

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1888
March has been exceedingly lion-like so far.

Oberlin's new \$10,000.00 schoolhouse is beginning to assume shape.

H.S. Beardsley and family have returned to Oberlin with the intention of making it their home.

J.R. Caldwell & Co., have purchased the W.A. Lloyd stock of groceries.

Dirt is flying fast and furious on the Rock Island south of here.

W.D. Street recently refused \$50 per acre for a 10-acre block of land in the northwest corner of his quarter.

Workman have commenced tearing down the office recently occupied by Doctor Bariteau. This is the first step toward preparing for work on the Liepold building.

The members of the G.A.R. post will disinter the body of Fred Walters, who was killed by the Indians in the raid of 1878 and buried near the C.E. Thomas place on the south Sappa, and bury him in the Oberlin Cemetery. His body was not found for several weeks after the raid and at the time of discovery the body was in such a state of decomposition that it had to be buried where it was found.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1913

The weather continues cold and unpleasant. March appears to be in the mood to give us all the cold weather we need before allowing spring to start out in earnest.

Miss Martha Douglas, who has been teaching at Hoxie, came over Saturday for a short visit with the home folks. Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Douglas returned from their Washington trip Saturday.

The Oberlin band has re-organized for the year with Jay Paddock,

manager; R.D. Strain, secretary and treasurer; Geo. A. Gilkson, director and Guy Jones, property man.

A Bad Fire: Last Sunday afternoon as Dr. Morrison and Martha Douglas were going to Hoxie in the Beers auto with young Beers at the wheel, at the draw near the J.F. McGee place they ran into a pile of Russian thistles and the exhaust set the thistles on fire. The high wind soon carried the blaze to the stack yards of Mr. McGee consuming 12 tons of millet hay, 20 tons of cane hay, 18 tons of topped and bound cane, 200 bushels of unthreshed milo maize, etc. Mr. McGee estimates his loss at \$350.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1938

The jury is still out on the Dresden State Bank robbery case. Hundreds have packed the court room with many unable to get in. Many arrived early in the day bringing their lunches to hold a seat during the full day session. It has been years since any court case has attracted this much attention. Prosecuting attorneys are County Attorney John Bremer, C. Glenn Morris, assistant attorney general, W.T. Wolfe and W.S. Langmade, Defense counsel was Jerry Driscoll, Russell, W. L. Sayers and Casey Jones, a brother of the accused, both of Hill City.

Many favorable comments have been heard concerning the landscaping of the court house lawn which is being done by the NYA boys. A hedge is being planted around the yard and trees being set out in the yard and near the building.

A marriage of much interest to the community was that of Miss Velma Fleming and John F. Peters who were married March 22 by the Rev. Delbert Wickstrom. They will make their home in Osborne where they plan to open a shop for women's

ready-to wear and shoes.

Pupils from District 104 with their teacher, Miss Marie Asbahr, visited at the Herald office, the post office, the Steam Bakery and the Farmers National Bank on Tuesday. Pupils making the tour were Joan, Maxine and Helen Ridpath, Eldred and Geraldine VanPelt, Maynard and Margie Smalberger, Lloyd, Billy and Velma Fowler and June Watkins. Miss Helen Naugle assisted Miss Asbahr with transportation.

Norcatour: The community program put on at the high school was pronounced exceptionally good and raised \$56.70 toward the purchase of a gas stove for the city hall kitchen.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1963

Nichols Construction Co., has begun work on the new 50x120-foot city storage building situated north of the city power plant.

Wayne Grose, Brush, Colo., is the new manager at Oberlin IGA.

Dr. Frank Gierhart, Oberlin dentist, was elected president of Oberlin Rotary at the recent Tuesday meeting. He will assume his duties at the July 1 meeting succeeding President Carl Frickey.

A new scholarship foundation for graduating high school seniors is rapidly taking shape. The Oberlin Chamber of Commerce went on record as backing the Citizens Scholarship Foundation instigated locally by Dr. Robert Phillips.

E.R. Woodward, publisher of "The Oberlin Herald," is actively seeking nomination to the senate seat held by the late August Lauderbach, R. of Colby.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Vacura, Jennings, son, William Joseph, 3-24-63; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meitl, Dresden, son, Daniel Lee, 3-22-63.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1888

Oberlin Mayor Idella Frickey extended a welcome to over 200 citizens and guests attending the PRIDE Pacemaker Award banquet held at the Oberlin American Legion. The award was presented by Kansas Governor Mike Hayden to Marie McVay, Oberlin PRIDE chairman. Hayden also noted that open houses had been held in Oberlin at three businesses, Kansas Coach manufacturing plant, Car-tops Unlimited and Halliburton Services.

