

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1888

Rain, mud and snow was the order last week. Jos. Fulmer recently with N. Liepold and Co. has accepted a position with E. Weil. The steady drenching rain of last week has placed the ground in excellent shape for spring work. A fine depot, 24x56, has been commenced at Ludell.

There is at present considerable activity in railroad matters in this vicinity. The Rock Island surveyors are running a line from the Prairie Dog to Oberlin. We expect next week to be able to give some definite information regarding the intentions of these lines. J.D. Shaul of Shibboleth made a final proof on his claim Tuesday. The city council has instructed the city clerk to correspond with the eastern parties to ascertain the probable cost of a water works system for Oberlin.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1913

We note by the Herndon Non-Parcil that Elbert Chilson has bought an Indianola newspaper. The children of the V. R. Caster family, who live in the Baptist parsonage, are all having the whooping cough. Vernon Bishop, rural carrier on route six, has been sick for several weeks, and Mr. Marietta has been carrying the mail. Pearl Stowell and family of Belleville, Kans., arrived in the city last week and are getting settled in the James Jackson property. Mr. Stowell will have a position with the Oberlin Mercantile Company. Roy Chilson of the upper Sappa was the first man to pay the second half of his taxes.

Robt. Riley, one of the earliest settlers of Decatur County, died at Superior, Nebr., Feb. 5 at the age of 84. Traer Items: Charley Magers, manager of the Salade ranch, is building a silo, 25 feet in diameter by 25 feet deep. As this is the first one of the kind in this country, it is quite a sight.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1938

While damage to Decatur County's wheat crop has been confined to a very limited number of fields, many farmers and others are commencing to show some alarm that further damage is inevitable unless moisture is had soon. Last week Oberlin playgoers went with much interest to the first group of plays presented by the Little Theater and came away commenting favorably on the manner in which the three plays — a comedy, a drama and a fantasy — were acted, directed, staged and costumed. Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. A.E. Ufford to help her celebrate her 84th birthday. Relatives present were her brother, J.E. Love and Mrs. Love; her son, John Ufford and his children, Katherine, Richard and Curtis Clark, all of Goodland and daughter, Mrs. Amanda Atwood of Hughes, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer are the parents of a baby daughter who was born at the Protestant Hospital at Hays on Jan. 27 and has been named Roxie Ann. Mrs. Schafer was formerly Miss Agnes Houtsma Bailey. Word came yesterday of the arrival of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. Theo Counter at York, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. H.Q. Banta left for York where she will take care of the home

while Mrs. Counter is confined to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Reichert and Mrs. Joe Berls took Arnold Reichert to Norton where he boarded the "Rocket" for St. Louis where he will attend school. Norcatur: M.E. Croy, one of the pioneers of this community, died after a short illness. He was one of the oldest and most beloved of Norcatur's citizens. Mr. Croy was the grandfather of Elden Auker, Detroit American League baseball pitcher. The Decatur wrestlers, coached by Jack Kronk, have defeated all opponents so far winning over St. Francis, Colby and Norton. Rex and Ray, the Lohoefer twins, both wrestle at 105 pounds and after wrestling 17 minutes with neither gaining an advantage they flipped a coin to see who would wrestle at Colby and Rex won. Ray, who has been injured, will wrestle for the first time at Hoxie next week. Jennings: Rodney Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris, Jennings, was injured as he and a few other boys were sliding down a rope into a silo. At the bottom of the rope was attached a hay hook and the point of this caught the young boy tearing a wound in his abdomen.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1963

