

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1886

Fifteen cars of immigrants and their goods arrived Friday night and nine on Saturday night. "Let her roll."

Cheyenne County is about to be organized.

I.O. Wear has put in a stock of hardware.

An addition is being built to the Palmer House.

A light snow and heavy wind prevailed Friday night.

Worley Andrews, one of the Lyle merchants, was in town Tuesday.

A 2-story hotel building is being erected on Penn Avenue near the L.L.K. Morris lumber yard.

G.D. Shaw has purchased a half interest in the store of J.C. Cameron and Son.

Married at the residence of N.W. Strong on March 15, 1886, the probate judge officiating, Frank Petracek and Julia Tacha, all of Decatur County.

J.C. Emahizer has purchased the interest of C. Borin in the furniture business of H.C. Doolittle & Co.

A movement is on foot to put in a steam flouring mill at this place.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1911

There seems to be some prospect that the St. Francis branch of the B.&M. will be extended to Pueblo this spring.

George Bigelow leaves this week for Sherman County where he will live in the future.

J.E. Love sold his Ford auto last week to Young and Langmade and will get another new one as soon as it can be shipped in.

Last week Will Love of Olive Township was 78 years old. His children came in and a nice present time was had. Mr. and Mrs. Love came to this county in 1873 and have never left the county since. They say this is the longest dry spell in the 38 years they have lived here.

March has been the warmest that has been known for 10 years. In many parts of the state there has been plenty of rain but in the northwest corner there has continued the same dearth that has been on for the past four years.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1936

About 150 visitors are expected in Oberlin for the meeting of the Northwest Kansas Highway Officials Assoc. which includes county commissioners, engineers, clerks and poor commissioners from an 18-county area as well as representatives of supply houses. Meetings will be held in the courthouse and a dinner will be served in the evening at the McKague Memorial Masonic Temple with entertainment to follow.

Fourteen cars will leave Tuesday for Enid, Oklahoma, taking 63 band members to compete with marching and concert bands from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. About 20 soloists will also be entered in the contest.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to William Shimmick, 30, of Jennings and Mabel C. Mowery, 25, of Lucerne. They were married on March 25 by Judge M.F. McWilliams of Hoxie.

A vaudeville featuring entertainment from all over the area will be held March 28 at the Jennings

school to raise money to complete the water system in the shelter house at the Decatur County Lake west of Jennings. The lake is filling up due to natural springs and it is reported that a large number of fish are being caught. By the addition of a water supply to the shelter house, it will add much to the comfort of those who are taking advantage of this form of diversion.

Dick Bowles and Vorris Reist, who are students at the University of Indiana and members of the 110-piece marching band, have been chosen to be included in a select group of 60 students who will make a three-day concert tour of nine Indiana cities. Mr. Bowles plays the trombone and Mr. Reist the French horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fair are the parents of a daughter, Anna Louise, born March 15.

Dresden: Joyce Dee Muirhead is critically ill with an influenza infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley, Tad and Lora Linn of Pottsdown, Penn., are spending the spring vacation in Kansas visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Riley, who formerly was the Oberlin football coach, is now head coach at Hill School in Pottsdown. They have visited his parents in Scott City and Mrs. Riley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Herzog near Herndon.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1961

Over 700 students in Decatur County, grades one through eight, attended the county-wide spelling contest held Saturday in Oberlin according to County Superintendent Edith Anderson. Schools represented were Oberlin, Leoville, Norcat, Jennings, Dresden, Kanona, Vickers, Decatur and Adleman.

Norcat: Art Mapes, Norcat's farmer-turned-inventor who recently purchased the Foster Lumber Company building, has 45 Air Master Suction Grain Dryers boxed and waiting for customers and more ready for assembly. Morrison-Gregg-Mitchell Grain Co., has exclusive rights for distribution but the dryers are available in Norcat where Gerald Temple is the factory representative. The dryers, which will retail locally at less than \$200, have been sold in nine states. "They are just so simple people won't believe they can do the job," says their inventor.

Funeral services were held for three early-day residents: Elam Reist, 74; Hattie McMullen, 95 and Edgar Wickham, 86.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, Becky Jo and Brad, will be moving to Cimarron where he will enter the insurance business. Mrs. Taylor is the former Ethel Johnson.

Norcat: Julie Miller, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, is a patient at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City suffering from a paralytic condition, a complication of measles.

DCHS music students received the highest percentage of I ratings at the district music festival held at Goodland last Friday and Saturday. Solos and ensembles receiving I ratings are eligible to enter the State Music Festival to be held in Hays April 15. Local music teachers are James Haney, piano and vocal and Lonn Richards, instrumental.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1986

The secretary of the Kansas Department of Economic Development has approved Oberlin's application for an enterprise zone which covers the downtown business area, the commercial area along Highway 36 and the industrial park east of town.

