

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — May, 1901

Allison: It is surprising the number of fruit trees set out this spring. Should our people be successful, Allison Township will be an Eden.

High School Notes: Baseball is all the go now. We have several good sized boys, and there is no reason why we cannot have a first rate time.

Mr. Elmer Van Gundy and wife of Lyle came up Saturday and stopped over with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Caster.

The young man that has done the work on the Danbury News for the past six months was in town Tuesday. He has quit the News and will seek greener pastures.

Manhattan defeated Baker University playing ball the other day to the tune of 16 to 3. Ned Coldren who is catching for Manhattan made the only error for his side, a delirious throw over second base. He did catch three, however, and partially redeemed himself.

Norcat News: Herbert Morrison returned to Norcat Saturday after finishing his dental course at Kansas City. He will spend a few days at home before again assuming his practice with Dr. I. E. Larrick at Oberlin.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1926

The Business and Professional Women's Club of McCook entertained the Oberlin Club girls with a dinner April 26 at the Keystone Hotel. After the program the evening was spent in dancing and getting acquainted.

George Nellans is stepping high over the arrival of a son and heir at this house May 3. The lively youngster has been given the name George Parker Nellans and is already some boy as he weighed 11 and one-half pounds at birth.

Mrs. S. J. Harvie returned Sunday from a trip to Rexford to visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert Morgan. Later in the week they went on up to Mrs. Harvie's farm near Goodland. Mrs. Harvie said she never saw wheat have a better color this time of year than it does at present and thinks that a good rain this week will still be in time to make a good crop.

Methodist Mention: The tennis

court is in constant use these days. We are glad to have it used as long as the players will conduct themselves properly.

Harlan Township: Letha VanVleet has contracted to teach the Davison school.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Steele entertained the High School and City School faculties Saturday evening. May Day was noticeable by the decorations and the evening was spent playing rook after which a delicious lunch was served.

Dresden: Perry Norris has sold his barbershop to Mr. Chance of Atwood.

Jennings: Farmers are putting in their crops though the weather conditions are very discouraging.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Stevenson have returned from a winter spent in McAllen and Mission, Texas. They also spent 12 days in old Mexico in Guadalupe, Mexico City, Taxco and Monterey. Enroute home they visited their daughter, Lt. Carol Stevenson who is a dietitian at Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

Commander Harold Rehm announced that Oberlin American Legion has voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Oberlin library building fund and if the board raises \$5,000 in additional contributions, then the American Legion will donate another \$1,000.

Track teams from the Northwest Kansas League will come to Oberlin May 4 for the league meet. At the track meet at Hays Saturday, the medley relay composed of Witt, Chapin, D. Fortin and Neff, came home with a trophy for first-place.

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the Duckwall stores in Kansas, Mr. Frank Golden, manager of the Oberlin store, is offering anniversary specials weekly.

Herndon: S. A. Clarence Lorentz, on leave from the Navy, and Wayne Grafel, were seriously injured Saturday evening driving home from Selden when they apparently fell asleep, drove off into a ditch and into a dry water hole about four miles south of Oberlin on highway 83.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Waterman, a boy, David Lee, April 30, 9 lbs., 3 oz.

Gene Lindemann came home from Laramie Thursday where he has been attending the University of Wyoming. Arthur Zurrin of Brooklyn, New York, accompanied him.

A bridal shower was given April 2 for Mrs. Lowell Relph at the home of Maxine Smalberger with Fern Diehl, Lillian May and Romajean Unger assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson of Kanona announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Raleigh G. Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh A. Dean of Cedar Bluffs.

25 YEARS AGO — MAY 1976

Insurance adjusters flocked to Oberlin Saturday following a hailstorm which hit Friday afternoon. The storm moved into the area without warning and golf, tennis ball and pea-size hail began falling for nearly 25 minutes bringing damage to every roof in the city. Official weather observer Janet Farr reported 1.60 inches of moisture with four inches of hail.

