

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1884

J. F. Vale has been appointed undersheriff.

Will we get the B&M Railroad? Well, we guess we will and then won't Oberlin boom.

Klayton Klatter: Al Griffith had a tin roof put on his sod mansion. Ira Wear of Oberlin did the job.

W.E. Ufford is stepping high over the arrival of a girl at his house. We did not learn the date of its arrival.

J. H. Rodehaver has had two very desirable offers for his hotel property, the Oberlin House, this past week.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1909

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl.

Grover N. Marvin and Stella M. Johnston were married at Norton on Wednesday.

Norcatut is to have another newspaper. Jesse Deeter is to be the editor. The office will be in the Chappell building.

Traer News: Fred Walton had bad luck Sunday night while returning from seeing his girl. His horse ran against a post, upsetting and breaking the buggy.

Word came Saturday morning that James F. Hackney, son of James B. Hackney of Bassettville Township, had been seriously injured in an accident at Riverton, Wyo. The nature of the accident has not been learned.

The Oliver meetings continue to attract great crowds and many conversions have been made.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1934

Funeral services were held for Mrs. H.C. Steele, best loved woman of Allison Township. In October 1888 she and her husband filed on a homestead near Allison where they shared all the hardships and inconveniences and vicissitudes of early pioneer life.

The Norton Bluejays had little or

no trouble in winning the one-sided league game here Friday night 34-11 from the Decatur Red Devils. The locals, not too strong from the start, had their machine severely crippled when their center, Vike Francis, moved away.

At least two Oberlin people were in attendance at the Kansas Day festivities in Topeka Monday, Dr. and Mrs. H.J. Morrison.

Announcement was made by O.A. Zimmerman that he had disposed of the Fleming Bakery business to his brother, the H. L. Zimmermans. The O.A. Zimmermans are going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Euhus are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday.

Jennings: A lot of wood is being cut along the Prairie Dog Creek again this winter. It is a great saving in coal bills.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vacura are the proud parents of an 8-pound boy born Monday, Jan. 22.

Sappa: Miss Fausta Vernon and pupils of the Vallonia School gave an educational program last Monday afternoon on Kansas, it being the birthday of the state.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1959

A fire of unknown origin gutted the farm home of Jim Gaumer just south of Jennings Saturday afternoon.

The fire was discovered about 5 p.m. by Mary Gaumer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaumer, who was the only one at home.

A peppy Oberlin couple, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. VanGundy, both 92, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Saturday at Good Samaritan Home.

Decatur Community High School debaters took second in the Class A district debate tournament held at Garden City Saturday earning a berth in the state tournament. With a tied win-loss record, speaker

points were totaled placing Ulysses first and Oberlin second. Oberlin debaters were Ann Dowling, Mary Reeves, Nancy Nemeth and Larry Laird.

The Red Devil wrestlers took their eighth straight dual win, downing the Buffalos 30-16 at Atwood.

Selden: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zodrow of Selden celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary with Mrs. Anna Schroer of Dresden and John Fleckenstein of Selden, their attendants, present.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1984

Sign-up is under way at the local ASCS office to participate in the 1984 farm program. Deadline is Feb. 24 but according to Cecil Hess, clerk in the local office, only a few county farmers have actually signed up for the 30 percent wheat reduction program and even fewer have signed up to participate in the second round of the government's

payment-in-kind program.

Decatur County National Bank president Steve Locke has announced that Jan Bricker has been promoted to assistant vice president. In addition, Martha Nemeth has joined the bank staff effective Feb. 1. She had been employed at Columbia Savings since 1976 and prior to that was business education instructor at Decatur Community High School. Her replacement at Columbia Savings will be Cheryl Crawford who has been employed in the office of the Decatur County clerk the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Erickson announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie Marie, to Dale Withington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Withington of Atwood. A March wedding is being planned.

Coffee just 25 cents with free refills; hamburgers just 79 cents; cheeseburger only 89 cents. Frontier Restaurant, Oberlin. ---adv.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Joyce Sumner returned home on Tuesday from her trip to California. The unexpected death of her sister, Loraine McIver, changed some of her plans.