Herndon: Plans are underway to re-open the Herndon Grocery Store by April 1 according to Sharon Ecker who will manage the business. The store was purchased from the FDIC by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin and they and Mrs. Ecker have been cleaning the building and restocking the shelves. She will be assisted by JoAnn Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Sander, Walker, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carmelita, to Bruce Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson, Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a graduate of McPherson High School and Fort Hays State University and is employed by Saga Corporation in Macomb, Ill. Her fiancé is a 1976 graduate of DCHS and attended Kansas State University. He is employed by Eighth Equipment in Peoria, Ill. A July 19, 1986, wedding is planned in St. Fidelis Church, Victoria.

Norcat: K.G. and Dorothy Ward will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Educational Building from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 29. Hosting the event will be their children and grandchildren, Lora Linn and Lyman Leichter, Norcat; Doug and Paula Ward, Denver, and Mark Ward, Wichita.

Work began this week on the remodeling of the former Deli House on Oberlin's main street to make room for a new business called the Re-Load with Chris Brown as owner and manager.

The Last Indian Raid Museum will open April 1 according to curator Sandy Russell and will be open through Nov. 30. The speaker at the annual dinner meeting to be held April 7 at the American Legion will be Dr. John Shaw, superintendent of schools in Morland, who is an authority on Indian lore.

Senior Marquis Sauvage was selected to the NWKL all-league basketball team and teammate Kyle Elwood received honorable mention. In the girls' division, senior Kristin Richards and sophomore Barb Juenemann were selected as all-league players.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields left Saturday, March 19, for Omaha, where they visited Mike and Nancy Shields and attended a bridal shower for their granddaughter, Corinne Shields, who will be a June 4 bride. Also in Omaha for the weekend and attending the shower were Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler and Caitlin. Cassidy Shields was unable to attend since she was attending a life-guard camp that weekend. Gaylord and Shirley returned home Monday, March 21.

Wyatt Levi Scott, infant son of Justin and Wendy Scott, was baptized Sunday, March 27, during morning worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. His sponsors are Kelly Olson, Manhattan, and Stean Olson, Hays. Wyatt's maternal grandparents are Gerald and Connie Olson, and his maternal great-grandmothers are Evelyn Olson and Wilma May. Paternal grandparents are Myron and Alberta Scott, Hill City.

Elizabeth Nedland was interviewed Thursday at the Colby Regional Extension office for the top 4-H Geology award in the State and was picked as one of the top four of all the youth doing geology record books in Kansas.

Family members not involved in the Gallentine/Peters wedding rehearsal dinner Friday evening gathered at the home of Joel and Tami (Gallentine) Shaw and Dante for dinner. Those attending were Tami's sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Al Rohr, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Tami's niece and family, Hayley and David Wilson, Jack, Oscar, Max, and Harry, Colorado Springs, and Tami's great-nephew, Ben Rohr, Denver, and Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Among those from the Stick-To-It 4-H club participating in Decatur County 4-H Days Friday at the Oberlin Elementary School were

Erin and Ryan May, Hannah and Zach May, and Elizabeth Nedland. Erin and Ryan both won Regional Blues in reading, and Erin received red ribbons in piano, her vocal solo, and gymnastics; Hannah received Regional Blues on both her flute solo and illustrated talk, and a blue on her vocal solo; Zach received a blue on both his vocal solo and illustrated talk; and Elizabeth received a blue on her vocal solo and a Regional Blue on her illustrated talk. Their 4-H Club's model meeting also won a Regional Blue. Those earning Regional Blue's qualify to attend Regional 4-H Days in Brewster.

Greg and Janice Cundiff, guests of Martin and Evelyn May, enjoyed dinner Friday evening at an area restaurant to celebrate Greg and Janice's 22nd wedding anniversary.

Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante attended the wedding of her niece, Kelsey Gallentine, and Caleb Peters Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Following the ceremony, they also attended the reception and dance held at the Oberlin Gateway Center.

Elizabeth Nedland received first in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Colby speech tournament on Saturday qualifying her to go to State Speech this spring.

Sue May attended a Kansas Farm Bureau Women's Committee meeting in Manhattan Friday and Saturday.

Kenneth and Mona Hoehner, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Stuart Euhus, Tyler Shields, and Caitlin Shields were Sunday lunch guests at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Nolan May, Lawrence, was a weekend guest at the Dan Nedland/Rhonda May home, and Dr. Richard May, Lawrence, was a weekend guest at the Roger May home. While here, Richard visited his parents, Walter and Betty May.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The first week of spring ended up being a quiet one at Cedar Living Center. A respiratory bug came to visit and left us with a lot of sick residents. By Wednesday morning it was clear that we needed to put everyone to bed and shut out the lights. "No visitor" signs went up on all the doors and we closed the dining room down. Activities were canceled and meals were delivered to the rooms. Fortunately, most everyone is improving nicely and we anticipate a return to our normal schedule.