Hail was still on the streets Saturday morning. Jack Kump of Kump

Motor reported damage from \$100 to \$200 to every vehicle sitting outside during the storm with some automobiles damaged in excess of \$1,000.

Dr. Svatava Jacobsen of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., visited with Jennings area residents last week as they shared their Czech cultural heritage.

Dr. Jacobsen, who is Austrian-born of Czech parentage, speaks six languages. She is visiting ethnic groups across the U. S.

Funeral services were held at Leoville for Jack Herl, 64, who had farmed in the Dresden area since 1948.

Hospital News: A son, Tommie Vick, to Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Martin on 4-23-76; a son, Lyndon Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Laney Leitner, McCook, 4-23-76.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tacha, Lawrence, announce the birth of a son, David Andrew, on April 21.

Hill City law officials have asked for the help of the public in solving the murder of Linda Leebreck, Hill City art teacher, and former Rawlins County resident, whose body was found April 21 near the Solomon River east of Hill City.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Fonda Farr, curator

How wonderful to have so many visitors so early in the tourist season. To date we have entertained 108 guests. They have been interested and very interesting. One couple from Washington State was on their way to North Carolina to see their grandchildren. He is a descendant of Joseph Allen, one of the area's early settlers.

I would like to let everyone know that the Tourist Information Center in the old port of entry building is now open and those ladies will be directing traffic to all of us downtown. They have already sent the LandMark and us visitors the second day they were open. So, hope this will continue. Too many people passing through aren't aware that we have

such a nice downtown and museum.

The genealogy society members have agreed to help us update the little county cemeteries. We will start that soon in our free time before it warms up too much.

We have had a lot of fun helping Gary and LeMoine Guinn in the quest for their family. Gary may tell you we are leading him on a wild goose chase but he is still finding more information. They are fortunate to have other folks doing different lines of their family and things seem to be coming together quite nicely. This week research has been done on Hancock, Hyde and Wonderly.

Our guests have traveled from Washington, Nebraska, Florida, Indiana, Oregon and Kansas.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

April 22, June Jolly was a guest of Kathy Van Meter for the Senior Citizen Prom held in Arapahoe by the Gold Club of the Security Bank of Holbrook, Neb. This was the first anniversary celebration for their club. A band played for dancing and Bingo was played. Cake and punch was served. Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter went on to Norton for Party Pitch in the evening.

Gary and Kathy Anthony were supper guests of Mrs. Margaret Magers Sunday. They celebrated Gary's birthday. Helen and John Helm visited Mrs. Magers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton and Mrs. Magers were in Oberlin Monday for doctor's appointments and had lunch with Laurene Bryan. Gene Van Otterloo was also a guest.

John Cozad's daughters, Sherri Miller and Lori Keefe of Cheney, visited him over the weekend. Jeff Burmaster also called last week.

Mrs. Fullerton is enjoying the visit

of a cousin, Rojean and Steve Rowley of St. George, Utah. They are staying at Norcat at the Sunflower Inn and doing genealogy work in the area.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Fullerton joined them on a drive to Jewell City to find the grave of Teter Deal, a great-grandfather who had died en route to this area with his family to claim his homestead. His wife and children came on and proved up on the homestead claim.

On Wednesday she accompanied them to Wilsonville and Beaver City to visit the cemeteries and the Genealogy Center at Beaver City, Neb.

On Thursday, Mrs. Magers took Mrs. Fullerton to Norton for a dental appointment and they met the Rowleys for lunch. Mrs. Judy Easton met them in Norton for a visit and a trip to the Dairy Queen. The Rowleys were evening visitors of Mrs. Fullerton.

The area had lots of wind and some rain last Sunday. A small building at the Leon Wood home was turned over

and they had some electrical damage needing the care of the electric company. Church services were canceled both at Lyle and at Prairie Chapel.

