

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1885
Heavy snow Sunday night. Sleigh riding is in order.

Thomas county is talking of organizing.

Oberlin is considering the propriety of incorporating.

Born, Thursday, Feb. 19, 1885, to Mr. and Mrs. Stiner, a son.

The town is being flooded with strangers in search of locations.

Weather permitting, Johnny Morrison expects to occupy his new store within ten days.

Over 100 numbers were sold to the grand masquerade ball held at the skating rink Feb. 20. Prizes were awarded to the lady and gentleman appearing in the most comical costumes. Mrs. Tinder, impersonating a cat, secured one prize, and Roe Griffin captured the other, appearing in the guise of an Indian. Guy Allen was disguised as a girl and J.E. Kulp as an Irishman.

Vallonia: John Hayward writes home that snow is three-feet deep in Michigan.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1910

H.O. Douglas has been appointed assistant census enumerator and will have charge of the livestock department.

The city council Monday night ordered in about 4,000 feet of water main.

Henry Torluemke got back Tuesday from an extended trip to Illinois and Missouri.

E.E. Moser drifted into town on Saturday via a buzz wagon from McCook.

Howard Noyes has moved to Snyder, Neb.

Clayton: A new \$10,000 school-house was recently dedicated.

W.S. Langmade, H.O. Caster, J.D. Flanigan and C.N. Page went down to Topeka this week to take in the big Democratic powwow.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1935

The stage is set for the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament to be held in Oberlin Friday and Saturday with Norton, Colby, Goodland, St. Francis, Atwood, Hoxie and Oberlin each entering 10 wrestlers. Added importance is given to this two-day tournament as no state tournament will be held this year.

A message received from the State Department of Education by the county superintendent of schools stated that schools without funds should close for the rest of the school year as there will be no federal aid to keep them open. Schools closing are District 62 and 103 near Lyle; District No. 72 near Leoville and District 43 southwest of Oberlin. The number of pupils is 36 and

of those 13 are ready for the diploma examinations in the spring.

Several carloads of Oberlin folks attended funeral services in Hoxie for Mrs. C.H. Beers, the mother of Mrs. H.J. Morrison of this city.

Lyle: A fine baby boy was born Monday the 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anthony. Mother and babe are being cared for in the parental Henry Brunk home and are doing fine.

The probate judge was called to his office early Sunday morning to perform the marriage ceremony for Mrs. Clarice Ford, formerly Clarice Best, and Elmer O'Leary of Bird City. After March 1 they will be at home to their many friends on a farm 12 miles northwest of Bird City.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Elvey Bailey, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bailey, who died Tuesday of pneumonia.

Norcat: W.W. Reager of Norcat, a former hardware dealer, died Tuesday. He had made his home the past two years with a daughter, Mrs. Ben Eckhart.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1960

Precipitation for the months of January and February came close to an all-time record as more snow fell this week bringing the 1960 moisture mark to 4.47. Temperatures on Wednesday morning fell to 12 below zero.

One of the oldest businesses in Oberlin changed ownership last week when Lyman Kathka purchased the plumbing division of Morrish, Inc. The company was started here in 1887 by S.J. Morrish, father of Guy and grandfather of Sidney.

Whereabouts of the 20-inch copper tube rain gauge taken from the property of weather reporter Emmet West is still unknown. Meanwhile West is using Ned Coldren's rain gauge.

Fire Tuesday morning destroyed the greyhound kennels and six greyhound pups at the Denzel Reist farm eight miles south and three and a half east of Oberlin.

Larry "Mike" Gawith, 23, and family arrived in Oberlin Sunday where he will assume management of the Decatur County Agricultural and Stabilization office.

Dresden: Everyone is glad to have the town whistle again. There has not been one since New Year's Eve.

Oberlin finished eighth in the state wrestling tournament held at Oakley with one state champion: Don Macfee in the 138-pound division. Other Red Devils placing were Gene Long in the heavyweight division and Bill Sater, fourth in the 145-pound weight. Winning the tournament was Douglass with 54

points followed by Goodland with 50, St. Francis, 34; Wichita East, 28, and Hoxie, 27.

