

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1901

Logan Items: Albert Hoffman was seen going south on a bicycle last week at a two-forty gait.

Miss Nina Bush returned from Omaha Tuesday. She has been taking a higher course in music.

Fred Hensell, trustee of Garfield, turned in his books Wednesday. He came down on the train as he said the roads were not in fit condition for travel.

Owing to continued illness Mrs. Miner has resigned her position as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, a position she has filled faithfully and well for eight years.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Litton of Center.

Claus Thiesen, trustee of Allison Township, returned his books Wednesday.

The city election on Monday was one of the hottest that has been held in Oberlin for years. The day was bad, mud and snow made getting out in the city very unpleasant but those interested furnished carriages and everyone who wanted to vote found a way of getting to the polls. Dr. W. B. Mead was elected mayor by 35 percent majority; H. A. Griffith, H. O. Douglas, J. M. Sears, W. S. Fleming and A. L. Patchin were elected councilmen.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1926

Miss Anna B. Morrish returned Sunday from Los Angeles, Calif. She has been away for the past three months. Mrs. S. A. Fish accompanied her to Phoenix, Arizona and on to California, however, she remained at Weiser, Idaho, indefinitely.

Miss Katherine Langmade won second place in the soprano solo contest at Lindsborg Saturday. High school students from all over the state were entered in the contest and Miss Langmade's winning of second place speaks well of her ability as a singer.

Miss Lucy Leist and Owen McCue were married at Norton March 25, 1926. Miss Lucy has been one of Decatur and Red Willow county's most efficient teachers and is an accomplished musician. She held a clerical position in one of the prominent banks of Denver for several years, but since the death of her father, Lewis Leist, has made her home with her mother on the homestead in Sherman Township. Mr. McCue is an extensive land owner and has purchased the McFadden store in Marion. The newlyweds are soon to take over the management of his hotel in Norcatour where they will be at home to their many friends.

Court House News: On April 5, Mr. John M. Wurm, 23, of Herndon and Miss Elsie B. Schrammel, 21, of McCook, secured a marriage license.

S. W. Bailey, living four miles east of Kanona, will hold a clean-up sale on April 14th.

Harold Metcalf has had his new airplane for a week or so. He drove it out from Kansas City in about four hours. Last Sunday he with Jack Riley and Howard Hanson as passengers, flew to Scott City and returned the same day. My, it must be lots of fun to own a plane.

Keep Pace Club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Art Steele with 17 members and two guests, Mrs. W. H. Church of Ottawa and Mrs. Grover Marvin of Lincoln, Neb., a former member of the club.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1951

Some 500 farmers and businessmen were on hand in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon to hear a company proposal for increasing the rainfall in northwest Kansas. Mr. Cox explained the method of rain-making or rain-increasing by use of the silver iodide method. Of the \$55,000 needed to be raised in the nine-county area to employ the Water Resources Development Assoc., Decatur County will need \$6,000. Officers elected were Elwood Mines, president; J. R. Betts, treasurer and John M. Bremer, secretary.

Jack Miller, manager of the local Safeway store for the past three years has been notified he will be the manager of the Safeway store at Wayne, Neb. Darrell Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Haas, will take over as manager of the local store.

Local men ordered to report for physical exams by Draft Board No. 72 include: Clarence Jennings, Eugene Alexander and Howard Hoffman, Oberlin; Edward Miller and Joseph F. Meitl, Dresden.

Funeral services were held for Frank Eicher, 44, who moved here from Norcatour about 15 years ago and began in the plumbing business.

Miss Evelyn Noren will leave April 14 for the Belgian Congo where she will serve as a missionary teacher with the Mission Covenant Church. She will be located at the same post as her sister, Geneva, and her husband, Rev. Gordon Christensen.

George Wendelin is recovering from injuries received in a 15-foot fall to the concrete bottom of the cistern at his farm in Logan Township.

