

THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1901

The report that Benton & Hopkins had lost 800 head of cattle at their Sheridan County ranch was wrong. Mr. Benton claims their loss has been about 25 head out of the herd of 1300 they are wintering.

Ice froze Tuesday night thick enough to make the grass look sick.

The electric plant at the foundry works like a charm and on dark days it is found a great convenience in lighting up the dark places.

W. T. Stevenson has had a new building erected on his farm north of town for the convenience of his renter, I. W. Wright.

H. O. Douglas is transplanting some of the large cherry trees from the Clark Nursery to his lots near the schoolhouse.

Frank Fleming had ice cream on tap at his restaurant Monday. It wasn't hard to sell.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1926

At the request of the County Commissioners the local lodge of Masons took charge of the laying of the corner stone of the new court house building and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, John T. Neilson, officiated. After the reading of the list of the contents, the copper box was placed in a hollow immediately beneath the cornerstone.

Chas. Votapka has sold his residence east of the Sales Pavilion to Drs. Rummel & Rummel who will fit it up for offices as well as a residence. Mr. Votapka has bought the lots just southeast of the Presbyterian Church of Mr. Chas. Frickey and will erect a large modern residence thereon.

Dresden: Miss Muriel Howard, teacher of Prairie Temple school, has been elected to teach in the primary department at Dresden next year.

Russell Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Anderson of Center Township, was quite seriously injured Monday while discing. His right foot was frightfully cut and a deep gash was cut in his thigh.

The past six months from October, 1925 through April, 1926 are the driest on record with only 1.44 inches of moisture, including both rain and snow.

Mrs. Everett Eiler and Mrs. Chris Mines were injured when the small touring car in which they were returning from McCook to their homes in Oberlin plunged through the railing of a culvert about two miles south of McCook and came to a halt in the bottom of a ravine. A burr had fallen from a bolt attached to the steering device of the machine and it failed to respond as they approached the bridge.

Geo. W. Jackson, 60, a prominent Oberlin citizen for the past 40 years, died at McCook. Coming to Decatur County in 1886 he took out homestead papers on land in Summit Township but never lived on the land, instead helping his brother in the dray business and later doing house moving in Kansas, Nebraska and eastern Colorado. He did that work so well

that he had practically no competition.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1951

The cloud seeding machines are said to be at work and Decatur County has received more rain in April than any month since August, 1.66 inches.

A change in the management of the Western Auto store will take place May 1 when Alvin Hisey will take over active management of the store here from Frank Cameron and Frank will assume management of the store at Norton.

For the first time the high school junior-senior prom will be held at the school gymnasium and Mrs. Pearl Kidd and V. R. May, junior sponsors have done a great deal of work for the occasion. The juniors and seniors will meet downtown and march to the high school where the banquet will be served and following the program in the auditorium, a dance will be held.

Norman Stanley will begin work Monday at Oberlin Jewelry Store, formerly the Love Jewelry according to Don Zimmerman, owner. The Stanley family, Norman, 8; Russell, 6; John, 4 and Rose Mary, 18 months will move to Oberlin when school is out.

Phyllis Jeffus, freshman from Oberlin, was recently elected secretary of the Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority on the Fort Hays State campus.

The marriage of Laurine Leiker of Olathe to Leonard Cullison was solemnized April 5 in the Jefferson School Chapel at Hays. The couple will make their home in Olathe where the bridegroom is credit manager for Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lippelmann announce the marriage of their daughter, Joan, on April 7 at Leavenworth to Robert Hedrick of Kansas City. Mr. Hedrick served in the Pacific in World War II and is employed with Trans World Airlines in Kansas City as a meteorologist. The bride is a 1944 graduate of DCHS, a 1949 graduate of KU and is teaching at Southwest High School in Kansas City, Mo.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1976

Leon Taylor, district superintendent of Halliburton Services, Hays, has announced an open house will be held at the new Halliburton facility east of Oberlin from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The service facility provides oil well services in southern Nebraska and northwest Kansas. Wes Loomis is local supervisor in charge of operations and 16 people are employed with plans to add three more within the next three months. General contractor for the project was Bainter-Reichert Construction, Hoxie, and subcontractor was Zodrow Construction, Leoville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wendelin, Herndon, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Joanne and Norman. The couple is planning an Aug. 13, 1976, wedding at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dolan and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gawith announce the engagement of their children, Jeannie and Gary. Vows will be exchanged Dec. 5.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Anna Wasson DeuPree who was born July 31, 1879, in Jamestown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wasson. She came to Decatur County in 1882 with her family and was married to Gilbert DeuPree in May, 1902. They made their first home in a sod house later moving to Dresden and for a number of years in Plainville.

Rex Schamberger, 24, has been hired as Decatur County Agricultural Extension agent. He will begin work June 1. He is a 1974 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in animal science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schamberger of Hoxie.

