

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1880

Fritz Drath is erecting a residence on Griffith Avenue.

The postmaster has sent in his bond and Oberlin will soon be a money order office.

County Clerk Addleman has received a letter from the Auditor of State regarding the indemnity on special school land in Decatur County. There are 35,032.26 acres of school land which are now subject to sale by the proper officers of Decatur County.

Salaries of county officials were fixed as follows: county treasurer, \$700 per annum; probate judge, \$50 per annum; the following were allowed \$2 each for services as judge or clerk of the special election held in February: J.J. Bowen, G.K. Porterfield, W.W. Vance, Andrew Storm, Eugene Daniels, D.H. Sherrard, Asolp Allen, E.B. Wager, W.S. Sherrard, Geo. V. Shaw, G. Webb Bertram, Geo. Colby, J.B. Colt, Chas. F. Johnson, A. Vanderhoof, E.W. Ford, Solomon Rees, John Fick, D.J. Barnett, R.A. McHenry, D. Baughman and Thomas Mathews.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1905

George Jackson is building a livery barn and will go into the livery business extensively.

Born, April 30, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Johnson, a boy, usual weight.

The high wind blew down the smoke stack at the mill Thursday night.

A large lot of lumber is being hauled to the country this spring.

Norcatour News: Miss Flo Venrick will be the "hello girl" when the Farmers Telephone line is complete. Headquarters will be at Dan Kerschner's residence.

Sappa Creek News: Will Taylor and Miss Ida Fasick were married recently.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brooks and son Max were at the Atwood Lake last Sunday afternoon and witnessed the tragic aeroplane crash in which Harold Chessmore of St. Francis, a passenger in the plane, died. The pilot of the plane, John Thomas, and another passenger, Walt Roshong, 30, of Atwood, were

injured but their chances for recovery are good. Both of Roshong's legs were broken and he suffered facial lacerations and is believed to have internal injuries.

Mrs. Ernest Nemeth and baby Phil are home from the McCook Hospital. Ask Dad Nemeth or Grandpa Coldren concerning the young man; they'll have plenty to tell you.

Jennings: Today is the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Munson. They were married in Wisconsin in 1866 shortly after Mr. Munson returned from three and one-half years service with the Union Army in the Civil War. They came to Kansas in 1879 by train to Red Cloud, Neb., then freighted to Slab City, Decatur County, and their first home was a little sod dug-out on the banks of the Prairie Dog Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Munson have had their share of earth's sorrows, one being the death by drowning of their two older sons in 1897, but through it all they have retained their hopeful, trusting outlook on life.

Court House News: Mr. Charley Diederich, Selden, and Miss Matilda Harold, Dresden, were married by Judge Kulp March 29; Linus Gillespie and Miss Anna Standfast, Jennings, were married April 29 by Rev. J.B. Vornholt of Clayton; Harry Ricketts and Miss Nettie M. Ewing, both of Oberlin, were married April 28 by Judge Kulp; Ernest Shaw, Selden, and Miss Anna Pavlicek, Oberlin, were granted a license April 28.

We join the other 8,429 residents of Decatur County in genuine appreciation of the more than four inches of rainfall received in April.

The Oberlin Herald has two phones — Nos. 1 and 37. If either is busy, call the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bendon have announced the birth of a baby daughter April 23. They have named the little girl Helen Esther.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1955

The moisture so far in 1955 is just 50 percent of normal. Most of the wheat fields in this county are still in good condition, with many of them offering real promise with more moisture in the near future. L.F. Cushenbery moved into his

new office in the Decatur County National Bank building over the weekend. His secretary is Miss Choral Morton.

Following the junior-senior promenade Saturday evening, a dinner and a dance, students will be guests at a movie at the Chief Theatre, courtesy of Henry Beardsley, and later will be guests at the American Legion for games and dancing followed by breakfast. Co-chairmen for the Legion-sponsored activity are Ray Lohoefer and Dwayne Jones.