Mrs. Joyce Sumner, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter quilted at the Community building on Wednesday afternoon, then Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Jolly helped Mrs. Van Meter finish her quilt at home.

The Mike Helm family brought supper Friday evening and did some yard work at the John Helm farm. Mrs. Ceanne Rinehart came Saturday while Martin had gone to Curtis, Neb. to go fishing with Hezzy Brashears. Saturday evening Ceanne and her parents joined the Brashears family and Martin for Mass at St. James Catholic Church and dinner at a local cafe afterwards.

Both Brashears boys, Zac and Seth, were home and Father Boehme joined the group for dinner.

Mrs. Rinehart was an overnight guest of her parents and returned

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Rexford News

By Lula Thielier

Pioneer Day will be observed at Rexford on Sunday with a potluck dinner at noon, followed by a program. Everyone is welcome.

Dean and Marita McKay of Denver were guests of Lula Thielier on Friday and they enjoyed lunch at the Ranch House Cafe.

The Rexford Lions Club held its 50th anniversary meeting at the Shepherd's Staff Center on April 21 with a reception and banquet. Gene Vogel, past International Director from Tonganoxie, was the speaker.

The Maser Blend Quartette, which includes Jolene Hansen, Marge Miller, Don Kready and Shad Sanders, sang for the entertainment. E. Dale Mustoe, a charter member, was presented a plaque. Rex Carswell also received a plaque for being a member for 37 years. The table decorations were given as door prizes.

Lawrence and Zula Horinek made a trip to Austin, Texas, recently to visit their son, Terry and Karen and family. En route they visited their great-granddaughters, Brooke and Brittany, in Hays. En route home they visited their daughter, Patty Ann Casey, in Wichita. They spent the night in Holton, where they were met by Gordon and Katie McAfoos for a

visit. They were surprised to see Pat Barnett in Belleville and had coffee with her.

Roberta Colson of Goodland and her mother, Edna Colson, visited Floyd and Kathryn Richard and Chris in Norton on April 21. Chris came home from Children's Hospital in Denver and has therapy at the Norton County Hospital twice a week, but is doing fine.

Peg Greenwood attended the district American Legion on April 20-22 in Concordia. She is adjutant of the sixth district, as well as adjutant and finance officer for the Rexford American Legion. She was re-elected. She also visited former Rexford resident, Pat Barnett, while there.

Delores and DeAnn Dible and Deb Stepper went to Logan on April 17 to visit and have dinner with Hazel Richardson. Mrs. Richardson was chosen "Resident of the Month" at the nursing home.

Dale and Virginia Mustoe of Topeka visited in Rexford and Colby on April 20-22.

The Missionary Society met Tuesday with eight members and Emilie Rogers present. Roll call was answered with Bible verses beginning with A. Edna Colson's had devotions

and letters were read from missionaries. Delores Dible was hostess.

The Rexford Bridge Club met with Berneda Zoebert on Wednesday afternoon. Prizes were won by Marguerite Edmundson, Jean Snyder and Irma Hibbs. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Edmundson on May 23.

The Red Barn Band played at the Senior Center in Colby on Wednesday afternoon for their Awards Ceremony. Each persons present received a gift and a survival kit. Award certificates were present to several local people. Band members attending were Betty Nickols, Peg Greenwood, Grace Cheney, Zula Horinek, Edna Colson, Jean Hawkins, Gene Rogers, Lula Thielier, Eunice Sanford and Marge Leh.

The Royal Neighbors treated themselves to a dinner at the Colonial Steakhouse near Oakley on Thursday to celebrate birthdays of the members. Several husbands were guests and a business meeting followed.

Peg Greenwood attended the meeting of the Federal Retired Employees at the Ramada Inn in Colby on April 19. Tom Nickols was guest speaker and gave an informative talk on the effects of alcohol and drugs, especially on those driving a car.

Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

The Senior Citizens will hold a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Don Ammons of Hoxie will entertain with a music program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Musgrave, Eric, Erin and Ryan, Ong, Neb. They and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mrstick, Frances Bader, Neva Jean Taylor and Brett

Jennings were Easter dinner guests.

