

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — April 1886**  
100 passengers came in on the midnight express Monday night. Prairie fires occasionally light up the darkness on distant divides these spring evenings.

Lenora has decided to incorporate.

Hunting antelope with greyhounds is a popular sport in Cheyenne County this season of the year.

183 transient guests registered at the Commercial Hotel last week.

Al Oekes relinquished his timber claim last week to Mr. Tilden; consideration \$700.

The body of Stewartson, the man frozen to death in Thomas County last winter, was not found until last week.

The snow storm Saturday and the drifting snow Sunday blockaded the railroad and delayed the departure of trains Monday from five to seven hours.

Born Tuesday, March 30, 1886, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Street, a daughter.

A new 3-story frame hotel building, 40x70, with Mansard roof, is under contract to be erected on Penn Avenue, just west of Register Patchins's residence. A Mr. Smith of Sheldon, Iowa, is the promoter of the enterprise.

**100 YEARS AGO — April 1911**  
Trustee Carroll of Oberlin Township claims that township has lost 69 persons from the township during the past year.

J. W. Hurst and family have moved into their property recently purchased of Pearle Stowell in east Oberlin.

Last Friday was one of the worst days for wind and dust that we have had this spring and much damage was done the wheat.

Curry Brothers have erected a good stout derrick at their marble yard which will be a great convenience in handling the heavy pieces of marble.

The snow storm Sunday was a revelation to some people who imagined spring was here. The wind from the northwest was fierce and made things jingle most of the day.

The public school team went to Atwood last Friday and was beaten 9-7 by the boys of that berg.

An incubator at the J. Colt hardware store took fire Sunday evening and the ringing of the fire bell nearly disrupted services at all of the churches.

**75 YEARS AGO — April 1936**  
The month of April was opened with light snow showers to blanket the fields and restrain the dust blowing for several days. Generally speaking the wheat fields in the county are in good condition and hold forth the promise of a fair crop.

All grade schools except Oberlin are eligible to compete in the county track meet on the playground of Oberlin City School next Wednesday with Edwin Hitchcock, athletic coach in the grade school, in charge. Prizes will be awarded the winners and runners-up.

About 75 members and guests attended the anniversary celebration of the Royal Neighbors of America held at the local lodge rooms. Members also attended from the Jennings and Dresden camps. The Lodge has had a local camp in Oberlin for 39 years.

Dr. H.J. Morrison has been reappointed to the state highway commission by Governor Landon. The Rev. David Cunningham, pastor of the Oberlin Presbyterian Church, has joined Oberlin Rotary bringing the membership to 40.

Henry Ford is the new meat cutter at the Oberlin Market replacing Lewis Pierce who broke his arm while cranking his car.

Chancellor Lindley of the University of Kansas came to the Herald office last week while in town to speak to the high school.

He was accompanied by two KU grads, Vic Woodward and Wally Wolfe.

When the Burlington train pulled out of the local station Tuesday evening it carried the largest human cargo it has had for several weeks with the departure of 69 of the former CCC workers who had completed their enlisted terms and were returning to their homes.

The number of workers on the Sappa State Park will be increased to 157 before April 15.

A tea honoring Miss Millie Marvin will be given April 8 at the Federated Church to express appreciation of her work in far away Assam in the foreign missionary field.

**50 YEARS AGO — April 1961**

## Sappa Park is great place to play

Without the wind, it would have been a perfect weekend! I'm not one to keep up on all the sports, but I'm sure many of you were in front of the television watching basketball. I enjoyed a nice leisurely ride on my old horse, Star. My daughter Julie and I loaded up the horses and went to Sappa Park to explore some of the trails. I have been on some of them, but never very far. Star was very curious and wanted to really explore also. He would head down any little trail, whether it was a marked one or just a little animal trail. It was nice to see several families with their children out enjoying different areas. The big hill seemed to be a favorite of the kids with the path built around it for them to walk up. We even took the horses up there, but didn't stay long as the wind was getting pretty strong about that time.