She visited her sister, Geraldine and the rest of her family. We are glad to have her back, although I told her I would have stayed where it was warm a little longer. Todd and Deanna Sumner met her in Denver.

Carolyn Plotts and her family were pleasantly surprised at Bob's birthday party at McPherson, last week when old neighbors, Delpha Bles Whale and her daughter, Shanna Soukup, introduced themselves, so it was a double surprise party.

Some of Alta May Van Gun-

dy's friends from Hastings, Neb., planned to visit her on her birthday, Jan. 31. They have celebrated with her on that occasion for several years.

Kathy Van Meter, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Veda Wood went to the Good Samaritan Center on Thursday evening to listen and dance to music by Vic Mowry's group.

We saw several friends and had a good time.

Visitors at my home have been Carol Moye and Kylie, on Saturday; Tielia and A.J. High and Aubrey, Emily, Maria and Garrett Bader, and Grant Slater on Sunday afternoon.

The puppy story is nearly told. The last two are promised but still here for a few days.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Bind us Together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

This week began with a coffee-time devotion presented by Barbara Dehlinger. This new approach to morning devotions has a two-fold purpose. First, to give both the staff and the residents an opportunity to begin each day focused on the Lord, and secondly, to enhance friendships and create a familial bond between them. Barbara's message in a nutshell relayed the idea that God is everywhere, in every situation and we need to choose to see Him in our everyday, seemingly ordinary life routine. She is an excellent writer and communicator, her carefully chosen words and message lingered loudly in our minds as the rest of the week unfolded.

Life happens here at the Good Sam and as we watched expectantly for God, He was everywhere! Three staff members are separated from loved ones who were called away

to help with the ice storms, leaving them behind without a notion of when they will return. Others have loved ones facing serious health issues. Residents, too, struggle with loneliness and health. Where is God in this, you ask? He is in the kind words, the prayers, the comfort, the encouragement, the laughter and the tears. Every burden, every struggle is an opportunity He gives us to minister to one another.

God was here Wednesday, to welcome Muriel Ready into her new heavenly home. He had a plan which included her daughter, a canceled flight, a pastor and a life long friend, every little detail working together in preparation for Muriel's departure from her earthly life to her eternal one.

At her bedside memorial, her family gathered to say good-bye. Muriel has only one daughter and yet the room was filled, in fact, it overflowed into the hallway. Her family included her daughter and

husband, neighbors, residents, staff and her pastor, all united in Christian love.

In addition to all that, there is the blessing of children invading our hearts and hallways when the First Hand Friends come to read. Tuesday was a cold, chilly morning, when the kids arrived, their cheeks and noses were all red and rosy tucked inside their hoods.

The weather didn't have any effect on their warm smiles or hugs they left each reading buddy. There is a warm glow left behind when they leave setting the tone for a very good day.

Poker, Pitch and Bingo were some shared fun this week and our thanks to volunteers, Larry Mack, Phil Erickson, Colleen Geisler and Marilyn Horn for their kindness in orchestrating these games.

If you have a job you simply endure in order to put bread on the table. Go there tomorrow and watch for God. He will allow you

to join Him in His work and in His plan — it is an amazing thing. God is not only at the Good Sam, He is everywhere!

Visitors were Linda Smith (Atwood) for **Dorothy Pryor**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for the **Readys**, **Hubert Mumm**, **Eileen Laird**, **Lora Zwickle**, **Edla Olson** and **Lucy Schissler**. Ron Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Esther Ready, David & Nick Chomowicz (New York) for **Muriel and John Ready**. Ann Hazlitt and Francis Porsch (Selden) and Julia Otter for **Leone Porsch**. Daisy Rhein for **Jan Conway**. Ken Mumm (Selden), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Anita Mumm (Denver, Colo.) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. John J. Ready (Sabin, Minn.) for **John H. Ready**. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

I have a correction from last week. The meeting to be held for those interested in updating the Rawlins County History Books will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16 instead of Feb. 26. The meeting will be at Midwest Energy meeting room in Atwood for input on whether there is enough interest. Please plan to attend and share your ideas.

