

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1882

Kellogg and Stever are putting a plank walk and an awning in front of the county officers' new quarters. Will Ufford, one of the pioneers of this county, has his big pasture completed and has 40 acres of nice growing timber on his timber entry. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hackney on the 27th of February.

Our merchants are getting ready for spring trade; they are puzzled however, when spring ought to begin, as we have had no winter.

We have purchased the *Oberlin News* and will consolidate it with the *Oberlin Herald*. We will fill out all paid up subscriptions according to a list now in our possession.

County News: Township officers recently elected are: Beaver Township, J.W. Royce, trustee; B.E. McCartney, treasurer, and F.M. Ross, clerk; Bassettville: N. Bradley, Robert Reasoner and W.L. Barr; Custer: Philip Large, Nelson Strong, Frank Bundy; Center: J.B. Sherlock, D.O. Banta, L.G. Parker; Grant: John Hayward, J.D. Wickham, S. Andrews; Jennings: E.N. Fox, J.B. Wiltsey, G.W. Whiting; Olive: Dan Caster, John Stiner, H.C. Miller; Oberlin: George Miller, R.A. Marks, Finnis Penn; Prairie: D.O. Peck, P. Kirk and Wm. O'Toole.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1907

Married on Feb. 28, 1907, Andrew Harger and Jennie VanVleet; Rev. D.O. Banta officiating. Over 80 guests were present at the big dinner given that Andy and Jennie might be properly started on life's journey. The bride was very pretty and the groom just enough frightened to give the festivities a touch of romantic interest.

Jennings Notes: An addition to the Jennings Cemetery was surveyed Saturday.

Frank Shimmick's new store is nearly completed.

The two lumber yards are selling as much lumber as all four yards at Oberlin.

John Bivans is now sole owner of the Oberlin Meat Market, having bought Mr. Callahan's interest last week.

The Oberlin National Bank is now a real United States depository

as they have just received a \$50,000 deposit direct from Washington.

High School Notes: Officers of the House of Representatives elected are as follows: Claude Wickham, speaker; Neil Rogers, docket clerk; Edith Davis, reading clerk; Marie Geiger, journal clerk; Oran Milleson, sergeant-at-arms.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1932

We are indebted to Rev. R.A. Jeffrey of Danbury for the obituary of Gottlieb Weyeneth who died Feb. 19, 1932, at his home in Marion, Nebr., at the age of 83. Mr. Weyeneth has told us of his first trip to Oberlin in the '70s with an ox team and though the trip was only a little over 12 miles it took the better part of two days. Born in Switzerland, he came to America in 1873 and to Red Willow County where he took a homestead in the fertile Beaver Valley a short distance west of where Marion now stands.

Between seven and eight hundred persons filed into the big auditorium of the grade school building Monday night to witness the George Washington Bicentennial program sponsored by the American Legion, the schools, churches, Boy Scouts and civic clubs.

Fairview-Summit: Thirty-five friends gathered at the Cecil Mines home Sunday for a farewell surprise.

Funeral services were held for Jehu Owen, 83, at his home in Olive Township with burial in Kanona Cemetery. Born in Iowa, he had homesteaded in Jewell County and taken up the teaching profession before moving in 1910 to Decatur County.

The NWKL wrestling tournament was held at Atwood with Oberlin winning with 37 points followed by Norton with 28. The team is now preparing to go to the state tournament at Manhattan.

The Decatur basketball team coached by Paul Sandy are champions of the NWKL and are preparing to go to Wichita to the state tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas are the proud parents of a baby girl born Feb. 19 and named Nancy Ann.

Word from Mrs. Floyd Lotker,

who with her mother and sons is spending the winter in Florida, indicates that the weather is fine there and they do not plan to return until April or May.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1957

Dedication services will be held Sunday at the new Decatur County Home for the Aged. Busboom of Salina was the general contractor for the building constructed in the past year with Morrish Inc. providing the plumbing and heating and Ridgway the electrical contracting. Mr. and Mrs. Oehninger will have an apartment in the basement and she will be supervisor of nurses and the kitchen.

Asa Ames and Mrs. Ralph Guy have been hired for maintenance and cleaning. Many local organizations have indicated they will help with the furnishing and decorating of the individual rooms.

