

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1887
There is a muchness of dust these days.

The residents of District 85 are building a schoolhouse.

H.S. Beardsley moved into his new brick residence Tuesday.

There is now direct communication by stage via Colby between Oberlin and Burlington, Colo.

Station agent Hulanski tells us that there are delivered at this point a daily average of five carloads of immigrant goods.

A law was passed in the last session of the legislature declaring all section lines in Decatur County public roads.

J.F. Hall of Lebanon, Smith County, has bought a site and the material for erecting a flour mill at the forks of the Sappa.

The Oberlin Loan & Trust and Banking Company have purchased from the Lincoln Land Company for the consideration of \$1500 the corner lot occupied by the old Peterson Bakery and will immediately erect thereon a 2-story brick building.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1912

The fiercest ever: As The Herald goes to press the worst blizzard here for 26 years is raging. A snowplow with two engines has been three days opening the road from Republican City, getting in at 10:30 last night.

Rural carriers will not be able to make their rounds for days to come.

The loss of stock in this part of the state will amount to thousands of dollars.

Kanona Items: The snowplow was stuck in a snowdrift two miles west of town Monday and Tuesday.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1937

Elwood M. Brooks, new state bank commissioner, and cashier of the Farmers National Bank, will leave Monday for Topeka with Mrs. Brooks. At a recent meeting of the bank board, it was voted that Mr. Brooks would remain as the official cashier of the bank, with C.L. Frickey, president, to act in his stead during Mr. Brook's absence. Mr. Brooks will spend several days each month in Oberlin attending to his duties. Ralph Brown, teller in the bank for nearly 10 years, will be the assistant cashier. Mrs. Lucille Hahn, stenographer, who will accompany Mr. Brooks to Topeka, will be replaced by Miss Letha Rehm.

Competing in the National A.A.U. basketball tournament in Denver the Oberlin Cleaners cleaned the boys from Rapid City, S.D., 44-34 in their first game with Voyle Ridgway scoring 21 points. In the second game against Denver Safeways, picked as the team to win the tournament, the Cleaners lost 54 to 31 without overworking the Denver team but manager Goodrich was well pleased with his team's showing against

well organized teams from larger cities whose players stood from one to two feet taller.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Dresden for Donald Eugene Harold, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harold of Dresden, who was killed when the pick-up truck in which he was riding with his brother and cousin upset about a half-mile south of Dresden.

Neither Mr. Harold, nor his son Marlin nor his nephew, Jeff Harold, Jr., were injured. The little boy is a nephew of Miss Florence Harold, who formerly taught in the high school here, but now is on the home economics staff at Kansas State College.

Services will be held Friday at the Oberlin Methodist Church for Ira Robison, 60, who suffered a relapse after being injured in an accident in February while working on the WPA Sappa State Lake project.

Custer: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arehart are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday, March 11. She is being cared for at the home of Mrs. Verna Plotts in Oberlin and Mrs. Long of Dresden is keeping house for the family.

Cedar Bluffs: We in our little community feel quite fortunate in having an oiled highway going right by our front doorsteps because we will not have to cleanup so much Kansas dirt.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1962

The European elm scale is posing a threat to elm trees in Oberlin and county agent Ed Hinkle is recommending spraying at three intervals in June using DDT, Sevin or Diazanone.

The City Council is planning to have the elm trees sprayed which are on city property but there is no money in the budget for spraying trees belonging to property owners.

An Oberlin young man, Donald E. Shaw, was named as the Colorado State Junior Chamber of Commerce outstanding young teacher of the year. He graduated from DCHS with the class of 1953 and from Fort Hays State College and also had done work at the University of Wyoming and Denver University. He is a physical education teacher and wrestling coach at Arvada Junior High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw of Oberlin.

With the exception of two teachers, Melvin Simpson and Miss Fern Secord, all teachers at DCHS have signed contracts for the coming year. Simpson will be replaced by Jim Kinyon, a senior at Oklahoma State University, and Paul Macy, Kiowa, who will graduate from Fort Hays State College this spring, will replace Miss Secord.

Carl Frickey was elected president of Oberlin Rotary Club for the coming year at the Tuesday noon

meeting. He replaces Stewart Francis, and his term will begin July 1.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koerperich, Selden, daughter, Sheila Mae, 3-14-62; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Votapka, Oberlin, daughter, Lynda Lea, 3-17-62; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wolters, Atwood, daughter, 3-20-62; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Devine, Selden, son, 3-20-62.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1887

Winter wheat fields and pastures are quickly greening up as moisture which began falling in the area Sunday night continued. Decatur County Extension Agent Mick Glaze said that some acreages do show winter kill which is caused by lack of snow cover during the winter.

A contract has been signed by Kansas Coach with Vern Burrus to buy the West Central Manufacturing complex located just east of Oberlin.

