# **THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear**

### 125 YEARS AGO – March 1885

Potatoes \$1, corn 30 cents, eggs 10 cents, butter, 20 cents. Surveyors of the B.&M. R.R. are

at present working about 10 miles east of Oberlin.

Lyle and Clayton are considering the propriety of consolidating and moving to the railroad.

O.P. Ecord has opened a general merchandise store at Bassettville post office.

An immense prairie fire raged to the north of Oberlin Saturday between the Republican and the Beaver.

Last week 350 lots were sold to the Lincoln town company -240in the Oberlin townsite and 114 in the Rodehaver's additions.

#### 100 YEARS AGO – March 1910

A.A. Grindle of Liberty has been having the measles and they have left him in rather bad shape for spring work.

W.T. Stevenson and wife got home from their southern trip Monday

O.C. Milleson and wife returned from California Saturday having been on the road from Monday morning

The Knights of Python have been much in evidence this week. They have been enjoying a visit with the State Grand Chancellor and a big banquet was held at the Benton-Smith hotel Tuesday evening.

High School Items: In the annual meeting of the oratorical association of northwest Kansas to be held at Norton, Austin Wallack will represent Decatur Community High School. The baseball players organized this week and elected Lester Wylder captain and Ed Kennedy manager.

#### 75 YEARS AGO – March 1935

The regular session of the Kansas state legislature is now history and the members have returned to their homes but due to some friction between the house and senate many of the more important bills introduced died a natural death on the calendar. The capital punishment bill went thru both branches and was signed by the governor.

Court House News: On March 8 a license was issued to Eldon Eckhart and Miss Grace Bell, both of Norcatur, and they were married by Rev. Pfieffer of Norcatur. On March 9 a license was issued and a ceremony performed for Floyd Eckhart and Juanita Shirley, both of Norcatur.

Miss Goldie Hicks, to dinner celebrating Billie Lee's birthday.

Glenn Jones, the genial auctioneer from Dresden, made one of his infrequent visits at this office and reported a very successful sale at the George Jeffery Place. He added it was remarkable the way things had been selling the past two months He also remarked that a lot of fellows were selling out and leaving Kansas but that they would be trying to get back in a year or two.

DCHS: The high school has purchased four new typewriters for use in the commercial department. They were all Royals.

Shibboleth: A large crowd at Sunday School. Young People's meeting was held at Bells & Rev. and Mrs. Simpson came out. A large crowd enjoyed a very good program.

50 YEARS AGO - March 1960 Flood conditions plagued this area in early-week as a result of what is believed to be the biggest spring thaw on record here. Stranded cattle, creeks flowing over into lowlands, inundated roads, and even a washed-out section of railroad were part of the unseasonal flood picture. The washed out railroad occurred several miles west of Herndon on the C.B. & O.

Girls'State-bound are Ann Dowling and Sue Matthews, DCHS juniors while David Nichols and David Caster are junior boys who will attend Sunflower Boys' State at Wichita North High School.

Five Oberlin entries at district speech festival earned I ratings qualifying for state: Mary Reeves in extemp; Deloris Musgrave and Nancy Nemeth in informative speaking and Sue Mathews and Henrietta Goscha in readings.

Kenneth Gardner, a native of Oberlin and a 1943 DCHS grad, went to Denver Friday to board a plane for Tripoli, Libya, where he is employed by Shell Oil Co.

#### 25 YEARS AGO — March 1985

The presence of three judges from the Kansas Court of Appeals in the Decatur County courthouse was an unusual sight. Presiding Judge Marvin Meyer, Judge Mary Beck Briscoe and retired Judge Corwin C. Spencer were assigned to hear eight cases on the docket being appealed from lower court proceedings in Norton, Rawlins, Gove, Smith, Scott, Thomas and Decatur counties. Judge Meyer noted that in recent years the number of cases being appealed from various parts

Dresden Items: Billie Lee Bow- submitted their resignations: John man entertained her school teacher, Goering, who has taught industrial arts at DCHS is leaving the teaching field in order to enter the ordained ministry; Richard Koons, chemistry and physics; Chris Steimel, physical education and administrative assistant at OES and Jeannie Louden Unger, Spanish teacher the past six years.