The park is shaping up to be an excellent place to spend your outdoor time. Representatives from the company where the playground equipment was purchased will be out within a couple weeks, weather permitting, to set up the structures.

An important discovery has been found on the Gaylord Shields farm 11 miles southwest of Oberlin. Found are the remains and evidence of an Indian encampment and burial ground by early inhabitants of this part of the country.

S.E. Walts, dba Hi-Plains Airways of Hill City, has applied to the Civil Aeronautics Board for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to bring air service to Oberlin and surrounding cities.

Construction continues on the Nitsch & Nitsch office building to be across from the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company and the first door north of Moberly's Flower Shop on Penn Avenue.

A Norcat man, Frank Tolle, suffered several cuts and bruises Tuesday afternoon when his left leg was caught in a grain auger as he was augering wheat out of a bin.

City election results for mayor: Norcat, Emery Johnson; Dresden, Harry Zimmerman; Jennings, Fay Brock; Oberlin, Guy Morrish. In Jennings, 172 voters turned out to vote on the question of the sale of alcoholic liquor by the package and the vote was 119 for, 48 against.

### 25 YEARS AGO — April 1986

Farrell D. McAtee received a six-month federal prison sentence last Thursday in court in Wichita in connection with his guilty plea to charges of embezzlement and falsifying bank records. U.S. District Court Judge Sam Crow also ordered McAtee to repay the \$380,000 he admitted to embezzling. The judge gave McAtee a three-year sentence on the embezzlement count and suspended all but the first six months. He will be placed on five years probation when he completes

his six-month term. McAtee was forced to resign as president of the financial institution in September 1983. Federal officials declared the bank insolvent on Nov. 21 and a new facility was chartered, The Bank of Oberlin.

Oberlin City Council took the necessary steps to push for establishment of a bus factory in the community by adopting a letter of intent to request industrial revenue bonds.

Oberlin businessman Ray Lohoefer has announced his candidacy for state representative from the 120th District on the Democratic ticket.

Area students who toured with the Fort Hays State concert choir March 21-24 were Dana West, Norcat; David Barber and Steve Beaumont, Oberlin.

The 60-member choir performed at area high schools at Goode Centennial Church in Denver and at the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colo.

New Arrival: Marcia and Lyn Reynolds, daughter, Amber Lynae, March 25, 1986.

**Ellen Morgan, Oberlin, has been selected as a member of the 1986 Leadership Kansas Class. Morgan is executive director of the Community Arts Agencies of Kansas.**

A balloon found by Liberty Township farmer Ralph Shaw near his home was attached to a card indicating the balloon had been launched on Sunday, April 6 by the Los Arcos United Methodist Church in Scottsdale, Ariz. Balloons launched by Oberlin Elementary School students on March 21 only went as far as Penokee, Studley, WaKeeney and Collyer.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The company takes care of setting up the large pieces, but we will be needing volunteers to set up the small ones. The Sappa Park committee will be putting out information when the time comes to get some volunteers. Information on work days will also be coming up soon for painting the shelter house. The bathroom project is still underway. There have been many hurdles to jump in getting this done, but there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel, I hope. The water situation has been a tricky one.

By the time you have read this column, I will have looked at all the entries for the March Madness and found the winner. I will call the winner, and also put the name on the marquee at First National Bank for a few days.

The Table Tents arrived on Friday morning. Charlotte and Dewaine

were so kind to fold and deliver a bunch of them. I finished most of them in the afternoon, but have a few to finish up on Monday afternoon. Remember, they will be done every two months now instead of three. The next ones will be for the months of June and July, with "Visitor Information" on the third side.

Also remember that the Last Indian Raid Museum is open for the season. Please go take a bit of time to look and enjoy our county's history. You will be amazed at how wonderful this museum is.

Our monthly Chamber board meeting was to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, April 5. Oberlin Business Alliance meeting is today at the LandMark at noon, and Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau meets at the LandMark Inn at noon on Thursday, April 21.

