

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — March 1901

We hear that the prisoners were only fed twice on Sunday and there was nearly a mutiny on account of it.

E. E. Moser was in town Tuesday showing a handful of gold that he claimed he found in an old oyster can when breaking prairie on his farm.

Sid Morrish has put down a well in front of his place of business and put in one of his fine pumps so that farmers can water there if they are so inclined.

T.B. Wolfe closed a very successful term of school in district No. 6 last Friday. Mr. Wolfe is one of the most competent teachers that has ever taught in this county.

People can now be seen borrowing coal by the bucket full.

Some movers passed through town Saturday on their way to Nebraska.

The worst blizzard of the season began Saturday afternoon and lasted until Monday morning. All day Sunday the wind blew a gale from the northwest and the air was so full of fine snow that one could see but a few rods in any direction. It was a bad storm for stock.

Art Steele drove home from Danbury on Sunday. Got his team down in the snow once and admitted that it was one of the worst drives he ever made. The roads, he said, were simply impassable in some places but he opened the wire fences and came home. Had to do it, that was the only way.

A party of young folks went to Norcatour to the dance Saturday night and were kept there over Sunday by the storm. They were Misses Rena and Alma Southard, Opal Griggs, Ethel Branstook, Fred Patton, Homer Hitchcock, Jap Southard, John Millen and Archie Marks.

Miss Anna Anderson went home Friday and owing to the deep snow was unable to get back to her school Monday. Supt. Huber taught in her place and the little ones claim they had a jolly time.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1926

A Rotary Club was organized at Atwood Monday evening under the direction of H. Q. Banta, president of the Oberlin Rotary Club. Eleven Rotarians from Colby came along to

help and Oberlin Rotarians making the trip besides Mr. Banta were Fred Patton, Jay Paddock, Lee Meadows, Will Curry, Herbert Morrison, Caleb Smick, V. A. Francis, Charles Piper, Ray Dyer, Horace Bowman and Ned Coldren.

Craig Cathcart received the news Sunday that his brother, Joe M. Cathcart, of near Talmadge, Neb., had passed away that day. Mr. Cathcart is the father of Ad C. and Frank F. Cathcart and they together with Mr. Craig Cathcart left on the train Monday evening to attend the funeral services. The deceased was 84 years old, and was still living on the same farm he had purchased after leaving the Union Army at the close of the Civil War.

The box supper at Summit School was very successful and the proceeds of \$68.80 was spent for a phonograph, 15 books, a silk flag, two swings and two teeter boards.

Steve Tuttle wrecked his airplane Wednesday in making a landing over near the Rock Island right of way. Steve was not seriously hurt.

The brick layers began laying the walls of the new court house Wednesday.

The furnishings of the Manhattan Cafe owned by John Harris were destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Smoke even penetrated into the Dowden Style Shops lightly and it is likely but for the prompt arrival of the fire fighters the loss would have been much greater.

Jennings: Four carloads of manufactured ice was shipped here from Norton this week.

Dresden Notes: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Welter announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, March 28th.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1951

Eight other counties in northwest Kansas are cooperating with Decatur County in working with the Water Resources Corporation of Denver to explain the new rain-making methods which could be used to produce more rain in this corner of Kansas. A public meeting is scheduled at the DCHS auditorium to illustrate the silver iodide method.

Barbara Jeffus was recently elected by the student body as the delegate from the Junior Class at DCHS to

attend Girls' State this June on the KU campus. Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral services were held for one of the county's oldest residents, Adam Kohler, 89, who had lived in Decatur County since 1885 and farmed in the Bassettville Township area.

Orchid corsages flown all the way from Hawaii will be given away at Hayes Hardware on Friday and Saturday to every lady who comes in to look at the new lines of Servel Motorless Refrigerators.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Brown, Danbury, a baby girl born March 21. She weighed 8 pounds and has been named Joanne. She has one brother, Jack. Mrs. Brown is a niece of Mrs. George Nellans of Oberlin.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Vergil McKinzie, Gove, a daughter, Janet Sue, born March 23.

