

**THE OBERLIN HERALD**

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1901**  
The weather is more like spring this week than it has been for three months.

**High School Items:** Jay Paddock has returned from Ireland. He intends to visit that place again soon. Amer Caster and Cloyd Mahanna entertained the high school with a short debate.

Norton has raised the quarantine in that county.

Judge McElroy came from Cripple Creek Sunday and is attending court this week.

Mrs. Dr. Miner is reported very sick. Her host of friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Guy and Oberlin Allen and Mrs. Charles Corporan arrived in town Monday and are visiting their parents, Capt. J. W. Allen and wife.

At a meeting of the oratorical association at Ottawa College, Robey G. Banta was elected one of three Kansas delegates to the interstate oratorical meeting which is held in May at Madison, Wis.

Clark Copeland, the biggest man in Decatur county was a caller Saturday. He and his wife make a solid couple, weighing nearly 700 pounds.

The St. James Hotel was closed up last week, Mr. Leebruck having moved to a farm near Selden. We guess Olny Claar will have to come back and run the St. James again.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1926**  
Standing room was at a premium at the high school gym Friday and Saturday evenings as big crowds witnessed the Old Fiddlers Contest held as a benefit for the Oberlin Municipal

Band. Winners were C. J. Diederich, Mrs. J. E. Michaels, F. W. VanPelt and J. M. Howland.

**District Court News:** A naturalization expert from St. Louis arrived Wednesday and two cases of naturalization on the docket were taken up. The rights of citizenship being granted to Matt Meixner but Ludwig Kettrel was told to wait a while longer.

Mrs. Arthur Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harris, planned and successfully carried out a surprise on her parents last week. The occasion being the 50th wedding anniversary of the couple.

**Along Big Timber:** Elwood Lee is the name given that fine young man who arrived at the Alvin Bailey home recently.

**Fairview-Summit Items:** Little Doris Willcoxon who has been quite sick, is better.

**Along Big Timber:** The officers of the Big Timber phone lines are: President, Gilbert Brown; secretary-collector, Edwin Hegree and Lee Haresnape; treasurer and Lineman, Harvey Rohan. Tell Harvey your troubles.

Bernard Schieferecke, Dresden, has qualified an expert rifleman in the Marine Corps while at target practice at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Bernard joined the Marine Corps in Nov. 1923 and was assigned to duty at San Diego, Calif. In recent months he has been stationed aboard the California, one of the largest battleships of the Pacific fleet.

**Dresden Notes:** The Dresden town team went to Clayton Monday night. The team is composed of Perry Norris, Earl Graves, Speed Cook, Red Long,

Earl Brown, T. A. James, Oris McManis and John Locy.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1951**  
Ted Addleman left Sunday for Ft. Riley, called here by the U. S. Army Medical Corps for a 15-day period of active duty training. Ted is a member of the active Reserves and the Medical Service Corps. During World War II he was in the service approximately five years.

Funeral service were held at Immaculate Conception Church at Leoville for Cecil Karls, 24, of Dresden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Karls who succumbed to a heart ailment at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Partch and two children are moving today from Beloit to Bird City where he will get into the farming business on his father's farm. He was a former county agent here as well as in Beloit.

**Hospital News:** Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hill, Selden, a son, Larry Wayne, Feb. 13; Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, Jennings, a son, Kenneth William, Feb. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wessel, Selden, a son, Feb. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Muirhead, a daughter, Feb. 20.

**Jennings:** Burial was held at Big Timber Cemetery for Jimmie Carstens, 20, of Norton who died in a car wreck. He was a former resident of the Jennings area and attended Jennings schools.

**DCHS matmen** going to the State Tournament at Salina are: Dale Votapka, 103; Aard Erickson, 112; Phillip Erickson, 138; Arnold Morton, 145; Melvin Moore, 154 and Doyle Morton, 175. Votapka and Morton won regional championships.

An evening ceremony at the Boulevard Congregational Church in Denver on Saturday, Feb. 10, united in marriage Dorothy M. Soderlund, daughter of Mr. Dean Soderlund of Oberlin and Mr. George W. Corner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Corner of

Littleton.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1976**  
The local Western Auto Associate Store, located at the corner of Penn Avenue and Commerical streets, will be expanding its floor space in the near future, according to owner Clyde Vernon. The project includes the south half of the building presently occupied by Bobbitt Cleaners. Max Bobbitt plans to move the dry-cleaning business to the building at 201 North Penn Avenue, formerly housing the Pepsi office which Bobbitt owns.

