

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1886

The stage and mail route between Oberlin and Lenora has been suspended.

Eighteen passengers went out on the two Colby hacks Saturday morning.

Geo. A. Metcalf & Co., have put up new and tasty signs in front of their bank and have also had their safe repainted and ornamented.

The warm weather the past two days has materially decreased the crop of snow.

Fitch Colby is building a residence on his lot on Commercial Street adjoining the one now occupied by him, but soon to be used for county purposes.

Marriages:

Jan. 28th, Edmund Patchin, Oberlin & Miss Minnie A. Christie, Jewell County; Feb. 7th, Wm. R. Love & Miss Amanda Park, both of Vallonia; also on the same date: W.H. Emahizer & Miss Arzella Keeren, all of Decatur County.

The new hotel on Hall Street to be known as the Commercial will open for business Saturday under the management of Wm. Clemmons, formerly manager of the Windsor Hotel at Seward, Neb.

J.B. O'Toole expects to open a branch butcher shop at Ludell soon.

J.K. Otis and E.A. Kirtland are also announcing the establishment of a bank at Ludell in the very near future.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1911

No, the groundhog did not see his shadow in this part of the country, but he could have, had it not been for the dust.

J.E. Love bought a new auto last week and has been whirling about the country in great shape.

Geo. Fowler of the Fowler Lumber yard here was in the city last week and was successful in selling the yard to the Foster Lumber Company.

Married Feb. 8th, J. Fred Maggard and Miss Blanche VanPelt, both of Sherman Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Steele left Sunday for Kansas City where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Benton on a trip to Cuba and the Isle of Pines where they will remain until the cold weather is over.

Miss Mary Vawter is home from Kansas University; illness preventing her from completing the school year.

The high school girls basketball team went to Norton last week and were defeated in a one-sided game, 27-14. Those who went were Miss Randall, chaperone, Laura Gierhart,

Ursulla McMullen, Edna Ireland, Mamie Alstrom, Gertie Hines, Dorothy Bigelow and Mabel Wolfe.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1936

No water this week; the lack of which was the result of frozen water pipes leading to the residences on the west side of the 200 block on South Buffalo.

Dr. Hennenberger of Atwood narrowly escaped serious results while making a call in the Ludell neighborhood last Friday night. With the bitter cold blizzard raging, he left his car and started walking. In the meantime Mrs. Hennenberger had become uneasy and two cars left Atwood in search of the doctor and they found him stumbling along in the road, his hands and feet numb from the cold. He is recovering satisfactorily and will soon be all right.

If anybody at all is benefitting from this continued abnormally cold weather one could guess it is the coal dealers. There will soon be a need to replace coal shovels, present weather continuing.

Returning home after the basketball game here Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vavroch became temporarily lost in a field they were compelled to cross because of drifted roads. They got pretty cold but reached home safely after some wandering around in the field.

Waldo Waid Anderson is the name of the new assistant coach who will help his father "Dutch" Anderson lead the football boys to victory again next year. He arrived Saturday at Benton Memorial Hospital. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Waid Waldo and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson.

A prospect for natural gas from the Hugoton field for towns in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska seems likely from reports coming from McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Adleman will entertain 20 little guests this evening honoring their son, Alan Dale, on his 4th birthday. Invited guests are Phil and Dianne Nemeth, Marilyn Brewster, Myrth Maddox, Dena Winget, Danny and Donnie Campbell, Roth Noel, Marilyn Hanson, Mary Lou Woodward, Jerry Thomsen, Wendell Jacobs, Dorette Jorn, Alan Wilson, Bobbie Gerhart, Mary Alma Hitchcock, Gene Lindemann, Eldon Laidig, George B. Beardsley and Ruth Ann Adleman.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1961

Decatur High wrestlers captured the championship trophy at the regional tournament held at Oakley. Seven individuals qualified for

the state tournament: Gene Long, Roland Martin, Mike Machart, Don Sabin, Rod Fringer, Larry Ayers and Bob Brown. The victory makes the third regional championship for DCHS since Melvin Simpson began coaching in 1956.

Five DCHS band members were selected to play with the all-state band at Salina under the direction of Lt. Col. Saddleman, former conductor of the U.S. Marine band. They are Charles Kiefer, tuba; Frank Southard, trombone; Pam Banta, clarinet; Connie Cody, baritone and Jeannie Paddock, French horn. They will be accompanied to Salina by Mrs Howard Banta and band instructor Lonn Richards.

Mrs. Lyman Black resigned her position of the Herald last week in order to devote more time at home.

Phil Walton, assistant fire chief of Oberlin, who served on the force for over 39 years, retired the first of this month. Dale Gunther has been appointed by the city council to fill the vacancy. Fire chief is Fred Miesner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohan celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Feb. 15. Mr. Rohan has lived in Decatur County all his life and Mrs. Rohan has lived here all but one year.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1986

Acting police chief Gary Reiter was appointed Oberlin chief of police by Mayor Dave Nichols at the city council meeting with full approval of the four council members present. Reiter has been interim chief since the resignation of Walt Castle on Jan. 10. Reiter, 38, joined the Oberlin police force Feb. 1, 1985, coming from Beloit.

