

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1884

The Dakota blizzard that struck this country Monday morning pinched stock the worst of any this winter.

Charlie Ayer of Chloride, New Mexico, was married to Miss Hattie J. Viles of Muscotah, Kansas, Feb. 5, 1884.

The Beloit Currier is proud of a new Prouty power press.

There was a very pleasant dance out at Addleman grade school Friday evening.

A grand ball will be held at the new schoolhouse on Washington's birthday. George Colby, W.D. Street and A.W. Allen are the committee on arrangements. The floor managers will be J.C. Wilson, I.O. Wear and F.F. Bliss.

Otterbourne, Thomas County, Feb. 6: Yesterday the voters of Thomas County convened at this office and held their first election.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1909

Saturday was another of those dusty days but not as bad as we have seen.

The county treasurer reports that 65 percent of all 1908 taxes have already been paid.

Sam McKague of Beaver was in Oberlin Monday getting lumber for a new house that Jeff Probasco is building for him.

Married, February 3rd, Glenn Jones and Lizzie Walling. Rev. Wintjen tied the knot.

The snowplow came in Wednesday clearing up the track and regular train service was again established.

R.H. Weir left for Colorado the first of the week. He has traded his place for a stock of merchandise and will open a store at Otis, Colorado.

Norcat Items: Clint Worrall has traded his Norton County farm for a

hardware store in Nebraska.

Allison Items: John Diemer is rural route carrier out of Clayton.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1934

Will 288 persons in the county lose their jobs tonight? This is a question of considerable importance on the 15th day of February, the original date set for discontinuance of all CWA projects in the country. Including office help in the CWA in this county, we now have 288 persons working at a wage of 40 and 45 cents per hour.

Colby finished the basketball season without a single loss to win the Northwest Kansas League championship and league title. This is the first year that Oberlin has not finished first or second but the complete new team which Coach Sandy had to build on did well for their first year.

A letter from National Reserve Life Insurance Company in Topeka informs us of the rating of several of their best producing agents. Not the least was the name of our own citizen, Mr. Mike Roach.

There will be a coyote roundup Sunday afternoon covering Logan Township.

Joseph C. Cleland, an esteemed farmer and citizen of this county living in Lincoln Township, passed away Feb. 3 at the hospital in Hutchinson on his 68th birthday.

Jennings: Charley Hardesty traded his Essex for a Buick sedan last week.

Miss Florence Hudson entertained guests at a bridge Monday evening. Table appointments cleverly followed the Valentine Day motif. Prize winning scores were held by Miss Votapka and Mrs. Sandy.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1959

Karen Anderson, DCHS junior, was elected state president of the Future Homemakers of America for 1959-60 at the district election held at Hoxie Saturday. This is the first time the Oberlin chapter has had a state president elected from its ranks.

It took the final matches to do it, but the DCHS wrestling squad overcame a Norton lead and skimmed by the Bluejays 22-21 at Norton Friday to win the Northwest Kansas League championship with an unblemished 7-0 league record.

Miss Shanna Blees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blees, Lebanon, Neb., and Herbert Soukup, son of Mrs. Joe Soukup, Ellsworth, were united in marriage Jan. 21 at the Lyle Methodist church.

Pam Grose was honored with a party Feb. 5 on her birthday. Invited guests were Donna Jean Kump, Mary Jane Berls, Cindy Shobe, Judy Frickey, Julee Fisher, Jan and Jill Campbell, Beth DeKnight, Esther Ready, Marilyn Cochran and Angela Corder.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1984

Crews from Abercrombie Oil Drilling Company began drilling a second well on land owned by Galen Smith approximately one mile west of Oberlin. The land is leased to

Ward Sauvage of Oberlin.

The Red Devil wrestlers kept alive a 17-year win streak over Colby with a come-from-behind effort to edge the Eagles 28-26. Area fans will see plenty of action in the two-day 13-team regional tournament to be held at DCHS the coming week.

Velma Unger was selected as "Woman of the Year" at the Feb. 8 meeting of Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary. Girls chosen to attend Girls State at Lawrence in June will be Becky Tally and Kim Unger. Alternates chosen are Becky Shirley and Julie Kelley.

Two area students placed in the Elks Club-sponsored free-throw contest held in Russell. Jeni Shirley, daughter of Herb and Carol Shirley, placed third in the 11-12 year-old girls division while Alan Sauvage, son of Ward and Janice Sauvage, tied for third in the boys 13-14 year-old division.

Herndon: Merald Van Vleet has been hired as manager of Herndon Equity Co-op.