Seventh and eighth graders from Oberlin Consolidated School district will attend classes next fall at DCHS. The action came at a joint meeting of OCS and DCHS administrators and boards at which the director of school facilities for the State Dept. of Education recommended the two grades be moved to the high school as a temporary solution to crowded conditions at the grade school. Harold Johnson was re-elected vice chairman of the DCHS board of trustees. Dwight Wenger was elected secretary and Don Jom was elected treasurer. Jon Peters, son of Mrs. Albert Unger, has been nominated to the Merchant Marine Academy competitive examination according to word received from Congressman Bob Dole. Peters is a senior at DCHS. After a long and illustrious career as a saddle-bred show horse, Dr. C.M. Nelson's, "Royal Cloud" is dead at the ripe old age of 33. "That's equivalent to 132 years in

a human being," said Dr. Nelson who rode the proud animal at the head of the Decatur Saddle Club in the Eisenhower Inaugural Parade in January 1953. Russell Stanley, undefeated 138-pounder, is Coach Jim Kinyon's choice for "Wrestler of the Week."

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1888

A new Main Street business, called "Times Past," is opening its doors. Owners Bob Jones of Jennings and Carolyn Hildebrand, Danbury, are building shelving and placing stock at 166 South Penn in the building formerly occupied by Hubbard Photography. The store will stock what the owners term "affordable" antiques and older furniture and the auction booking office will also be located in the building. Another office will house a branch of American Family Insurance with Linda Wahlmeier staffing that office on Wednesdays. Oberlin Rotary Club raised \$600 at its homemade soup and pie sale at the recent NWKL wrestling tournament according to Mike Coleman, president. This amount will vaccinate an estimated 6,000 children in the Polio Plus campaign being carried out internationally.

Connie Grafel will head the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce through 1988 succeeding Kent Reinhardt. Rodney O'Hare, Norcatur, was elected vice president and Martha Nemeth, treasurer. Selden: Funeral services were held for Walter G. Porsch, 87, who was born in Germany in 1900 and moved to the United States at the age of 21. He is survived by his wife, Thesia; two sons, Francis and Donald, both of Selden, and two daughters, Mary Anne Dinkel, Hays, and Ramona Shaw, Jennings. Etta Mae Coffman, 59, formerly of Oberlin, died Feb. 3 in Lakeland, Fla. She is survived by her husband, who was a family doctor in Oberlin for a number of years, and three sons. Football coach Harry Grimmer, DCHS football coach, has developed a weight-training program during the past school year. Bench-press awards were recently presented to Kevin Rush, Dave Unger, Randy Chambers and Ray Thornton at 175 lbs; Matt Crawford at 185 and Jamie Hodson and Michael Hanson at 230.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

January went by in a flash and we are now gearing up for Valentine's Day. We started putting up hearts and we will be working on additional decorations this week. Monday was a busy day with coffee time and exercise group in the morning and dice game in the afternoon. Many of the residents met before supper with Myrna and Mary Ann for sing-along time. We had a lively game of bingo on Tuesday afternoon with Vern Heller winning the first bingo and Marguerite Bailey won the blackout game. Lois Lamb had the first bingo of the second game and Wanda Heller won the blackout. The January birthday party was held following bingo. The activity department hosted the party. Teresa Shaughnessy and Connie Miller served root beer floats to the party goers with bingo volunteers Ila Ray, Caroline Jacobs, and Mike Helm assisting. Helen Helm was recognized for having the only birthday in January. Tuesday, the Jan. 29, was the actual day of her birthday. Several residents attended the retirement party held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Rose Riffle and Dorothy Vacura.

