

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1888
Geese are flying northward in great numbers.

L.G.Parker has been re-commissioned a notary public.

E. Weil's mammoth stock of goods has begun to arrive.

Art W.Allen received an immense stock of goods Monday morning.

Clark & Son have adorned the south side of their brick building with a mammoth sign.

Mr. George Branstool has leased the Palmer House which has been newly furnished in first-class style.

The B&M. is building a standard depot at Atwood and a station agent has been placed there.

A railroad man recently purchased the NE1/2 of 6-4-25, Noble Township in Norton County and the town of Clayton will probably be moved one mile south to the new location.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1913

Miss Goldie Love, who is teaching at Jennings, was brought home Sunday suffering with acute tonsilitis.

Mr. Argyle Tippin, manager of the Foster Lumber Co. moved his family last week to the Hostetter property on Rodehaver Avenue.

The brick veneering of the old Co-operative store built by Capt. J.W.Allen 27 years ago is being torn down as it had been condemned as unsafe by the city council.

The little town of Clayton was almost destroyed by fire Monday night. Two general stores, Ecord's drug store, Nickell's grocery, a blacksmith shop and the post office all went up in smoke in a short time.

The steeple of the Oberlin Methodist Church has been unsafe for several years, and has been condemned. George McMullen and Henry Meier are taking off the top part and a square effect will be arranged that will be safer.

D.C. Moser, one of the pioneer business men of Oberlin, died at his

home March 10. He and Mrs. Moser came to Oberlin in 1879.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1938

A slow, easy rain of .42 has improved the prospects for crops as wheat fields in the county had started the green-up. This county has been fortunate to escape the late winter dust storms that have wrought severe damage to the wheat in counties south.

The Fort Hays band with Naomi Griffith and Lloyd Reist as soloists will present a concert in Oberlin March 17 under the direction of Mr. Virgil Edmonds. A picked group of 60 has been selected from the 143 piece band for the four-day tour. The concert will last an hour and a half and admission will be 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Their appearance is being sponsored by the GR and Hi-Y organizations at DCHS who are furnishing board and lodging.

The wedding of Miss Ella Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Math Unger, and Edwin Richter of Rexford, took place last Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mr. F.A. Wegener officiating. The popular young couple of the St. John's community will make their home on a farm near Rexford.

Eunice Anderson, a senior in high school, placed first in the soprano section and won a certificate and an award of \$5.00 at the District Music Talent Audition at Hays. She was sponsored by Monday Evening Club of Oberlin. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson, Miss Eula Smith, Miss Anderson's teacher, and Mr. Charles Hawkes.

The Dresden High School basketball team won first place in the Class B high school tournament held last week at Almena. Members are Vincent, Francis and Frederick Welter, Dean Miller, Martin Chapman, Jesse Jones, Ivan Mapes, Kenneth Muirhead, Victor Dempewolf and Gayle Bainter. The team played 20 games during the season losing

only four. Much of the credit for their season should go to Coach R.W. Liss, principal of the Dresden School, who is a graduate of Fort Hays State college.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1963

Early Tuesday morning a heavy wet snow began falling on north-west Kansas developing into near blizzard conditions which brought a moisture content of .60 to Oberlin. Goodland reported 15 inches and Highways 36, 24 and 40 were closed west of Norton and long distance telephone service was knocked out.

Two DCHS junior girls were chosen by Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls state in Lawrence in June: Linda Nemeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth and Marsha Henningsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Henningsen of Herndon.

Moving to Oberlin over the weekend from Scottsbluff, Neb., were Mrs. Don Secord, Paula, 7th grade, Laura, 4th grade and David, 1st grade. The Secords are living in the Mrs. Charles Walton home in northeast Oberlin. Mr. Secord came to Oberlin in November after becoming manager of KOMC-TV.

Dresden: Mrs. M.E. Muirhead celebrated her 94th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Muirhead on Feb. 25

Recent deaths in the Decatur County area: Wayne Landau, 74, and Tony Nielsen, 75, both Oberlin residents and Fred Milner, 75, Clayton.

In 1962 the Decatur County Hospital had an occupancy rate of 75.5%, a new record according to Joseph Pollara, hospital administrator.

Construction work started last week on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leech on the lot immediately north of the R.F. Landau home on North Penn. Mr. Leech is local manager of the Kansas-Nebraska Gas Co. Wayne Goltl is the building contractor.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schultz, Oberlin, son, Timmy Lee, March 6, 1963.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1888

A warming trend has brought the wheat out of dormancy but high winds over the weekend caused some soil erosion though minor in comparison to what we saw two years ago, according to Decatur County Extension Agent Mick Glaze.