Oberlin City School principal Ira Laidig has announced the hiring of four new teachers: Celia Boxberger of Norton will replace Mrs. Don Ater as kindergarten teacher; Janette Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson of Oberlin, has been hired to teach in the elementary grades, as has Kay Cashen of McCook; Ardis McNutt, also of McCook, will teach in the intermediate grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ater plan to move to Greeley, Colo., where both will attend college; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Metcalf will move to Atlanta, Georgia, where he will enter Georgia Tech and she will teach in the schools there, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brubaker will move to Dodge City, where he will be employed in an accounting firm.

The Decatur Community High School track team placed in four events at the Fort Hays Relays. Rusty Addleman placed fourth in the discus with a fling of 132 feet, his all-time best; he also placed fifth in the shot, heaving the ball 44 feet, 7 inches. Jerry Baker again broke the school record in the pole vault, going 11 feet to tie for third. The 880-relay team composed of Addleman, Don Musgrave, Dery Bishop and Dick Pavlicek, placed fifth with a time of 1:39.

Dresden: Graveside services were held at the Dresden Cemetery for Carman Scott Spaun, 83, who moved to Dresden in July 1911 where he operated a drug store for many years. In recent years he had made his home in Wichita with his daughter, Mabel.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Alstrom, twin sons, born April 27; Jerry Ray and Gary Kieth.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1980

Golden Age Center coordinator Aleen Vernon invites everyone in the county to an open house Sunday at the new center at 218 N. Penn.

Area Republicans gathering in Hays over the weekend were the first to be told by First District representative Keith Sebelius that he would not seek re-election to the post he has held the past 12 years. Top contenders for the post in the Republican Party appear to be Mike Hayden, Atwood, and Pat Roberts.

Doris Brown, long-time secretary at Oberlin Elementary School, was honored by the 300 students at a surprise assembly last week consisting of original skits, recitations and songs by each grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Selby, Colby, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gayle, to Brad Fredrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fredrickson, Oberlin. Both attended Colby Community College and plan to attend Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Mo., during the fall semester.

Rusty Montgomery set a school record in the high jump with a jump of 6'3" in a track meet held at Hoxie.

Two former Decatur Community High School students, Patsy and Debbie Poe, will leave May 5 with the Kansas State University band for a 10-day concert tour of England.

Cedar Living News

The annual Volunteer Tea was held in the dining room on Wednesday. Volunteers from Meals-on-Wheels and Cedar Living Center were represented. The dietary department prepared the brunch hosted by Teresa Shaughnessy.

Those attending the brunch included Eldon and Opal Huntley, Myrna Jones, Juanita Williby, Fern Jording, Jerry Temple, Barbara Solko, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Mary Ann Amack, Eula Juenemann, Beth Sebaugh, Ila Ray, Mary Noone, Ann Martin, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Jody Betts, Fern Moore, and Kay Marcuson.

Eastern Star hosted the April birthday party on Monday afternoon. Lloyd Beneda, Freida Matheny, Bea Wolfram, and Floyd Bryan each received a gift in honor of their April birthdays. Everyone enjoyed cookies and ice cream and a sing-along time.

Bea Wolfram won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Alice Fiala won the blackout game.

Mary Ann Amack and Beth Sebaugh gave the music program on Wednesday morning.

A group of residents met on Wednesday afternoon for a dice game. Those attending included Nettie Britton, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Eva Marie Vacura, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played pinocle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Scrabble on Thursday

afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to make May baskets.

Residents, staff, and guests enjoyed an evening of dancing on Thursday. Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie provided the music. We had many dancers on the floor all evening and everyone reported a good time. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the refreshments.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday.

Mathilda Bollig is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches were in charge of the Sunday worship service. Pastor Glenn Krebs of Jennings and Larry Henderson of Norton provided a special service of "country gospel" music.

Recent visitors: Richard Samson, Ludell; Bill and Charlotte Nelson, Jennings; Dr. Larry Kruse, Lawton, Okla.; Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Eunice Wenger, Brush, Colo.; Violet Foster, Brighton, Colo.; Gordon and Lila Hickert, Cherokee Village, Ark.; Carol Shaw, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Frank Cox, Herndon; Dale Huzuka, McDonald.