Many staff members along with friends and family members also attended the party to honor Rose and Dorothy on their special day. Both women report looking forward to some much deserved free time. Father Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning on the Cedar Living Center patio. There were several winners at the penny card game played in the dining room on Thursday afternoon. The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make oatmeal raisin cookies. The cookies were a big hit with residents, staff, and visitors. A black quilted jacket was left in the Cedar Living Center dining room recently. We would like to be able to reunite it with the owner. Recent visitors: Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Peg Smith, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Pam Smith, Copeland; Rebecca and Jaron Cox, Manhattan; Arlene Glad, Anna Sis, Delpha Sis, Atwood; Mike Bailey, Jennings; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Oberlin visitors: Catherine and Varlan Neal, Marla Wozniak, Dorothy Cochran, Robert Fringer, Donna Fortin, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Walt Pennel.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Get well wishes to those in our community who have had surgery recently. Kay Brown had surgery several weeks ago. Doyle Brown had surgery on Jan. 28. Both are home and doing well. Vi Krizek had back surgery two weeks ago and is home and doing well. Her sister has been staying with her. Lots of sickness in the area yet. Some people with intestinal and others with the respiratory illness. The community extends sympathy to Violet Foster and her family in the death of her sister, Norma Richards. Norma's funeral was Saturday at Oberlin. Also sympathy to Donna New in the death of her grandmother. The birthday celebration for the 80th birthday of Lila Jennings was held Saturday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Many family members and friends came to help her celebrate and to wish her many more. Renovations continue at the Jennings City Library. The walls are finished, new light fixtures installed,

the north door has been closed up, partition removed, floors sanded and finish put on. Soon the shelves, desk, and computer will be put back so the library can reopen. Sunday School for the children was held this past Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Becky Carter is the teacher. Those attending were Malilah, Mason, Madilyn and Maddox Green. All children are welcome to join the group at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Due to the cold weather and illness in the community there were only five people to play cards on Wednesday. Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Louise Cressler, Stan and Ramona Shaw enjoyed the afternoon. Sunflower Senior citizens potluck dinner will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at noon in the center, followed by Bingo. Bring a bingo prize, please. Everyone is welcome. I was asked to print my e-mail address again. It is wcanle@hotmail.com.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Plan now to attend the annual United Church of Christ pancake brunch. The tentative date of Sunday, Feb. 24, is being planned, but watch for further details and information. Serving is always 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs offered with an assortment of desserts, coffee and tea. Donations are happily accepted. Weekend guests of Voni Sattler were Zach Williams and Piper of Littleton, Colo. Kathy Leitner of Atwood and Deanna Williams of Herndon were also visitors. St. Mary's Altar Christian Mothers Altar Society met Sunday following Mass in the church rectory. New officers for 2013 were named. Beth Chartier, co-chairwoman; Eileen Unger, co-chairwoman; Nadine Green, secretary-treasurer; Vicky Mumm and Nadine Green, funeral leaders; Julie Hafner, alternate; Theresa Rippe, fall bazaar chairperson. A round of applause and thanks were given to Deanna Williams, Rachelle Solko and Ann Solko for their hard work and leadership the last two years. The Altar Society will be leading the Stations of the Cross following Sunday Mass during Lent. The family of Donald D. Pettera, who died Monday, Jan. 28, in Mesa, Ariz., has scheduled a memorial service and Rosary for Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at the church with burial following at the church cemetery. Father Nick Parker will officiate and Williams Funeral Home of Atwood is in charge of arrangements. Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer, along with Eileen Portschy, trav-

eled to Neosho Rapids to celebrate Addisyn's third birthday. Others attending were her parents, Abe and Alex; sister, Amilee; Grandpa and Grandma Williams; Gigi; Uncle Nolan Williams and friends, Zane and Brittany Fugleberg. Julie's Memory Joggers Thursday, Sept. 12, 1963 The Citizen-Patriot Chamber elects officers The Herndon Chamber of Commerce held their regular September meeting Monday evening with 17 members present. The meeting was preceded by an enjoyable chili supper which was held in the Immanuel Church basement. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frank Buk, President, who thanked Mrs. Vern Holle and Mrs. Charles Adams for assisting to prepare the chili feed. Regular business was transacted and reports were given and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$522.10 in the State Bank of Herndon. The group decided to hold a dedication this coming Sunday for the new library building. They plan to hold an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. The ballpark will be the center of interest at 4 p.m. when free ball games begin, followed by a watermelon feed at 5 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend all activities free of charge. The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor and pay all costs of the Library dedication. Officers elected Monday evening included Mr. Vern Holle, president; Mr. F.J. Cox, vice-president; Francis G. Malone, secretary and Charles Adams was re-elected treasurer for his second term.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ralph Shaw has been released from Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Denver, and is now recuperating at the Decatur County Hospital, undergoing physical therapy. He recently underwent hip replacement surgery following a fall during an accident at the farm. The Decatur Community High School Scholars Bowl team of Elizabeth Nedland, Sierra Lohoefer, Miki Dorshorst, Matthew Helm, Caleb Koerperich and Nick Ashley placed second in the Class 2A Regional Scholars' Bowl Tournament held Thursday in Lincoln, and will be heading on to State Scholars' Bowl competition. Marlene Moxter is their coach. Dan Nedland and Elizabeth were Friday overnight guests of Cameron Nedland, Hays. On Saturday, Dan and Elizabeth attended a 4-H State Geology Action Team meeting in Hays of which Elizabeth was co-chair. During their meeting, they planned a field trip for June where there will be 400 participants.

