

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — April 1903**

The city election passed off quietly on Monday. The Citizens ticket was elected by about a two to one vote. On mayor the voting was: Vawter, Citizens, 160; Morrish, Socialist, 80.

A quiet wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lytle Wednesday evening, April 8, 1903, when their daughter, Miss Gertrude V. Lytle and Mr. Earl K. Shaw were united in marriage.

County High School: Superintendent Caster informs us that he has over 900 signatures for the county high school and the board will levy the tax this summer and the school will be started this fall.

Harry McClauray of Logan who has been working in the railroad shops at McCook has returned to his farm west of town.

High School Notes: Eugene Miller has quit school and is working in Victor Lorig's store.

The new Christian Church building is being rushed along by W. A. Dale and his men.

**75 YEARS AGO — April 1928**

George W. Hackney, one of the prominent young farmers of Bassettville Township, 48, died quite suddenly last week of a heart attack. He was just getting over an attack of flu and pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Hattie, and three children, Kermit, 16, Francis, 14, and Dale, 12.

Harlan: Mrs. Mildred Christensen has been caring for the new boy

who came Friday to make his home with Dale Townsend and wife.

Herndon: Robert Drath, well-known banker, passed away while on a visit to Lincoln, Neb.

Soloists for the Handel's "Messiah" to be presented at Hays this week include Charles Hinchee, tenor, of the Oberlin schools.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Adah (Zimmerman) Larrick. Coming to Oberlin in 1885, she was married to Dr. I. E. Larrick in 1889. She was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Monday Evening Club of Oberlin. She is survived by a son, Vincent.

Custer: Three of the Haas children started school at Custer last week, making a total of 20 pupils.

Prairie View: Rev. Carpenter organized a 4-H Club at Prairie View. President is Darrel Chambers. The name 4-H Fliers was chosen and Mr. and Mrs. Laidig, Ruth Cleland and Jarold Bell will be requested to be club leaders.

Jennings: The church was crowded Easter Sunday and over 200 were in attendance at Sunday School.

Dewey Jackson has decided to go into the house moving business, the business his father, Geo. W. Jackson, was so successful in.

Russell Anderson will graduate from Hays State Teachers this spring and has been elected to the position of assistant athletic coach at Decatur Community High.

Warner Marvin has opened up a tin shop in the building second door south of Oberlin Motor Co. Warner

has had years of experience and can handle any work in that line including repairing of radiators and furnaces.

**50 YEARS AGO — April 1953**

A record vote was cast Tuesday in the city election with a total of 1,012 votes. E. W. "Ned" Coldren was re-elected mayor and councilmen chosen were Jack Dryden, Frank Gierhart, Arch Hamilton, Keith Nicodemus and Ed Shields. On the question of liquor stores in Oberlin, the vote was 628 opposed and 370 for the licensed stores.

Race fans of northwest Kansas will be interested in the announcement by Hi-Plains Stock Car Association that the first races will be held here Sunday afternoon, April 19. Present owners of stock cars in the community are Bruce Guinn Jr., Donald Brown, Arlie Rydquist and Doyle Fredrickson, Howard Votapka and Jack Barrett, and Donald Jenkins and Marvin Bailey.

Mrs. Loyd Waldo was honored Sunday afternoon with a cradle shower for her new daughter, Jana Rae, by employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cushenbery and Kit moved into their new home at 401 N. Wilson last week.

Court House News: Keith Muirhead and Helen Heilman were issued a marriage license April 3 and were married by Rev. W. Hooper at the Jennings Methodist Church on Sunday.

The community was saddened

Saturday when news reached here of the death of Mrs. Dallas Kolsky, 28. Her car was struck by the east-bound Rock Island Rocket at a crossing at the northeast edge of Jennings. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, Marilyn, 3, and Joseph, 5, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Connor of El Paso, Texas.

**25 YEARS AGO — April 1978**

The city and rural fire crews kept busy last week as dry weather and gusty winds continue to increase fire hazards. Some 30 acres of grass burned just west of Traer apparently from sparks from the Burlington Railroad freight train and 40 acres of pasture near Bassettville Cemetery burned as the result of a carelessly tossed cigarette.

The Oberlin Board of Education accepted the resignation of William Waller, junior-senior high vocal music instructor for the past six years. Waller plans to pursue a graduate degree at Wichita State University.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vahling, Dresden, a son, Gregory Alan, on March 20 at the Thomas County Hospital in Colby.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waterman, Oberlin, girl, Heather Lenora, 4-4-78; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Waldo, Wichita, girl, Jessica Marie, 4-8-78.