A new bakery product that may tempt consumers is a loaf of "Amaranth — Wheat and Honey Bread." Samples will be offered in selected towns including Oberlin this com-

ing weekend according to Dr. Allen Hooper to see if there is enough interest to have a bakery in north-west Kansas. Amaranth is a plant which contains goodly amount of amino acids and has been grown in the past few years by Vince Wenger and Steve Noren.

A change has been announced on the Trailways Bus schedule by Richard Gamblin at the Fifth Wheel Station. The eastbound bus will arrive in Oberlin at 6 a.m. The evening westbound schedule stays the same, departing Oberlin at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Castor entertained Sunday with a dinner following the baptism of their granddaughter, Allison Jean Haskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haskins of Broomfield, Colo.

When the Oberlin matmen defeated Colby 26-25 last Friday, they not only insured a league championship, they upheld a tradition that has carried on for nearly 20 years. According to DCHS Principal Gordon "Buzz" Matson who has been at Oberlin for 18 years as coach and principal, Colby had never beat Oberlin in wrestling since he had been here. Under head coach Tom Alstrom, this year's season record is 10-0 in dual competition and senior Cory Raulston remains undefeated.

A former Oberlin resident, Earl Sproul has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Selma, Calif. Sproul began his membership in Rotary in Oberlin where he operated a creamery for many years before moving to California.

Funeral services were held for Russell West, 84, who began his 40-year career with the Foster Lumber Company in Republican City, Neb., in 1925 and later served as manager of yards at Brewster, Ludell and Oberlin as well as in Towner and Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, and Mary Votapka. Tara Votapka served snacks after the game.

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

Residents and staff spent time on Tuesday watching the snow. The dietary department cooked up a big pot of ham and beans for a good hot lunch on a cold day. It was a good afternoon to stay inside and play bingo. Ira Kolsky won the first bingo and the blackout game ended in a tie between Aleen Van Vleet and Zola Brown.

We are fortunate to have a maintenance crew at Decatur Health Systems to work on snow removal. Greg and Mark spent many hours on Tuesday and Wednesday plowing, blowing, and shoveling. Their work was much appreciated by visitors and staff.

The craft group met on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to work on Valentines. On Wednesday they made decorations for the dining room and on Thursday they worked on Valentine's Day cards.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion

for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Thursday was game night at Cedar Living Center. Doris Gilbert ended up the big winner for the evening.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon. They stirred up a batch of peanut butter chocolate chip cookies. Everyone found these to be especially delicious. The very few leftover cookies were saved back for the party on Valentine's Day.

A Sweetheart Tea was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday afternoon. Residents, guests, and staff enjoyed a variety of sweet treats provided by the dietary department. Mary McEvoy and Julie Hafner assisted Teresa Shaughnessy and the nursing staff with serving the refreshments.

The Oberlin United Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Stephani Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Aaron Harrison, Norton; Julie and Bob Hafner, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Norma Ward, Clayton;

Robert and Penny Fringer, Carol Kompus, Eunice Richards, Max and Veanna Carman, Lyle Gamblin, Ivis Hanson, Melanie Anderson, Jan Matheny, Pastor Judi Stricker.

Cut-off funding date set for water program

The cutoff date for Kansas farmers and ranchers to sign up for the 2010 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program is Friday, March 4.

The program is available to farmers who irrigate in priority areas of Groundwater Management Districts 2, 4 and 5.

Landowners should visit with staff of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service or the county conservation district to get more information. The Decatur County office is at 410 S. Buffalo, or call (785) 475-3131.

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Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,

When it is the power of your hand to do so. Proverbs 3:27

We were so pleased to welcome Mrs. Lois Morlock from McDonald to be our guest speaker on Saturday. Her husband suffered with Alzheimer's and now she is a great advocate and teacher for families with loved ones also struggling with this disease. She has founded a support group that meets in Atwood. She offered some very helpful insight to a group of about 20 people who came to get better understanding.

The most effective strategy is simply approaching your loved one in a different way. There is a four-step guideline to follow, and if you have someone struggling with dementia living with us here, or still at home, it would be a great thing for you to adopt as well.

Step 1: approach from the front. (so not to surprise or frighten) Get down a little lower than eye level (puts your loved one in a place of honor and respect) Call them by a familiar name ("Sally" or "mom") extend your hand (wait for them to reach for yours).

Step 2: Say your familiar name and a simple statement (7 words or less) of who you are (I'm Lisa, your daughter)
Step 3: Make a simple statement of what you are doing (I'm here to have coffee with you). Avoid questions (do you want to have a cup of coffee?)

