

Getting ready



AT PRAIRIE PETALS on Monday, owner Laurie Wasson blew up a balloon for Valentine's Day. Mrs. Wasson and several other women were getting ready for the big day, which included taking orders, arranging flowers and working with several kinds of balloons. The women were at the store late into the evening to be prepared for Valentine's Day.
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Poker players win flowers

By Friday afternoon, nine poker hands had been turned in to *The Oberlin Herald* office for the chance to win a \$50 bouquet of flowers from either of the shops here.

For the last six years, *The Herald* and local businesses have sponsored the "Don't Gamble with Love" promotion before Valentine's Day. Players have two weeks to go to the sponsors and get cards.

Of those cards drawn, they were to use the best five to make a poker hand.

Dave Bergling, advertising manager, said the nine hands turned in this year are the best response yet.

Winners were Marilyn Black, who picked up her cards at Prairie Petals, Addleman Drug Store and Ward Drug Store.

She wasn't sure where she got the other two. Those cards added up to a royal straight flush, an ace, king, queen, jack and 10, all one suit. She received a bouquet from Prairie Petals.

Jerry Schuetz won the bouquet

from Flowers by Lee with four aces, the second-highest hand. He received the aces from Home Planning Center, Ward Drug Store and two from Stanley Hardware. He didn't know where he picked up the last card, which was a king.

Sponsors included Home Planning Center, Ward Drug Store, Prairie Petals, Addleman Drug Store, Rocking R, the Dresser, R&M Service Center, Stanley Hardware, Flowers by Lee and Shear Creations West and Day Spa.

County receives 1905 atlas

At their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 31, the Decatur County commissioners looked through a 1905 atlas of the county that they received in the mail.

The book belonged to Elmer and Bessie Barr Simpson, who lived in Decatur County until the 1930s. Their granddaughter, Joanne Simpson Anderson, of South Dakota said she found the book in the home of her father, Henry A. Simpson in his belongings.

The commissioners said the book was in pretty good condition.

The talked about laminating the book and putting it in the road and

bridge office, since it is in better shape than the one there, but there weren't any decisions made.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the road crew is starting to tear into the county roads to bring the edges in. He said roadsides are getting green on the edges. He said they are starting with the county roads, which will take three to four weeks, and then will move to township roads.

Mr. Stallman presented his maps for last year. He said they did 38 miles of pulling edges off the county roads, 36 miles of elevation, fill

work and shouldering and 115 miles of washed gravel work.

Mr. Stallman said there are some repairs that need to be done to some of the equipment. He said the 1995 John Deere scraper needs around \$500 of work, the Dresser motor grader does, too, and the 1969 crane popped something in the transmission box and needs repair. He said repairs for the crane could cost over \$500.

The commissioners approved the repairs. They also approved the purchase of around \$30,000 in grader blades.

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