A base antenna for the Oberlin port of entry which will monitor all channels and provide emergency communication on channel 9 was put up Monday afternoon by the local citizen's band radio club, the CB Raiders. The CB Raiders was organized last June and boasts 52 members. The club meets the first Sunday of each month at the 4-H building with Samme Steinmetz as president and Marvin Matchett as vice president.

Decatur County Extension agent Gerald Meyer announced that he will terminate his position effective May 14 to return to farming in the Marysville area.

Eligible landowners in Cook and Prairie Dog townships in Decatur County are urged to vote at Selden City Hall Tuesday for the formation of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater District.

**Jennings:** Funeral services were held for Mrs. Hugo (Anna) Von Schiuezt, 84, lifetime Jennings resident who was born in 1892 to William and Josie Cilek Stram.

The Devil matmen won the State 2-A crown, had three state champions, Young, McDaniel and Alstrom, and qualified five for Grand State at Hays.

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary chose Susan Wenger and Vicki Wells as Girls State delegates and Jean Ann Hess as alternate. The event will be held June 6-13 at Lawrence.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Edith Tate, accompanied by her mother, Lois Carlson, drove to Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1, to visit family and friends. They stayed overnight with Myra and Bill Sater, Holcomb, the first night of their trip. In Tucson, they stayed with Joanne Yager and also visited her daughter, Becky, and her two children. Mrs. Tate also attended a reunion with some friends from her college nursing classes. In Payson, they stayed with Mrs. Carlson's sister-in-law, Clara (Carlson) Swisher, and visited with her daughter, Jeanette Miller. While in Arizona, they also visited Wallace and Carol Swisher at Sonoita, Ariz., before leaving for home, on Feb. 12.

Shirley Shields traveled by Amtrak to Creston, Iowa, Feb. 3, to stay with her grandson, Keric Shields, while his parents, Mark and Corby Shields, were on vacation. She returned home Feb. 11.

Get well wishes are extended to Jack Fortin who is recuperating at home following hip replacement surgery on Feb. 7.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., visited her mother, Hildegard Euhus, from Monday through Saturday.

Friday evening dinner guests of

LuVerne and Wilbur May at the LandMark Inn were Martin and Evelyn May. After dinner, they returned to the Wilbur May home to socialize.

Jessica Bremer spent Thursday night and Friday with her aunt, Lois Carlson. There was no school Friday at Oberlin Elementary School, due to parent-teacher conferences.

Stean Olson placed third in the 189-pound weight division in the regional wrestling tournament, which was held in Ellis Friday and Saturday. His parents, Gerald and Connie Olson, and Kelly were met in Hays Saturday by Wendy, Justin and Garrett Scott of Hill City, to watch Stean wrestle. He will go on to wrestle in the state tournament next weekend in Hays. Congratulations, Stean!

Members of our community enjoyed a congregational potluck dinner Sunday noon at St. John's Lutheran Church. The dinner was to honor members of the congregation who are 80 years old or older.

Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Alvina Unger were her son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Lois Unger, of Colby.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will be in charge of the morning worship services at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow. The youth will meet at 4 p.m. and choir practice will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Carol Fink, Austin and Ashley of Wamego were weekend guests of her parents, Gordon and Norma Anderson.

LeRoy Schmidt is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing surgery last week at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Kurt and Mary Rachel Olson accompanied their grandparents, Wesley and Eulaine Benda, to Sublette, where they were weekend guests of Mitch and Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna. They also attended Paul's basketball games.

Alice Robson of Ellsworth has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noren, and the Steve Noren family.

Sherri Steinemann and Karen Peebles of Denver visited over the weekend with their grandmother, Hattie Olson, who is recuperating from a recent broken elbow at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

A large crowd enjoyed the Valentine supper and program sponsored by the Herndon Youth Group and their sponsor, Lori Seaman, on Sunday evening at the Herndon Covenant Church.

## McGraw News

By G.G. Launchbaugh

Raquelle Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter visited Russel Bainter last week.

## Lyle News

Liberty Star Club met Wednesday at the home of Margaret Magers with four members present. In the absence of the president, Angie Wilson, Kathy Van Meter had charge of the meeting. The program theme was "Valentine," and quotes from famous people were read. A multiple choice pencil game was played. Mrs. Magers served a tasty lunch using the Valentine motif.

Roger and Angie Wilson had gone to the wedding of a granddaughter, a daughter of their son, Mike.