Ted and Della Dodson, residents of Good Samaritan Center, will observe their 66th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 22.

A potluck dinner at the Golden Age Center Sunday hosted by the

John Bearley family honored Major and Mrs. Jim Allen, James, Jennifer and Amanda, who recently arrived in Oberlin from Harrogate, England. Major Allen will leave soon for Guam where he has been assigned to a Satellite Control Facility and Mrs. Allen and children will remain here with her parents until the end of the school term.

Funeral services were held at the Oberlin United Methodist Church for Wesley Gaumer, 79, who was active in farm organizations in Decatur County over the years, served as president of the Decatur County Fair Association, the Amusement Authority and the Lions Club.

Janet Myers has been named to Who's Who in American Nursing. A 1975 DCHS graduate and a 1979 graduate of the KU School of Nursing, she is currently director of Education and Outreach Services at Decatur County Hospital. Her husband, Steve, is a Kansas Highway patrolman stationed in Oberlin and they have three children, Tyra, 5, Keegan, 3 and Ian, 1.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vollie Pollnow, Oberlin.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

First, let me say "Thank you and God bless" to everyone who prayed for my minor facial surgery, all the good wishes, and the dear neighbors: Kay, Brandi, Kimber, Carol and others who brought me soup, jello and other good things, and gave me rides. Makes me feel good; although I still look bad.

I talked to my sister, Dixie Wood, who has been having some problem with arthritis med changes. She feels that the newest medication might be helping.

We were so sorry to hear of the wreck which took the life of our one time pastor and friend, Carol Woodmansee and injured her daughter, C.J. and Carol's sister. Our sympathy goes to her parents and family. C.J. was reported in serious condition.

Guess who has her garden tilled? Toots Magers. Judy and Charlie Easton came yesterday and tilled it for her. She hosted Liberty Star Club last Wednesday. All members were there except Joyce Price, whose

daughter, Linda and Keith Jurey, were visiting and myself, who had a doctor's appointment. They all enjoyed Scattergories.

Rea Magers is recuperating from a detached retina surgery, and is having to keep his head down, which is not an easy thing to do.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended a Livestock Club meeting and supper in Oxford, Neb., on Wednesday.

June Jolly played cards Thursday and went to her heart doctor for a checkup on Friday. On Saturday, she was ready for a nice relaxing day, when her family called that all the kids were at Dean and Rhonda's and "Come on out". Who could refuse that? Dean's had had Sarah's baby for a week, and they came to take him home. Kim's family: Jennifer's family, Linda and Dennis McFarland, and Butch and Barb Jolly were there — all but Darren. Sunday, Linda came and they spent the day looking at pictures.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Cork and Jacque Riener and Jacque's father, Des Brophy, of Wray, Colo., attended the Timed Event Championship Rodeo at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Okla., the weekend of March 2, 3 and 4. This is their third trip, and they had a great time watching 20 of the best cowboys compete in five performances. K.C. Jones of Burlington, Wyo., was the big winner for the weekend.

Easter is coming soon but the Easter bunny is already romping around Herndon. Thursday morning this white beautiful rabbit was hopping around the green lawns on the north end of main, probably deciding where to leave some of those colorful eggs and goodies. Check out the Pride Easter Baskets on display at The Bank in Herndon. Tickets are available with the drawings to be Saturday, March 7, at City Park after the Easter Egg Hunt.

Matthew Pettera of Lakewood, Colo., and friend, Mary Beth, stopped by to visit Kent and Chris Wood and other family on Saturday.

Casserole Cuties met at Jacque and Cork Riener's Nebraska home near McCook on Saturday, March 10. Eileen Unger, Liane Martin, Theresa Rippe, Sharon Frick, Lexi Basgall, Stacy Chartier, Beth Chartier and Michelle Stevens were in attendance. The menu included orange rolls, spinach pie, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Calvin Hughes and three sophomore friends from McCook helped in reducing any buffet leftovers. Kayla Hughes returned from a sleepover birthday party to meet the ladies.

Entertainment included stories of entertaining challenges or times when unexpected guests showed up at your home. Karma Roussele of Culbertson dropped in to deliver Mary Kay products during the party. The next meeting will be at Stacy Chartier's home on April 14.

Stations of the Cross followed Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday with Ron Sattler as reader and Ceanne Schroeder as cross-bearer.

Sunday afternoon loved ones surprised Hattie Toth and Shirley

Williams of Atwood. Hattie celebrated her 101st birthday on Sunday and Shirley on Monday. Family enjoying birthday cake, snacks and singing Happy Birthday many times were the honored guests and Bob and Janice Arkle, York, Neb.; Elaine Johnson, Bird City; Bethel Goltl, McDonald; Jerry Wolfram, Lila Leitner, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon, and Janice Sattler and Karen Focke, Atwood.