A. W. Erickson, noted crop reporter from Minneapolis, Minn., was the guest speaker when Oberlin Rotary entertained 60 farmers of the Traer community in a dinner at the Traer school Tuesday evening. Erickson painted anything but a bright future for the 1951 wheat crop.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued March 30 to William Renert and Margaret Koerperich

of Selden.

Hospital News: A daughter, Theresa Jo Nell Sattler, March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sattler of Herndon; a son, Larry Dwayne Duell, March 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Duell of Ludell.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1976

The moisture this past week was a welcome sight to Decatur Countians as the past week saw several days with skies dark and hazy from blowing dust.

The State Bank of Herndon will celebrate its 75th year in business Friday.

Rex McGowne, who has been with the Oberlin City power plant 19 years, tendered his resignation at the Oberlin City Council meeting Tuesday night. Other city employees tendering their resignations effective May 1 were James Pfannenstiel and Ron Beneda.

Gary Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Anderson, Sappa Township, is one of four young Kansans who will participate in the summer 4-H international program. Anderson, who is a freshman at Kansas State University, will leave June 22 for six weeks in Denmark. Others selected include KSU senior Cindy Macy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Macy, Alta Vista, but formerly of Oberlin. She will leave June 13 for Poland.

A downtown Oberlin business changed owners Monday when Mr. and Mrs. John Wright purchased the Squire Shop from Mr. and Mrs. Mel Taylor.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Fonda Farr, curator

We have been working diligently getting ready to open April 1. This year we have hired a new yardman, Tony Kotschwar, and we are very excited about having him aboard. Tony will be taking care of the yard and some small maintenance work. His wife, Joann, has some wonderful ideas for the flower beds. We feel very fortunate.

It has been very hectic around here this week, with everyone getting ready for opening day. Shirley has been cleaning fast and furious, Myrna has been doing some mopping and getting things ready and Tony has been cleaning up the entire yard. A buzz of activity is what we are in the midst of.

Our Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday night in the Bohemian Hall. We will have a delicious dessert bar and have detailed reports on the Museum projects. Myrna Jones and Lois Carlson will

entertain with their musical abilities. Come join us and have an enjoyable evening.

The genealogists have been crawling out of the woodwork lately. This is the most amazing place. In a week's time we had three parties doing research on the very same people and none of them knew each other. One was from Winfield; one from Vermillion, S.D., and one from Portland, Ore. They are all descendants of the same ancestors but far enough down the line not to know each other. I just think it is incredible that they all contacted us in one week. We have already done research for folks in Hawaii and Oklahoma a few years ago on the same surnames. Names researched this week have been Dible, Hayward, Hatch, Carter, Husepillar, Shick, Aller, Gay and Cheney.

Visitors have been in from Nebraska, Montana and Kansas.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Robyn Sayer, 38, was killed in a two-vehicle accident on Thursday north of Herndon. She was the music teacher at Herndon School. Funeral services were held Monday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Cambridge, Neb.

Survivors include her husband, David, and three children, Austin, Dawn and Erik, Cambridge, Neb.; her mother, Lucille Poland, Berwyn, Neb.; two brothers, and a sister. Sympathy is extended to the family from the Herndon community.

Word has been received of the death of Sister Benigna Logan, 89, on March 28, at Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia. She was an elementary teacher and administrator for the Salina Diocese, and was a former teacher at St. Mary's Parochial School in Herndon. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Nazareth Convent Chapel in Concordia. Memorials may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund or Apostolic Works of the Sisters.

Congratulations to the three Herndon Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination teams, who qualified for state competition at Regionals held in Holdrege, Neb. The state competition will be held on Saturday in Kearney, Neb.

The high school won first place in long-term problem solving, style and overall. The junior high team took first place in long-term problem solving, style and overall, and the elementary team tied for first place in long-term problem solving and second place overall.

Members of the teams are Dusti Kowalski, Wesley Martin, David Sattler, Adam Ketterl, Kenzie Michel, Chris Calmer, Colt Diederich, Phillip Hoffman, Jarod Weidner, Ben Grafel, Anikka Martin, Janelle Solko, Chelsey Williams, Brett Chambers, Daron Chambers, Jeremy Wahrman,

Andrea Brown, Misty Hartner, Zach Williams and Nik Martin.

