

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1886

Fitch Colby is in Missouri buying horses.
 Dr. Wm. B. Mead's appointment as postmaster has been confirmed by the Senate.
 W.R. Mathews moved his harness shop Monday from Hall Street to his new quarters on Penn Avenue.
 Work of removing earth for the cellar of the brick building to be erected on the old Decatur County Bank stand has commenced.
 A rumor is in circulation that Kenneth and Hoxie, the new town in Sheridan County, have joined hands and that the Kenneth people will move to the new town.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1911

The Geo. W. Jackson livery barn, 180x150 feet, and valued at \$4000 burned Saturday evening. The fire was discovered by Jay Paddock as he was starting home from work and he gave the alarm. Walter Plotts, the only helper at the barn at the time, carried out the money and papers from the safe in the office and then with others soon all the horses were led from the barn. Buggies, harness and Mr. Jackson's house-moving equipment were also saved though the building was entirely destroyed.
 Mrs. Pearle Stowell and son left for Belleville, where the husband is located on a farm.
 Mrs. Homer Wolfe left Friday evening for her home in South Dakota.
 John Love has bought another auto.
 Paul Nitsch, after having spent the winter in Iowa, is glad to get back to Kansas.
 I.D. Litton is moving to Kanona this week, where he will continue the practice of veterinary medicine.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Smith are getting ready to move to Topeka.
 Mr. and Mrs. Art Steele returned from their Cuba trip Monday. They had a great time. Their ship encountered a storm returning from Havana and all were seasick.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1936

Dr. and Mrs. Chester Nelson of Holdrege, Nebraska, have moved to Oberlin and he will handle general practice and obstetrics. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson will be remembered here as having spent a month last summer in charge of Dr. Brewster's practice while they were on vacation. They will occupy the house belonging to Roy Hayes in which Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller have been living. The Millers are moving into their own home which they have just purchased which is an attractive five-room bungalow type house which Reserve Building and Loan Association built located on West Oak Street near the Rell Landau home.
 Coach Huey and his weary warriors of the mat returned Sunday from Manhattan where they captured second place in the state wrestling tournament. Colby High, a team which the Decatur squad had beaten twice this season, tied with Wichita East for first place. Elmer Hackney, Decatur's heavyweight had no trouble in winning first place and Townsend, the captain of the team wrestling in the 95-pound class also took first. Harry Brown, in the 165-pound class took second; Emerson and Cody each won third. Vavroch, Gilbert and McCartney failed to place.
 With the largest crowd of spectators for the season, the Colby Eagles nosed out the Oberlin Red Devils 26-25 in the final seconds to shove Oberlin down into second place in the NWKL basketball race.
 Mrs. Mike Roach entertained

with a luncheon for Philosophian Club members to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the club. Other charter members are Mrs. M.W. Maddox, Mrs. Henry Beardsley and Mrs. Rell Landau. Invited guests were Mrs. EberReeves, who helped organize the club, and other charter members, Mrs. Wayne Curry, Norton; Mrs. Ray Bobbitt, Atwood and Mrs. Chris Jorn.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Musgrave are the parents of a son born Monday, March 3.
 Mrs. E.M. Beers of Chicago, the grandmother of Mrs. H.J. Morrison, is celebrating her 106th birthday today.
 Death stalked this county the first of the week and claimed two victims, Mrs. A. M. Feaster, 77, who had resided in Bassettville Township since 1893 and Will J. Marvin, 76, who moved to Oberlin from a homestead in Rawlins County in 1900 and since that time had been in business here.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1961