Congratulations to Marty and Jane Waterman and Karol Riener, recipients of the Rawlins County District Conservation awards. Kansas rural communities are dependent on preserving agriculture and conserving the land. Herndon is proud of these winners.

Brad and Deanna Williams, Herndon, and Kathy Leitner, Atwood visited Johnita Sattler Green at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., Monday evening.

Janice Brungardt, Victoria, and Nick and Martha Korbe, Hays, were recent visitors of Pete and Eileen Portschy in Herndon.

Saturday dinner guests of Voni Sattler were Brad, Deanna, Brandi, Kassi and Chelsey Williams. Brief visitors were Scott and Bethany Chartier.

The Belles of St. Mary's entertained with singing and serving Valentine treats for the Cedar Living residents in Oberlin Sunday afternoon. Those singing were Voni

Sattler, Eileen Unger, Liane Martin, Sharon Ecker, Julie Hafner, Janice Sattler, Ann Solko, Rita Marintzer, Nadine Green, with Theresa Rippe on piano. Desserts of pies, cakes, cookies, snacks of veggies, nuts and crackers were enjoyed by residents and their families, and staff.

Jo Harris is recuperating from recent hip surgery, returning home on Thursday. She reports things are going well.

John Sattler, Wichita, and his daughter, Hannah of Derby, visited Emma Lou Sattler and family over the weekend. Terri Dechant of La Salle, Colo., was also a guest of her mother.

Julie's Memory Joggers

Famous Kansas People

Walter P. Chrysler, 1875-1940
Walter Chrysler was born in Wamego, but grew up in Ellis. He purchased his first automobile, not to drive, but to take apart and put back together again. Chrysler trained as a master mechanic with the Union Pacific Railroad and shifted his focus to automobiles in 1912.

Within a year after his departure from General Motors, Chrysler returned to the automobile business and took on the ailing Maxwell Motor Car Company. His vision was to develop a line of high-styled automobiles priced for people with

medium incomes. In 1925 Maxwell Motor Car Company took the name of its president and became the Chrysler Corporation. When

Walter Chrysler finally retired, his company was one of the three top automobile companies in the country.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

School Calendar: Friday - High School Basketball in Rexford with Wallace County. Monday - 6 p.m., Western Kansas Liberty League Band Clinic in Sharon Springs. Tuesday - High School Basketball in Hill City. Feb. 11 - High School Gifted and Talented Seminar.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 6 - Chris Bainter, Tom Stacey, Paul Bruggeman. Feb. 7 - Shane Jones. Feb. 8 - Monica Aumiller Svoboda, Wanda Spresser, Joseph Koerperich. Feb. 9 - Joe Wessel, Dana Geisinger, Shirley Emigh. Feb. 10 - Carlene Bruggeman, Danica Ritter. Feb. 11 - Fansion Juenemann, Adrienne Pauls. Feb. 12 - Bailey Ochs.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Jeanie Spresser won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Lois Neff got low and Alfred Albers had the most Kings. Other members present included Helen Karls, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Edna Schiltz,

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of William Carter who passed away on Friday after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

The penny card players met for a game on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Volunteers Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, and Alice Shirley helped with the bingo game on Tuesday afternoon.

Blanche Skubal was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held during lunch on Wednesday. Her daughter, Lillian Sulzman, brought several homemade cakes and ice cream to serve to everyone.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make decorations for Valentine's Day. Residents, staff, and volunteers worked most of the afternoon on the project.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. The Catholic services will not be held on Thursday mornings during February while Fr. Henry is gone on vacation.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edie Peltera, James Plotts, Mary Votapka,

Delores Wheeler, Aleen VanVleet and Joan Noble.

Wilma May led the discussion on Kansas Day during the social hour on Thursday.

The baking group made banana cookies on Friday afternoon.

The ladies from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon put on a Valentine's Day program in the Cedar Living Center patio on Sunday afternoon. The group gave a musical program including a selection of love songs and patriotic music. All of the ladies were dressed in red sweaters and they served refreshments on red plates with Valentine's Day napkins and cups. They served an assortment of cookies, cakes, pies, crackers and cheese and candies.

