

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1881

Owing to the bad conditions of the roads, we were unable to get our paper from the railroad this week on time, and consequently are two days late in issuing. We hope this will not occur again.

Geo. A. Metcalf has purchased an interest in the A.H. Hollister meat market.

Another blizzard came down on us Sunday night late. Considerable snow fell.

W.H. Harlan has been appointed deputy county clerk.

Married, Feb. 13, 1881, by Stephen Butler Esq., Mr. Keith Bell and Miss Mary E. Yoho, all of Jennings Township.

Died, Feb. 13, 1881, at Oberlin, Emma, wife of Levi C. Morrison.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1906

I.O. Wear has bought the lot north of the H.B. Colt hardware store and will erect a building as soon as the weather permits for his crockery store.

Will Hayward left Monday evening for St. Louis, where he will take a course in watch making.

There were enough babies born in Kanona last week to increase the population 10 percent.

Yesterday the people of Oberlin by a vote of 167 to 33 decided to own their electric light plant. Bonds to the amount of \$10,000 were voted for the purpose of building the plant and installing the street lights.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1931

George Beardsley died early Friday after a brief heart attack. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Beardsley and was born July 7, 1881, in Oberlin. He is survived by his father, his wife, Emily, and three children. He learned the men's clothing business while a resident of Kansas City and has been in the business the past 16 years in Oberlin.

Mike Roach has been promoted by the National Reserve Life Insurance Company of Topeka to the position of district manager over Northwest Kansas and the office will be in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lytle of Lebanon, Neb., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Hazel, to Alvin Leist, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leist of Danbury. The wedding took place Saturday afternoon in the Olive Chapel parsonage in the presence of immediate families. The Rev. Roy Frey officiated. The groom is a graduate of the local high school and of the junior college at Pasadena, Calif., and is teaching in a rural school near Dresden this season. The bride is a resident of the Lebanon area.

Jennings: John Tacha and F.J.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Feb. 9 at Senior Citizens Jeanie Spreser took high and had the most aces, Alfred Albers took second and Julie Pope got low. Other members present included Anna Albers, Cecelia Ottley, Hilda Rall, Lola Cook, Betty James, Clara Schieferecke, Carol Shaw and Paulie Neff.

The Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Center, located on the corner of 4th and Nebraska, at 1:30 p.m. for pinocle. The first Thursday of the month they meet at 12 noon for a potluck. Anyone interested in playing should come to the Center at that time or contact Betty James.

The Selden Fire Department meets the last Monday of the month for training, together with the Rexford department. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Selden. The subject this month will be Fire Behavior.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 17 - Samantha Juenemann, Don and Helen Juenemann; Feb. 20 - Isabella Sauvage; Feb. 22 - Shane Ryan, Thresia Weber, Ian Koerperich.

On Feb. 4, Wanda Spreser, Todd Tompkins, and Mike Neff and Jackie Schulte visited Ricky Lee and Tammy Shaw.

School Calendar: Feb. 16 - Junior High basketball at Brewster; Feb. 17 - No school, 6:30 p.m. High school basketball in Rexford with Triplains (no junior varsity games), Sweetheart Crowning; Feb. 18 - Junior high basketball tournament at Brewster, High school Sweetheart Dance; Feb. 20-25 - Regional Basketball Week; Feb. 20 - spring pictures (start in Selden).

Dodson Sr. are owners of new Chevrolet cars.

Lyle: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fuller drove to Colorado to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harmon, who are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy.

Liberty Star: If the coyotes of Harlan, Grant, Roosevelt and Garfield townships had known the day before Feb. 6 what was in store for them, they would have made arrangements to have visited Norton County on that day. It was estimated that 1,000 people were at the final roundup and the day would have been perfect had it not been for a free-for-all fight between two young men when each claimed the same coyote.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1956

The Western Regional Wrestling Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the DCHS gym. League teams and their coaches are: Al McCall, Goodland; Maynard Skinner, St. Francis; Charlie Lyons, Oberlin; Harold Randall, Colby; Archie Vernon, Oakley; Bob Williams, Hoxie; Verle McClellan, Atwood; and Jake Durham, Norton. Other assigned teams are Garden City, Russell, coached by Dale Thornburg, Alma and Russell Springs.

Funeral services were held at the Lyle Methodist Church for Fred "Sandy" Powell, 85. He had resided on a farm west of Lyle for over 75 years and had helped organize the first farmers telephone system. His special project for many years had been the Powell picnic grounds, which he made available to every-

one in the community and many outsiders at no charge.