Norma Richards, Wayne and Lois Larson, Jeanette Diederich, Nadean Stoney, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Dana Winstead, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Bernie Vacura, Carol Morford, Lois Lamb, Eileen Laird, Marion Wenger, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wenger, all of Oberlin.

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Good Samaritan Center

Jan Badsky led morning devotions on Monday, emphasizing the importance of letting changes take place in our lives, for God is in control. Merry Mums who gathered for ball-kicking exercises were Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, and Marilyn St. Clair.

Folding laundry Monday afternoon were Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, Ruth Laidig, and Fern Anderson, and observing was Alan Addleman. Canasta players included Hildegard Euhus, Lucy Schissler, and Edla Olson, assisted by Mildred Holmdahl, volunteer. "One-to-one" time was spent with Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby Shuler.

Jan Badsky led morning devotions on Tuesday. First Hand Friends read to their special partners. Staff and residents enjoyed a brown bag lunch. Reminisce corner discussed "Grandchildren." Jan shared pictures of her first grandchild, born on March 29, and Fern Anderson shared a picture of herself with a brother and two cousins.

"Songs of worship" Wednesday morning was led by Jan Badsky, accompanied by Cheryl Miller. Mert McEvoy led Bible study. Those attending were Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Jan Conway, Hazel Flaska, Ruby Shuler, Lucy Schissler, and Alan Addleman.

Volunteers Roxie Erickson and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care Wednesday afternoon. Ellen Horn served social hour. Lisa Stacy pro-

vided a wonderful chocolate cake that was served with ice cream in celebration of Administrative Professional's Day. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Thursday. Catholic services were held in the quiet room. Lisa Stacy led art class. Ruth Laidig, Jan Conway, Fern Anderson, and Marilyn St. Clair created clay projects.

One-to-one visits were shared Thursday afternoon with Alan Addleman, Bonnie Weskamp, and Marguerite Fullerton. A game of Scrabble was enjoyed by Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, Lucy Schissler, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, and Jan Conway. Marian Fraker shared time with Elsie Macy.

A memorial service was held Friday in honor of Harvey Stoney. Administrator Janice Shobe led the service, Coleen Rippe read the eulogy and the Good Sam Choir shared music, with Cheryl Miller accompanying on the piano.

Foldin' Fellowship gathered on Friday afternoon with Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, and Fern Anderson. Carol Duncan shared current events. Lisa Stacey led afternoon Bible study. Social hour was served by Bethany Smith.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Saturday.

Pastor Glenn Krebs, of Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches, and Larry Henderson, Norton, performed country gospel music during church service. Social hour was served by Shirley Nichols.

Recent guests: Garrah Gaumer - Joan McKenna, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Hazel Flaska - Arden Flaska, Gerald and Charlene Karnes; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson; Elsie Macy - Marian Fraker; Lois Buchholz - Mary and John Buchholz; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch.

Also visiting were Lynda and Gregory Cox of Bennet, Neb., Murl Stephens of Kennewick, Wash.; and Rusta Watt of Pasco, Wash.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On April 20, several Senior Citizens attended a dinner in Colby sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. The dinner was to show appreciation for their volunteer time. Hubert Cooper, formerly of Selden, cooked the meal

which was served by Colby College students. Selden seniors attending included: Paulie Neff, Jeannie Spesser, Betty James, Irene Kruse, Carol Shaw, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Anna Albers and Alfred Albers.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Tuesday Study Club met April 26 at the home of Helen Muirhead. Co-hostess was Joan McKenna. Those attending were Rachel Carter, Naomi Carter, Clara Gillum, Wilma Mader, Helen Muirhead, Joan McKenna, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha and Jean Skubal.

Carolyn Plotts gave an interesting talk on the mission work in Mexico that she and her husband,

Jim, do in leading a team to build a house for a family.

New books received at the Jennings City Library are: "In This Mountain" by Jan Karon, "Miss Julia's School of Beauty" by Ann B. Ross, "Bad Heiress Day" by Allie Pleiter and "Container Gardening" by P. Allen Smith.

The Stamps

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