Pastor Judi Stricker and Melanie Anderson of the United Church led the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Janice Sattler, Atwood; Chris Wood, Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Nadine Green, Eileen Unger, Liane Martin, Theresa Rippe, Ann Solko, Voni Sattler, Sharon Ecker, all of Herndon.

Shelli Fortin, Jacob Fortin, Jackie Votapka, Mildred Holmdahl, Millie Lippelmann, Eileen Grose, Rod and Pat Fringer, Jeanette Sulzman, Mary Lou Schroer Laird, Marilyn Gamblin, Leon and Connie Miller, Mirium Fisher, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Connie Cramer, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Diabetic Support Group will meet in the specialty clinic area at the hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Lisa Votapka will present a video on cardiac nutrition to fit with the theme, "February is Heart Health Month."

Interactive questions will follow. The public is welcome to attend. We extend a special welcome to diabetics and their caregivers for this opportunity to learn more about heart health.

This week, Dr. Obed Saint Louis has begun his practice in Oberlin. We welcome him to our medical staff and our community. Appointments with Dr. Saint Louis may be made by calling Oberlin Medical Arts at 475-2221.

Decatur Health Systems, in collaboration with the Kansas Hospital Association's initiative to improve patient safety, is joining the effort to standardize color-coded wristbands for patients admitted to the hospital. Currently our patients are asked to wear a band that identifies them by name, birth date and includes their color-coded wristband system to alert staff and visitors to health conditions specific to each individual patient. Color-coded wristbands are used in hospitals to quickly communicate a certain healthcare status, condition or an "alert" that a patient may have. This is done so every staff member can provide the best care possible.

The three new wristband colors are red, yellow and purple. Red means Allergy alert. If a patient is allergic to anything — food, medicine, environmental things — tell us. It may not seem important to you but it could be important in the care you receive.

Yellow means Fall Risk. We want to prevent falls at all times. Nurses

review patients all the time to determine if they need extra attention in order to prevent a fall. Sometimes, a person becomes weakened during a hospitalization due to illness or surgery. When a patient has a yellow alert band on, the nurse is saying this person needs to be assisted when walking or they may fall.

Purple means "DNR" or Do Not Resuscitate. Some patients have expressed a desire not to be resuscitated and we want to honor that request. That does not mean we will not care for that person; it means that should their condition require cardiopulmonary resuscitation or heroic measures, that we will honor their request and not perform those procedures.

To avoid any miscommunication with wristbands, if a person comes in to the hospital wearing a social cause band, like the "Live Strong" bands, they will be asked to remove them during their stay.

This initiative is being adopted statewide. Two of our border states, Colorado and Missouri, have already adopted this project, as well 12 other states nationwide. Many other states are in the process of standardizing wrist bands. Decatur Health Systems is proud to be a participating facility in one of the states leading the way in this important safety initiative.

I attended a public information officer training workshop in Hays, on Jan. 22. This opportunity was provided through Homeland Security with emergency preparedness funding.

Representatives from most hospitals in northwest Kansas attended. Jodi Schmidt, the speaker, serves as the spokesperson for Hays Medical Center and is trained in incident command and crisis communication.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Weekend guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were David and Vicki Hampton of Lakewood, Colo.

Guests over the weekend of Dave and Sherry Bergling for hunting were Doug Jackson, Goodland; and Nate Jackson, Ottawa. Mrs. Bergling's sister, Vernetta Leikam of Denver, was also a guest.

Bob and Sally Olson drove to Salina on Friday to visit Bob and Annette Frenz.

They all spent Saturday in Lincoln, Neb., visiting Chris Rolls.

Losson and Leanne Pike of Ash-

land, and Daryl and Shirley Maresch of Nekoma, were weekend guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda.

Additional Sunday dinner guests at the Benda home to help Mr. Benda celebrate his birthday were Gerald and Patti Benda.

Dick and Donna Kelley attended the Kansas Water Well meeting in Hutchinson on Jan. 22 and 23.

Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn to help her celebrate her birthday.

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