Construction is underway on a low-income housing project for the elderly in Herndon. According to Jim Cox, the six one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units with community center will be completed by Aug. 12.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

There will be a carry-in potluck diner sponsored by the City of Jennings at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on Sunday, May 25, after Memorial Day Services. More details will follow.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings held their third workshop on March 13. The workshops were made possible by a grant received from the Kansas Humanities Council. Thirteen members were present for this final workshop presented by Mary Douglas of Salina.

The meeting was very informative with lots of hands-on learning about the process of cataloging items in the museum. Mrs. Douglas has been very helpful and has done a nice job presenting information in the workshops, according to Jessie Davis, secretary.

The Heritage Associates held their regular meeting on March 6 with President Neoma Tacha conducting the meeting. She reported that there is one cemetery book to finish, plywood is needed for the clothes rack and posts for the newspaper books. Three new binders and carpenter glue are also needed.

New business discussed included: future installation of some

type of heating and cooling system for the museum and ramp area. Bids will be requested from Hansen's and Norton Sheet Metal. The menu for the workshop was discussed and it was decided to serve the same menu as the previous meeting. Lila Jennings made a motion to re-elect the same officers for the 2003 year and it was seconded by Jay Kump, then passed.

It was noted that more of the family books need to be ordered. The next meeting was scheduled for April 3.

The 2003 band students of Kay Brown had their annual long awaited band trip to Denver, on April 5 and 6. The group left Jennings on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and traveled to Denver.

After arriving and checking in at the Lakewood LaQuinta Inn they had supper at Casa Bonita before attending the stage play "Two Pianos — Four Hands," a comedy, at the Stage Theatre. On Sunday the group ate brunch and visited the mall before returning home. The weather they encountered changed their plans slightly. A scheduled trip to the zoo on Sunday morning was canceled.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Rexford Bridge Club met with Bobbie Young on March 26, at Oberlin. Prizes were won by Bobbie, Marguerite and Val. Helen Karls was a guest. The next meeting will be with Joan Vaughn in Colby in April.

Edna Colson received laser treatment to her eyes in Colby. On March 27, Arthur and Nancy took her to Garden City for a checkup

with Dr. Clifford. Charles Colson accompanied them to Garden City.

The Social Hour Club met in Colby with Eileen Dible as hostess. Janette Dible assisted. There were 10 present. Eileen served lunch. She filled plastic eggs with candy. Bingo prizes were won by Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Cleda Moeder, and Janette Dible. Marg Leh received a birthday gift from her secret pal.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Bob and Shirley Gaede, San Antonio, Texas, arrived March 28 to spend a few days visiting her mother, Alvina Unger, and later spent a few days visiting his family in Hoxie before returning home.

Wilma May and Darlene Fisher were Wednesday evening dinner guests at the Jack Fortin home.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., and Jana Wilson, Tori, Tamra, and Taryn, Partridge, Kan., arrived Friday to spend the weekend visiting family and friends. Pat was a houseguest of her mother, Hildegard Euhus, and the Wilsons were houseguests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. They all returned home Sunday afternoon.

Rhonda May and husband, Dan Nedland, Hunter and Elizabeth of Breckenridge, Colo., came on Friday to visit her parents, Walter and Betty May. En route the Nedlands took Cameron Nedland to the Denver airport to travel with his Boy Scout troop to the Bahamas to go yachting. Additional Friday dinner guests of the Mays were Roland, Pam, Zachary and Hannah May.

Martin and Evelyn May took Wilbur and LuVerne May and Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles out to dinner Friday to celebrate Mildred and Wilbur's February birthdays and LuVerne and Jack's

March birthdays. After dinner they returned to the Fortin home to visit.

Garrett Scott was a Saturday overnight guest of Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly.

Dianne Bremer, Linda Hunt, Regina Stanley, and Linda Wade attended the "Taste of Home" cooking school Friday evening at the Hoxie High School.

Saturday dinner guests of Roland, Pam, Zachary and Hannah May were Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, Roger, Susan, Ryan and Erin May, Dr. Richard May and Nolan, and Rhonda and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth.

Wilma May visited David May in McCook Saturday evening and they attended a farewell at Peace Lutheran Church for Pastor Carl Pullman, who has served as their vacancy pastor for the past three years, and is leaving since their new minister will be arriving soon.