The engagement of Sarah Virginia Hulen and Ward Wesley Brown whose July 20, 1985, wedding will take place at Second Presbyterian Church, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Park Hulen, Shawnee Mission. The bride received her BFA from Kansas State University where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Selden, has received a degree in animal science and is currently a senior in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay H. Payne, March 25, 1985.

# **Chamber News**

I had a few people ask me last summer why the Farmers Market was held on a Wednesday. I didn't have an answer. Some suggested having it on a different day; Friday morning, Friday afternoon or on Saturday morning. Some said any day, but have it in the late afternoon, because it would be handy for the working people to stop on their way home. I would be open for suggestions.

There are a number of backyards in town large enough to grow a few vegetables. Have you thought about growing something to bring to the Farmers Market this year? The Kansas Farmers Market's site has what they call the "Savor the Season" vegetables. The ones they are highlighting this season are Salad Mix, Nappa Cabbage, Bok Choy, Beans, Okra, Cantaloupe, heirloom tomatoes, eggplant, sweet potatoes, swiss chard, and acorn squash. Even one item would help bring a bigger variety to our market. I am considering possibly four items. Two would be early and two about mid-season. Fresh, home-grown is just the best!!

The business of the week is Decatur County Feed Yard. It was started

Salina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Mae, Gladstone, Mo., to Stephen James Brown, Pleasant Valley, Mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Selden. Miss Payne graduated from KU with a degree in elementary education and did graduate work in science at UMKC and Rockhurst College. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and PEO and is an 8th grade science and reading teacher. Her fiancé is a graduate of FHSU with a degree in industrial arts where his fraternity was Tau Kappa Epsilon. He is employed by Farmland Industries, Inc. A July 6, 1985, wedding is planned.

**By Jody Betts** 

New Arrivals: Elizabeth and Richard Hickert, Selden, daughter, Danielle Denise, March 19, 1985; Suzanne and Richard Ahlberg, Oberlin, son, Erik Kevin, March 21, 1985; Lisa and Jamie Fortin, Oberlin, daughter, Lindsay Ann,

By Carolyn Hackney

in 1971, purchased by Milton Nitsch in 1977, with his son-in-law, Warren Weibert, as the manager.

The capacity of the feedlot has grown from the original 15,000 to the present capacity of 40,000. Cattle are received into the feedlot from 23 states across the nation from California to Virginia, and even Hawaii.

Decatur County Feed Yard specializes in retained ownership, and in individualized electronic cattle management. They market the cattle to achieve maximum benefits including quality, age, and source verification.

They employ around 23 people, and depending on the number of cattle in the pens, they feed from 6 to 12 semi-loads of corn daily.

When the cattle are ready for market, they are sold at Cargill, in either Dodge City or Fort Morgan, Colo.

I will be visiting the participating businesses next week to leave the March Madness entries, so be sure and take part in the Final Four Contest. I will also be gathering gift items for the winner.

By Louise Cressler

Have a great week!!

# **Cedar Living News** By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents of Cedar Living of enjoying the warm day. Rumor Center will host the annual Easter has it that a few people may have Egg Hunt on Tuesday, March 30, even fallen asleep in the sun. in the Cedar Living Center dining Friday afternoon was a good time room at 7 p.m. We would encourto stay inside and bake up a batch age area children to attend this fun

time as the hunt does not last long.

Myrna Jones hosted the sing-a-

Wilma May won the first bingo

The Aquarius Club hosted the

March birthday party after Bingo

on Tuesday afternoon. Those hon-

ored with March birthdays were

Joan Noble, Marian Miller, Alvina

Gamblin and Wilma Bobinmyer.

Each received a small gift from the

club. Club members Megan Rippe

and Deb Portschy served mini

cheese cakes. Musical entertain-

ment was provided by Phil Law on

Rick Doeden hosted a karaoke

night in the dining room on Tuesday.

Rick, Stan Miller and Nora Urban

took turns singing. Ira Kolsky was

the only resident brave enough to

try a song. Residents and guests

enjoyed this fun evening, which

Everyone was Irish on St. Pat-

rick's Day. The dining room was

decorated with lots of shamrocks.

The dietary department served up

corn beef and cabbage at noon.

