

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1903

This has been one of the worst weeks ever known in western Kansas. Sunday and Monday a terrific gale blew from the southwest and Tuesday at noon the wind changed to the northeast and it rained until about midnight; then the rain changed to snow and it blowed for 24 hours. The oldest inhabitants have never seen it equaled.

Jennings Items: On account of the blizzard on April 29th, the Lucerne mail did not return until the 30th.

Lyle Items: Most Yarnall says he had 50 acres of corn listed before the blizzard.

The late freeze is estimated to have caused ten million dollars damage to the farmers of Texas as it froze their cotton plants.

The social that was to have been held at the home of Dan Caster of Olive next Friday evening has been postponed because of the high water.

In a letter from Ray Coldren he tells of making a trip with the Washburn College baseball team through Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.

Norcatutur Items: John Brooks has moved his blacksmith shop out to this farm.

Frank Bundy sold his Custer Township farm to James Petracek of Jennings for \$3000 — too cheap.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1928

Lee Meadows has sold the Oberlin Times to Ernest R. Woodward of Topeka who arrived in Oberlin Saturday and took charge of the Times office on Monday. Mr. Woodward is a man of pleasant appearance and engaging personality, is married and has two children. We wish him prosperity in his work in Oberlin.

The month of April set a new record for lack of rainfall, only .11 of an inch being recorded. Here's hoping that May will make up the deficiency caused by April.

This is Music Festival week at Hays and since most of the contestants at Decatur Community High School started yesterday for Hays it naturally brought a rain with .68 by this morning and it is still coming down.

Following the marriage ceremony uniting Mr. George W.

Bloomgren and Miss Mary Hayward Sunday morning at the residence of Rev. Wm. C. Heiskell, the couple and the wedding party were entertained at a wedding breakfast at Mrs. McCall's home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hayward of Olive Township and is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, an accomplished typist and a very pretty young lady. The bridegroom is employed as the B. & M. station agent at Kanona and has worked in that capacity at Atwood.

Marriages: April 23, 1928: Mr. Oran Harger, 20, Danbury, and Miss Elsie Bolin, 21, of Oberlin, were granted a license by Probate Judge Kulp and married by Rev. Stephen J. Epler at the Norton Christian Church.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1953

The Herald regrets to announce that there is no hospital news in this issue, nor will there be in the future. An ultimatum was delivered to the editor by Mrs. Kuttner, superintendent of the Decatur County Hospital last week, with the explanation that the listing of the names of the patients in the paper sometimes "upsets" the patient. As the hospital is a privately operated institution, the Herald will have no means of securing information for a hospital news column under existing conditions.

Word was received by local relatives of the death of Lt. George Wilbur Nelson, 24, in Germany. He had served with the Air Corps in Korea for some time, later was back in the U.S. and then stationed in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and family made their home near Dresden until moving to Parsons in recent years.

It is with regret that the people of the community learn of the closing of the Oberlin Dairy and the Snack Bar due to the continuing illness of John Peters.

Jennings: Mr. Elmer B. Vecera has been hired as superintendent of the Jennings schools for the next year. He replaces Supt. George Cole who resigned earlier this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dowling moved into their new home south of town last week and have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenger.

The Wengers' son, Lawrence and family, will live on the Wenger farm.

Dick Leake was certainly rushing the season when seen on the streets April 28 wearing a straw hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Morton were pleasantly surprised April 21 when several neighbors arrived to honor them on their 25th anniversary.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1978

The 17th Judicial District will have a full-time judge as of June 1 when Charles Worden of Berryton will assume the duties of his appointment by Gov. Robert Bennett this week. Worden graduated from Norton High School in 1965 and did his undergraduate work at Fort Hays and received his law degree from Washburn in 1971 and is presently engaged in civil and criminal practice. His wife is a second grade teacher in the Topeka area and they have a son, Robert, age 9.

Two Oberlin residents, L. F. Cushenbery and businessman Steve Aten filed a petition in Decatur County magistrate court Wednesday asking the court to enjoin the local cable TV system of KAYS in

Hays from collecting rental fees until CBS network programming has been properly restored. The quality of CBS programming received here has been limited since the collapse of the KLOE broadcast tower at Goodland last winter due to ice build-up.

Decatur Community High School student council officers for the coming year are: Jon Dunn, president; Rex Olson, vice president; Amy Anderson, secretary and Patti Bryant, treasurer.

A ceremony the afternoon of April 9 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays united in marriage Jeanie Casey and Elwood May. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Casey of Chase and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert May of Oberlin.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Griff Lincoln, son, Travis Griffin, April 25 at St. Anthony's Hospital, Hays.