A bond election will be held Friday, March 17, in the Decatur County courthouse in Oberlin to determine whether or not the proposed \$75,000 kindergarten building will be constructed.
 Decatur County residents and those in the trade area are urged to take advantage of the free chest x-ray service which will be coming to Oberlin later this month. The small amount of time required could allow early detection of chest diseases.
 Oberlin is getting a new bowling alley. It is to be located a quarter of a mile south of town and tentative completion date for the building is July 1. Tri-State Investment is putting up the building and Joe Corcoran will be the manager.
 New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith, Oberlin, son, Jerry Eugene, 3-3-61; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dempewolf, Oberlin, son, 3-7-61; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dean, Oberlin, daughter, 2-7-61.
 A dinner party Saturday evening in the former offices of Southwestern Bell Telephone honored Mrs. Lucille K. Anderson for the 30 years of service she has given to the company. Gifts were presented from the company and later, at the telephone office, she performed her final duty by pulling the last connection before final conversion to dial service.
 A new salesman began work March 1 at Ralph Clark's Clothing Store. He is Duane Wenger, who for the past two years has been a salesman for Oberlin Motor Co. He replaces Joe Corcoran who has been with Clark's the past 12 years.
 Funeral services were held for Mary (Janousek) Mazanek who was born March 4, 1884, in a sod house on her father's homestead near Kanona and died Feb. 18 at the age of 76. She attended the Norway and Kanona schools and lived on a farm west of Jennings after her marriage to Frank Mazanek in 1901. She was a member of the ZCJB Lodge.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1986

Decatur County commissioners Ralph Unger and Jack Noone made plans to fly to Topeka with other area commissioners to attend a special hearing before the Senate assessment and taxation committee regarding the anticipated costs of implementing the mandated reappraisal.
Lauren Y. Gaddis, Ottawa, has accepted the position of superintendent of USD 295 and principal of Prairie Heights, Jennings, and Clayton grade and high schools beginning July 1, 1986. He succeeds Gerald Fencil who plans to retire.
 Clarence Kirby, Hays, division manager for Halliburton Services said some adjustments at the local

camp have been necessary with six employees laid off but that there is no indication at this time that the plant operation would be moving out of Oberlin in the near future.
 Ralph Unger, who has served as second district Decatur county commissioner the past 14 years, has announced his candidacy for the 120th District seat in the Kansas House of Representatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritter, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. James Healey, Perryton, Texas, announce the engagement of their children, Dolores and Timothy. The bride-to-be is a 1982 graduate of DCHS and will graduate in May from Fort Hays State University with a degree in business. Her fiancé is a graduate of Perryton High School and a 1985 graduate of FHSU with a degree in communications. A June 7, 1986, wedding has been set at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.
 New Arrivals: Spec. Troy and

Debra Marshall, Fort Hood, Texas, daughter, Andrea Inez, 2-26-86 at Norton County Hospital; Mike and Kim Mathes, Oberlin, son, Dustin Michael, 2-15-86; Jack and Connie Moore, Oberlin, daughter, Katie Marie, 2-19-86.
 John McWhirter, DVM, has announced the purchase of Decatur Animal Hospital in Oberlin from long-time veterinarian Dr. Jay Anderson. Dr. McWhirter and his wife, Paula, moved here in June of last year from Dighton and he has worked at the local practice since that time.
 Senior Corey Raulston led the Red Devils to a third-place finish at the State wrestling tournament held at Hays behind Leoti, second, and Southeast of Saline, the tournament champions. Raulston placed second, Brent Kaempfe and Glen Baughman were third and Jude Wilson was fourth.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Joan Noble celebrated her 93rd birthday Tuesday, March 1, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Family attending the party were her sister, Esther Pennington; Alan and Ann Solko, Beth Chartier, Voni Sattler, Bob and Julie Hafner and residents and staff of Cedar. Birthday cake and punch were served while Joan opened birthday cards.
 Melvin Heyne, Oakley, and his sister, Carol Moore and friend of Bethany, Okla., visited Roseanna Stoney on Monday.
 Char Hartner celebrated her birthday on Sunday afternoon with family and friends at the Herndon Pool Hall. Those attending enjoying snacks and birthday cake were Michelle Hartner, Voni Sattler, Chelsey Hackney, LeeAnn Sattler, Debbie Humphrey, and Chris Wood and Char.
 Get ready to lose an hour of sleep! Daylight Savings Time is days away. Clocks will move one hour forward at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.
 Herndon seniors will meet for dinner and entertainment on Wednesday, March 16, at noon at the Herndon Center. All residents are invited to attend and join in the fun.
 Sharon Ecker, Carla Marintzer and Julie Hafner enjoyed dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill on Monday celebrating Carla's birthday.
 Congratulations to Scott and Douglas Chartier, sons of Kenny and Stacey Chartier of Herndon. Both sons graduated from the U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Training Unit in Charleston, S.C. Scott qualified as an Electricians Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer. Douglas qualified as a Machinist Mate, Engineering Laboratory Technician, 3rd Class Petty Officer. Both will be stationed at Yokosuka, Japan, deployed on CVN 73, USS George Washington, leaving in April.

