

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1887
March is keeping up her record for fickleness.

Born, March 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lorig, a son.
About 50 people went out to subdue the prairie fire Sunday.

The Commercial Hotel and Mix & Hollister have each put up new windmills.

There was considerable soil in the atmosphere Tuesday. A Kansas zephyr stirred it up.

A colony of Swedes came in on the B. & M. Saturday night. We believe they have settled in Prairie Dog Township.

H.O. Douglas arrived from southern Iowa with a carload of horses Sunday.

J.R. Neill sold his 160 acres adjoining town on the northwest last week to King and Kindig for \$6000.

The Rock Island surveyors got into town last Tuesday and we understand their destination point is Atwood.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1912

Last week was positively winter all the time. Just two above zero on the 9th.

A lot of farmers are losing horses from sickness that apparently has our veterinarians baffled.

A new paper has been started at Lebanon, Nebr., with Postmaster Walters in charge.

Another big snow fell Sunday night. We now have over a foot on the level and it is impossible for stock of any kind to get a bite to eat, except what is fed them. The loss has already been considerable, but will be worse much worse, if this weather keeps up until the middle of April.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1937

Out of a total of 1173 votes cast in the special school bond election Saturday in the Decatur Community High School district, 826 votes were cast in favor of the proposed bond issue and 347 against.

Following the resignation of Elwood Brooks from the DCHS school board, the board elected Ralph Clark to succeed Mr. Brooks as clerk of the board. Mr. Brooks was recently appointed state bank commissioner in Topeka.

Communities in southwest Nebraska and Northwest Kansas will meet with Government engineers in McCook next week to discuss the surveys of the Republican River and its tributaries and inaugurate a program of flood control and utilization of water resources.

Ben Miller is moving his manufacturing and processing business, the Oberlin Bottling Works, to larger quarters in the old Fortney building. In addition he has expanded his

truck to accommodate 120 cases and has ordered several hundred new cases and bottles. "Pepsi Cola" is a new drink which Mr. Miller will manufacture for the first time this season.

A project has been started to improve the appearance of the courthouse lawn. A request is made that the public get in the habit of using the sidewalks and not the path.

Funeral services were held in Burkburnett, Texas, for a former Oberlin resident, August Lohofener, 73. He was the father of Adolf, Oscar and Waldo Lohofener and an uncle of G.H. Lippelmann and Henry Torluemke. Prior to moving to Texas in 1909 he served as a Decatur County Commissioner and president of the First State Bank. He came to this country from Germany in 1880 where he homesteaded.

Keep Pace Club were guests at a luncheon served at the high school home ec department under the direction of Miss Geneva Johnson. A fashion show followed of garments made by the students.

Mrs. E.R. Woodward entertained at a birthday party for her son, Phil, on his ninth birthday. The party also honored his friend Jack Vernon on his ninth birthday. Guests included all the boys in Phil's class at school as well as Henry Beardsley, Arthur Hamilton, David McGee, Jimmie Towery, Harold McCammon, Herschel Betts, Rollie Thomsen and Karl Vernon.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1962

"Hunters and fishers come first" said George Moore, director of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission as he addressed about 150 local persons at a meeting held at the Oberlin American Legion which was sponsored by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce about the lake at Sappa Park. He added that they pay the bills by buying licenses. "As the lakes grow older, they lead to problems and some of these can be economically corrected, some not."

Responding to the question of whether if nothing is done to the lake we would continue to have the park, Moore replied that he could go to the legislature and ask to have them deed it to the City of Oberlin adding that it's a right nice park but not much now for fishing. In conclusion Moore stressed that he could not make a decision on Sappa Lake but that the Fish & Game commissioners would take it under consideration at their next meeting.

Ira "Prof" Laidig has signed a contract with the school board of the Atwood Elementary School to serve as principal for one year to enable Marvin Boyd, the Atwood

principal, to complete a master's degree. Laidig retired a year ago and since that time has served as Rotary District Governor.

The annual 4-H Club Day was held at DCHS Saturday with 13 Decatur County 4-H clubs participating.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlisle, Topeka, daughter, Lisa Kay, Feb. 28, 1962; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson, Oberlin, son, 3-11-62; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crabb, Oberlin, son, 3-13-62.

It was Selden (22-0) vs. Winona (21-1) in the class BB basketball tournament at Leoville on Friday, March 10. An overflow crowd of nearly 900 persons had crowded the gym to watch Long Island defeat Collyer and capture third place in the first game which was played by using the red line as the out-of-bounds line because the crowd was actually out on the floor.