The Rev. Everett Dykes, Great Bend, is the new minister of the Assembly of God Church, Oberlin. He replaces the Rev. F. M. Hatch who retired. The Dykes family will move to Oberlin in June and until that time he will commute. He is now the principal of Park Elementary, Great Bend.

Don't just play the numbers game" is what turf specialist Matt Fagerness tells Kansas lawn irrigators. "Don't pay too much attention to what your rain gauge tells you."

The numbers game has Kansans watering at every extreme - too little and too much — too often and too close to never.

The Kansas State University horticulturist said the numbers game is why some sprinkler systems operate like clockwork, even during rainfall. It also is why some people have such disappointing results, even though they work hard on lawn care.

The numbers are formulas based on the amount of moisture lawns should get each week, Fagerness explained. In general, for example, the formulas for typical Kansas lawn turfs call for 1 inch of moisture — through rain or irrigation — every week of the growing season.

But that doesn't account for some make-or-break factors:

- *How widely state soils vary in water-handling ability.
- *How turf needs to grow, to stay healthy through weather extremes.
- *How air temperature and humidity can affect soil's moisture loss.
- *How widely sprinklers range in ability to distribute water evenly.
- *How inaccurate homestyle rain gauges can be.

The way around these problems is fairly simple, Fagerness said. Instead



Extension Lines

By Byron Hale
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of trying to measure the amount of moisture that they and the growing season weather apply, homeowners should measure how deeply moisture "percolates" into the soil.

An inch of water in sandy soils may not be nearly enough," he said. "In heavy clay, it may be too much for the soil to absorb all at once, so water may puddle or run off. You'd do better applying the moisture in increments."

One approach to assessing soil moisture depth is to use a shovel to slice straight down into the lawn. Then push the shovel forward and examine the dirt that's exposed.

Another is to push a screwdriver or piece of rebar into the soil. When it hits dry dirt, it will move no further. Homeowners can then mark ground level and pull the metal rod up to see how deep it went.

You need to do that in several places, to get an idea of your lawn's average moisture depth," Fagerness said. "About 6 inches of moist soil is a good job of watering." Kansans'

favorite lawn turfs — tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass — can get into serious problems with shallow watering, he warned. They're cool-season turfs that perform best in spring and fall. For maximum health while under summer's stresses, they need strong, deep root systems in place.

"You can't spoil grass. You've got to make it work, to develop its version of muscle," the horticulturist said. "For example, if you irrigate 10 to 15 minutes every day, you may have a lush lawn this spring. But you'll just be watering the top inch of soil. So, you'll have top-heavy turf with lots of leaves to maintain. But when summer comes, the roots will all be in that top inch, where the soil dries out quickest."

Deep watering often requires running sprinklers for an hour, Fagerness added. Most lawns don't need watering more than once a week, except during hot, dry spells.

"If we have good moisture this spring, they won't need watering at all," he said.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

A benefit soup dinner for the Herndon Destination Imagination Team will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Herndon School cafeteria. Soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages will be served. Proceeds will be used to help the team travel to Tennessee in May for the DI Global Finals. The public is invited.

Tuesday, April 10, reunited part of the Niemeth family for the first time in 20 years. Jerry and Kim Niemeth and family invited their parents, Phil and LaVerne Niemeth to their home for dinner, along with out-of-town relatives. Invited guests were Francis Niemeth, and Paul and Renee Niemeth. A great reunion took place and later in the evening, Cindy Bergling came by to join in the celebration.

Weekend guests of Helen Marintzer were Mel and Regis Kogl, Lakewood, Colo.

Senior Citizens potluck was held Wednesday, April 15, with 20 members present. Maxine Reuber read the poem, "'Taxes To Pay.'" Bingo was played. Doris Marintzer and Dorothy Engleman won the blackout and Helen Marintzer won the door prize.

Ann Martin and Lucy Evans of McCook spent Easter weekend with Susie Johnson and Tonia Newcom at

Ralston, Neb.

Recent visitors of Rosie Solko were Sharon Ecker, Dave Solko of Dodge City, Helen Marintzer, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whirley, Robin and Josh of Olathe, Tom Solko and Randy Solko of Ludell.

Frank and Wynemah Cox were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Michael and Roseann Domsch and family of rural Atwood. Other guests were Don and Sonia Domsch, Gene Domsch, Irene Gertson, Roger, Judy, Riley, Shayla and Ryan Cochran of Oberlin and Brian Domsch and friend, Stacey.

The Michael Domsch family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cox on Saturday and accompanied Grandpa Frank to the Easter Egg Hunt at the Herndon Park.

Joe and Nadine Green entertained with a family Easter dinner. Guess were Margaret Riener, Connie and Kylie Reitcheck, Jeannie, Brittany and Mitchell Tuma, all of Colby, and John Green.