Charlotte Kurtz served up some

green treats at a St. Patrick's Day

party in the afternoon. Myrna Jones

helped to make the afternoon extra

March 17 birthday with family

lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Alvina Gamblin celebrated her

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

Fr. Mark Berland brought Com-

Residents took advantage of the

spring-like weather on Thursday

afternoon by sitting outside in the

sunshine. The game scheduled for

the afternoon was canceled in favor

munion for the Catholic residents

special with a few Irish tunes.

members on Wednesday.

on Thursday morning.

included a wide variety of music.

long time on Monday afternoon

on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma

LaSalle won the blackout game.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

before supper.

the trumpet.

of banana chocolate chip cookies. They were a big hit with the crowd event. Each child should bring a small basket. It is important to be on gathered in the dining room. Wilma Bobinmyer was the guest

of honor at a birthday celebration held at noon on Sunday. The Bobinmyer family served cake to all of the residents.

Recent visitors: Sylvester Ritter, Don Ritter, Dresden; Julie Hafner, Sharon Frick, Linda Bosler, Pete and Eileen Portshcy, Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; Stan and Carol Miller, Keith Anthony, Norcatur; Delpha Sis, Tammi Engel, Atwood; Justine Tuttle, El Dorado; Natalie and Daniel Merica, Clay Center; Rose Marie Kogl, Culbertson, Neb.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Kaenzie Marintzer, Wray, Colo.; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Annette Lambert, Celina, Texas.

Elaine Bryan, Dianne and Jessica Bremer, Marian Dempewolf, Connie Miller, Juanita Williby, Delores Depperschmit, Leona Harms, Sharleen Wurm, Miruim Fisher, Kary Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Kaylene Thomas, Lois Lamb, Martin and Evelyn May, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Gary, Sarah, Kaine and Karli Fredrickson, and Eunice Richards, Oberlin.

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### **Financial Facts of Life**

We can all use a little financial guidance from time to time, but teaching our children about money management can be a challenge. Following these simple guidelines can help your children learn the financial facts of life.

### Be a role model

Set a good example with your saving and spending habits. Getting your children involved in money management activities will also teach them how to make wise financial choices. Learning by example will lay the foundation for how your kids manage their money long-term.

wrestling meet is being held at to convene away from the Topeka Manhattan and Jiggs VanVleet Judicial Center. From Oberlin the and Elmer Hackney were invited judges flew to Dodge City. to attend.

School News: The district AAU of the state has made it more feasible Four USD 294 teachers have

> **Herndon News By** Julie Hafner

of the Texas Rangers. Spring baseball training camp is underway.

Dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel on Wednesday were Elaine and Kathy Fikan and Lynette Kanak of Atwood.

The Culbertson Red Hatters toured Herndon on Thursday, March 18. The afternoon began with a ham dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill, which is the former Leinwetter Furniture location. The group then visited St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Herndon Senior Center, the City Library and the Herndon Pool Hall with host and owner, Chris Wood. Those attending were Rose Kogl, Joylyn Ross, Beth Ann Horton, Elaine Schleeman, Hope Strong, Marjorie Schlegel, Gwen Davis, Betty Cook, Sherry Carfield, Betty Grafel, Beverley Grafel, Norma Sitzman, Cathy Thomas, Gwen Miller, Ellen Barlow, Jane Korell and Kay Jankovits. Julie Hafner conducted the tour and checked the jail to make sure no one was left behind.

Keith, Roma, Sydney and Saeger Grafel, Council Grove, came Saturday for the weekend visiting family. Rusty Grafel, Colby, joined them on Sunday and Monday evening for dinner at the Don and Joan Grafel home. Everyone headed home Tuesday.

Thursday guests of Dean and Deb Portschy, Marcus and Neil were Freddie and Shirley Reed, and Adam Murchie, all of Stockton; Heather Murchie of Manhattan, Barb Record of McCook, Emily Chessmore of Atwood and Pete and Eileen Portschy of Herndon. All enjoyed lunch at Roger's Bar

Wayne and Linda Bosler traveled and Grill followed with dessert and to Phoenix, to catch the excitement NCAA basketball at the Portschy home.