Fern Wenger will be assisted by Eris Young in planning the community Bible School to be held May 23 to June 3. Participating churches are Methodist, Presbyterian, Federated and Covenant.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1985

"Memories of Yesteryear" has been selected as the theme for the Oberlin Centennial parade to be held Sept. 28 as a climax of the weeklong activities planned around the annual Mini-Sapa observance.

Decatur is one of the last counties in the state to have a computer system installed in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. County executive director Diane Messinger and office clerk Joni Gillette are working with Robert Hansen to train personnel and on Monday four temporary employees (Jani Wood, Peggy Reynolds, Delores Juenemann and Julie DeGroot) will begin work to load pertinent information into the computer system.

Will Thiesen has announced that he will officially open Bradley's

Blacksmith Shop at 207 West Hall on March 1. He has had over 40 years experience as a blacksmith and he and Orvin Bradley have expressed their desire to serve the needs of the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fillmore of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Roger LaSalle of Garden City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaSalle of Oberlin. The bride-elect will graduate in May from KSU with a degree in home economics. Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Decatur Community High School, a 1982 graduate of Garden City Community College and is employed by S.C.S. Farms, Inc. A June 8 wedding is planned at the First Methodist Church in Garden City.

The DCHS wrestlers placed seventh at the State 3-2-1A tournament held at Hays. Darrin Kaempfe captured second place in the 145-pound division and Corey Raulston placed third in the heavyweight division.

The Lady Red Devils downed Phillipsburg in the first game of sub-state competition but the boys basketball season came to an end with a 59-52 loss to Belleville.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

What's new for this week? It appears that winter is still here, and more snow coming down as I write this. It does look pretty at times. As one of the few who attended the singles dance in McCook, I was driving home last night in light snow with the moon trying to shine through the light fog. And I thought it was a beautiful night. Other than a little ice here and there, it was a relaxing drive listening to the oldies on KFNF.

The business of the week is the LandMark Inn. Gary Anderson, the proprietor, has restored what used to be "The Bank of Oberlin" into a charming Western Victorian Bed and Breakfast. Within the LandMark Inn are the Teller Room Restaurant and the Oberlin Mercantile Co. gift shop, which carries an extensive line of Victorian gift items, collectibles, toys, Kansas food products and a large selection of jewelry.

The Teller Room is open for lunch Monday through Saturday, and evening dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You will need to call for times on the evening and noon buffets that are scheduled during the month. And don't miss out on the wonderful desserts that are available each day. The lime-

almond cheesecake and the coconut cream pie are my favorites, although the brownie and German-chocolate sundaes are the best on a hot summer day. But the all-time popular one is the bread pudding with butter-pecan sauce.

The LandMark Inn houses seven rooms: The Judge's Chamber, R.A. Marks, Cottage Victorian, Fireside, Carriage House Loft, Ad Astra (handicapped accessible) and the Courtyard. A gourmet breakfast is served to all guests which is included in the rates. Reservations are strongly recommended for any part of the facility.

Our Coffee Hour for February will be held at the new business of Creative Collision which is located on North Highway 83 along the east side of the highway. Coffee and cookies will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. this morning, Feb. 24.

An interesting book that I ran across here in the office is "George W. Gardner in The Argonne Forest," which has been compiled by his daughter, Joyce M. Martin. I believe the book is available at the LandMark Inn along with other interesting choices.

Have a great week, and see if anyone can make it warm up a bit.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Carl Larson and Janene Holtz who were married Saturday evening, Feb. 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Among those attending were his parents, Craig and Karen Larson and Allen and Marla Shelton; grandparents, Wayne and Lois Larson; Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Brad Larson, Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Ian Crane, and Sumer Hatfield, Wichita.

Ralph and Violet Shaw attended the Central Missouri/Fort Hays State University men's and women's basketball games at the Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Tyler Shields was one of six Decatur Community High School students inducted into the National Honor Society Monday evening at a banquet held at The Gateway. To become a National Honor Society member, a student must have at least a 3.4 grade point average. The four pillars of the National Honor Society are service to school and community, leadership, character and scholarship.