In the afternoon, they all went to Palisade, Neb., where they attended the 40th wedding anniversary surprise celebration which honored Dennis and Doris Riener.

Dave, Gail, Baron and Green of Oberlin participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in Herndon.

Easter dinner guests of Donald and Diana Solko were Denelda Hamill, Darla, Kourtney, Caleb and Brady Anderson, Dena Dewey, Destiny and Donovan Schroeder, Rayeann and Kevin League.

Rebekka Martin, a senior in agricultural communications and journalism, is one of 16 Kansas State University students who earned membership into Blue Key, a senior leadership honorary through her leadership, academic achievement and a dedication to community service.

Students are selected through an application and interview process during the spring of their junior year, and must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Among annual events Blue Key sponsors are Blue Key Leadership Appreciation Day and a leadership conference for high school students. She is the daughter of Bob and Liane Martin of Herndon.

Amy Portschy, daughter of Leon and Marita Portschy, was among 37 students at Mid-Plains Community College, McCook, who were inducted into the Eta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently. Students must have completed a minimum of 12 academic hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

The Prairie Heights Marketing Association will hold their annual meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn. Three officers will be elected. The public is invited.

The Willard High School Jazz band competed in Drury University Jazz Festival in Springfield, Missouri on March 3. The band took first place in their division. Brian and Julie Way are members. Brian received individual recognition's outstanding soloist for his trumpet solo. Their parents are Dan and Dena Marie Way, and they are the grandchildren of Dena Gillespie.

The Heritage Associates held their annual board of directors meeting Jan. 29.

Those attending were Bob Tacha,

Bryce Stephens, Dean Gawith, Roger Shimek, Larry Mizer, Jay Kump, Jessie Davis, Josephine Kinser and Neoma Tacha. The group met March 1 for a regular meeting.

Bob Jones and Neoma Tacha gave reports on the Seeds of Hope Telethon. It was reported that kolaches made by the Jennings women sold very well at the telethon.

A regular meeting was held April 5 with plans being made to connect the Heritage Museum to the Royal Neighbors Building.

The group received a computer from the Library Board and bills were paid. Bob Tacha and Dean Gawith will make a new budget for next year. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3.

Cedar Living Center News

Lloyd Beneda was honored with a birthday party given by his family on Saturday afternoon.

Pastor Glenn Krebs of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches gave the worship service on Easter Sunday. Betty Krebs assisted.

Harold Frickey was out on Monday with Wendell Frickey to attend the funeral and dinner for their sister, Fern Gaumer.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served a variety of cream pies. Myrna Jones and Carol Witt assisted with music on Monday afternoon.

Melba Anderson won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Bea Wolfram won the blackout game.

The April birthday party was held on Wednesday. Zeta Nu Club hosted the party. Those honored with April birthdays were Bea Wolfram, Lloyd Beneda, John Brunk and Floyd Bryan.

Recent visitors: Lori Lowrance, Erik Jensen, Denver; Michelle and Rae Tackett, Lacey, Jeff and Kim, Warrensburg, Mo.; Cindy, Roby and Cody Wood, Littleton; Harold and Jean Focke, Ron and Colleen Fikan, Atwood; Lila Jennings, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Vendla Tacha, Mildred Tacha, Rosa Brock, Doyle Brown, Jennings; Norma Kellett, Lafayette, Colo.; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Cherstyn Reuber, Hill City; Jo Ann Reuber, Ludell; Andrew Reuber, Tribune; Monte and Julie Burrell, Cade and Carson, Wauneta, Neb.; Todd, Julie, Leslie and Morgan Burrell, Benkelman, Neb.; Karmine, Cliff and Leah Church, Imperial, Neb.; Clint and Tish

Burrell, Parks, Neb.; Clay Burrell, Glenva and Tom Burrell, Max, Neb.; Ron and Janis Jensen, Parker, Colo.; Sean and Marni McMillan, Parker, Colo.; Judy and Gary Vaughn, Westminster, Colo.;

Jean and Elton Gillespie, Clayton; Don Ashley, Kain Priess, Selden; M.R., Theresa, Josh and Robin Wehly, Olathe; Sue, Kevin, Allison and Selby Renk, Plainville; Larry Wolfram and family, Liberal; Doris Gilbert, Gem; Jan Evans, Hoisington; Ann Martin, Sharon Ecker, Carla Marintzer, Pastor Keith Reuther, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Betty Miller, Leoville; Mary Miller, Marie Miller, Dresden; Steve Martin, Jim Hamlin, McCook;

Lori Moss, Colby; Lisa and Steve Woody, Ludell; Bart Ecker, Hays;

Fern Jording, Duane Jording, Leonard and Dorothy Cochran, Barb Solko, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Don and Alene Scott, Cecil Hess, Grace Hoppas, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Eula Juenemann, Frances Nothdurft, Raymond Corcoran, Paul Corcoran, Bernard Corcoran, Marie Jean Vavroch, Rachael Gallatin, Rosella Meitl, Laurene Bryan, Bob and Lila Keenan, Rex Bolliger, Anita and Bob Montgomery, Martha Fringer, Nora Bell Manning, Elaine Bryan, Sandy Counter, Phyllis McKay, Don Stapp, Marlin and Dana Marintzer, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Lula Thielor

Hulda Wark hosted the Social Hour Club at the Red Barn on Wednesday afternoon with seven present. The afternoon was spent visiting, playing games and delicious refreshments were served. Vesta Roth received the hostess gift.