Juanita Neff, who is a freshman at Dodge City Community College, has qualified in the 400 meter, 800 meter, mile relay and sprint medley relay in the national junior college meet to be held May 19-20 on the Champaign campus of the University of Illinois.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

The museum board and staff would like to thank everyone who brought items in for the rummage and food sale. We had a good weekend and appreciate all of you who came and supported this activity. Also a big thank you to KFNF 101.1 for sponsoring this event.

A number of visitors have been in this week from the states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Missouri, Nebraska, and Texas. Most of them came back through the office to tell us how much they enjoyed the museum and what a great one we have.

In doing research this week I found a very interesting article in *The Oberlin Herald*, dated Jan. 16, 1882, in the section Rappings from the Beaver:

"The Mountain Slope Cemetery association met on the 6th and elected a new set of officers for the

next year—Charles Weirick, President; Wm.W. McKay, Secretary; S.R. Gregory, Treasurer; Henry Rathbun, Wm.J. Rice, L.W. Taylor, Wm.H. Hubbel, B.W. McCartney, J.W. Royce, Trustees. Mrs. Rachel Laird has donated three acres of beautiful land for this cemetery, and officers will soon lay it out into lots."

I believe this to be the cemetery that we now call North Traer. If you have any information to confirm this or if you have further information about this cemetery in Decatur County, please call me at the museum, (785) 475-2712.

A great plan for 2003: Let's Go to the Museum.

Good Samaritan Center

Pi Alpha Club shared devotional time Monday morning. Members attending were Joyce Ploussard, Estella Waldo, Rosella Meitl and Janette Votapka.

Little Sam's children colored Easter eggs with Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby McKenna, Ella Peterson, Lorna Bishop, Marilyn St. Clair, Helen Styles and Mamie Unger. Ruby Shuler, Lorna Bishop, Kathryn Post, Bonnie Weskamp and Veda Pingetzer took walks with staff as part of the summer "Walk for Health" program.

Mrs. Pavlicek's first-grade class came Tuesday to read to residents. The Men's Gathering in the courtyard included a cold soda by Harold Demmer, Fred Helmkamp and Art Nelson. The Reminisce Corner topic was springtime stories, shared by Vergie Nygren, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Marilyn St. Clair, Ivah Alexander and Dena Gillespie.

Mert McEvoy shared Bible study on Wednesday with residents. A new volunteer, Kay Marcuson, helped Dorothy Alstrom give nail care in the afternoon.

The April birthday celebration honored Hazel Flaska, Elva Shaughnessy, Ivah Alexander, and Pearl VanSickler, hosted by the Zeta Nu Club. Club members helping were Marian Fraker, Mary Waldo, June Saum, Lois Fredrickson, Charlotte Meints, Opal Bryan, Florence Vavroch, and Marie Zimmerman. The Oberlin Elementary third and fourth-graders provided entertainment, directed by Jim Buchholz.

Volunteer Ellen Horn assisted with serving. Bingo concluded the evening, with volunteers Colleen Geihlsler and Marilyn Horn.

Volunteer Stuart Euhus led Thursday morning devotions. At Craft Time, Leo Mooty, Ivah Alexander, Helen Styles and Agnes Chambers made handprint butterflies. Hangman was played by Ivah Alexander, Dena Gillespie, Helen Styles, Vergie Nygren, Ella Peterson, Bonnie Weskamp and Clarice Leake.

Friday's devotions were led by Bill Duncan. "The Star Packer" movie was enjoyed by Ruby McKenna, Helen Styles, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Marilyn St. Clair, Kathryn Post, Leo Mooty, Elsie Macy, Ella Peterson, Vergie Nygren, Eryline Nichols, Agnes Chambers, Bonnie Weskamp and Veda Pingetzer.

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday, and Don Stapp served Social Hour.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church led Sunday's worship service. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Eunice Petrack** - Whitney, Greg and Kyle Vanover; **Ruby McKenna** - Donna and Anita Chambers, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Elfie Brown** - Floyd and Marylu Brown; **Erma Holt** - John Metcalf; **Hattie Olson** - Bob and Sally Olson. Also visiting was Jim Kappers, Las Vegas, Nev.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On April 24 at Senior Citizens, Irene Kruse won high, Dorothy Lovin took second, Anna Albers got low and Leone Porsch had the most jacks. Other members present included: Betty James, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Vesta Shea and Paulie Neff. On May 1, the Seniors will be having a pot luck dinner.