The Oberlin Red Devil wrestlers won their first state championship in 14 years by edging St. Francis 54-49 before howling mobs last weekend at Hoxie. The win broke a string of five straight championships for St. Francis. In winning for the first time since 1943, Oberlin came home with two individual state champions, Bob Wurm at 123 and Rob Young at 130; second-place finishes by Delmar Richardson and Jim Alexander; and third places from Pete Rush and Jim Carver. Oberlin's tough break came when Larry Brainard, returning state champion in the 106-lb. and regional runner-up in the 115-lb. went on the sick list and was never able to leave his sickbed and view the tournament from a spectator's seat.

One of the oldest businesses in Oberlin is in the midst of sale. Redman-Paddock Lumber Company, started in 1906, will be sold to Foster Lumber Company. Robert Redman, an engineering graduate from Northwestern University, indicated his present plans were to work in the tooling engineering department of Boeing Aircraft in Wichita where he was employed from 1941-1945.

A 60-52 loss to Colby by the Red Devil basketball team ended their NWKL season with a 11-3 record, a game behind champion Good-

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1982

Gusty southerly winds and temperatures that passed the 80-degree mark on Monday helped dry soggy feed yards and driveways. The 81-degree temperature was a record breaker for Feb. 22 according to official weather observer Janet Farr.

Jim Keller, DCHS teacher and coach, has been selected by Rotary District 567 for a Group Study Exchange to the Republic of South Africa this summer.

Cameron John Hager, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hager, Oberlin, was one of more than 100 persons becoming U. S. citizens in a ceremony Feb. 19 at the Federal Court House in Wichita. Cameron was born in Seoul, Korea, in August 1975, and adopted by the Hager family in January 1976.

New Arrivals: Feb. 17 - Susan and Lynn Scrivner, Oberlin, daughter, Sage Marie; Kent and Carol Nicholson, Lebanon, Neb., son, Mark David; Terry and Larry James, Oberlin, son, Russell Allen; Feb. 21 - Pamela and Jo Kvas, Jennings, daughter, Elizabeth Ann; Feb. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, son, Scott Lee.

Three Decatur County students were included among the winners in the Dane G. Hansen scholarship contest: Joan Meitl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Meitl, rural Dresden, who is completing a degree at KSU, a \$4,000 post-graduate award; Steve Hartzog, son of Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog, and a Jennings High School senior, a \$1,000 Good Citizen award; Marsha Miller, a DCHS senior and daughter of Mrs. Jeanette Miller and Leon Miller, a \$500 vocational education scholarship.

The Jennings Coyotes coached by Doyle Brown defeated Healy 44-34 to win the Western Kansas League boys basketball title. In regional action the Coyotes were downed by Eastern Heights of Agra 57-49.

An estimated 1,800 fans attended the sub-state wrestling tournament held at DCHS. Taking first were Matson at 138; Vaughn at 155; and Aker at 185 with nine qualifying for state.

Cedar Living News

Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those joining in on the fun included Naomi Carter, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Bea Wolfram, and Lyle Gamblin.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

The blackout game ended in a tie between Velda Ward and Elmoim Bailey.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group Wednesday afternoon. The group included Frank and Velda Ward, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Tacha, Don Shaw, and Elsie Goodnight.

Many of the pinochle players meet several evenings a week. They are always looking for new players, from inside or outside of Cedar Living Center.

The Norcatur Royal Neighbors hosted the February birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. They served several varieties of cupcakes and generous portions of ice cream. Berenece McKay had the only February birthday.

She received a bag of chocolates from the Royal Neighbors. The

DCHS Singers provided great entertainment for the party.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners and everyone had a good time at bowling on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group had a good time frying drop doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Ron and Jerry Temple, Joyce Price, Beth Johnson, Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Paul and Mildred Welter, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Agnes Roberts, Don and Agnes Roberts, McCook; Julie Harold, Jason and Laura Staub, Hays; Viola Beasley, Norton; Marcia Henjy, Grand Junction, Colo.; John Geisinger, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Norine Bailey, Jennings; Victor, Kathryn, Grace, and Elijah Uher, Chanute; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jim Sulzman.

Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Doris and Edwin Black, Mildred Holmdahl, Marguerite Bailey, Eula Juenemann, Dorothy Woods, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Women Ministries will gather at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin for a meeting, followed by a luncheon. Reservations should be made by calling the LandMark at (785) 475-2340.

Dick and Donna Kelley returned Sunday after attending funeral services in Little Rock, Ark., for his brother, Don Kelley. They met Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth of Topeka in Hays on Thursday and they all attended the state wrestling

tournament.