Have a great week!

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are happy to report that good health has returned to most of the residents and staff of Cedar Living Center and we are back to our normal routine. It is wonderful to have family and friends visiting again and volunteers are back on the job. We hope that a round of good spring weather will clear the air and help to keep everyone healthy for a long time to come.

Monday afternoon, a few residents ventured out for a social hour and trivia games. The group included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Wilma May, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

The bingo players were ready for a game on Tuesday afternoon. We gave the volunteers the day off as we were still restricting visitors, but they were really missed. Irene Fringer won the first bingo and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to plant grass seed in colorful dishes for Easter centerpieces. Apparently the group knew what they were doing as four days later the grass is up and growing fast.

Tara Votapka brought her puppy

in to visit residents before supper on Wednesday afternoon. Allie was a big hit with everyone and made many new friends.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The dietary department joined forces with the activity department to serve a special pizza lunch at noon on Thursday. The kitchen staff made up a delicious salad bar, while the activity staff ordered and delivered the pizzas. This menu had been selected by residents at the last Residents' Council meeting.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies with M&M candies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a big hit.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Judy Jackson, Norcat; Trena Benoit, Hays; Norma Ward, David Ward, Clayton.

Carol Kompus, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich, Max and Veanna Carman, Mirium Fisher, Oberlin.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Norman and Joanne Wendelin enjoyed watching Rory Wendelin sing in the performance of Concordia's A Capella Choir at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Platte, Neb., Wednesday evening. This performance was part of the choir's five-day tour of Nebraska and Colorado. The choir also performed at Lutheran churches in Arvada, Parker, Centennial, and Fort Collins and held clinics at the Lutheran high schools in Parker and Centennial. Rory is a junior at Concordia University, Seward, Neb.

Elwood and Jeanie May left on Monday for Chase, where they met her sister, Dora Holliday, and accompanied her to Cassville, Mo., to attend the funeral of a close family friend, Billy Stevens. Elwood and Jeanie returned home Thursday.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Duane and Lois Unger, Shirley Gaede, and Bobby and Pat Mooty vacationed for a week staying in Mandeville, La. Their sightseeing stops included Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., and Biloxi, Miss. They also enjoyed watching a Civil War battle enactment at Fort Hudson, La., since Norma and Bobby's great-grandfather fought on the Union side with the New York Volunteers 165th Infantry

during the Civil War at Fort Hudson. The Ungers returned home Friday evening.

Cassidy Shields, Hannah May and Zach May were among those participating in Regional Music held Saturday at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Cassidy received a I on her vocal solo, and the vocal trio of Cassidy, Miki Dorshorst, and Samantha Anderson also received a I. Hannah received a I on her flute solo, a II on her vocal solo, and the flute trio of Hannah, Kayla Jones, and Sierra Lohoefer received a II. Hannah was also in Chante' which received a I rating, and in boys and girls vocal ensemble which received a II. Zach was in Singers and the Men in Black which both received a I rating, and he received a I on his vocal solo.

Saturday afternoon, John and Dianne Bremer attended the wedding of their friends, Vicki King and Jon Vanderzee, at the North Shore Assembly of God Church in Hastings, Neb. Following the wedding, they attended the reception, also held at the church.

Martin and Evelyn May were Sunday visitors of Dean and Peggy Groneweg.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Roger O'Hare visited Margaret Magers recently. On Friday she played cards at Norcat, then went to McCook with Eldon and Charissa Huff to a fish supper with Earnest and Donna Huff. On Saturday, her daughters, Judy and Jane, took her to Tena Rohnke Wimer's 96th birthday party at McCook. On Sunday, March 20, she went to Abilene with Judy and Charlie Easton for J.T. Guy's birthday.

June Jolly and Magaret Magers were involved in an accident as they were traveling to the Prairie Land dinner and program at Norton. As they topped a hill, they were hit by a pickup, totaling both vehicles.