Ralph and Norma Unger attended

a Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties meeting Thursday in Topeka. They returned home Friday evening after spending part of the day in Wichita.

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth attended a State 4-H geology field trip planning meeting Saturday in Emporia. Elizabeth was elected Vice-Chair of the Kansas State 4-H Geology Action Group, comprised of junior and adult leaders who plan activities for the year and reviews State Fair judging criteria. They returned home Saturday evening.

Andrew and Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Kearney, Neb., were weekend guests of her parents, Elwood and Jeanie May. Brandon May, Salina, arrived at the May home Saturday morning to spend the week visiting his parents as well as celebrating his 30th birthday.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin entertained Sunday noon with a luncheon at their home. Guests were Wayne and Lois Larson, Craig and Karen Larson, Brad Larson, Bill and Bonnie Condit, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Ian Crane, and Sumer Hatfield.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

President's Day was observed at Cedar Living Center on Monday. Residents met in the afternoon for a social hour and trivia game featuring questions about former presidents of the United States.

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

Mardi Gras dominated the discussion time during the coffee hour on Tuesday morning.

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

Many of the residents have been enjoying watching the Olympic Games on TV. In honor of the games, residents met on Wednesday afternoon for the CLC winter games. Residents tried several games of skill, including darts on a magnetic board. Prizes were awarded. Everyone reported having a good time. The pinochle players also met on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The dietary department has been having a case of "spring fever," so they enlisted the help of the activity department in hosting a picnic lunch on Thursday. The dining room tables were decorated with bright colored table cloths. There were some really silly bugs and worms on every table. Residents each received

a sack lunch in a red or white lunch bag. The lunch included a sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and juice box. Unfortunately, the snow over the weekend reminds us the winter is not done with us yet.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents tried a new game on Thursday afternoon. The game was donated to the center by staff member Peggy Gassman.

The baking group made fruit cocktail cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served warm from the oven. Several residents met for games on Friday evening.

Irene Fringer's family met for a party on the patio Sunday afternoon. Those attending the gathering included Robert and Penny Fringer, Sara, Brandon, and Bailey Wolf, Becky and Tara Fringer, and Jim and Reva Marshall.

Recent visitors: Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Bert Hicks, Columbia, Ill.; Chris Kent, Kirkwood, Mo.

Connie Miller, Lyle Gamblin, Gladys Geis, Connie Olson, Max and Veanna Carman, Janelle Walter, Mary McEvoy, Don Thomas, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

At the writing of this article gentle snowflakes are falling, joining the soft blanket of snow that already covers the landscape. Yet this morning my attention is on spring that is just around the corner... and even more specifically... on butterflies!

After many months of trial and error we have found a way to reintroduce the "Butterfly Garden" to residents with special needs that can't always participate in other activities enjoyed by most other residents. Like a caterpillar encased in a cocoon so are some residents encased in their mental and physical challenges. The "Butterfly Garden" is appropriately named because in this environment we can really see them break free of their cocoon, spread their wings and engage in purposeful activity.

Anita Hirsch is premier in leading this activity. She uses her many gifts of music, creativity, cooking and knowledge of family history as keys to opening memories and moments of genuine pleasure. Eileen Laird and Bonnie Weskamp spent an hour or so dancing. Dorothy Hunt sings while doing dishes or bouncing a baby on her knee. Nadine Anderson drums to the beat of music and joins Anita in song. Ethel Nemeth and Elden Long pored over pictures of days gone by and spent time doing math at the School Days table.

Coleen Rippe also brings her talents of working one-to-one with the residents. This week she played table ball with Leo Mooty, Olive Arnold, Ruby Shuler and Eulaine Benda in the Garden and then went room to room to visit those who weren't able to join us. These are just a few examples of what happens in this unique setting.