The Jennings High School junior class will serve supper from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, followed by a spring concert by the band at 7:30 p.m. for grades 3-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings joined Mrs. Jody Skidmore, Issac and Christina of Fort Morgan, Colo., Mrs. Jane Jareske, Cozad Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. James Jennings for dinner Sunday at the Nadean Stoney home in Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jeanice King and Carolyn Nelson visited their mother, Rena Hickson. Additional guests were Ken Rydquist, Goldie Raulston and Kristi Sauvage.

Gisela Fisher visited her mother-in-law, Mabel Humes. Eileene Grose had social hour with Veda Pingetzer.

The children in the day care joined residents at social hour for brownies. Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions. Corey Cook played ball with residents. Don Stapp hosted coffee.

Dena Gillespie, Kathryn Post, Eleanore Demmer, Pauline Zander, Ruby McKenna, Maxine Chambers, Jessie Chandler and Vergie Nygren visited the child day care.

April 23 was observed as button day. Lisa and Serena Stacey played ball with the residents after a game of "Who's got the button?"

Pat Glenn furnished cake for the residents social hour for Leona Glenn's birthday.

Dinah Conrad's First Hand Friends visited the residents. They read to them using their school books.

Wednesday Wanda Frickey played the piano during the social hour.

The Little Sam's children and Ruby McKenna, Ann Leitner, Leona Helmkamp, Leona Glenn, Pauline Zander, Maxine Chambers, Agnes Chambers, Jessie Chandler and Lorna Bishop had spring flower arrangements from pipe cleaners and beads.

Cookies were served as Virgil Barber, Joe Barber, Jack Barrett, Fred Helmkamp, John Kleidusting and Emil Flaska met with Clara Fringer.

Mental games were attended by Maxine Chambers, Ruby McKenna, Ruby Shuler, Leona Glenn, Dena Gillespie, Erma Holt, Lorna Bishop and Pauline Zander.

Lola Brack was a guest at the center this week.

Residents and their guests were: **Ruby McKenna**, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Donna and Anita Chambers; **Pauline Zander**, Laura McGuire, Leona Harms; **Madge Kaus**: Heather and Casa Young, Al and Ardis Kaus; **Dena Gillespie**, Betty Krebs, Natalie and Eric Scott; **Erma Holt**, Danny and Donna Metcalf, John Metcalf; **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flaska**: Charlene Kames, Myrna Lacina, Joleen Hall; **Mabel Adams**: Betty Krebs.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Pastor Keith Reuther, and Chris and Sherri attended the Midwest Covenant Conference meeting in Arvada, Colo., last week.

Dave and Ida Marie Erikson visited at the home of Wesley and Eulaine Benda on Thursday and Friday.

Additional Friday dinner guests were Dolores Benda, and Willard and Esther Noren. Beth Reuther spent Thursday and Friday at the Wesley Benda home. The Eriksons were en route from Arizona to Montana, where they will spend the summer.

Maxine Peebles of Denver came last Tuesday to visit her mother, Hattie Olson. Joining them for the weekend were Bill Peebles, Sheri Steinemann and Karen Peebles of Denver. Karen

remained and will return to Denver on Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Peebles.

The choir of the Herndon Covenant Church will practice at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Sally Olson went to Salina on Friday to visit her daughter and family, Annette and Bob Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, and attend Lacey's confirmation. Weekend guests of Bob and Sally Olson was Rennie Olson of Dallas, Texas.

Vacation Bible School for the Herndon Covenant and Immanuel United Church of Christ is scheduled from 1-3:30 p.m. from May 29-June 2 at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Herndon. All children are welcome.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business area, and beautify our community, and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and Oberlin has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desire to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary J. Walter, Mayor City of Oberlin, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2001

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Oberlin, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2001

Mayor Gary J. Walter