Oberlin City Council members toured the new city and rural fire station on North Penn Avenue to see the facilities and equipment which stand ready to serve the area in case of fire or other disasters. City and rural fire chief is Bill Cathcart and Rick Diebert is assistant.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Ahlstedt were guests of honor at a supper at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin. He is a former pastor of the local church and they now reside in a retirement home in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Castle, Thaniel, Devan, Valisha and Calise and Shirley Ward have returned from New York City where they met their sister and family, Janice and Ralph Kestenbaum and Ryel, of Lousanne, Switzerland and attended the bar mitzvah of Ryel at their Jewish Synagogue in New York City.

Jennings: Kerry Green is recovering from injuries received when strong winds blew him from the top of a grain hopper car he was loading at Garvey Elevator.

A busload of Animal Science students from Purdue University toured the Decatur County Feed Yard last week as part of a six-state tour of the livestock and ag industry which included 10 stops in Kansas. They observed the ultrasound process of checking the amount of fat in beef cattle and also studied general feedlot management and health care of animals. Manager Warren Weibert and staff hosted the class at a noon lunch before they left for Scott City, southwest Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.



A HERNDON SCHOOL photo (above), taken with a Brownie box camera, shows Walter Drath (left) and John Franke in 1924. It was provided by Cecilia Barenberg, Class of 1924.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon Pride will be meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday at the Sunflower Villa. Officers and members will be discussing the annual-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter baskets. Pride welcomes new members and community support.

Jason Hafner and Raquel Freichs, Lexington, Neb., were guests of Bob and Julie Hafner for a few days this week. They celebrated Raquel's birthday enjoying pizza at Roger's Monday evening, watching movies and playing games.

Bethany Chartier was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday at the Herndon Senior Center. The bride received many nice and useful gifts from family and friends. The shower was hosted by Deb Portschy and Lori Marintzer. Bethany will marry Isaac Marintzer on March 23 in Herndon.

David and Lauren Sattler of Norton and Tom and Myra Sattler flew to California to visit Matt, Angela, Hannah, Thomas and Emily Haller.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 17, following Mass. They will serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Silent Auction will end at 10:30. Free-will donations to the youth group are welcome and everyone is invited.

Anointing of the Sick will take place Thursday, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Father Nick Parker will administer this Sacrament.

Randy Sattler, Hutchinson, spent Thursday to Monday last week with his mother, Janice, his brothers, Jayme, Ron and Cindy, and sister, Mary and Brian Clark. He enjoyed supper with Bob and Julie Hafner and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., Thursday evening. He came to attend the funeral of Don Pettera.

Julie's Memory Joggers Herndon School Photo 1924 Provided by Cecilia Barenberg Walter Drath and John Franke, Class of 1924, were goofing off while others were in the school's kitchen doing the clean-up in a photo sent by Cecilia Barenberg. She recalls that the school had hot dogs for a picnic. Other class members were George Grafel, Clem Hutflies, Emma Goltl, Lillie Jennings, Dorothy Wendelin, Mae Bonser, and Edna Swartz Blankenberg. The class celebrated its 75th reunion in 1999.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On March 7, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Carl Mumm won high with a score of 602; Shirley Emigh took second with a score of 578; Betty James got low with a score of 345; and Pat Wessel had the most Queens. Other members present include: Jeanie Sprester, Paul Neff, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Edna Schiltz, Lillian Sulzman, Bernita Aumiller, Ralph Weis, Bob Wessel, Gail Mumm and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 15, Levi Rogers, Linda Shuler; March 16, Marvin Kaus, Josh Mosier, Mary Peter; March

17, Dan Campbell, Betty Barnett, Boyd Wilson; March 18, Nick Rall, David Gould, Cody Jacobs; March 19, Danielle Hickert Young, Chance Marble, Tate Bruggeman; March 21, Alfred Albers, Tracie Smith Metcalf.

Pinochle Night is at 7 p.m. sharp, Saturday at the Community Center. Bring some snacks, a partner, and \$10.

Congratulations the the Lady Golden Plains Bulldogs for their third place at State Basketball!

Rexford and Selden schools are on Spring Break Monday through Friday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, attended funeral services Saturday morning for Alvina Moos, 98, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell with burial following in the church cemetery. Alvina was the mother of Darlene Shaffer of Hoxie and the grandmother of Susan May of Oberlin.

Ryan May, representing Decatur Community High School, placed fourth in Oration and sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking at the speech tournament held Tuesday in Oakley.

Richard May, Lawrence; Walter and Betty May, Robert May, Roland May and Hannah, Cameron Nedland, and Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam were Saturday evening dinner guests of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May and Elizabeth to celebrate Betty's 88th birthday, complete with birthday cake and ice cream.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, and Jessica Bremer were Monday evening dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer to celebrate John's birthday.