Lent begins today with Tri-Parish Ash Wednesday Mass in Atwood at Sacred Heart at 7 p.m. St. Mary's CYO students will lead the Stations of the Cross following Mass on Sunday, March 13, in Herndon. An Altar Society meeting will follow Stations in the rectory.
 On Sunday, Bob and Julie Hafner spent the day in McCook with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb. They celebrated Raquel's birthday.
 Congratulations to Kevin and Megan Rippe on the arrival of baby Kimberly Rose born Feb. 27 at the McCook Community Hospital. Kimberly was welcomed home by her three sisters, Lilly, Michaela, Allison, and grandparents, Richard and Theresa Rippe.
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 December 24, 1908
 'Papers from Cornstalks'
 The chemists of the United States department of agriculture have at least solved the problem of how to turn into paper the millions of tons of cornstalks wasted annually. After years of experiment the department now reports that the vast quantity of material heretofore considered valueless and destroyed every year by the farmers of the country can be utilized, thus saving much of the remaining wood reserve of the United States and bring about the manufacture of paper from an annual crop.
 The belief is freely expressed by the scientists who have been conducting these experiments that when proper machinery is brought out, and the farmers grow cornstalks in localities where they can be moved cheaply to the mill; the cost will be fully 50 per cent less than paper now manufactured from wood. No special growth of corn is required.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

June Jolly's big news is that she has finished the quilt she has been working on. Their club played cards at Nelda Haag's in Cambridge, Neb., on Thursday, and later she visited Helen Helm.
 Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended a banquet at Cambridge on Saturday put on by the Furnas County Livestock Association.
 The entertainment was by Gwen Sebastian from Nashville, Tenn., who put on a really good 'good old days' show.
 Donna Huff says Earnest is get-

ting along pretty well. He is walking some and improving slowly. Her arm seems to be slowly healing, not as fast as she would like. Since she isn't driving until her arm is better, she goes to visit him on the bus.
 I spent a good share of last week going through my aunt's cards, letters and pictures. She had many, many friends besides lots of relatives, and they all sent such nice letters.
 I would like to thank each one in person but don't know many of them. Anyway, "Thank you" to the ones who send these.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Frances Horinek, 92, who died Feb. 27 at the Rawlins County Health Center. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery. She and her late husband, Steve, and their family, were longtime residents of this community.
 Ash Wednesday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Chris Nelson of the Oberlin Covenant Church will be the guest speaker.
 Congratulations to Nick and Kerrie (Olson) Wahlmeier of Oberlin

on the birth of a son, Trenton Ray Wahlmeier, on March 2, 2011, at the McCook Community Hospital. He is a grandson of Randy and Sharon Olson of this community, and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton. Great-grandparents are Glenn and Eunice Martin, Oberlin; Darlene Feikert, St. Francis, and Stan and Ramona Shaw and Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings.
 Covenant Women Ministries will meet for a "Rip and Roll" missionary work day at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church.
 They will also be making decorations for the nursing homes in Atwood and Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