As of this writing, we are still restricting visitors. Please call this week before you stop in for a visit. As always, if you have a fever, flu-like symptoms, or are just not feeling well, please postpone your visit at Cedar Living Center until you are feeling better.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Blanche Skubal, who passed away at Cedar Living Center on Monday.

Residents celebrated the arrival of spring on Monday with an after-

noon of games. Those participating in the Spring Fling festivities included Letha Bachman, Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Edie Pettera, and Mary Votapka.

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

Irene Fringer won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Ira Kolsky won the blackout game.

Wilma Bobinmyer celebrated her birthday on Wednesday. Family members sent a decorated cake which was served to the residents in their rooms.

Recent visitors: Julie Hafner, Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; Joyce Rich, Ashville, N.C.; Sue Miller, McDonald; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Bailey and Sarah Wolf, Colby.

Connie Miller, Lyle Gamblin, Marian Dempewolf, Carol Kompus, and Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will by no means enter it." Mark 10: 14-15

What does receiving the kingdom of God like a little child mean? Pastor and author John MacArthur explains it like this: "We need to come to Jesus with humble, trusting dependence, and the recognition of having achieved nothing of value or virtue."

There is an interesting parallel between little children and elder adults. Children start out with that innocent, trusting, accepting wide-eyed wonder when it comes to life. Their only job is to give and receive love.

As we age the cares and sins of the world press against us making it difficult to be so trusting and innocent. But when we are old we return to a humble, trusting dependent faith. We see that all the time and energy we spent on achieving and collecting "things" doesn't really matter. The only thing of value at the end of life on this earth is faith in Jesus. Our job once more is to give and receive love.

That is why intergenerational programming is so important to us. This week we had Cindy Sattler's first grade class come to read to their 1st Hand Friends. These little children remind us how simple it is to enjoy life. Their giggles and generous hugs bubble forth a contagious joy that permeates our hallways. Myrtle Ross, Dorothy Pryor, Loren Schrock, Don Thomas, Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Mary Waldo, Dorothy Hunt, Ben Jorns, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Elden Long, Violet Schissler, Shirley Hayward, Leona Helmkamp, Earl Brown, Eulaine Benda, Amy Rehm, Alan Addeleman, Betty May, Charlene Meyer and Barb Beisner all welcomed these little ones with

open arms.

We had more young people come on Friday to help us celebrate our six March birthdays. The Aquarius Club hosted our monthly Birthday Party in honor of Mary Waldo, Crystal Moore, Betty May, Mary Lemman, Ethel Nemeth and Evelyn Olson. Susan Nelson was very gracious in bringing Joey Hirsch, Zach May, Amanda Marshall, Katie Glading and Miki Dorshorst to sing the solos they are preparing for the upcoming State Music Contest and, of course, they included a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

Here is another Life Story trivia question for you: Which resident worked as "Rosie the Riveter"? She also worked in a dental office, installed auto windshields, was a dishwasher, cook and waitress. The answer will be in next week's article along with details on the successful 2011 Ho-Down.

This week's visitors: Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Sharon Slabaugh, Brian, Pam, Breck, Nathan and Braylon Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Jerry and Joye Hill for **Don and Cheryl Hill**. Penny Fringer, Tami Cook, Madison, Charlie and Julie Schindler, Reva Marshall, Sarah and Bailey Wolf (Colby) and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Connie and Jerry Olson and Kelly Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Steve and Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Peggy Carman (Hoxie) and Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Linda Wade and Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Marilyn and Steve Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Susan and Erin May and Rhonda May for **Walt and Betty May**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Ron and Dee Magers (Norcat) for **Mary Waldo**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society led the Stations of the Cross following Mass on Sunday. Vicky Mumm was Reader while Jean Kogl was Cross-Bearer.

Mary Ellen Purdy, Brie and Joley of Elm Creek, Neb., spent Friday and Saturday with Roseanna Stoney. They were Saturday noon guests of Clarence and Margaret Niermeier of Ludell. Jamie Niermeier was an additional dinner guest.

Phoebe Grace Marintzer was born Friday, March 25, 2011, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Parents are Jacob and Tara Marintzer of Westmoreland, with big brother Kade to welcome her home. Grandpa Greg, Grandma Rita and Uncle Joe traveled to Manhattan for her birth, and then went to Emporia to visit Abe, Alex and Addisyn Marintzer. All came home on Sunday afternoon after stopping in to see Phoebe Grace at her home in Westmoreland.