Guests last weekend of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin of Kearney, Neb. On Sunday they all attended the baptism of Gavin John Gutchewsky at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church. Father Henry Saw Lone officiated and godparents were Joel and Sarah Uerling. Among other family members who attended were Addyson Uerling, McCook, and Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 22 - Thresia Wessel Weber, Jan Heck, Shane Ryan, Ian Koerperich; Feb. 24 - Ryan Brantley; Feb. 26 - Dorman Hill, Klint Wessel, Betty Schieferecke; Feb. 27 - Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Brittany Ritter; Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson, Dan and Jackie Schreiner; March 2 - Rachael Ritter, Todd Jacobs, Caleb Koerperich, Melvin Spresser; March 3 - Sheri Jacobs; March 4 - Rodney Johnson, Sara Shaw; March 5 - Bernadine Spresser; March 6 - Sheila Ritter, Jennifer Eatherly; March 7 - Bud and Tressie Rogers.

On Feb. 15 at Senior Citizens Carol Shaw won high, Betty James took second, Lola Cook got low and Alfred Albers had the most aces. Other members present included Helen Karls, Paulie Neff, Ann Hazlitt, Leone Porsch, Anna Albers, Jeanie Spresser and Edna Schiltz.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens Betty James won high, Anna Albers took second, Julie Pope got low and Edna Schiltz had the most kings. Other members present included Jeanie Spresser, Paulie Neff, Helen Karls, Alfred Albers, Leone Porsch, Carol Shaw and Ann Hazlitt.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Within five miles of Rexford along highways 383 and 83, at least five vehicles, two semis and an activity bus slid off the road during the winter storm over the weekend. The Shepherd's Staff opened their facilities to several stranded motorists on Saturday. Among them were the boys basketball team from Lamar Community College, Lamar, Colo., which had been at McCook Community College for a tournament.

The motorists were all on their way to their previous destinations by Sunday afternoon.

The community congratulates Kami Miller, 9, daughter of Mike and Tammy Miller, on her participation in the age 9-10 division of the Kansas Amateur Athletic Union gymnastics meet in Manhattan on Feb. 17. She placed in all four events: first in the floor and uneven bars, second on the balance beam and fourth in the vault. She received first for total points, qualifying her for the state meet in April in Wamego.

Kami is a member of the Tumbleweed Tumblers at Colby. Her coaches are Ashley Haines and Katrina Sullivan. Danielle Foster and Phoebe Pfeifer, Colby are also members of the team.

Kami's grandparents are Larry and Marge Miller, Colby, and Don and Judy Okeson, Weskan. She has two younger sisters, KayCee and Kassie. Her parents, sisters and Okeson grandparents were there to

cheer for her.

Dick Kyle had a birthday Saturday. Cake, with an estimated 70-plus candles, was shared with those who were out working during the winter storm and happened to come into the Country Store, as well as stranded motorists and the Lamar Community College basketball team.

Dennis and Vicki Allison traveled to Denver Friday evening to take her mother, Madonna Anderson of Gem, to the Denver International Airport for a flight to Austin, Texas, on Saturday morning. They made it back to Rexford within five hours, before I-70 was closed from Denver to the state line.

The first-place winners at the American Legion-sponsored pinochle tournament on Saturday, Feb. 17, were Darlene Robben and Bob Renner. Dallas Koerperich and J.R. Albers came in second, and Deb Stepper and Grace Cheney took third place. There were 18 participants.

Visiting Vesta Roth over the weekend were her three grandsons and son, Rick. During their visit they moved snow and tackled some odd jobs for her.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper traveled to Wichita Saturday, Feb. 10, to visit her sister-in-law, Mary Minnick, a patient at a Wichita Hospital.

Lonnie Ketchum may be reached at 855 S. Grant, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Mail may be sent to Glendora Bastin at 770 N. School Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

The City of Rexford held a primary election Tuesday. On the ballot the city had three candidates for mayor: Dennis L. Allison, Michael L. Johnson and William J. Dible.

Royal Neighbors Lodge met at the Senior Center with Betty Carswell as hostess. Other members present were Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper.

Social Hour met at the Red Barn on Wednesday. Members present were Sondra Barnett, Cleda Moeder, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper.

Golden Plains Class of 2007 will

host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Rexford on Saturday, March 24, for third grade through high school girls and boys. Contact Orba Smith at (785) 386-4559, 386-4201, or by email, orbadee@ruraltel.net.

At the Red Barn: There were 16 at bingo on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Those attending Barnswallows Thursday to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Lawrence Horinek.

Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Evelyn Proffitt, Eunice Sanford, Darla Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett.

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