> Sharon Ecker spent the week in Hays visiting her sons, Troy and Bart, and granddaughter, Brandi. Taking in the Sternberg Museum. They saw the crocodile exhibition and many interesting things. Sharon returned home Friday after a fun week.

> Once again, St. Patrick's Day revelers held their short parade in front of the Herndon Pool Hall. Celebrating were Jennifer Beims playing the clappers, Deb Portschy on tambourines and Chris Wood on the harmonica. Everyone was wearing green, singing and having fun.

> Those helping Wilma Bobinmyer celebrate her birthday early on Sunday were Gene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., and granddaughter, Kaenzie. Janice Sattler, Julie Hafner and Edie Pettera all wish Wilma a happy birthday also. Cedar residents all enjoyed a delicious birthday cake.

Tuesday afternoon visitors of Don and Joan Grafel were Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kourtney Grafel of Utica, and Danielle and Carter Grafel of Oberlin.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization wishes to thank everyone for making the St. Patrick's breakfast and silent auction a success! Everyone enjoyed a nice breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit and coffee or juice. Several silent auction items were also available for bidding. Those winning items were Peach Beims, Deb Portschy, Zach Williams, Voni Sattler, Diana Solko, Ron Sattler and Rita Marintzer.

Last week, March 13-14, Sarah an interesting study. McKenna, Topeka; Jacque McKenna, Iowa City, Iowa, and Marcus McKenna, Hays, were home to visit their parents, Pat and Shelley McKenna and Chris. They all surprised Pat with a birthday party on Saturday. On Sunday they celebrated Max Ward's 90th birthday and Max and Norma's anniversary with a dinner at their home in Clayton.

Others attending were Dave Ward, Clayton; Jake and Krisha Ward, Manhattan: Jodi Bina, Braxton and Audrey, Edwardsville; Julie and Ken Carter, Becky Carter and Stann Hartzog, Jennings; Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Ann Dubois, Abby and Madi, Norton; Lori, Terry and Kelly Wycoff, Scott City; and Bee Nelson, Norcatur.

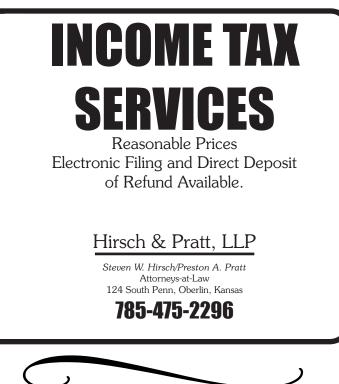
Following the Ad Council meeting at the United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Bible Study was held. Those attending Bible Study were Rachel Carter, Ken and Julie Carter, Louise Cressler, Vi Krizek, Darlene LaRue, Marge Hartzog and Helen Rhodes with the Rev. Barbara Patterson leading the study. This is projects will be welcome.

**Jennings News** 

The Jennings American Legion Ladies Auxiliary met March 18 at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Jennings Museum. President Neoma Tacha led the group in the flag salute. Present were Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Mary Wahlmeier, Alice Mizer, Rachel Carter, and Lila Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A treasurer's report was given on recent purchases. We have received a certificate from the state organization for having 100 percent membership for the year. The American Legion and Auxiliary conference will be at Concordia April 17 and 18. All reports have been sent to the state.

Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6 at the Royal Neighbor Hall. We will have election of officers and be working on decorating crosses with flowers for the cemeteries. Please bring glue guns to this meeting. In May, we will meet at 2 p.m. on May 4 to arrange the poppies for Veterans graves for Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries. Volunteer help with these two



### Start a savings account

While a piggy bank is a great start to smart saving, consider helping older children open a savings account. Not only will your child develop a saving habit, but he/she will also begin to learn what banking is all about. As children move into their teens, discuss the concept of investing and the various options, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

### Give an allowance

An allowance can be a great way to teach your kids about money management. Encourage children to decide in advance how much to save and how much they can spend. Allowing children to make spending and saving choices helps them learn from their mistakes without losing too much in the process.

## Putting it into practice

Part-time jobs can teach young people valuable business skills and personal responsibility. Earning a paycheck allows teens to experiment with cash flow. This is a good time for your child to open a checking account and learn the concept of balancing deposits and withdrawals. It's also an opportunity to make your child responsible for certain expenses, such as gas money or contributing to his or her college fund.

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