Good Samaritan Center: King and Queen For A Day at the Valentine's Day party were Guy Morrish and Beulah McClary. Entertainment for residents and guests was furnished by three sets of square dancers from the McCook-Culbertson area.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Those attending the graduation of Pvt. Kane Ware at Fort Knox, Ky., on Feb. 5, were Valerie Holthus, Sara and Gabe Ware, Culbertson, Neb.; and Kirk Ware of Oberlin.

Kane is completing his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and will graduate on March 27, then

return home.

Brad Ware of Gettysburg, S.D., came last Tuesday and he and his mother, Maralyn Courange, attended funeral services for Dave Koerperich on Wednesday. He returned home Thursday.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"Love is in the Air" and it all started last week when the Star Valley 4-H Club sponsored our Sweetheart Dance. They came and transformed Town Square into a festive Valentine's Day wonderland. Balloons hang from the ceiling in clusters of red, white and pink. A lighted archway, twinkles over the pond and Valentines adorn the windows. The residents were tickled pink when they came to dance to the tunes of Michael Milbauer. Twelve children from Star Valley took turns dancing with the residents and then performed the "Electric Slide." The children brought such delight to the party; everyone is still talking about it!

The decorations are still hanging in honor of Valentine's Day and have served us well for all the other celebrations that took place.

The Zeta Nu Club hosted our monthly birthday party on Thursday. The honorees included Faye Miller, Elaine Thomas, Elsie Macy, Bonnie Weskamp, Alan Addleman, Jan Conway and Violet Schissler. Ollie got in on the party, seeing all the pretty birthday sacks setting on the floor; he couldn't resist choosing one for himself.

When Montine Alstrom tried to intervene, he thought it was time for the party game of "Keep Away." He and the Beanie Baby led her on a fast paced chase around the building. Could have won America's Funniest Home Video!

Friday morning we gathered for yet another celebration. We celebrated the life of David McGee.

We had a very special time with his family, sharing memories, laughter and tears.

David carved and donated two ornate crosses, one for each dining room. He rode the Octopus at the Decatur County Fair on his 80th birthday to raise money for the Resident Outing Fund.

He also formed a special bond with the 180 Boys, always looking for ways to give of himself for others. Janice Shobe's message was centered on the cross of Jesus, the suffering and the hope that it represents for us who believe.

David believed and looked forward to meeting Jesus face to face, also being reunited with Hilda, his beloved wife. It certainly was a celebration of love!

On Friday, we were blessed by musician Paul Seibert from Aurora, Neb. He entertained us with his hammer dulcimer, banjo and acoustic guitar.

Our thanks to Kem Bryan for alerting us of such wonderful talent. The STAR Committee provided decorated cupcakes for this special

event. Violet Schissler had quite the day on Sunday. Nineteen family members came to help her celebrate a very special birthday. First they gathered in Town Square to celebrate with the residents. Texas sheet cake was served while the granddaughters took turns on the piano, providing beautiful background music.

Then they retreated to Angel Lane dining room for a more intimate time of sharing among the family. Her out-of-town guests were Carol and Ron Martin, Littleton, Colo.; Jan Clapp, McCook; Gary and Cindy Gillespie, Jesse and Carisa, Watkins, Colo.; and Steve Schissler, Herndon.

If that wasn't enough, Anita Hirsch arranged a surprise birthday party for her son, Joey in Town Square. Joey has been a junior volunteer for many years and will begin working as a certified nurse aide now that he is old enough.

About 40 people came to share the surprise, 18 of his friends, 15 family members and 10 residents. His comment after hugging each guest was "This is the best party ever, young and old all together." We agree, Happy 16th Birthday Joey Hirsch!

We love, because He first loved us. Happy Belated Valentine's Day!

Dates to remember: Wednesday, Feb. 18: Calico Gals meeting, 2 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m., family potluck, bring a salad or dessert!

Recent visitors included Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshal, Mildred Black, Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) Helen Brooks, Brandy and Eric Kuhlman (Norcat) and Tami and Bri Cook (Norcat) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Julia and Francis Otter (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Donna Kelley, Pastor Doug Hasty, Jeanne Hafner for **Eva Bryan**. Pastor Doug Hasty for **John Ready**. Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post**. Wendy, Gage and Garrett Scott, Mildred Holmdahl and Janice Baer (Topeka) for **Evelyn Olson**. Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) and Donna Lincoln for **Faye Miller**. Chris Dempewolf, Sandi Gade and Doris Auker (Norcat) for **R.D. Thornton**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Eleanor Rogers (Selden), Delores Raile (Hoxie), Marilyn Bailey (Colby) and Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for **Hubert Mumm**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Doris Marintzer**. Marian Fraker for **Elsie Macy**. Daisy Rhein for **Je-**

nette Conway. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Donovan and Lena Randolph, Alyce Avery for **Amy**