Kathy Van Meter had a good report; also Gary Anthony underwent some tests recently.

My great-grandchildren were on spring break last week and spent some time with us in Norcat. My visitors were daughter, Carol; granddaughter, Trelia, her children, Mariah, Garrett and Aubrey; Tracey's daughter, Brooke Briggs and her daughter, Kiyra.

Carol Moye and Veda Wood went to McCook last Sunday to have a birthday dinner with Sheryl Patterson and Teresa Wood. They later visited Teresa and Dwight Wood at their home. Andre Lefebvre was also a visitor.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

A friend loves at all times... Proverbs 17:17

This was the verse Anita Hirsch quoted during the Memorial Service held on Monday for our dear friend and yours, Pooch Portschy. The service honored Pooch with scripture, song, treasured memories and a tribute to his love of card playing with the reading of the true story by T. Texas Tyler. He was well loved and loved everybody.

We would like to welcome three new friends to our Good Sam Family; Bessie Peterson of Atwood; Charlene Meyer of St. Francis and Phil Erickson from right here in Oberlin. It is always a joy to meet new people and even better to call them kin!

Lisa Paulson "Brooched the Subject" of Art Class while wearing a black wide-brimmed hat adorned with 14 ornate brooches, and read a short history of how brooches were made popular. Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Doris Marintzer and Myrtle Ross gathered in the Come by and see them; they are beautiful.

Wednesdays are busy days for us! Songs of Worship is how we get our start. Marilyn Horn plays the piano while Anita leads the singing.

Bible Study is focusing our attention on the nine "Fruits of the Spirit" Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. This week we studied Peace. Next, we

all eat buffet style together in Town Square. This gives us the opportunity to visit with friends from the other neighborhood over lunch.

A weekly pampering and manicure is provided by Dorothy Alstrom, Rosella Meitl or Sandra Nolette in the Quiet Room. A treat we look forward to every week. And then there is....Bingo!

With the weather quickly warming, we are anxious to begin some outdoor activity in the Lora Marietta Memorial Garden.

The trees have all been trimmed, spring flowers are blooming and the walking path looks mighty inviting.

On Saturday, April 16, we will be having our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. If you have been a volunteer, or are a volunteer, mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us!

The answer to last week's Life Story trivia question: 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: Lucy Schissler.

Here is a list of this week's visitors; Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, for Opal Bryan. Jerry and Joye Hill for Don and Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall 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 Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Carolyn Strevey for Crystal Moore. Max Carman for Myrtle Moore. Marilou Long for Elden Long.

Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Rhonda May for Walt and Betty May. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer. Loyd

Waldo and Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Evelyn Olson. Brecken and Kennedy Jensen for Violet Schissler. Mildred Holmdahl for Evelyn Olson, Eulaine Benda, Edla Olson and Lois Carlson. Dave Meyer and "Sable," their German Shepherd for Charlene Meyer.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Harold Thoren, 86, of Del Ray, Calif., who died Friday, April 1, at his home. Word of his death was received by his sister, Margaret McEvoy.

He is a native of this community and was a 1943 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, John and Cindy Thoren. Jesse and Celestine, a Del Ray; a daughter, Judy, who is a missionary in Afghanistan; and a brother, Richard Thoren, of Hawaii.

Gene Layne, a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church, will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 6. Mail will reach him at 503 Blaine Street, Holdrege, Neb., 68949.

"Girls Night Out" will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a

pizza party and movie for Covenant Women and guests at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Steve and Arian Arnold visited from Thursday to Sunday with Mike and Nione Rhodin in Loveland, Colo.

Tyler Witt visited on Saturday afternoon with his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Bessie Peterson of Atwood is a new resident at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Mail will reach her at 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Brandon and Sarah White of Olathe and Mary Olson of Manhattan came for the weekend to help their mother, Barbara Olson, and their grandmother, Eulaine Benda, celebrate their birthdays.

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