Keri Riener and Jane Waterman organized a surprise party for John Riener on his 30th birthday, Saturday, March 10. The group assembled at Roger's Bar and Grill, on hand to sing Happy Birthday as John arrived. Marty Waterman, Kristy Plander and husband, Rachelle Solko, Jim and Amy Riener, Jeff Riener, Megan Cahoj, Jessica Riener, and Karol and Jacque Riener attended. Jane had baked a German chocolate birthday cake. Also at Roger's for dinner, in a happy coincidence, were Nadine and Joe Green, Dennis and Dorsey Riener and Cliff and Shirley Riener. All of the ladies had attended a baby shower hosted by Kristy Plander at the Senior Center that afternoon.

The third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, hosted by the Herndon Pool Hall, was held Saturday. This late afternoon event is not culturally rich with Irish (Herndon Germans-Hungarians) but spirit-filled in heart for the day.

Grand Marshals Ron and Rose Leitner, with the decorated John Deere Gator, led the parade at 5 p.m. followed by numerous high-steppers adorned in festive hats, sashes and jewelry in green.

Voni Sattler, Herndon Leprechaun, was clad with beard, suit, hat and granting three wishes for the evening. Doug Bobinmyer kept the parade organized with his Police Special Harley and Del Solko drove the loudest entry with his big, green bad machine, the 1949 John Deere 'D'.

This growing event culminated with potluck culinary, beverages and visiting. As with many Irish stories, exaggeration is inevitable.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Historic Building Preservation Committee served lunch on Sunday at the former Masonic Hall to a good-sized crowd. The program honoring special guests, Vietnam veterans and all veterans from other wars was very emotionally and well presented.

Last Tuesday, the senior citizens enjoyed a potluck dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center. Those attending were Rachel Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Eleanor Morel, John Ketting, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter and Linda Spresser. All played bingo afterwards.

Wednesday card players at the senior center were Alice Mizer and Wayne Cressler (who started as partners at the high table and

won every game they played), Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob Jones, Scott Taylor, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Alice Wagoner and Louise Cressler. John Ketting entertained with piano music while we were playing cards.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Max Ward. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Clayton United Methodist Church.

Several in our community have been ill. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

With the beautiful spring weather, everyone thinks of gardening. Apricot trees are blooming and lilac bushes and other shrubbery are leafing out.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Max Ward who passed away on March 14. Residents and staff will miss Max with his charming wit and warm smile.

Several residents met for a game of dice and to work on craft projects on Monday afternoon.

Linda Fox and Earla Connell led the sing-along group before supper on Monday.

The bingo players were out in full force on Tuesday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Audra Duncan, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Dottie Lotker, Wilma May, Joan Noble, and Alice Shirley.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service Tuesday afternoon on the Cedar Living Center patio.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make more spring decorations and shamrock lapel pins for St. Patrick's Day.

Floyd Lotker celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, March 14. He had lots of family visitors during the day and into the evening.

The dietary and activity departments teamed up at noon on Thursday to serve a pizza and salad bar lunch. The pizza was purchased from the Pizza Hut and the dietary department prepared the salads. This meal had been selected by the Resident's Council at their last meeting as the featured menu of the month.

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

The Aquarius Club hosted the March birthday party in the Cedar Living Center dining room Thursday afternoon.

Mirla Coleman provided the musical entertainment. She was assisted by the activity department in serving the refreshments. Those being recognized for having March birthdays were Joan Noble, Floyd

Lotker, Marian Miller, Alvina Gamblin, and Lee Ploussard.

Several residents met on Thursday evening for a game of dominos. Everyone reported having a good time.

The baking group tried a new recipe for macaroon cookies on Friday afternoon. The recipe was a big success and will most certainly be tried again.

There were many residents and staff wearing the green on Saturday in honor of St. Patrick's Day. A social hour was held on Saturday morning to celebrate the Irish among us.

Residents learned a wee bit about Irish history and folklore. Cake with green icing was served along with coffee or fruit punch. Residents also enjoyed listening to a few Irish tunes.

Alvina Gamblin was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by her family Saturday evening on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Recent visitors: Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; Brian and Helena Perks, Hunter and Colton, Derrick and Marian Downer, Dylan and Leah, Cambridge, Neb.; Peggy and Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Mike, Deb, Matthew, and Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Norma J. Helm, Indianola, Neb.; LeAnna Schwab, McCook; Kary and Jamie Miller, Jennings; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Gene and Heather Bertman, Norman, Okla.; Tara Larson, Sarah and Bailey Wolf, John Rinehart, Colby.

Marilyn Gamblin, Connie and Leon Miller, Diana Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Wendy, Gage, and Wyatt Scott, Marian Dempewolf, Carol and Bill Duncan, Carol Kompus, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Mirium Fisher, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Janice Kruse took high, Carl Mumm took second, Bernita Aumiller got low and Paulie Neff had the most tens.