The Decatur County Historical Association, formed several years ago under the leadership of the late H. Q. Banta, has been revived and seems destined to go forward as originally conceived. All of the relics have been kept in a room of the old high school building and are now being moved to the vacant room on the third floor of the court house, formerly used by the American Legion. It is hoped that some day, in the not too distant future, a more convenient place for the display of Decatur County relics and historical documents may be had.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1976

The lone remaining survivor of the last Indian raid in Kansas died Saturday in the long-term care unit of Decatur County Hospital. Charles Janousek was born in Moravia, Czechoslovakia and was thought to be 100 years old at the time of his death, though not even he knew for sure as the documents recording his birth and baptism were destroyed in a church fire in Atwood. It was estimated he was about a year-and-a-half old when the band of Cheyenne Indians made their way through Northwest Kansas on Oct. 1, 1878, and his father, an uncle and a neighbor man were killed. Other members of his family escaped by hiding in a creek bed.

The DCHS boys' and girls' track

teams are preparing for the state indoor track meet at Manhattan.

Five seniors at DCHS, who will graduate in May, have enlisted in the U. S. Navy. They are: Kevin Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carter of Norcatour; Tracy Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Marshall; James and Eric Hughes, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hughes, and Tom Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Manning.

The DCHS' musical "Paint Your Wagon" under the direction of William Waller will be presented March 18-19.

Inurnment will be in Jennings for Glenn Rogers, 80, who spent his boyhood on the family farm near Jennings and graduated from Decatur County High School in 1917. After serving in World War I, he taught school in Jennings and Cedar Bluffs and received two degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State College before moving to Alaska to be a school administrator. Later the family moved to Seattle where he entered the real estate business.

The Oakley boys and the Hill City girls emerged winners in the KSHSAA 2A basketball tournament held at Emporia. Both teams were also winners in the Oberlin 2-A regional tournament.

Two DCHS basketball players, Roland May, junior center, and Steve Fraker, senior guard, were selected for the all-NWKL team at a meeting of the league basketball coaches.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Harrier, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy, to Griff Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln. A July wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett, Hays, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlene, to Steve Meitl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Meitl, Dresden. A June wedding in planned in Hays.

Miss Joan Lippelmann was honored with a bridal shower March 24 in the home of Mr. W. T. Wolfe with Mrs. Ray Lohofener and Agnes Dowling as assisting hostesses. Miss Lippelmann's engagement to Mr. Robert Hedrick of Kansas City, Mo., has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lippelmann.

Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

A three on three basketball tournament was held Saturday afternoon, with 25 teams participating. The 7-8th grade girls called the Whatchamacallits took first.

The Regional Music Festival will be held in Oberlin Friday, March 31. The public is invited to come watch the students participate. The first contestant will start at 8:21 a.m. and the last contestant plays at 3:56. The High School received a Standard of Excellence on a statewide assessment in writing at the eleventh grade level. Statewide about five percent of high schools in Kansas reached this level of excellence. The community is invited to the

Site Council meeting Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss ways of improving the school.

The school was awarded a \$20,000 Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant for On-Line Professional Development. This will provide technology training for certified staff members and will purchase overhead projectors for use in the classroom.

The Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 26 in the high school gymnasium. The school will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. The meal will cost \$10 and reservations must be made by May 18. Contact Rhonda Wildeman at HC 1, Box 91, Jennings to make a reservation.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 28, Lori Miller and Bernie Koerperich; March 29, Paula Schiltz, Tammy Shaw and Alexia Campbell; March 30, Wyatt Ashley; March 31, Kyle Emigh; April 1, Nikki Campbell; April 2, Tenna Ashley, Mathew Jueneemann; April 3, Tex Shaw, Rex Shaw; April 4, Ben Albers.

At Senior Citizens on March 22, Clara Schiefereke won high; Gene Rogers, second; Leone Porsch, low, and Betty James, all tens. Other members present included: Catherine Campbell, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Anna Albers, Laura Berls,

Gertrude Fleckenstein, Fansion Jueneemann, Vesta Shea, Flery Shea, Elsie Wessel, Donald Shaw, Paulie Neff, Irene Kruse and Don Smith.

Attending the monthly Selden Fire meeting on March 14 were: Chris Koerperich, Pat Koerperich, Loran Sulzman, Ben Albers, Dave Brantley, Dave Neff, Leroy Spreser, Darrell Bruggeman, Steve Rogers, Jacque Boultinghouse, Betty Hickert and J.R. Albers. Ross Corder and Ed Conard of Hoxie showed videos on grassland, open range and wildfire fire fighting techniques. Dave Neff won the door prize.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Steve and Arian Arnold returned home Thursday from Denver, and he is recuperating satisfactorily from recent kidney transplant surgery. Additional weekend visitors at the Arnold home were Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Galen and Lynne Olson, McKinney, Texas, and Edla Olson.