Those attending the birthday dinner of June Jolly at a McCook club Saturday evening were Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Kim Jolly, Jennifer Blume, Taylor and Austin; Louis and Leveda McFarland, Megan McFarland, Les McFarland, Dennis and Linda McFarland, Margaret

Magers, and Kathy Van Meter.

Leon and Veda Wood and John and Helen Helm were in Lebanon, Neb., Monday evening for an American Legion meeting. On Tuesday, they were among the Veterans of Foreign Wars members who took their wives out to dinner for Valentine's Day.

Marguerite Fullerton and Margaret Magers attended funeral services for Wally Bryan, at Oberlin last Tuesday, and had dinner with the family. Mrs. Bryan's first wife, Mildred, was a sister of Mrs. Fullerton.

Because the mail truck did not make it to Oberlin or Norcat, Feb. 9, and the schools were closed, Aaron, Becky, Jacob, and Mike Helm came to the farm to scoop snow and help with other projects.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

**Birthdays and anniversaries:** Feb. 22, Shane Waggener; Feb. 23, Steve Shuler; Feb. 25, Leona Vaughn; Feb. 26, Dorman Hill, Betty Schieferecke, Clint Wessel; Feb. 27, Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Brittany Ritter; Feb. 28, Pat Stevenson.

Senior Citizens was held on Feb. 15. Irene Kruse won high, Lola Cook took second, Dorothy Lovin got low and Cecelia Ottley had all Jacks.

Other members present included Anna Albers, Elsie Wessel, Laura Berls, Leone Porsch, Fansion Juemann, Vesta Shea, Flerry Shea, Donald Smith, Carol Shaw, Clara Schieferecke, Gene Rogers, Donald Shaw and Paulie Neff.

## Good Samaritan News

The Revs. Barbara and Nolan Pierce gave communion on Friday. Dennis Brown read the news to residents.

Dena Gillespie, Erma Holt, Florence Fisher, Agnes Chambers and Eva Cuthbertson did the horticulture.

Scott Waddell showed slides and told about the Island of Saipan at the Valentine cruise held on Monday. Erma Holt, Dena Gillespie, Leona Glenn and Maxine Chambers prepared "Nuts and Bolts" snack, and Fern Pieratt served.

Myrna Jones topped off the cruise with piano music.

Serena Stacey has been furnishing weekly dinner music and playing ball once a week with the residents.

Ice cream and cake were served to the residents on Tuesday. It was furnished and served by Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots and Cheri Huchison.

A Valentine dance and good listening music was sponsored by the staff.

The Vic Mowry band furnished the music. Dena Gillespie joined her son, Earl Hartzog, as they sang a song. The age difference in the dancers was

two to ninety. The STAR committee furnished the refreshments.

The Rebecca Lodge brought ice cream and assorted cakes for the February birthday party.

Residents who were celebrating birthdays were Mabel Adams, Elsie Macy, and Bonnie Weskamp. Valentine boxes of chocolate were given to residents with birthdays.

Lodge members assisting with the party were Beth Johnson, Maxine Brooks, Dorothy Machart, Grace Hoppas, Joyce Price and Dorothy Woods.

Nila Wesch joined Janice Shobe and Kathryn Post for lunch on Thursday at the center.

Residents and their guests this past week: **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Alaska;** Charlene Karnes; **Mabel Adams and Dena Gillespie;** Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **David McGee;** Hilda McGee, Keith Sauvage; **Louise Pollnow;** Esther Vernon, Elva Shaughnessy, Kay Marcuson; **Elsie Macy;** Marian Fraker; **George Beims;** Violet and Pat Beims; **Velma Jeffus;** Zach and Alex Young.

## Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

Imogene Keenan, Jennings, and her daughter, Janeil Keenan, Goodland, were Feb. 10-11 weekend guests of Darci and John Roberts in Colorado Springs. On Sunday they all attended the 100th birthday of Josephine Bosler in Pueblo, Colo.

Senior night was held during the Brewster Jennings game Tuesday evening. Seniors accompanied by their parents were acknowledged for their accomplishments over the last four years.

Seniors were: Russell Miller, Justin Bolt, Jarred Foster, Lori Vahling, Kristi Smith, Robert Daus, Ben-

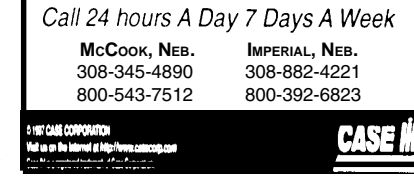
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