A continuing lack of moisture could hamper growth of the wheat crop if this week's predicted storm fails to bring a good soaking to Northwest Kansas.

New Arrivals: Annette and Greg Overlease, Dresden, daughter, Amber Marie, 3-25-88; Ruth and Ray Mizell, Norton, son, Stephen Andrew, 3-26-88; Robert and Barbara Eskew, McCook, daughter, Hailey Corinne, 3-17-88 at Community Hospital, McCook.

Brad Fredrickson, wrestling coach at Plainville High School, has been named Coach of the Year by the Kansas High School Wrestling Assoc.

Four DCHS basketball players have been named to the All-Northwest Kansas League tourney teams in recognition of their excellent play. On the Red Devil girls team, Barbara Juenemann, senior; Jeni Shirley, sophomore and Jeni Peter, junior, were selected by league coaches and on the boys team, John Koerperich, junior.

The Clarion, area shopper distributed in several northwest Kansas counties since November 1985, has ceased publication effective March 22.

Good Samaritan News

By Whitney True

Eat. Love. Pray. Many of you may have read a book or seen a movie by this title. It's a story about a woman that sets out traveling to many places across the globe in search for God, herself and the know-how to forgive her past.

Most of us will never travel to India, Bali or some of the other far-off and exotic places that the main character in the story goes to but it's a journey that I think all of us can relate to.

The search for ourselves, God and purpose, this journey seems all too easy for some of us. Have you ever met a person that seems to have everything together, all the time. A perfect faith in God, in him or herself and this way about them that never shows any weakness; For most of my 27 years I felt like I needed to be that person and I know so many people, including many of our residents, that have felt the same way.

I realize how naive it was to assume I could try to function on some sort of level of perfection all the time and also how silly it was to think that perfectionism would mean that others would love me and that God would love me.

There is a scene in the movie where the main character is being taught by a Balinese medicine man to "go out and smile with her face, her mind and in her lyric." He also talks about the balance we all need between selfishness and God. At first I was confused at this statement, thinking how that could be. How could selfishness ever be something

we would want to balance in our lives; Particularly to balance in relation to God?

Our residents talk a lot about their past experiences and how it's so important not to take the small stuff so seriously. It may sound funny but I think this is what the Balinese medicine man may have been talking about. Of course in life we want our life to be focused and serious on a spiritual level but maybe not taking everything so darn serious all the time will allow us to smile with our faces, our minds and in our lyric. Maybe to smile in our minds and lyric will enable us to love and to live fuller in each day we are given by God. There is an old song by Louis Armstrong and it says "When you're smiling the whole world smiles with you."

Well, maybe when we smile in our minds and in our lyrics we are really encouraging those around us to think positive and in a round about way we love each other more.

Our residents have a laid-back sense of style and I am beginning to see the wisdom there. I asked Josefa Chason about this and she agreed that when someone is happy inside you can see that and feel that from them and it makes it easier to try and feel that way herself. Betty May and Marylu Brown all agreed. This idea of happiness as a contagious sort of thing is something all of the staff try to keep in mind each day and it's the primary reason that we try to keep activities balanced offering spiritual activities and then many other opportunities to be creative,

expressive, to laugh and to be silly.

This week we kept busy with Bingo, devotions, social hours and exercise class.

Woody May, Betty May and Margaret Vacura attended Horticulture Club where we repotted more indoor plants and made plans for our outdoor garden we hope to start in a few weeks. We also made root-beer floats which were a hit, and wiped the dust off our popcorn maker. Residents and staff loved the aroma. We also held a hunting competition for our residents indoor, played miniature golf and had an Easter Egg Hunt for our First Hand Friends. We kicked off our pen-pal program and have continued to collect funds for

our service project that will benefit the food bank.

As always we are interested in new volunteers and are so thankful for all of our current volunteers that give so much time, effort and their love.