Sympathy is extended to Keith Reuther family following the death of his grandmother, Verna Trushel, of Dunedin, Fla., on Thursday. Funeral services were held on Monday.

The Covenant Bible College choir will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at The Gateway in Oberlin. The pro-

gram will include music, drama and puppets.

Congratulations to Erin Schmidt, who was named to the Northwest Kansas All-League first team. She is the daughter of Chris and Sherri Schmidt and is a senior at Atwood High School.

Darci Zweygardt of St. Francis was a weekend guest of Lori Seaman.

A board meeting and sack lunch for the board will be held on Sunday following morning worship services at the Herndon Covenant Church. The youth will meet at 4 p.m.; the choir at 5:45 p.m., and Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Cedar Living Center

A St. Patrick's Day party was held on March 17. Vada Shaw provided the musical entertainment. Elva Shaughnessy, Fern Jording and Marie Jean Vavroch assisted with serving lunch.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a Spring Fling Party on Monday afternoon. He served cake to residents and staff. Myrna Jones provided music for the sing-along.

A men's dinner was served at noon on Tuesday. Laurene Bryan and Elaine Bryan assisted with serving. The dietary department provided a special menu of BBQ ribs, potato salad, deviled eggs, relish plate and strawberry short cake. Those attending included Hank Wolfram, Don Thomas, Bill Brock, John Brunk, Dean Gallatin, Alvin Jording, Floyd Bryan, Wilfred Miller, Charlie Vavroch, Harold Frickey and Max Fringer.

The first bingo on Tuesday was won by Dean Gallatin and the black-out game by Lois Steiner.

Alvin Jording and Melba Anderson celebrated their birthdays on Wednesday. They were the guests of honor at a family party held on Friday evening. Those joining in the celebration were Don and Ann Mines, Fern Jording, Duane Jording and Marjorie Law. Melba and Alvin have celebrated their birthdays together for many years.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Neva Adleman and Lily Brown, who died this past week.

Art and Loretta Nelson assisted with pinochle on Thursday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Kim and Connie Meixner, Curtis Meixner, Ark City; Paul and Kathy Nauer, Galen and Meme Carper, Jennings; Jean and Elton Gillespie, Clayton; Tonya and Amanda Hill, Mount Dora, Fla.; Betty Miller, Leoville; Ann Martin, Rosie Solko, Carla Marintzer and Sharon Ecker, Pastor Keith Reuther, Herndon; Cathy Lippold, Harold and Jean Focke, Colleen, Ron and

Andy Fikan, Atwood; Steve Martin, McCook; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Pat Wessel, Don Ashley, Selden; Ed Miller, Colby; Phillip Miller, Overland Park; Alex and Nancy Walker, Kansas City; Delphine Spencer, Tami Thomas, Culbertson; Hannah Grosz, Paxton, Neb.; Lynda Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Wayne and Donna Frickey, Texas; Bart Ecker, Hays; Patsy Bane and Missy Sheldon, Haven; Gerald and Geneva Campbell, Hoxie; Robert and Charlene Mowrey, Park; Edna Smith, Lawrence; E.W. Weaver, Missoula, Mont.;

Ann Mines, Karen Bennett, Juanita Williby, Cecil Hess, Grace Hoppas, Alice Shirley, Faye Miller, Duane Jording, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dee McDougall, Elva Shaughnessy, Wendell Frickey, Frances Notdurft, Raymond, Paul, Bernard Corcoran, Marlin Marintzer, Judy Ostmeyer, Rachael Gallatin, Deb Macfee, Lemilla and Jonathan Counter, Gary Fisher, Elvin and Orlin Beneda, Fern Jording, Bob Keenan, Elmo Lund, Keith Ketterl, Anita Montgomery, Nora Bell Manning, Floyd L. Bryan, Pastor Chad Eckels, Oberlin.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The roads were dried enough Sunday morning for church services at Lyle. Joyce Sumner brought her niece and family, John and Suzanne Basten, Jordan, Audrey, and Sam, of Kansas City.

Margaret Magers, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter attended the card party hosted by the Royal Neighbors of America Lodge in Norcatour on Friday, which followed a soup and pie supper. On Sunday evening the same women took part in the pinochle tournament in Norton. Mrs. Van Meter and her partner, Leone Purton, of Norton, had one high round.

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday at the Community Building. Veda Woods gave the lesson, "Can anyone hear the bruised children of Africa call?" Margaret Magers was hostess. After the meeting their time was spent quilting. Others present were Kathy Van Meter, Pat Schwab, June Jolly, and Joyce Price.