Marvin May and Gayle Anderson hosted a dinner Saturday in Selden to celebrate the 56th wedding anniversaries of Martin and Evelyn May, and Fred and Theda McKee, both couples having married on April 6, 1947. Others attending were Janice and Greg Cundiff, Andy May, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Sarah May of Wichita, and Jack and

Mildred Fortin and Charles.

Mignon Muirhead-Barry, Tamala Schulze, Michelle Zodrow and Teffani Zadeh surprised their parents, Keith and Helen Muirhead, on their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Hill City Elks Club Saturday. Among those attending were Karolyn Muirhead, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Walter and Betty May were Robert and Cole May, Dr. Richard May and Nolan, and the Roland May and Nedland families. The Nedlands returned home on Monday.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory attended the One-Act Festival I, where they watched Ladd Wendelin perform in "Degas, C'est Moi," a 16-minute play by David Ives. The festival consists of six one-act plays put on by students from Concordia University at Seward, Neb. They returned home that evening.

Saturday evening and Sunday dinner guests at the Gaylord Shields home were Hildegard Euhus, Pat Junod, Jana Wilson, Tori, Tamra, and Taryn, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin. Stuart Euhus, and Kent and Diana Euhus and Brock were also Sunday guests at the Shields home.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Mrs. Margaret Magers accompanied her grandson, Kevin Engelhardt, Omaha, and his parents, Jane and Richard Engelhardt, Norton, to Aurora, Colo., where they were houseguests of Pam Engelhardt and her children, Brittany and Tyler. While there, they celebrated Brittany's 13th birthday. Pam's parents and brother also repainted Pam's kitchen and basement. They returned home on Tuesday.

On Saturday, March 29, Mrs. June Jolly, Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton, and Mrs. Kathy Van Meter helped with the SHARE program in Norcatour.

Mrs. June Jolly, accompanied by Karen Brown, played cards at the Eagles Lodge in McCook Monday and had also played bingo at the Eagles Lodge in Norton on Sunday.

Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo., arrived at the John Helm home Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, Kathy Brashears joined the Helms for Mass at St. Catherine's in Indianola, Neb. They met Ceanne and Martin Rinehart in McCook for Sunday dinner. Deb and Rebecca Helm came out Sunday evening for a visit.

Monday morning Helen Helm and Laurie visited Marguerite Fullerton. In the afternoon John, Helen and Laurie visited at the Jim Helm home in Danbury. Laurie left Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday John and Helen Helm made a trip around the neighborhood with parsnips, grown by Jim and Jaime Helm, and found no one home. They did find June Jolly quilting at the Community Building and turned the distribution job over to her.

Kathy Van Meter took Marguerite Fullerton to Norton Tuesday to consult an eye specialist. Tuesday evening Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Fullerton, and Mrs. Jolly visited Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb., and took him to the Senior Center with them.

Ona Van Gundy was an overnight guest of her sister, Mrs. Veda Wood, on Wednesday. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Magers quilted Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Fullerton, and Mrs. Donna Huff attended the Decatur County Family, Education and Community Spring Tea at Norcatour Thursday afternoon, hosted by Three Prairie Unit of Norcatour. Mrs. Carolyn Plotts gave a talk on her trip to Washington, D.C., with a video presentation. Mrs. Plotts is a very entertaining speaker.

Rea and Delores Magers visited Margaret Magers Thursday afternoon.

Monday evening visitors of Veda Wood were Dwight Wood, Teresa Reves, and her parents, Mary and

Gerald McDougal, of Havensville. They all drove to Norton for a Chinese supper. Mrs. Wood went to Norcatour Tuesday evening and had supper with them at Dwight's home for an early celebration of Teresa's birthday.

John Henry Rinehart, Colby, came after his grandparents, John and Helen Helm so they could accompany Martin and Ceanne Rinehart to the Navy Band Concert at the community building in Colby.

Following the concert the Rineharts and Helms were guests of Rod and Fauna McFee for dessert. John brought his grandparents home on Wednesday. He ate dinner with them Tuesday and Wednesday.

Veda Wood and Helen and John Helm attended the Beaver Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers played pinochle at Norcatour last Wednesday morning and stayed for lunch. After returning home they, Joyce Sumner, Veda Wood, and June Jolly did some quilting at the Lyle Community building.

Mrs. Van Meter had an eye appointment in Oberlin later that afternoon and also visited Mrs. Eileen Laird.

Maria Helm has been home for spring break from college at Hastings, Neb., and visited her grandparents Friday morning.

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