Ten minutes before the second game was to begin, the public address system told the crowd that the game would not be played unless the people who were standing behind the baskets would leave or move.

Nobody left, and the coaches refused to play under the red-line circumstances.

At 9:30 p.m. both coaches appealed to the crowd to leave--nobody moved.

At 10 p.m. the people were told their money would be refunded if they would leave. Nobody left. Calls were made to the state athletic commissioner and at 10:45 the game was cancelled and money was refunded.

On Saturday, the state commissioner transferred the game from Leoville to Oakley and a crowd of 1,160 saw Winona win the game, 72-67.

Harvey Daniels of Winona and Richard Duesberg of Selden were the tourney's outstanding players.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1987

Oberlin City Council members voted to leave the \$75 deposit required for consumers who request to be hooked up to city utilities but increased the commercial consumer's deposit to \$150. It was also recommended that the city use a collection agency or small claims court to pursue delinquent payers when necessary.

Some 200 parents and Scouts attended the Blue & Gold Scout potluck supper held Sunday evening at Oberlin American Legion with Cubmaster Rob McFee presiding. Trevor Frickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Frickey, presented an interesting program on his trip to National Scout Camp held near Washington, D.C., last July.

Oberlin Future Farmers of America members Marlene Tally and Kayla Unger were named to receive the State Farmer Degree. Dea Macfee was chosen as the FFA sweetheart.

The first round of sub-state basketball action was also the last for the Red Devil boys who lost to Plainville 79-59. Coach Dan Buchanan noted that Oberlin shot only 46% from the field while Plainville hit 63% adding that 17 turnovers were costly. High point man for the Red Devils was John Adams with 20. It was the last game for seniors Dallas Johnson, Tom Wilson and John Kelley.

The Oberlin girls lost out in the semifinals of substate action, losing 58-33 to Plainville to end the season with a 9-12 record. Plainville went on to win the tournament.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I'm not sure that I like this time change again. Whose idea was that? Oh well, I'll probably get used to it, but it seems a bit early to be changing.

With spring just around the corner, it seems that activities start picking up. With spring break, though, it is really quiet around town this Monday morning.

The Oberlin Business Alliance met last Wednesday to discuss upcoming projects. Since the Western Night went well, they decided to select new banners for the summer season, then look again toward fall for another purchase. They decided to use whatever spring banners were on hand. Someone will be putting them up soon.

The alliance will sponsor a Burger and Fish Fry from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Good Friday, April 6, in the driveway south of the BEE building and a Burger and Brat Fry on Friday, May 25, in front of the Last Indian Raid Museum. The May 25 proceeds will go toward helping the Convention and Visitors Bureau pay for new signs advertising our town. The old ones are wearing out.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A reminder that the Historic Building Preservation Committee will serve a roast beef dinner from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the former Masonic Hall.

Honored guests will be Vietnam veterans and all veterans from other wars. Wayne Puritane, WaKeeney, a Vietnam veteran, will speak. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Please bring any souvenirs or memorabilia you might wish to share.

We were pleased to hear Bob Jones, Jennings, is running for the Decatur County Commissioner position in the upcoming election. Bob has lived in the county most of his life and took over the auction business from his father and grandfather, which was started in 1912. He is presently affiliated with TNT Auction, Colby. Bob looks forward if elected, to serve each township in Decatur County.

United Methodist Women met last Wednesday in the fellowship hall at the church. A short business meeting was held. Rachel Carter gave minutes of the previous meeting and Lila Jennings read the treasurer's report. The group decided to serve coffee and rolls at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday before church. Also Kay had a catalog which the group looked to select a screen to purchase. No decision was made. Guest

There are still Santa Bucks to be redeemed. March 31 is the deadline to use them. They are redeemable at any Oberlin Business Alliance member, but the businesses will not accept them after March.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is meeting at noon Thursday at the LandMark Inn.

The Chamber board met last Wednesday. The major topic was the revision of part of the bylaws. According to the original bylaws, all members need a copy of the proposed new bylaws at least 10 days prior to a regular or special meeting called to discuss a proposal. The board is inviting all Chamber members to a meeting Wednesday, April 4, to review the proposed bylaws. I will be sending a copy of the original and the new bylaws to each member within the next week.

Events for the April and May table tents, sponsored by the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau, are due in the office today. Call 475-3441 if you know of a tourist-attracting event.

Have a great week!

speaker, Cheyenne Soderlund, Oberlin, showed pictures and spoke of her multi-state MET Tour she went on last summer. She enjoyed the trip and would go again if given the opportunity. Because hostess Kathy Nauer was ill and unable to attend, Patty Foster served snacks and Violet Foster brought some of her birthday party goodies left from her party on Sunday. Present were: the Rev. Barbara Patterson, Kay Brown, Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Ruth Chance, Lila Jennings, Patty Foster, Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler.