Helen Karls was a guest for bridge on Wednesday, April 23, at the home of JoAnn Vaughn in Colby.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 1 - Ron Shaw, Kent and Tenna

Ashley; May 2 - Rudy Lechtenberger, Cody Shaw; May 3 - Lance Stoll, Harold and Eileen Murphy, April Hunziker, Nicole Moore; May 4 - Tim and Monica Svoboda, Shane Boultinghouse; May 5 - Joe Lobato; May 7 - Debi Shuler, Gwen Schultz.

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Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Pioneer Day will be held Sunday at the Rexford Community Hall. A potluck dinner will be held at noon and everyone is welcome. Beverages will be furnished.

Rexford PRIDE will be holding their Farmers/Flea Markets during the months of May through September, on the first Saturday of each month. The first market will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. A lunch stand will be provided by various community organizations. For details, contact Evelyn Johnson at (785) 687-3925.

The pinochle tournament was a success with seven tables. The winners were: first, Dick Sanford and Junior Albers; second, Mike and Tamie Miller; and third, Deb Stepper and Darlene Robben. This was the final tournament until fall.

Rexford Bridge Club met with JoAnn Vaughn. Guests were Helen Karls and Fritz Ostemeyer. The next meeting will be with Berneda Zoberst in May. Prizes were won by Joy Davis, Helen Karls, and Marguerite Edmundson.

Cleda Moeder was a guest of Donnie and Ruth Hughes and they took her out to lunch.

Deb Stepper spent Easter Sunday with Bert Dible in Colby. They ate dinner with Elaine Preston and Florence Gilchrist.

Guests for dinner on Easter Sunday at the home of Grace Cheney were Gary and Kay Cheney, Matt Lyn and Amanda Cheney and Duane Cheney, Rexford; and Kathy Hertel, Bird City. Scott, Matt's friend of Colby, came in the afternoon and they all watched Amanda hunt Easter eggs.

Tim, Shelly, Taylor and Peyton were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Cleda Moeder. Tim helped with several miscellaneous jobs around the house and yard.

The Rexford Community Church pastor, Gary Taylor, has taken a position in Oregon and moved last week. Until a new pastor is found, Mike Meserve and Lane Purcell will speak on alternate Sundays.

Royal Neighbors met Thursday at the Community Hall with Zula Horinek as hostess.

The Red Barn Gang Band had to cancel going to the Prairie Living Center in Colby due to illness of some of the band members. Another appointment will be made.

Social Hour Club met at the Barn on Wednesday with six members present. The hostess prize was won by Grace Cheney.

Visitors last weekend of the Horinek family were Patty Ann Casey, Wichita; Gary Delzeit, Colby; and Larry Horinek and Summer.

We were happy to get the rain but the wind was strong. Maybe it beat the rain into the ground. Anyway, we all appreciated the moisture.

Sunday evening Cleda Moeder's family, Shelly, Taylor and Peyton Moeder, visited. On Monday Tim, Taylor and Peyton were there. Wednesday morning Darlene and Collette Moeder returned home to Houston, Texas. Darlene spent several days with Cleda.

Peg Greenwood was in Rexford after attending a veterans' convention in Hays. Peg stayed with Deb Stepper.

After 5 Club met at the Shepherd's Staff with 71 present. The speaker was from Canon City, Colo. The Four Seasons Landscaping had a garden on stage and Doug Ketchum gave the presentation with some helpful hints.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Confirmation will be held during the 11 a.m. services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating.

Confirmands include: Hana Withington, daughter of Dale and Debbie Withington; Ryan Bergling, son of Mark and Gail Bergling; Josiah Jones, son of Greg and Gwen Jones; and Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson. A potluck dinner will follow with dessert furnished.

The Noren families were Easter guests of Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina.

Sally Olson visited from Friday to Monday with her daughters, Annette and Bob Frenzl and girls of Salina; Ava Perkins of Wichita, and Debbie and Larry Marks and family of Mulvane.

Pastor Keith Reuther, Kyle and

Cindi Grafel, and Chris and Sherri Schmidt attended the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lincoln, Neb., last week.

Detta Anderson and Mary Lou Olson took Joy Votapka out for lunch on Friday at the LandMark in

honor of her 70th birthday.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Easter supper guests of Brian and Dawn Beckman and Ethan at Grinnell.

Hattie Olson was hospitalized on Thursday at Decatur County Hospital with pneumonia.

Charlie & Darcy

Mornings

5 am - 10 am