Mildred Holmdahl, Warren and Jan Bainter, Justin Zodrow, Jessica Bremer, and Kristen Bremer and Rowan were Saturday evening guests of John and Dianne Bremer

for dinner and birthday cake to celebrate Rowan's first birthday. Her birthday party was originally planned a couple weeks earlier but rescheduled due to the much needed snowstorm we received.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Eric Moore, 54, who passed away Thursday at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. He is survived by his wife, Shelly; children Justine and Dylan of the home; mother, Dorothy Moore; father, Melvin Moore and wife Margaret, Benkelman, Neb.; sister, Debbie Nickels, husband, Mike, and their children Emma and Mark, McLouth; and brother, Brian Moore, Las Vegas, as well as many other aunts, uncles, and cousins. Eric was a 1977 graduate of Decatur Community High School. A memorial service will be held this Saturday in Manhattan. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at the Oberlin Cemetery followed by a gathering of Eric's family and friends at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eric Moore account at the Kansas State Bank, 8803 East Highway 24, Manhattan, Kan., 66502, to help with medical expenses.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are busy planning ahead for our annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. We hope that families with children will mark this on their calendars and make plans to attend.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon to play dominos. Snacks were served following the game. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the rousing-along time before supper on Monday.

We had a big crowd at the bingo game played on Tuesday afternoon. Audra Duncan won the first bingo and Wanda Heller won the blackout game. There was enough time for a second game with Irene Fringer winning both the first bingo and the blackout game.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make shamrock decorations for St. Patrick's Day.

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

Penny cards were on the agenda

for Thursday afternoon. Most of the players ended up winning at least one hand.

Staff member Sally May brought treats for the residents to enjoy during coffee time on Friday morning.

Friday afternoon we abandoned our weekly baking group in favor of playing an extra game of bingo. Wanda Heller won the first bingo and Marguerite Bailey won the blackout game. Dewaine Stapp assisted with the game.

We will miss our Reading Buddies this week as they will be on Spring Break. We will look forward to their next visit on March 26.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Teresa Schiltz, Liberal; Delpha Sis, Anna Sis, Atwood; Carol Rhodes, Lillian Sulzman and Margaret Rhodes, Dresden; Deb, Timothy, Matthew and Mike Helm, Norcatur;

Oberlin visitors: Robert Fringer, Connie Olson, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Dolores Depperschmidt.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Joyce Sumner has made 25 small quilts for the Norton County Hospital. She followed her son's advice and didn't try to drive to Lyle on Sunday. The snow, although there was not a lot of it, was blowing enough to cause visibility problems at times. Joyce's granddaughter, Amy Archer is still waiting for a liver transplant.

Tracey Pershing took Gary Anthony and her grandmother, Veda Wood, to church and then took her little granddaughters out to eat. They had planned on a trip to Walmart but the weather changed the plan.

Toots Magers had been pretty well snowed in, which doesn't bother her at all if we are getting some kind of moisture in return. She and eight others played pinochle on Thursday.

Kathy Van Meter said they didn't have any news this week.

Carolyn Plotts sent us her recipes for Easter breakfast casseroles since she and Jim are going to Guatemala for their tour this time. We will try to do it as she does. Remember,

Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m. on the east side of the church, followed by breakfast in the Community Building.

June Jolly attended a prime rib appreciation dinner given by the McCook Eagle's Club. On Monday they had their last marathon card party at the center. Her KT Club was on Thursday at the center, she played Bingo Thursday and cards again Friday. She is going right along on her quilt, also.

Dwight and Teresa Wood, Tom Baker and Steve Maddy visited at Veda Wood's house on Saturday. Teresa visited friends, put a new vacuum cleaner together, then, (how embarrassing) made Veda's old one work. Dwight and Teresa are both having tests and biopsies done. We pray the news will be good.

Carol Moye took Veda Wood to McCook on Tuesday, where the doctor said the screws in her leg are holding. She doesn't have to go back to the doctor, but is going to Oberlin for therapy.

Chamber News

By David Swank

Do you remember 1958? Were you born in 1958? Well, if so, then you have in something in common with one of the most distinguished residents of Oberlin — the Decatur County Museum.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 2, when the museum will begin its 2013 summer season — it's 55th year. In celebration, the museum board and staff will be hold the Chamber of Commerce/Oberlin Business Alliance Coffee Hour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come to the museum, grab some coffee and snacks, and take a look at all the fascinating displays. And if you're not a museum member, it would be great time to join.

Then, a few days later, at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 7, the Oberlin Pool Committee will have a fund raiser at the Sunflower Cinema, a wine-

cheese-silent auction-movie event. The movie will be "Great Expectations," a Charles Dickens classic, captured live Feb. 7 to the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End. Its screen debut was late March in theaters across the US. It's a stunning production; don't miss it. Tickets, \$15, can be purchased from Pool Committee members.

Since the last Chamber News, we've added one more board member, Deb Marshall from Norcatur. Deb lends a broader county perspective to the board. Thanks, Deb, for becoming a member.

Finally, if you're in business, you know how important April 24 is. That's Professional Assistants Day. The Chamber will hold a luncheon at The Gateway For now, so mark your calendars. Details will follow.