Playing cards on Wednesday at the Senior Center were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Alice Waggoner, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Scott Taylor and Wayne Cressler. We would welcome more card players at 1:30 p.m. today.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the birthday party at the home of Zach and Katie Golemboski, Lenzy and Lexy of Colby, honoring their great-granddaughter, Lexy, on her third birthday.

Jennings will again have a spring clean-up day on April 14. Jennings city water meters will be read on Wednesday, March 21. If your meter is still inside your house, please post your meter reading.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Best wishes went out to residents Marian Miller and Lee Ploussard who celebrated birthdays this past week.

The table was full of penny card players on Monday afternoon. Residents joining in on the fun included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Dottie Lotker, Joan Noble and Mary Votapka. Mike Helm brought chocolates to share with the group following the game.

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

The exercise group has become a popular place to be several mornings each week. The group meets just before lunch time and some days they really work up an appetite. Tuesday morning there were 10 residents in attendance.

Dottie Lotker won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed Girl Scout cookies after the game.

The craft group met both on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to make kite decorations to hang in the Cedar Living Center dining room. They turned out just great and they make the room look very festive.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were lots of laughs on Thursday evening when several residents met to play a game of dominos.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. Afterward Timothy Helm played Scrabble with Helen Helm and Audra Duncan.

Alice Shirley attended a birthday party for Doris Gilbert at Wheat Ridge Terrace on Friday.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Norma Ward, Clayton; Juanita Williby.

Jeanette Diederich, Gary Walter, Judy Ploussard, Sherri Shuler, Ila Ray, Oberlin.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Beth Johnson has become a great-grandmother again. Her grandson, Chris Claussen, and his wife, of Olathe are the parents of another daughter, Alena Cate. She was born Feb. 27 weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces. She has a sister, Annika, 3. Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, is her grandmother.

The Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee invites their Norcatour neighbors to the Masonic Hall for a noon meal on Sunday. The event will honor all veterans, and especially Vietnam veterans and their families. Guest speaker will be Wayne Purinton, WaKeeney, Vietnam veteran and author of "Journey Back From Vietnam." Mr. Purinton will begin his presentation at 1 p.m. Donated proceeds will help with renovation costs of the Hall. Everyone is encouraged to share photos, stories and memorabilia at this event. If you have any questions call Marge Hartzog at 678-3010.

Happy birthday wishes go to: Lance Roe and Galen Wentz, March 7; Betsy Jakowski and Mary Long, March 8; Jerry Wescott, March 11; Tom Baker, March 12.

Senior Citizens met to play pitch March 2 at the Norcatour Church Educational Building. Winners were

Bob Streyve, Dorothy Ward and a tie between Sherri Regal and Mary Sedlmayer. The next meeting will be Friday. Everyone is invited.

Norcatour children, ages 3 to 12, are invited to attend Story Hour from 10 to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the Jennings Library. In addition to the story there will be treats and art work.

Over 100 people attended the annual Norcatour United Methodist Church's Pancake and Sausage Supper. The men cooked the food and the young people helped wait tables.

The open house for the Norcatour City Library on March 3 was attended by almost 30 people. Many favorable comments were heard regarding the new children's library. Librarian Betsy Jakowski reminds everyone that the next book potpourri will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 21.

Construction at the City Building has begun on the hallway and the room that houses the Norcatour Museum. Ceiling tiles are down and new lights and ceiling texturing will begin soon. More work on the roof is expected to be completed this summer. Donations are welcome.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

My brain fails to see how changing our clocks can save daylight. Yes, I know, people have explained it -- you have more time to golf etc. etc. My husband was a great fan of Justin Wilson, who said, "That extra hour of daylight is about to eat all my crops up." Anyway, the weather is beautiful, and we will take the daylight anyway we can get it.

If you are tired of my "Little Aubrey" stories, just skip the next few lines. When she gets off the school bus, she doesn't ask for cookies, pop, or usual kid snacks, but wants a baked potato, with butter and salt. Although she is six, I still add the salt and butter, in case she gets carried away. She told me, "Grandma, the reason it's not salty enough, you sprinkle the salt on the table." Clumsy me!

Kathy Van Meter went to a "Peanut Butter Lover's" party on Thurs-

day, presented by the First State Bank of Holbrook, Neb. The leader, who was impersonating Rachel Ray, helped make cookies, pie, and lots of things with peanut butter. She even sent samples home.