The "Butterfly Garden" will be open all day every Wednesday in the Angel Lane dining room. All residents will eat their buffet lunch in Town Square giving us the ability to have both morning and afternoon with targeted residents. The success of the garden is to create an atmosphere that is quiet and free of distractions. If you come to visit and your loved one is in the Butterfly Garden, please let a staff member know so we can quietly disengage him or her from their activity and bring them to you without distracting others. You are always welcome

to "peek" at what we are doing!

We joined R.D. Thornton's family in saying goodbye to their beloved father. Town Square was filled with family and friends as Janice Shobe talked about the home in heaven already prepared for him. He was very much loved and will be missed by us all.

Monday was President's Day and so the trivia challenge began. This is a great way to get us thinking, learn something new and keep us humble... 'cause we're never as smart as we think we are!

On Thursday, we continued our "Experiencing God" Bible Study series and the residents held their evening Prayer Team meeting. There are already many reports about how this is having an impact on each one and their willingness to reach out to others, staff, peers and visitors!

Friday was fun. Besides the routine activities, Coleen helped Leona Helmkamp, Faye Miller, Emma Sanford and Doris Martintzer make treats to send to the Pioneer Club on Wednesday.

While they were busy in the kitchen, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Evelyn Olson, Olive Arnold, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Eileen Laird, Luanne Laird and Leone Porsch tossed snowflakes to earn points. This game is the winter substitute for Hillbilly Horseshoes!

Speaking of Hillbillies! You don't want to miss the first annual Hoedown! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 20!

Visitors this week were Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for Dorothy Hunt. Gail and Kay Marcuson for Eva Bryan. Deb Campbell and Peggy Carman (Hoxie), Carrie Morgan and Avery Meier (Hutchinson) for Myrtle Waldo. Alberta Ritter and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Connie Robison for Glenn Martin. Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Carol Martin (Littleton, Colo.) Gary, Cindy, Jesse and Carisa Gillespie for Violet Schissler. Luanne and Mike Laird (Celina, Texas) for Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Erin and Sue May for Walter and Betty May.

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Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Jeanie Spesser won high, Bernita Amuller took second, Betty James got low and Julie Pope had the most nines. Other members present included Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Shirley Emigh, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Ann Hazlitt, Ralph Weis, Carl Mumm, Paulie Neff, Matt Finney, Janice Kruse, Helen Karls and Bob Wessel. Any Senior Citizens wanting to join should contact Betty James at 386-4295 for further information.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 26 - Betty Schieferecke, Clint Wessel. Feb. 27 - Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Brittany Ritter. Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson. Dan and Jacki Schreiner. March 2 - Caleb Koerperich, Rachael Ritter, Todd

Jacobs. March 3 - Sheri Jacobs. March 4 - Rodney Johnson.

School Calendar: Feb. 26 and 27 - State KMEA. High School Basketball Regionals. March 1 - 6 p.m. Junior High Instrumental Clinic at Triplains.

New books at the Selden Public Library include "Love Mercy," by Earlene Fowler; "Pieces of Sky," by Kaki Warner; "Worst Case," by James Patterson; "Winter Garden," by Kristin Hannah; "Down River," by Karen Harper; "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt," by Beth Hoffman; "Lullaby," by Claire Seeber; "Victim Six," by Gregg Olsen; "Sizzle," by Julie Garwood; "Vanishing Act," by Fern Michaels; "Going Rogue," by Sarah Palin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Light snow is still falling this morning. We have gotten about five inches the past three days.

United Methodist Church canceled Sunday morning church services and evening Bible Study because of the weather.

Betty Brown is feeling much better and was to return home Monday from Kearney, Neb.

The United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3. Roll call will be "A windy story." Helen Rhodes will have the program, "Mission comes Home: Gather to Celebrate." Devotions will be given by Patty Foster and snacks will be served by Kathy Nauert.

The City Council will meet at

7:30 p.m. on Thursday March 4, in the Sunflower Senior Center. Anyone is welcome to attend council meetings.

History: Today is George Washington's birthday. He was the only president to be unanimously elected and the only president who did not represent a political party, 1789-1797.

Also on this day, Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1819.



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