Misty Hartner of Herndon placed among the top 10 finalists at the Kansas Homecoming Queen competition held in Kansas City and received a plaque. She is the daughter of Alan and Charlene Hartner.

Joe and Nadine Smith, accompanied by Jeannie, Mitchell and Britany Tuma, spent last weekend visiting Bob and Patty Chartier, and Dave and Deb Unger and all attended the wedding of Heath Franke and Debbie Pribble at Valley Falls.

Visitors of Rosie Solko were Sharon Ecker, Cathy Lippold, Jerry Vrbas, Bart Ecker of Hays, Monica Solko, Carol Solko of Hays, Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin, Tim Solko, Laury Solko of Omaha, and Tom Solko.

Jerry, Janet and Joanna Malone of Leawood, and Kendra Threlkel of Hays were last Friday evening and Saturday guests of Joann Malone. They were en route home from a ski trip at Cooper Mountain during spring break.

Those who attended a dinner which honored Rosie Solko on her 95th birthday on Sunday were the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dozbaba, Don and Becky, Mark and John Luckert of Brewster, Iverna Eby of Goodland, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hestermann of Ludell, Denise Maaske and Randy Dozbaba of Atwood, Mildred Kleidosty, Laury Solko of Omaha, Monica Solko, Tim Solko, Lila Leitner, Helen Marintzer, Chris Wood, Tom Solko, Judy Solko of Larned, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Unledge.

Recent visitors of Frank and Wynemah Cox were Roseann, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael Domsch, Rosa Boehm of McCook, and Susan McKain of McDonald.

Sunday dinner guests on March 25

of Jan Sattler were Alice Hutfles, Tom and Marlene Cook, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Dana and Eric, Brian and Mary Clark, Collin and Katelyn, and Bob and Julie Hafner. The Cooks and Hafners came to spend time with their mother, Alice Hutfles.

Honor roll students (3.5+) at Herndon School for the third nine weeks include: Seniors: Angie Cash, Misty Hartner, Latisha Larson and Isaac Marintzer. Juniors: Andrea Brown, Adam Ketterl, Kenzie Michel, David Sattler. Sophomores: Nik Martin, April Portschy, Chelsey Schissler. Freshmen: Lance Basgall, Curtis Brown, Justin Grafel, Ted Juemann, Caleb Kastens, Nathaniel Martin, Katie Niemeth, Daniel Riener.

McGraw News

By G. G. Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis and Jay attended Kids' State Wrestling last weekend where Jay competed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Saturday.

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Eighth grade: Brett Chambers, Daron Chambers, Anikka Martin, Renae Solko. Seventh grade: Jeff Riener, Rodney Rippe, Janelle Solko.

Those on the regular honor roll (3.0+) are Mark Solko, senior; Josh Allen, junior; Brandon Davis, sophomore; Alicia Bergling, Abe Marintzer, freshmen; Ben Grafel, Michelle Hartner, Jeremy Wahrman, Chelsey Williams, eighth; Arthur Larson, seventh.

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Margaret Magers drove to Norton on Friday to accompany Jane and Richard Engelhardt to Denver to spend the weekend with Pam Hawk, Tyler and Brittany. While there they celebrated Brittany's birthday. On Saturday they shopped some garage sales, then went ice skating.

Veda Wood called on John and Helen Helm Friday morning.

Gene Van Otterloo drove out from Oberlin Sunday to take Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton to church services at Lyle.

Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly attended an auction at Rexford on Saturday and were back in time to pick up Marguerite Fullerton for the pancake supper in Norcatour.

Lyle has two new families this spring. One is living at the Chambers farm and working for Curtis Chambers, and the other lives where the Wiggins girls lived and are working for Roger and David Wilson.

On Sunday, June Jolly attended a church meeting at Norcatour before she and Kathy Van Meter had supper at the Norton American Legion, stayed for the impressive Post Everlasting ceremony and for pitch later.