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Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Norcatur is rightfully proud of one of her native sons. Gary Ritter, a 1968 graduate of Norcatur High School, who was recently inducted into the Kansas Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Ritter is one of only three people in Cloud County Community College history to record at least 1,000 points and 600 rebounds in a career. His totals of 1,013 points and 649 rebounds still rank among the most in the college's history. He helped lead his school to its first Region VI tournament victory in 1969 and followed that with the school's first Prairie Junior College Conference championship in 1970. Bob and Kay Strevey attended the induction ceremony on Jan. 25 in Concordia. They also paid a surprise visit to former Norcatur pastor, Kathy Aeillo at Scandia. Norcatur Senior Citizens will play pinochle at 1 p.m., Thursday in the Methodist Church Educational Building. Mark and Deb Ward were recent guests of his mother, Dorothy Ward. As always, Dorothy had odd jobs for Mark to do. Deb and Troy Marshall went to Hays last week for a routine doctor's visit. Later they, along with

their daughter, Amanda, and her boyfriend, Lucas Coryell, went to see the Harlem Globetrotters. A few days later, Troy Marshall took band kids from Oberlin to Manhattan for the annual K-State Band Clinic. Mrs. Marshall drove her car as well and they spent the weekend in Manhattan. Birthday wishes go out to: Larry Dick, Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog and Beth Johnson, Feb. 2. Happy anniversary to Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Feb. 3. Jan. 27 was delivery day for the Firemen's Pizza Fund Raiser. That night Dorothy Ward entertained Shawnda Hall, Wava Reames and Bee Nelson to eat hot pizza. Later they played a new card game called, "Speed." On Jan. 27 Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and Rea and Dee Magers rode with Jane Engelhardt of Norton to attend Helen Helm's 91st birthday party at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. They met Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter, and had lunch before all attended the party. The free movie Sunday at the former Norcatur Grade School will be "Red Tails." Showtime is 6:30 p.m. Donations are accepted for popcorn and bottled water.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

Encourage others and build each other up. This was last week's point of conversation at devotionals. Residents discussed the importance of the exchange of encouraging words between people and agreed to find simple ways to do just that. The residents took this week to write thank you letters to Anita Hirsch who said good-bye to Good Sam as an active staff member. Anita will return on a volunteer basis. This coming week we will have "fun in the kitchen," baking kolaches and for our residents that love history we will begin a series of study called "Those Dirty Rats," a study of organized crime in 1920s and 30s America. We will also muster up a few in-

ventive ways to give our words of encouragement and thanks to others in our community. In other exciting news we are happy to welcome Kim Williams and Karlie Black, both aides here at Good Sam onboard to assist with activities. Both have been contributing team members for several years and will bring a fresh perspective and energy to our activities department! Visitors included: Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo; Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt; Nadine Tacha and Lois Heilman for Galen Tacha; Pat Foley for Lee Foley; Jeanie May for Woody May; Connie and Jerry Olson for Evelyn Olson; and Jerry Miller for Loren Schrock.

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