Marguerite Fullerton was very happy to be able to be back in her home Monday. En route home she, Laurene Bryan and Gene Van Otterloo had dinner with Margaret Magers.

Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter visited Van and Irene Cozad Tuesday evening and Van accompanied them to the Senior Center for cards. Mrs. Fullerton spent the evening with Mrs. Evelyn Mayo, whose son,

Danny and his three children, of Golden, Colo., were visiting there.

Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Jolly drove to Hill City Monday evening to attend dinner and talk on finances.

On March 20, Bill Kentopp and Dean Jolly acted as Good Samaritans when John Helm got his pickup stuck in the mud and attempted to walk home. Yanis and Jaime Helm, Danbury, visited Saturday at the John Helm home and Jaime helped grandma with the computer. How can the young be so smart?

Andrew Archer, McPherson, spent his spring break with Grandpa and Grandma Sumner and his cousin, Brooke Sumner, came to play with him every chance she got. Grandma Yvonne took him back on Friday and they made a stop in Hays to visit the dinosaur named Sue at the Sternberg Museum.

Because it was Van and Irene Cozad's 72nd wedding anniversary on Thursday, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Marguerite Fullerton, and John and Helen Helm, joined them for dinner at the Senior Center, in Beaver City, Neb. Their two daughters, Karla and Ruth and their husbands, and Karla's son, Lance and his wife, were there, also. The Center had decorated the dining area especially for them. Everyone admired the lovely anniversary ring that Van had gotten for Irene. He said when they were married she wanted a Home Comfort cooking range instead of a diamond.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Anna Shaw, Isaac and Jennifer traveled over spring break to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to visit her mother, who lives there during the winter months.

Rosilee Walker, a concert pianist from Fort Smith, Ark., presented a master class for pianists on Saturday, March 17, at the Oberlin Gateway. Jessica Bremer was one of the pre-selected piano students that performed and was critiqued by Miss Walker. Jessica's piano solo was "Our Day to Share" by Randall Hartsell.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields left Monday to attend the Farm Credit stockholders meeting in Denver. They returned home on Thursday.

Rory and Greta Wendelin received regional blues in their readings at the Oberlin 4-H Days Friday. Greta's reading was from "A Midsummer's Night Dream", and Rory's reading was "Cat, You Better Come Home".

Caitlin Shields celebrated her fourth birthday Saturday afternoon with a birthday party. Guests were Zachary and Hannah May,

Samantha, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Karli and Kaine Fredrickson, Jonah Eckels and Nolan and Gannon Henningson.

Greta Wendelin and Jess Elwood, representing Decatur Community High School, placed first in their Improvised Duet Acting at the Colby speech tournament on Saturday.

Sunday dinner guests of Alvina Unger were Ralph and Norma Unger, Leo Mooty, Dr. Ryan Unger, and Colleen Rittman, Christian and Rielley.

Dinner guests at the Gerald Olson home Sunday were Evelyn Olson, Wilma May, and Wendy and Justin Scott and Garrett of Hill City.

Sunday supper guests at the Paul Shields home in honor of Caitlin's fourth birthday were her grandparents, Shirley and Gaylord Shields, and her great-grandmother, Hildegard Euhus.

Sunday dinner guests at the John Bremer home were Arthur and Alice May. The women enjoyed the style show at the Oberlin Gateway in the afternoon. One of the teen models was Mollie Coleman.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, March 31 • 10 a.m.

Location: The Gateway Center, Oberlin, Kan., at the junction of U.S. Hwy 36 & 83

Personal Property of: Duane & Dee Blodgett

Auctioneer's Note: Duane and Dee have been collecting for the past 30+ years. They are moving and so are placing this fine array of Antiques, Collectibles and Household items at auction. Make Plans Now to attend!

Antiques & Collectibles

Crocks, Coors Cookie Jar w/lid, Signed Indian Jewelry 'Bob White', Ladies set of 'Bob White' necklace, ring, earrings & bracelet etc. — Coca-Cola misc. items, etc.

Toys & Games

1942 Walt Disney Mickey Mouse Character Plaque (complete), 1920's "Marion" tin steam shovel

Household & Miscellaneous

Jewel Tea misc. items, etc.

Yard & Garden

Wooden & Aluminum ladders, assort. of hand tools, etc. **Many Items too Numerous to Mention.**

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