Rehm. Gail and Janet Rippe, Alison and Nathan, Sandi Gade (Norcat) for **Marguerite Clark**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

A birthday party was held for Don Grafel at Roger's Grill, Saturday evening. Those attending were Kurt and Kris Grafel, Utica; Kent Grafel, Kristyn and Kamryn Clapp, Culbertson; Steve and Susan Nelson, Keaston and Danielle Grafel, Oberlin; Kyle, Cindi, Ben, Sarah and Rachel Grafel, Leon and Marita Portschy, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, and Joan Grafel, all of Herndon. They then gathered at the home of Don and Joan for birthday cake and ice cream.

The community extends sympathy to the Caroline Pettera relatives in the area. She died Thursday. She was born Oct. 29, 1912, north of Ludell, on the family farm. She was the fifth of 12 children of Joseph and Amelia Pettera. The funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon, with burial in St. Mary's cemetery on Saturday. Father Dan Scheetz officiated.

Once again, Cedar Living residents of Oberlin, and guests, enjoyed the Vic Mowry Band of Hoxie, on Thursday evening. Band members, along with Vic, are Don Ammons, Earl Hartzog, Shirley Emigh, Curly Bieker, Red and Ruth Taylor and Flossie Mowry. They make magic and the residents come alive with hand clapping and toe tapping and dancing. Many thanks

to Vic and the band for bringing such joy to so many lives. Julie and Bob Hafner and Les and Myrna Pettera were guests of Edie Pettera.

Voni Sattler visited her aunt, Esther Pennington, this week.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., came to attend the funeral of their aunt, Caroline Pettera. Friday morning they visited Esther Pennington and Sunday they celebrated Bob Hafner's birthday with Edie Pettera, Joan Noble and Julie on the patio at Cedar Living.

Dan and Gigi Sattler celebrated the baptism of their children, Jackie Ray and Kale Thomas, at St. Patrick's Catholic church in McCook, on Saturday, Feb. 14. Father Gary Brethover performed the baptism. David and April Sattler were godparents for Jackie, and Kevin and Megan Rippe for Kale. Those attending were Jack and Thelma George and Tom and Myra Sattler, grandparents; Leroy George, Lilly, Michaela and Allison Rippe; Tim, Alicia and Wyatt Rippe; Richard and Theresa Rippe; Ron and Nicki Meyer; and Bekki and Abbi Bridge.

Voni Sattler and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., enjoyed an Italian dinner at the Chris and Kent Wood home on Sunday evening.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Satellite voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 18, at the Red Barn Senior Center to bring the vote to nine individuals running for the three open positions on the school board for Golden Plains School District. Those on the ballot are Ben Hoeting, Todd Schwarz, Desiree Wark, Matt Vogler, Brandi Wark, David Gould, Kim Moss, Terry Moss, Don Koerperich and Teri Brantley. Teri Brantley is currently the Board President.

School activities: Wednesday: Seventh and eighth grade Freedom League Academic Testing. Thomas County Leadership.

Thursday: Freedom League Tournament, Middle school basketball at Sharon Springs, B girls at 12:30 p.m., B boys at 1:45 p.m. A girls at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: High school basketball vs. Cheylin at Rexford. Senior Night recognition prior to the Varsity Boys game. Fifth graders to play basketball during half time of varsity boys game.

Saturday: Freedom League Middle school tournament continues at Sharon Springs.

Red Barn happenings: Monday: Barnswallows, 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday: Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m. This week they will be meeting at the Rexford Community Church due to the satellite voting.; Thursday: Come on Down, 1 to 5 p.m.; Fridays: Koffee Klatch, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Do you have any Rexford news? Call me at 687-2525.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Doris Sloan has moved to Wheat Ridge Terrace after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

We had a busy week of Valentine's Day celebrations. We started off the week with a game of "Name That Tune" on Monday afternoon, followed by sing-along time with Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack.

Aleen VanVleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Dale Butler and Elsie Goodnight.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to finish making party favors for Valentine's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Lynn Doeden and Margee Wilson, with help from Kay Matheny and the dietary and activity staff, cooked up a fun supper in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Wednesday. The menu consisted of pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Some residents managed to eat more than one plate full of pancakes. Wheat Ridge Terrace residents who attended the supper along with Melanie Anderson included Merle Shirley, Jeanette Sulzman, Alice Shirley, Juanita Eckhart, Doris Gilbert, and Marguerite Bailey.