A friend loves at all times... Proverbs 17:17a
 When you read the Good Sam News it is very apparent that we are so very blessed with friends. The list of visitors at the end of every article is proof enough, but space does not allow for the mention of all the friends that contribute daily to the behind the scenes happenings here. To all the families, clergy, volunteers, staff, financial supporters and the community at large, we would like to thank you. Some days the front door seems like a revolving door with friends coming and going.
 The indoor front porch area has become a favorite place for Eva Bryan, Ethel Nemeth, Glenn Martin, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Ben Jorns and Eulaine Benda to gather just to watch the people! This week we also added an old phonograph that plays old LPs and even 78 records. Janice found a stash of 78s in her mother's belongings and brought them in to share. It has been a hoot to watch staff members dance their way through the hallway and see the heads bobbin' and toes tappin' of even the most sedentary residents.
 Seems like fun and laughter has returned. It probably never left I just am able to fully appreciate and participate once again. Sometimes life events tend to distract us from seeing, hearing and fully enjoying all of God's goodness in the small, everyday happenings around us. That's why I love working here, God is everywhere!
 Last Wednesday, Bernice Martin brought homemade treats, and Connie Olson brought a giggly little puppy whose ears hung low and wobbled to and fro making everyone laugh and sing! Then to top off the fun, Loren Schrock pulled out a pistol (a foam disc shooter really). As he hunted the balloons hanging in Town Square, they came down one by one. Alice Bobbitt and Amy Rehm challenged Janice to popping the balloons by sitting/bouncing on them. Oh my, the noisy, happy laughter and the loud popping brought other staff running to see what was going on!

On Thursday, Mary Waldo hosted and afternoon tea for friends. They started out in the Courtyard, but it's still a bit chilly so ended up in Angel Lane Dining Room. Ann Mines, Eloise Smith, Joy Votapka, Charlotte Meints, Marian Fraker and Amy Rehm were all her guests. These ladies have gotten together for years in the Breakfast Club. What a nice reunion!
 On Friday, 44 friends and family came for our first Family Potluck of the year. Town Square is decorated for St. Patrick's Day so we had some fun with St. Patty trivia. But more fun was the introduction of Life Stories. Each family member was to write down a little known fact or story of their loved one and then we guessed who was written about. Here's a fact for you; which resident was married to the same spouse for 78 years? The answer will be in next week's news!
 It's Ho-Down time again! It was so much fun last year; we thought we'd do it again on Saturday, March 26, at the American Legion! You won't want to miss it. Tickets for the Dinner/Dance and Auction are on sale here at the Good Sam or Northwest Insurance Agency for \$25.
 Recent visitors were: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Jerry and Joye Hill for Don and Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Connie and Jerry Olson for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin and Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) for Glenn Martin. Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Jody Betts for Crystal Moore. Max and Veanna Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Connie and John Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Linda Wade and Marilou Long for Elden Long. Marilyn and Steve Horn for Myrtle Ross. Chris and Julie Gardiner for Leona Helmkamp. Sue, Roger and Erin May, Rhonda May and Dan and Hunter Nedland for Walt and Betty May.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Residents who tried their luck included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Agnes Pruitt, and Mary Votapka.
 Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.
 Joan Noble was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by Julie and Bob Hafner after bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Residents, family members, staff, and guests enjoyed cake and punch with Joan.
 The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make decorations for St. Patrick's Day.
 Teresa Shaughnessy led the Bible study group on Wednesday afternoon while volunteer Stuart Euhus was away on vacation.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
 The bowling group shared lots of laughs on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.
 The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a crowd pleaser and disappeared quickly.
 Recent visitors: Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Norma Ward, Clayton; Beth Chartier, Voni Sattler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Eugene Kleidosty, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Elaine Koerperich, Selden.
 Carol Kompus, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich, Marian Dempewolf, Caroline Jacobs, Max and Veanna Carman, Julie Schiessler and Robert and Penny Fringer.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

This Monday morning as I'm writing would be a good morning to just stay inside. I was out very early to get the rest of my groceries out of the trunk of my car, and I could tell winter has not gone away yet.
 We get a nice day like Sunday, with our hopes of spring just around the corner, and then winter has to do its thing again. Oh, well; I will probably complain again when it's too warm.
 Have you stopped by to see the bowling alley? An open house is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. More information will be out shortly about all that will be take place.
 If you are interested in bowling, please stop by and fill out a short sur-

vey so Doug, the manager, can arrange the leagues and open bowling times. Several groups have already scheduled times to for parties. I am looking forward to bowling again. It's been a long time.
 The Chamber is working on events for 2011. The Oberlin Business Alliance has scheduled its annual fish fry for Good Friday on April 22, and a burger and brat fry on Friday, May 27, to kick off the alumni weekend. The Convention and Visitors Bureau is working on some projects, for Sappa Park, and for marking the cattle trails when a representative comes to Oberlin.
 Have a great week and stay warm!

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