June Jolly's club finished a series of games. Dean and Rhonda Jolly went to Colorado with the purpose of bringing the grandchildren home for a week's visit. Allen Powell spent some time in the Cambridge, Neb., hospital. We hope he is out and on the mend.

Von Sumner reported that their daughter, Amy Archer, is on a new medication and may possibly be able to stay on it instead of having a transplant. Thanks to modern medicine and lots of prayer -- miracles happen.

Toots Magers said the only thing she did last week was to go to the pinochle game on Thursday.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

We were blessed with beautiful weather this week. We had the kind of days where kids dig out their bikes and neighbors stand on the sidewalk chatting.

It was a busy weekend in Rexford. The Rexford-Selden Girl Scout troop had their sleep-over in Selden on Friday night -- if any of the girls actually did any sleeping. From what I've heard, the girls kept busy making crafts, dancing, snacking and watching a movie until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday was the monthly blood pressure clinic at the Red Barn. I did see people coming and going throughout the afternoon, although I never made it over there. Maybe next time. Saturday was also Bingo night at the Red Barn, with 17 in attendance. It sounds like this will be the last Bingo night before summer.

The Griffiths family headed to Mingo on Saturday night to hear the Armouraires in concert at Mingo Bible Church. There was a good group of people from Colby and the Mingo area.

It's spring break for Golden Plains this week and I bet all the students are enjoying the extra week with which to adjust to our recent "spring forward".

Spuds and Splits will be Thursday night at the Red Barn. Anyone from the 40 and over crowd is invited to head on over for baked potatoes and banana splits -- each with their own set of fixings.

As always, I invite you to send news or stories about Rexford's history or reasons why you like living in a small town to griffithsgang@gmail.com, call 687-2076 or leave it in the jar by the door at the Red Barn. Have a great week!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Phil and Pat Timm, Idalia, Colo.; Jim and Joyce Rich, Susan Rich and Carrie Knapp and children, Arden, N.C.; J.L. and Lauri Fox, Valley Center; Chris Hosaka, Wichita; and Stephani Hawkins and Adrian of Dallas were Tuesday-to-Saturday guests of Carol Kompus, Oberlin, to attend the funeral of Wilma Bobinmyer. Other visitors through the week were Kathy Brainard, Ronnie and Marlene Erickson, Doug Bobinmyer and Damian and John Marintzer.

Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb., met Bob and Julie Hafner on Wednesday in McCook for a day of shopping and dinner, celebrating Raquel's birthday.

Stations of the Cross followed Mass on Sunday at St. Mary's. Altar Society member Rachele Solko was reader with Ceanne Schroeder as cross-bearer. Father Nick will have Anointing of the Sick at the 8:30 a.m. Thursday Mass, March 15.

Congratulations to Jordan and April Basgall of Hutchinson, on the arrival of a baby boy, Samuel Jordan. Samuel was born March 6, weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Tom and Lexi Basgall, Herndon.

Jackie Votapka, Oberlin, and Julie Hafner enjoyed lunch in Selden on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Teryn Grafel on graduating from the Recruit Naval Training Command Great Lakes in Illinois recently. Teryn now carries the rank of E3 and is stationed at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He is the son of Keith and Roma Grafel, Council Grove, and the grandson of Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon and the late Clarence and

Anna Mae Ketterl.

Roseanna Stoney and Larry, Deb, Nathan and Kaylea Stoney attended the funeral of Helen Roach in Trenton on Thursday. Services were held at St. James Catholic Church with burial in the Trenton Cemetery.

Family and friends gathered in Atwood at the Sacred Heart Church for the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony of five young men on Sunday. Family helping Collin Clark celebrate were Brian and Mary Clark, Janice and Jayme Sattler and Buford Clark of Atwood; Katelyn Clark and Rodney Rippe of Hays; Dan and Karen Sattler of Scott City; Ron and Cindy Sattler and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon.

Annabelle Marie Wilson was born Jan. 28, 2012 to Drew and Tausha Escher Wilson. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brothers, Asher, 3, and Able, 18 months. Grandparents are Jerome and Deb Escher, McCook.

HERNDON PRIDE

The Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale will be held in City Park on Saturday, April 7.

The raffle Easter baskets will be on display with tickets available by Tuesday, March 20, at The Bank in Herndon. Watch for flyers around town.

Herndon City-Wide clean-up day is Saturday, May 19. Many hands make light work. Place big branches and other items by roadside. No appliances, no electronics, no hazardous waste.

Watch for upcoming Pride Calendar photo contest details. Information and rules will be posted in the paper and flyers will be placed in Herndon businesses.