesday after enjoying a few days vacationing in Breckenridge, Colo. Rhonda May and Elizabeth Nedland had also joined them in Breckenridge, but stayed a few more days and returned home on Friday.

Kenneth and Mona (Euhus) Hoehner, Denver, arrived Friday afternoon to spend a few days visiting her brother, Dennis Euhus, other family and friends, and attend a business meeting.

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth drove to Kansas City Saturday morning and they picked up Hunter Nedland who had been attending a 4-H Global Youth Forum since Wednesday.

Hunter was the only youth in Decatur County who won this trip due to his many accomplishments in 4-H. They returned home late Saturday afternoon.

Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, and John and

Dianne Bremer and Jessica were among those attending the Saturday afternoon wedding of Leah Marietta and Travis Carreno at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Leah is the daughter of Alan and Judith (Schreiber) Marietta of Oberlin.

Weekend visitors of Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Wayne and Lois Larson were Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield.

The Roland May family returned home Sunday afternoon from Kearney, Neb., where Zach May played in the Kearney Blow-Out Basketball Tournament.

His team earned a third place medal.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan, and Stean Olson, Hays, were weekend guests of Jerry and Connie Olson.

Cameron Nedland and Brandon Meza, Manhattan, and Jessica Bremer, Topeka, returned to college Sunday afternoon after spending spring break with their parents.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Niemeth family spent Sunday together. Jerry and Kim joined Laverne for coffee and rolls after Mass. Kim served Sunday dinner of tacos and Tang at the farm.

The Tang drink brought back memories of Laverne making it for the kids growing up. Jerry and his mother attended the Lenten Mission in the evening at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood.

Janice Sattler and Julie Hafner ate at the bowling alley Tuesday evening.

Congratulations to John Paul Solko and Kassidi Williams of St. Mary's parish on being confirmed in the Catholic faith Wednesday evening by Bishop Paul Coakley of Salina.

They joined Sacred Heart and St. John's candidates in Atwood for this celebration.

Following Mass, an evening dinner was prepared and served by the three parishes. Those joining in the choir from St. Mary's were Nadine Green, Julie Hafner, Sharon Ecker and Vicky Mumm. Theresa Rippe, Rachelle Solko and Eileen Unger served refreshments.

Aaron and Brenda Schilde, Minneola, and Rodney Rippe, Hays, spent spring break with Richard and Theresa Rippe. They all returned home on Saturday.

A short St. Patrick's Day parade was held in front of the Herndon Pool Hall the evening of March 17, entertaining revelers toasting the green.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., are here visiting their mother, Edie Pettera of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, and other family in Herndon. They were Sunday evening dinner guests of Kent and Chris Wood.

Vern and Sharon Frick hosted pinochle club on Saturday night.

Those attending were Frank and Jean Huss, Clarence and Margaret Niermeier, Art and Nadine Rather, Richard and Theresa Rippe, and Harvey and Cheryl Steier.

High prize went to Clarence and Margaret, low prize to Frank and Jean, and traveling prize to Cheryl. Next club will be with Richard and Theresa at 7:30 p.m. on April 18.

Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm of Hale, Colo., were Sunday visitors of Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. They also visited with Carol Kompus in Herndon Sunday afternoon.

Monday lunch guests of Wilma Bobinmyer to celebrate her birthday were Pete and Eileen Portschy, Gene Kleidosty, and Carol Kompus. Carol brought birthday cake for her mom and the residents, and for the

staff of Cedar Living, who take such good care of Wilma.

Julie's Memory Joggers

The Herndon Nonpareil

August 16, 1945

The Herndon Equity Co-op Association has just completed the installation of a new drive in their west elevator.

The new drive is SKF roller

bearing throughout and will speed up the elevation of grain considerably, even though the equipment at this elevator is such that few grain houses have any better in this part of the country, Pop Stinnette says.

His company has bought and shipped out over 100 carloads of the 1945 crop so far, he says.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Paulie Neff took second, Edna Schiltz got low and Carol Shaw had the most Queens.

Other members present included Jeanie Spesser, Betty James and Ann Hazlitt.

School Calendar: Friday - Junior High and High School track at Bird City, Saturday - Regional Music in Oberlin. Monday - 1:15 p.m., High School Play. Tuesday - 7 p.m., High School Play.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 27 - Shani Sauvage, Julie Geisinger, Dori Pauls, Carol Wesel. March 28 - Lori Miller, Shirley Campbell Weber, Bernie Koerperich, Lisa Weimer. March 29 - Ma-

riessa Porsch, Paula Schiltz, Alex Campbell, Tammy Shaw. March 30 - Wyatt Ashley, Gayle Bainter. March 31 - Kyle Emigh, Bruce Otter. April 1 - Nikki Campbell. April 2 - Matt Juenemann, Tenna Ashley, Doug Shaw.

The following books were shelved at the Selden Public Library on March 17: "While My Sister Sleeps," by Barbara Delinsky (LTE); "No Place for a Lady," by Maggie Brendan (LTE); "Scarpetta," by Patricia Cornwell (LTE); "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," by Guy Fieri.

The Selden United Methodist Church will be holding Sunday services at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings.



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