Guests of Grace Cheney for Easter were Gary and Kay Cheney, Duane Cheney and Karen Derbonne of Bird City. Matt and Lynn Cheney were guests in the Lynn.

and then went on to Branson, Mo. and other places for a week. They returned home on Friday.

Lula Thielor returned home Friday after spending two weeks in Rose Hill with Joe and Marjorie Paddock. On Easter they all were guests of Terry and Rita Paddock and Christopher. Other guests included Rita's parents, her sister and son and Terry's sister, Cheryl Henry and family.

Gloria Dible was an Easter guest of Jack and Hulda Wark.

The Make and Take Group met Friday afternoon at the Barn and made jelly candles for their project. Six ladies were present for a fun afternoon.

Good Samaritan News

Pastors Barbara and Nolan Pierce conducted a Good Friday devotion with communion.

The dietary and activity departments served an Easter breakfast for the staff and residents in the activity room. Approximately 50 residents and staff enjoyed the event.

Beth Miller, Barbara Berry and Kelley Black brought their babies to a baby show. They were interviewed and some of the residents enjoyed holding the babies.

The child day care will be opening up for the staff members' use this week.

Erma Holt, Lorna Bishop, Leona Glenn, Maxine Chambers, Hazel Flaska and Fern Pieratt made cookies for social hour on Monday. Henrietta

Van Vleet assisted.

Everyone at the center enjoyed cream pies furnished by Dennis Brown.

Charlene Karnes furnished birthday cake for residents and staff in honor of her aunt, Hazel Flaska's birthday. Kathryn Post furnished piano music for the party.

The Helm family furnished another enjoyable afternoon of entertainment which included poetry, project talks, readings and music.

Pat Glenn assisted Sister Marilyn and Father Hoover with Catholic Mass on Thursday.

The Third Thursday Movie was attended by Ruby Shuler, Ruby McKenna, Pauline Zander, Erma Holt, Catharine Sullivan and Maxine

Chambers.

Residents and their guests this past week were: **Ruby McKenna:** Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Mable Humes:** Wilma May, Bob and Audrey Law, Emily Headrick; **Dena Gillespie:** Earl and Pat Hartzog, Natalie Scott, Karli Fredrickson; **Rena Hickson:** Goldie Raulston, Ken Rydquist; **Velma Jeffus:** Zach and Alex Young; **Alvena Ecker:** Sharon and Bart Ecker; **Ella Peterson:** Eva Bryan; **Maxine Chambers:** Carol Allen; **Erma Holt:** Jolene Metcalf; **Fay Ginther:** Margaret Ross, Kelley Brown, Maralyn Courange; **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flaska:** Jon Carter, Jon Smith..

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthday and anniversaries: April 26, Roger Emigh, Traci Bruggeman, Jerry and Paula Schiltz; April 27, Tricia Bullock Carney; April 28, Erin Rogers, Betty Hickert; April 29, Bernita Aumiller, Russ Aumiller, Mindy Schumacher; April 30, John Geisinger, Dennis Spesser, Don Pratt, Fritz and Gail Mumm; May 1, Ron Shaw, Kent and Tenna Ashley; May 2, Cody Shaw, Rudy Lechtenberger.

On April 19 at Senior Citizens, Donald Shaw was high. Paulie Neff took second and Don Smith got low and all nines. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Betty James, Carol Shaw, Laura Berls, Cecelia Ottley, Anna Albers, Dorothy Lovin, Leone Porsch, Catherine Campbell, Gertrude Fleckenstein, Fansion Juenemann, Vesta Shea, Flerry Shea and Gene Rogers.

The Annual RSVP Awards Banquet was held in Colby Wednesday evening, April 18. The following Retired Senior Volunteers of Selden at-

tended: Laura Berls, Anna Albers, Gertrude Fleckenstein, Fansion Juenemann, Carol Shaw, Don Shaw, Vesta Shea, Flerry Shea, Betty James. Attending from Hoxie were: Cecelia Ottley, Catherine Campbell and Dor-

othy Lovin.

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Selden Antique Tractor and Car Show on June 3. For more information call 785-386-4481, 386-4331 or 386-4536.

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