This past Thursday Kyle, Cindi and Don Grafel traveled to Denver to visit Ben, Mariah and Jasper Grafel. Jasper is doing well in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. He is now 2 pounds, 12 ounces. God continues to care for him through the Doctors and Nurses. They are outstanding and caring people. Ben and Mariah are thankful for all the cards and messages they receive. Mail may be sent to them at the hospital, 1719 E. 19th Ave., Denver, Colo., 80218.

Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Jim and Joyce Rich, Arden, N.C.; Betty Rousselle, Culbertson; Doug Bobin-

myer, Pete and Eileen Portsch, and Gene Kleidosty, all of Herndon, and Carol Kompus celebrated the birthday of Wilma Bobinmyer of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Plans had to be changed as the flu bug hit but all enjoyed the beautiful decorated cake, baked by Pat, and an afternoon of visiting. Pat returned home on Thursday. Jim and Joyce were guests of Doug on Saturday in Herndon. The Riches left Monday for their home in North Carolina.

Sharon Ecker spent last week in Hays with Bart Ecker, Troy and Brandi Ecker. Grandma had a good time with Brandi as she was on spring break.

Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann of Hays hosted a first birthday party for Paycie on Saturday. Those attending were Eric Sattler, Mary Clark and Janice Sattler, Atwood; Dave and Joyce Juenemann, John and Ardyth Cederberg and Eula Juenemann of Oberlin; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon, and Katelyn Clark, Hays. Payton helped Paycie open her gifts, then all enjoyed homemade ice cream and cake and watched the girls race the pedal car.

Richard Rippe and family hosted a family dinner at Montana Mike's in Colby on Sunday to celebrate Theresa's 60th birthday. Those joining Theresa were Richard; Kevin, Megan, Lilly, Michaela, Allison, and Kimberly; Tim and Wyatt, and Ed Rippe, Ludell; Brenda Schilde and Addison, Minneola; Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark, Hays, and Gary and Pat Sloan of Colby.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Clay and Jennie Anderson on the birth of a son, Grant Dennis, on March 21, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. He has a brother, Cowen, 2.

Jill Bergling, a student at Kansas State University, spent spring break with her parents, Mark and Gail Bergling and Blake.

Among those who spent several days last week working on various projects at Covenant Heights Bible Camp south of Estes Park, Colo., were Greg and Gwen Jones, Noah, Susannah, Aliah and Obadiah, Pastor Keith Reuther, Becca, Bob and Beth, Braden Schmid, David Noren, Roger and Melinda Carlson, Tina Zorn, Mallory Horinek, and Josiah and Mandi Jones and Ryan. Joining the group for skiing were Rachel Grafel and Audev Basgall.

En route home Gwen and Greg Jones visited Ben and Mariah Grafel and infant son, Jasper, in Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

"Girls Night Out" will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, for Covenant Women and guests at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Terri Hanke returned March 19 from her 10th mission trip in Mexico. She traveled with 18 people, leaving from Garden City on March 12. They stopped in Tuscon, Ariz., the first night and then went on to Puerto Penasco. They crossed the border at Lukeville, Ariz., meeting up there with Amore Ministries, the foundation that sponsors the missions. Puerto Penasco is at the northern end of the Gulf of California, about two hours east of San Diego.

On Monday the group poured the floor for the 11-by-22 two-room house, mixing all the cement by hand. While some of the workers mixed and hauled cement, others framed the walls and roof. They assembled the walls and installed the doors and windows. The next day they finished the house with two layers of stucco. After offering a house blessing and the gifts to the family, they returned to the Amore campsite to get cleaned up and then go for a two-hour cruise in the Gulf aboard a "Pirate Ship" which is a popular attraction in the area.

Thursday morning they broke camp and headed to the beach at Rocky Point and to shop at the local market before driving back to Tucson for the night. On Friday night they stayed in Albuquerque, N.M., finally arriving home on Saturday night.

The Jennings Book Club is sponsoring a book drive for the men at Norton Correctionals. The club requests new or gently used books. Correctionals request no sexually explicit or violent books. The books may be dropped off at The Bank in Jennings. The drive will end May 1.

Galena Carper is home from the hospital. He is on oxygen to help with his breathing and his heart. Imogene Keenan is home from the hospital. She is still consulting with her doctor because of difficulty breathing.

Remember, Tuesday April 5, is election day held at the Sunflower Senior Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Jennings City, Jennings, Pleasant Valley and Allison township and residences of Clayton living west of the county line. Advance ballots will be mailed from the County Clerk's office on request and must be mailed back in before April 4.

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