Mrs. Magers took Mrs. Fullerton to the doctor at Oberlin Monday. They were guests for lunch at the home of Laurene Bryan. Gene Van Otterloo was an additional guest. Mrs. Fullerton went back to the doctor on Thursday.

On March 26 Theresa Reeves, Carol Moye, and Veda Wood were in Grinnell to take Sandra and Ryan McNames out for dinner for their birthdays. Ryan's birthday was March 21, Sandra's March 22, and Theresa's, March 27.

Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs.

Van Meter and Mrs. Magers visited Van and Irene Cozad in Beaver City Tuesday evening and Van joined them for the card party at the Senior Center. On Wednesday Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter quilted at the community building and were joined by Mrs. Wood. They are preparing for their fall bazaar.

Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Magers joined Eileen Laird, Norma Elwood, and Mary Noone at Oberlin for six-handed pinochle on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Christina May, Justine and Kelvin, of Tipton, are spending a few days with Coleen and Laverne Rippe. They helped Grandma Irene Powell move from Willow Ridge Retirement Center in McCook, to Wheat Ridge Terrace in Oberlin. Mrs. Powell was a longtime resident of this community and we welcome her back to Kansas.

Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Rippe and Mrs. Allan Powell had lunch together in Oberlin on Wednesday.

The Mike Helm children phoned grandpa and grandma Helm Saturday morning to let them know how well they had done of 4-H Days Friday evening. Deb Helm, Matthew and Timothy, spent Thursday afternoon at the farm.

The John Helms visited Florence and Jerry Uerling before Mass at St. Catherine's on Sunday morning, then had Sunday dinner with grandchildren, Maria and Jaime at Bartley. They also visited Grandpa and Grandma at the farm Sunday evening. They brought Maria's cat along to try out his new cat carrier.

Carroll Jolly and a friend, of Council Bluff, Iowa, visited his mother, June Jolly, over the weekend.

Rexford News

By Lula Thielor

The Houston House antique and household auction, held on Saturday at the Hiram Hall (formerly the Legion hall), brought a large crowd to town. The main streets were all parked full of cars and trucks and the hall was crowded inside. It was a big sale.

Peg Greenwood hosted a Vandel Pearls party at the Red Barn last Sunday afternoon. Kerrie Petersen, Burlington, Colo., was the presenter and 11 attended.

At the church service on March 25 the Pioneer Girls of the church took an active part. Caitlyn Moss did an excellent job of playing the prelude on the piano, other girls led the singing and took the offering. All the girls sang some songs. The sponsors were introduced by Mary Carroll, the coordinator, as follows: Andrea Rogers, Liz Purcell, Mindy Schumacher, Joan Todd, Tonya Schwarz, Annette Goeken, Margaret Arasmith, Jennifer Moss, Brandt Todd, and Marcia Gilbert. After the service a dinner was held in Fellowship Hall.

Dick Sanford brought a cake to the Barnswallows birthday party Monday afternoon to be served with ice cream. Not sure if Dick or his wife, Eunice, baked the cake but it was delicious. There were 11 present.

The Red Barn Band practiced on Tuesday morning at the Barn. They will be playing in Colby on April 25 at the Senior Center.

The Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon at the church. Roll call was answered with Bible verses beginning with the letter M followed by the devotions on Love, given by Deb Stepper. Plans for the ladies' tea on Saturday afternoon during the Missions Conference were finalized. Grace Cheney was hostess.

The last Legion pinochle tournament for the season will be held at the Legion Hall on Saturday evening. Everyone is invited to come for an enjoyable evening. Refreshments are served.

All men are invited to attend the meetings held at the Ranch House on Thursday evenings. Supper is at 6:30 followed by games of pool, cards and visiting.

Jolene Hansen returned home last week after attending a family reunion in the Los Angeles area in California. Her parents from Iowa were there.

The Bible study group, which meets at the Purcell home each week, went to Monarch Pass in Colorado last weekend to ski. Sponsors are Lane and Patty Purcell, Dennis and Shawn Spresser and Chuck Williams

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