Norcat: The community was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Vyril Leichter, 37, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wycoff. Her death was attributed to acute leukemia. The family was returning by plane to the U.S. from Berlin, Germany, where Mr. Leichter has been stationed with the U.S. Navy. He had suffered a heart attack several weeks ago and was being sent home to be hospitalized in the States. In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by two children, Lora Linn, 11, and Vyril Eugene, 9, and a sister, Leora Stuck of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Deines, Independence, Mo., daughter, Brenda Suzanne, Jan. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Parr, Rossville, son, Howard Fuller, Jan. 19; Lt. and Mrs. Daniel L. Petracek, Tobyhanna, Pa., son, Kevin Lee, Jan. 31; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Betts, Ulysses, son, Jon Roderick, Feb. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coughenour, daughter, Susan Jane, Feb. 12.

DCHS seniors Jim Miesner, Duke Fleckenstein, James Cederberg and Don Kyte will take the examinations for the Summerfield scholarships awarded at the University of Kansas.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1981

Decatur County residents got more winter than they wanted this past week as the high on Tuesday was 3 degrees with a minus 16 recorded that night.

USD 294 board members accepted with regret the resignation of

Joan Dark, who has taught English and was speech teacher at DCHS the past 13 years.

New Arrivals: Dr. and Mrs. Steve Durr, Sulphur, Okla., daughter, Kelsy Leigh, Jan. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Oberlin, daughter, Angela Dawn, Feb. 8.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Judy Lincoln and Harlan Call is announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Call, Atwood. The wedding is planned for June 6, 1981, at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Fred Wilkening finalized the purchase of the local Gamble Store last week from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fossum and son, Bob. Wilkening is a 1962 graduate of DCHS and served in the army. He and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, James, 14, and Mark, 10, and have been residents of Newark, Calif., where he was employed by the U-Haul Company.

In the past few weeks the hostages have been released, a new president inaugurated and the Oberlin Red Devil boys won their second straight ball game 58-56 after being totally outmanned nearly the entire game by the St. Francis Indians.

The Red Devil girls coached by Annette Sulzman downed Scott City 51-35 while the Red Devil boys upset Scott City 71-63 and are now 4 and 5 in league action.

The Red Devil matmen placed second in the NWKL, tying with Colby. The Goodland Cowboys were champions. Regional action will be at Hoxie, with the sub-state assigned to Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Immanuel United Church of Christ will hold its annual Pancake Day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Senior Citizens Center.

Lucy Evans, McCook, visited her mother, Ann Martin, last Saturday. Jan Sattler of Atwood and Julie Hafner were last Saturday morning breakfast guests of Edie Pettera.

Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin, were Saturday dinner guests of their mother, Monica Solko. Tim Solko was a Sunday visitor.

Senior citizens met at the Senior Center Feb. 1. Beth Chartier read three poems. Kayo Sattler won blackout in bingo and Helen Marintzer won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today and the next business meeting will be March 1.

Todd Ketterl, son of Vernon and Kari Ketterl, completed requirements for a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness at Fort Hays State University during the fall 2005 semester.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Joel and Abby Krause of Princeton, Texas, who are the parents of a daughter, Gracelyn Marie, born Feb. 8, 2006. She weighed 4 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krause, Bennington. Maternal great-grandparents are Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Oberlin; and Gladys Pike, Ashland.

Lila Thorson of Silverdale, Wash., left Tuesday after visiting her sisters, Eunice and Glenn Martin in Oberlin, and Violet and Fran Holle in Atwood. She came to surprise Mrs. Martin, who was celebrating her 85th birthday. Connie Robison of Littleton, Colo., took her to Denver, where she left by plane for her home.

Board members of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet on Sunday following morning worship services and a sack lunch at noon.

Congratulations to Gabe and Samantha Anderson, who were poster winners at the Decatur County Conservation District ban-

quet held last Monday at The Gateway. Gabe's poster placed first and also qualified for state competition. He is a third grader at Oberlin Elementary School. Samantha's poster placed first in the sixth grade competition. Their parents are Richard and Maureen Anderson.

Clint Schmidt of Denver was a weekend guest of his parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt.

Quentin and Olive Bergling accompanied Dave and Sherry Bergling to Colby on Sunday afternoon, where they visited Mac and Jeri McPheeters and helped Mrs. McPheeters celebrate her birthday with pizza, cake and ice cream. Others present were Jennifer Cousins of Hays and Becca Harsh of Colby.

A Valentine dinner was enjoyed by the congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church on Saturday at the Shepherd's Staff, Rexford. Games followed, led by Gwen Jones.

Mary Lou Olson took her granddaughters, Ashley and Whitney Witt, to McCook last Tuesday evening to help Whitney celebrate her ninth birthday.

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