Visitors included Nadine Tacha for **Galen Tacha**; Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**; Janice Colgan for **Jim Colgan**; Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**; Connie and Jerry Olson for **Evelyn Olson**; Jan and Jayme Sattler, Julie Hafner, Pat Tongish and Barbara Leitner for **Marcella Leitner**; Joan Betts for **Phil Erickson** and **Myrtle Waldo**; and Ann Mines for **Leona Helmkamp**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Robert and Patti Chartier, Ozawkie, spent the weekend with the Beth Chartier family and Joe and Nadine Green. While here, they attended the wedding of Bethany Chartier, Bob's niece, and Isaac Marintzer on Saturday, as did Jeanne, Mitchell and Brittany Tuma, Colby, and Joe and Nadine Green.

The Kleidosty-Solko crew turned out another good batch of homemade bologna this last week. Monday, part of the group washed and tied casings while others ground and seasoned meat. Tuesday, the casings were stuffed and rings were tied before the smoking and steaming. The project finished up Wednesday with dividing the cooled rings. Those enjoying their hard work were High Commander John Kleidosty, North Platte; Tony Kleidosty, Riverdale, Neb.; Nick Kleidosty, Overton, Neb.; Del, Don, Alan and John Solko and Sam Solko; Julie Hafner, all of Herndon; and Brian, Mary and Collin Clark, Atwood.

Theresa Rippe traveled to Minneola last weekend to visit Brenda and Aaron Schilde and Addison. While there they enjoyed shopping in some new stores and also eating at the new I-Hop restaurant in Dodge City.

This is your last chance to stop in The Bank, Herndon, and see

the two Easter baskets on display, a Herndon Pride project. You are all invited to the Pride bake sale and Easter egg hunt on Saturday morning in City Park. Flyers with information are posted at several Herndon businesses.

Many revelers dressed in green turned out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, sponsored by the Herndon Pool Hall. The parade was led by Joe Green, driving his '59 Ford Galaxy with assistance of a leprechaun, Voni Sattler. The youngest parade member was 2-year old Emma Pelkey, driving her green John Deere tricycle.

Deb Portschy and Peach Beims recently attended the Scrappy Days Scrapbooking event in Russell. They were joined there by Heather Murchie of Manhattan. Lots of scrapbooking, visiting and renewing friendships made for an enjoyable time.

Janice Sattler and Jayme, Atwood, and Julie Hafner surprised Marcella Leitner on Thursday in Oberlin. They had a nice visit with Marcella, Patricia Tongish of Newton, and Donna Wilson, Wichita. Family enjoyed helping Marcella celebrate her 89th birthday on Friday.

May the Joys of Easter be with all of you.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for trivia games and coffee. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Helen Helm had their first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Irene Fringer and Everett Gerdes won the black-out games.

The Decatur Professional Women hosted the March birthday party in the Cedar Living Center dining room during supper on Tuesday. The group served root beer floats for dessert. Musical entertainment was provided by Channing Fortin who sang and played the guitar. Alvina Gamblin and Floyd Lotker were recognized for having March birthdays.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon to do a little spring planting. A variety of vegetable and flower seeds were started in small pots. Some of the plants were sprouting by the weekend.

Father Mark Berland brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents met to work on a creative writing project on Thursday afternoon. Many stories were shared.

The baking group made bread in the bread machine on Friday afternoon. An appreciative group of residents turned out to sample the bread during the social hour.

Staff members Peggy Gassman and Linda Fox hosted the coffee club on Saturday morning. They report that residents enjoyed watching the snow fall and telling stories of winter storms from the past.

The activity and dietary departments teamed up on Sunday evening to make ice cream sundaes.

We are looking forward to a week of events centered around an Easter theme, especially the Easter Egg Hunt at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26.

Recent visitors: Teresa Schlitz; Liberal; Margaret Rhodes, Dresden; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Delpha Sis, Jadyann and Juliann Sis, Atwood; Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Rebecca Cox, Norcatour; Kathy Shaffer, Brent Shaffer, McCook; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Carol Rhodes, Dresden; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Donald Richard Cundiff, 59, Miami, Okla., brother of Greg Cundiff, Oberlin, passed away Monday morning, March 25, at Integris Baptist Regional Health Center in Miami, from injuries due to an accident. Sympathies to Greg and Janice and families.

Darlene Schaffer, Hoxie, accompanied by Susan May and Erin, drove to Denver and visited their son and brother and family, Steve and Laura Schaffer, John and Kate from March 15 to 18.

Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace spent the week of spring break in Tescott, Ariz., visiting Becky's mother, Linda Ryan, and grandmother, Lois Kepple, returning home March 17.

Elizabeth Nedland placed second in extemporaneous speaking and fifth in poetry at the Smith Center High School speech meet Thursday.