Other members present included Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Matt Finnesy, Edna Schiltz, Ralph Weis and Lillian Sulzman.

On March 13 at bowling, the Selden classics stepped into second place. The second place team was up by two games, after winning all four games on Tuesday.

The Selden Classics moved into second place by two games. First place team is Gutter Dusters, second place team is Selden Classics, third place team is The Bowling Bags, fourth place team is The Lucky Strikes and fifth place team is Oberlin pride.

The team placings can change easily from week to week. The best way to keep on top of the standings is to come down and watch each Tuesday.

Pinochle night was this past Saturday Night at the Community Center. First place team was Joe and Cathy Broeckelman with 896; Rick and Tammy Shaw with 762; Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier with 683.

The other team score included: Bernie and Wilma Ritter 674; Jeanie Spresser and Lillian Sulzman 607; JR Albers and Carl Mumm 595, Bob and Pat Wessel 539, Cole and Julie Ziegelmeier 515, Warren Ziegelmeier and Jonathan Broeckelman 630 and Vicki Ray and Jacque Boultinghouse 612.

Although March was to be the end of Pinochle night until next fall, everyone wanted to go one more month, so the next Pinochle night will be April 21 at the Community Center.

Birthdays and anniversaries - March 23 - Francis and Leone Porsch, Tami Porsch. March 24 - Jim Halbert, Jayde Adelman. March 25 - Jeremy Schiltz, Mary Adelman. March 26 - Jeni Rogers, Dagmar Becker. March 27 - Julie Geisinger, Dori Pauls, Carol Wessel, Shani Hunziker, Sara Brantley. March 28 - Lori Miller, Bernie Koerperich, Shirley Campbell Weber. March 29 - Marissa Porsch, Paula Schiltz, Tammy Shaw, Alexia Campbell.

School Calendar - March 29 - Solo and Small Ensemble Recital in Rexford.

The 19th Annual Selden Antique Tractor and Car Show will be Sunday, June 3, in downtown Selden. The day's activities will include horseshoe pitching contest, barrel roll, baler demonstrations, kiddie tractor pull, washer drop, corn tank, live entertainment and the famous parade. There will be raffle tickets sold and drawings will be before the parade. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. until we run out of help or food.

Come join the family fun and view antique and classic tractors, cars, small engines and more! The parade will be at 3:30 p.m.

For information, call (785) 386-4536, 386-8032, 386-8033 or 386-4231.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Kamri Jean Ann Nichols, infant daughter of Carie Nichols, Oberlin, was born Monday, March 12, in Colby. Kamri's maternal grandparents are Robert and Sally May of Oberlin, and she has two brothers, Dustin and Tyler, to welcome her home.

Saturday, March 10, Jessica Richards, Dorothy Moore, Evelyn May, Shirley Shields, and Karen Eskew accompanied Janice Cundiff to First Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg for a Northwest Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Meeting.

Thursday evening dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were their nephew, David Olson, Boulder, Colo.; Richard Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Garrett Moore. David is the son of the late Kelly and Bonnie (Shaw) Olson.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin enjoyed listening to the 70 member University A Cappella Choir of Seward, Neb., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita on Friday. Their daughter, Rory Wendelin, and Joel Kahldahl of Spencer, Iowa, are members of the choir. After the performance, the Wendelins visited with Sarah Langness, also a student at Concordia University, Seward. The University A Cappella Choir, Concordia University's premier vocal ensemble, began their ten day tour March 9 and performed in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.

While in Wichita for the performance, Norman and Joanne visited Jay and Suzanne Cooper of Wichita and were Friday overnight guests of Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield.

En route home on Saturday, Norman and Joanne stopped in Lindsay and had lunch with Pat and

Elvera Wendelin and visited Kris and Farah Erickson and Christian.

After the A Cappella Choir performed at Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Okla., Rory visited with Phyllis McKay, a former Oberlin resident. Rory also visited with Greta Wendelin and Igor Perel while the choir was in the Shawnee/Kansas City area and scheduled to perform at Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee.

Brian and Sarah Shaw, Caden and Landen, Andover, visited her grandparents, Martin and Evelyn May, on Friday and were weekend guests of her father, Marvin May.

Brandon Meza, a senior Kansas State University criminology major, arrived at the Dan Nedland home Friday to spend spring break with his friends, Cameron and Hunter Nedland, also Kansas State University students and home on spring break.

Rowan Bremer, infant daughter of Kristen Bremer, Colby, was honored with a baby shower Saturday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Oberlin, hosted by Jan Bainter and Roberta Johnson.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, and Jessica Bremer were Saturday noon dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer to celebrate John's March 4th birthday.

Saturday evening dinner guests at the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May home were Lisa Davies, Meghan and Cerys; Brandon Meza; and Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan, was a weekend guest of her parents, Jerry and Connie Olson.