There were several winners at the penny card game on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Edie Pettera, Marie Thomas, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, Fern Wenger, Aleen VanVleet, and Joan Noble.

Vic Mowry and his band provided some lively music for an evening of dancing on Thursday. Residents, staff, and guests enjoyed some really good music.

The dance floor was kept warm with lots of folks taking a turn. The Maverick 4-H group donated homemade cookies in honor of Valentine's Day to serve on the refreshment table. Everyone reported having a good time and most of us stayed up past our bedtime.

The dietary department hosted a Sweetheart Lunch at noon on Friday. The menu included fried chicken, a salad bar, and a dessert bar. Dianne Bremer provided a special selection of love songs on the piano. We played a game of Sweetheart bingo in the afternoon.

We continued our Valentine's Day celebration on Saturday. Carol Kompus, daughter of resident Wilma Bobinmyer, donated a decorated cake for dinner on Valentine's Day. A social hour in the afternoon included punch and a variety of special treats. Roberta Petracek donated crackers, cheese, and summer sausage. Sandy Diederich brought mini cupcakes and banana bread and Teresa Shaughnessy made chocolate cookies for the party. The last of the Valentine's Day cards were delivered before supper on Saturday afternoon.

The Oberlin Covenant Church hosted the Sunday Worship Service on the patio.

Recent visitors: Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Lester and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Shawn, Adrian, Elle Walker, Lincoln, Neb.; Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne James, Clayton; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden.

Shelli Fortin, Roberta Johnson, Jackie Votapka, Karen Bennett, John and Dianne Bremer, Marilyn Gamblin, Eunice Richards, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Phyllis Screen, Earl Brown, Connie Cramer, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Marion Wenger, Nora Bell Manning, Mabel Bailey, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Alfred Albers took second, Betty James got low and had the most Jacks. Other members present included Royce Cook, Bernita Aumiller, Anna Albers, Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff, Ann Hazlitt and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 20 - Heather Hunziker, Isabell Sauvage. Feb. 22 - Thesia Wessel Weber, Ian Koerperich, Shane Ryburn. Feb. 24 - Ryan Brantley, Clayton Hill. Feb. 26 - Betty Schieferecke, Klint Wessel.

School Calendar: Feb. 20: High School Basketball in Rexford with Cheylin. Feb. 21: Junior High Freedom League Basketball Tournament in Sharon Springs. Feb. 22 thru 28: High School Regional Basketball. Feb. 25: Junior High Gifted/Talented Seminar. Feb. 26 thru 28: State Kansas Music Educators Association in Wichita.

New books at the Selden Public Library - "The Treasure," by Iris Johansen; "True Colors," by Kristan Hannah; "The Associate," by John Grisham; "Final Justice," by Fern Michaels; "Montana Creeds: Lo-

gan," by Linda Lael Miller; "Fire-side," by Susan Wiggs; "Run For Your Life," by James Patterson; and "The Shack," by William P. Young.

The Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., as volunteers are available. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact a library board member.

On Saturday, the public is invited to attend a reception at 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall honoring Dr. Michele Goscha on her accomplishments of acquiring her Doctor of chiropractic's Degree and purchasing a practice in Smith Center.

National Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 9 thru March 13. The state-wide tornado safety drill will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10. Weather Spotter training for Sheridan County will be March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie.

The Weather Spotter Training for Decatur County will be March 25 at The Gateway in Oberlin at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received by Francis and Florine Hurst of the death of Jerold Mair, 55, of Mesa, Ariz., on Jan. 28, 2009. He was the son of Jarroldine (Hurst) Mair, Mesa, and the late Glenn Mair. Mrs. Mair is the daughter of the late Cecil and Gladys Hurst.

Covenant Women Ministries will be in charge of the morning worship services at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow, along with a shower for ages newborn to 3 for the church nursery.

Elma Lee Erickson, and Don and Em Threlkel visited Jean Erickson at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby on Thursday and attended the Valentine's party.

Mark and Barbara Olson and

Mary spent the weekend in Manhattan. They were joined by Kurt Olson of Manhattan, and Brandon and Sarah White of Olathe, for the K-State boys and girls games.

Nola Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., was a weekend guest of her sister-in-law, Arlene Glad in Atwood and assisted with the open house at the United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon which honored Mrs. Glad on her 90th birthday.

Elma Lee Erickson accompanied Don and Em Threlkel to Hays on Saturday for the junior high wrestling tournament. Their nephew, Bob Threlkel, of Hays, coaches a team. They were joined there by his wife, Karen Threlkel, and Don and Shelly Threlkel of Kensington.

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