The Decatur Community High School vocal department enjoyed the live musical production of Disney's, "The Lion King" at the Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, Saturday evening. Among those attending were students Cassidy Shields,

Elizabeth Nedland and Hannah and Zach May and sponsors Pam May and Kelly Shields. The group also visited the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Sunday before returning home.

Memorial services for Eric Moore, officiated by Pastor Brad Rick, were held Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with inurnment at the Oberlin Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Shelly, of Manhattan; children, Justine and Dylan of the home; mother, Dorothy (Reith) Moore; father Melvin Moore and wife Margaret, Benkelman, Neb.; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Mike Nickels and family, McLouth; brother, Brian Moore, Las Vegas, Nev.; and many aunts and uncles including Martin and Evelyn (Reith) May and Loyd and Fern Moore from our neighborhood.

Following a week of spring break visiting their families, Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland, Kansas State University, Manhattan, and Cameron Nedland, Fort Hays State University, returned to campus on Sunday as classes resumed on Monday.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

It's spring, but it's hard to tell by looking outside — lots of snow and ice. The snow at my home came down so beautifully, just like it's supposed to do at Christmas.

We are anxious for spring to be here, and hope it will be warm for the Sunrise Easter Service at Lyle. The service is planned for 7:15 a.m. Sunday and the forecast is for warmer weather.

Carroll Jolly of Omaha visited his family, June's and Dean's family last weekend.

They had pizza at the Rocket Inn in Indianola, Neb., on Friday, and the whole family dined out in McCook on Saturday night. June played cards on Monday and Bingo on Thursday.

Toots Magers played pinochle in Norcatour on Thursday.

Joyce Sumner gave me some old Lyle history, and here are a few things I learned:

Den and Charlie Andrews had a butter factory. They dug a well, then built a building over it. They hauled cream from neighbors with their team and buggy and poured it into a tumbling barrel churn powered by a steam engine.

Of course, they used the water from their well to wash and process the butter, and put the butter into their ice house, then shipped it to neighboring towns. After they ran the business four years, someone

bought it and moved it to Norton.

A buffalo calf ran with Van B. Wiggins' Black Galloway cattle, and sold with the calves.

The next morning, it was back at the Wiggins ranch, as the fence had not been strong enough to hold him. Suppose they had buffalo burgers?

Henry Brunk was laid up several weeks after betting that his mules could beat the train to the crossing five miles away. The mules made it across. Young whipper snapper!

In March 1918, a story was in *The Oberlin Herald* by E.M. Coldren called, "The Pioneer" about the life of his friend, Worley Andrews, one of the young men who discovered the valley where Lyle would later be located.

At that time, Andrews was a county official living in Oberlin. I would love to read the story; partly because of its history, and partly because he was my great-great, (how many times?) uncle.

Jack Langley, the same circuit rider who laid his six-guns on either side of the pulpit while he preached, led a cow along when he came to the yearly camp meetings so they could have milk.

The grasshopper invasion did not happen just one year, but four years in a row. They flew north in May, and south in August, doing most of their damage in August.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A sunrise service and breakfast are planned at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, followed by Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m.

Among out-of-town relatives who attended funeral services for Jack Gutchewsky on Monday, March 18, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin were: Jim and Jean Gutchewsky, Sister Helene Gutchewsky and Dan Gutchewsky, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank and Dee Gutchewsky and Jan Pollard, Omaha; Shirley and Gene Ax-tell, Rob and Kathleen Quadnor and family and Judy Powell, Danbury; Dick Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Larry Zeller, Charlotte, N.C.; Lonnie Zeller, Elwood, Neb.; Linda Clapp, St. Paul, Neb.; Randy and Leanne

Pollreis, Chanute; Matt and Barb Bamesberger and family, Kearney, Neb.; and Lori Beeby, Mike Powell, McCook.

Those who spent spring break working at Covenant Heights near Estes Park, Colo., were Pastor Keith Reuther, Bob and Beth, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Melinda Carlson, and Emma and Mandi Jones, Ryan and Josiah, Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Ben and Mariah Grafel and Clara, David Noren, Alex and Ella Helm, Billy Palamer, Mallory Horinek, Tina Zorn and Dakota Steinke. They spent time working on the Linda Leebrick cabin, and also visited Greg and Gwen Jones, Noah, Susanah, Aliah and Obediah, who live and work at the camp.

En route home on Saturday, the McEvoy's visited his nephew and wife, Don and Jean McEvoy near Fort Collins, Colo.

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