Step 4: Always end your interaction with an endorphin boost (I love you, I'd like to give you a hug) This approach is proven to set the mind at ease by gently orienting people. Your mom may recognize you, but be unable to retrieve your name, causing great frustration that will

hinder further communication during your visit. Remember while conversing to again avoid questions. Instead of saying, "Do you remember Dad and how hard he worked?"

Replace the question with a statement like, "I was thinking about Dad; he worked hard." This will facilitate much more meaningful conversations.

Lora Zwickle, a dear friend who has gone to be with the Lord, once told me, "Old people are slow, and we need everyone to slow down."

This technique causes us as caregivers to slow down. It puts the focus on relationship vs. tasks. It makes our jobs more enjoyable and the residents more relaxed. It has been a very good thing to do for those we love and easily in the power of our hands to do so. (Proverbs 3:27).

On Friday the STAR's committee put on a love-filled party in honor of Valentine's Day. Everyone showed up for a great time.

Thanks to all of you who bought goodies during our bake sale on the weekend. This money will help to ensure these meaningful activities can take place for both staff and residents all through the year.

Happy Valentine's Day from your Good Sam Family!

Visitors this week were: Joyce and Jerry Hill for **Don and Cheryl Hill**. Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson and Edla Olson**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for **Dorothy Hunt**. Sharon Slaback for **Opal Bryan**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Bryan Marintzer**. Dean and Evelyn Sprigg for **Elden Long**. Cindy Gillespie for **Violet Schissler**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Murry and Adrey Pavlicek for **Mary Leman**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, was a frequent visitor last week of Carol Kompus, Oberlin. Guests of Carol were Stef and Adrian Hawkins of Dallas, Texas. Doug took Carol, Stef and Adrian out for lunch on Friday. Saturday afternoon Jim and Sharon Vogel stopped to visit.

Muriel Faimon, Stratton, Neb., attended the McCook YMCA Valentine Dance with cousin Kayla Hughes of Herndon. Muriel spent the night at the Nebraska home of Cork and Jacque Riener. Stan and Becky Faimon, Stratton, enjoyed chicken dinner with Jacque and Cork on Sunday at Roger's in Herndon.

Diana Brunson, Omaha; Britteni and Madilynn visited Marge and Bill Koetter in McCook over the weekend. Marge returned with Diana for the week.

Diana stayed in McCook while the girls spent time with Stu and Pam Stuczynski on the farm.

Stu had a great time Saturday evening enjoying the Italian cuisine

at the Beims Café.

Bishop Paul Coakley was installed as Archbishop of Oklahoma City on Friday, Jan. 11, 2011, with live coverage on EWTN, the Catholic Channel.

This appointment by Pope Benedict XVI was announced in December. St. Mary's Assumption parish in Herndon and local parishes congratulate Archbishop Coakley and send God's blessings.

Gestures of love were floating in the air over the weekend in Herndon, preparing for Monday, St. Valentine's Day. February is known as the month of love. Over 150 million cards are sent and over 40,000 are employed by chocolate companies to keep up with the demand.

With over 30,000 jewelry stores, we are happy to report one such visit by a local gentleman with one young local gal the recipient of a shiny, sparkling diamond gracing her left hand. Congratulations Katelyn and Rodney!

Disaster programs may help stockmen

Federal programs may be able to help stockmen dealing with harsh winter weather, including ice, snow and cold, says Diane Barrett, county executive director for the U. S. Farm Service Agency.

This is turning out to be a tough winter for many operators, she said, and learning about these programs could be an important step. Farmers should document the number and kind of livestock that have died as a direct result of winter storms, she said, and notify the agency. If you are hauling additional feed, docu-

ment these costs also.

The agency administers several programs that could help stockmen recover from livestock deaths beyond normal mortality rates, losses of purchased or harvested forage, and additional costs of providing or transporting feed.

For livestock death losses to be eligible under the Livestock Indemnity Program, farmers must file a notice of loss with their county office within 30 days from when the loss is discovered.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Joel Shaw returned home Friday evening after spending a few days in Nebraska City, Neb., attending an Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) Annual Meeting.

Cassidy Shields, Elizabeth Nedland and Ryan May were among those from Decatur Community High School competing in the Norton speech meet on Saturday. Elizabeth competed in Extemporaneous Speaking, Cassidy and Channing Farr placed third in finals in Duet Acting and Ryan placed sixth in finals in his Poetry reading. Congratulations to all these youth for a job well done!

Those in the congregation over 80 years of age at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin were honored with an "Over 80" brunch Sunday morning in the fellowship hall fol-

lowing church and Sunday school. The congregation as a whole was also invited to attend and help them celebrate.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan, and Jessica Bremer, Topeka, were weekend guests of their parents, Jerry and Connie Olson and John and Dianne Bremer.

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center's second annual Hoedown fundraiser will be held March 26 at the Oberlin American Legion. Tickets should be available for purchase the middle of February; see Dianne at Great Northwest Insurance, 122 S. Penn, or Montine at the Good Samaritan Center office. Keep watching the Mount Pleasant news for more information on ticket sales.

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