

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — May 1903

At a meeting at the court house Monday it was voted to celebrate on the Fourth of July with C.N. Page as chairman and Otis L. Benton as secretary. With 65 businessmen on the committee we ought to have a big celebration and about \$400 has already been pledged.

J. W. Edmonds bought the residence of H. O. Douglas last week.

Married, May 20, 1903, Mr. Dan Kerschner and Miss Lulu Charles, both of Norcatour.

The old feud between the Dewey Ranch people and the settlers of Rawlins County broke out again Wednesday and a fight occurred over a tank that had been sold by the sheriff of Cheyenne County. Three men by the name of Berry were killed and two wounded, while three of the ranch men were wounded and three horses killed.

A meeting of the voters of this school district was held recently and it was voted to assign the upper rooms of the present school building to the high school. The two lower grades will be provided for in some other building.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1928

The 25th annual graduation exercises of Decatur Community High School will be held at the city school auditorium this evening. If the graduates of the Oberlin High School are included, this is the 40th class of young people to graduate from the high school in Oberlin. Included in the Class of 1928 are 32 girls and 13 boys. Ivah Brown is valedictorian and Letha Smith is salutatorian.

As tradition dictates, James Corcoran, president of the senior class, will present Kenneth Slocum, junior class president, the spade which had been used to turn the first sod in the erection of the high school building. Diplomas will be presented by Elwood M. Brooks, presi-

dent of the Board of Education.

The First State Bank of Oberlin decided this week to quit business and transferred all of its deposits and cash to the Oberlin National Bank.

Marian Cathcart of Oberlin will be executive secretary and stenographer for the 6th annual Omnibus College tour which will leave Southwestern College in Winfield June 1 on a 5,500 mile tour of 24 states, two provinces and scores of historical, educational and scenic points of interest.

Graduation exercises for the 119 eighth grade graduates of the common schools of Decatur County will be held May 24 at the City School Auditorium in Oberlin.

Jennings: Since our last items in the Herald, boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nelson and to Mr. and Mrs. Shelly; and daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carroll.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1953

School News: The kindergarten and first and second graders rode from Oberlin to Norton on the train today, leaving about 11 and eating a picnic lunch at Norton before returning in the afternoon in school busses. Approximately 125 students made the trip accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Connie Banta, Mrs. Ruth Moody, Mrs. Hazel Guinn and Miss Nettie Gallentine.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo for Moritz Nauer, 79, who came to the U. S. with his parents and eight brothers and sisters in 1880 from Ontario, Canada.

The Maverick Band composed of 80 musicians from 44 towns in Kansas and Nebraska will present a concert at the City Park in Oberlin Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Local members include Wallace Wolfe, Art Dowling, Gordon Euhus, John Euhus, Jack Fields, Don Kump, Jack Kump, Phil Law, Vincent May

and Delmar Richards.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Mankato for Kenneth Vernon, 31, youngest son of Mrs. J. H. Vernon who died at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1978

Decatur County Commissioners gave approval for some \$3,000 in Revenue sharing funds to go toward partial funding of the Early Education program under the direction of Joy Russell.

According to Francis Wahlmeier, operations superintendent for Norton-Decatur Electric Cooperative, approximately 20 miles of high voltage line will be strung from Norton to Norcatour and an electrical sub-station will be installed in Norcatour.

Charlotte Franklin will retire

June 1 from the office of the Oberlin Social and Rehabilitation Services after 11 years on the job. She will be replaced by Doug Ptacek who will transfer from the Fort Scott office.

Brent Anderson was the lone Decatur Community High School qualifier at the regional track meet held in Belleville placing third in the shot put.

Bryan Glenn and Dwain Parker qualified for the state golf tournament to be held in Hutchinson.

The Rev. Alvin Smith, pastor of the Jennings-Dresden United Methodist churches the past seven years, has been reassigned to Wakefield-Countryside churches.

Crops continue to mature slightly behind normal this year, according to Decatur County Extension Agent Kent Reinhardt.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

The 83rd annual Herndon Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Herndon High School gym. Anniversary classes will be honored, but all alumni are invited to attend. For details on reservations, contact Eileen Unger at (785) 322-5318.

Preschool students who graduated in ceremonies on May 6 at Herndon School were Joelle Arthur, Kade Grafel, Michelle Herzog, Courtney Leitner and Donnavan Schroeder. They performed "Grandma's Glasses," for parents and friends.

Myrna Pettera and Chris Wood were last Friday visitors of Helen Marintzer. Dan and Jo Marintzer of Hastings, Neb., spent Mother's Day weekend with her.

Herndon senior citizens met for a business meeting and birthday party honoring Anna Mae Ketterl at

the Senior Center on May 7. Mrs. Martin read the poem, "Inner Strength" and Maxine Reuber read, "My Mother's Apron" and "It's About Time." Bingo was played; Beth Hraha won blackout and Maxine Reuber won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today at the Senior Center with Dorothy Engleman and Anna Mae Ketterl on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be on June 4 at the Senior Center.

Dorothy Engleman attended a reception at the home of Robin and Michelle Antholz on Saturday in honor of the graduation of Carissa Antholz. Don and Florence Antholz, Atwood, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Engleman.

John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., visited Wednesday through Thursday with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Good Samaritan Center

The children from Little Sam's Day Care made umbrellas with Agnes Chambers, Marnie Unger, Bonnie Weskamp, Leo Mooty, Marilyn St. Clair, Helen Styles, Ivah Alexander, Lorna Bishop and Lester Chambers.

Volunteer Pat Abbey baked chocolate-peanut butter chip cookies with Erma Holt, Marilyn St. Clair, Lorna Bishop and Ivah Alexander. Social Hour was served by volunteer Mildred Holmdahl and she also played cards with Garrah Gaumer and Ivah Alexander. Paul Mye read to the daycare children.

A barbecue potluck was held on Tuesday in honor of National Nursing Home Week. LaVern Burtis grilled burgers provided by the kitchen. The staff provided the rest.

The first-graders from Mrs. Olson's and Mrs. Pavlicek's classes came for a First Hand Friends Tea. The students sang several songs for staff, residents, teachers and parents, and everyone enjoyed cookies and Kool-Aid. The cookies were provided by the Western Fraternal Life Association, represented by Vivian Bishop and Martha Euhus.

The Little Sam's Day Care children held a Kindermusik program. Performing were Mason Berry, Jakobi and Kyleana Blau, Phoenix Carroll, Lindsey Eskew, Emily Larson, Myles and Cindy Sheaffer, and Evan and Celianna Shobe. The class is taught by Cheryl Metcalf.

A memorial service was held in honor of Eunice Petracek, led by Joyce Ploussard. Coleen Rippe read the eulogy, and Cheryl Miller accompanied on the piano.

Father Mathew Vazhappilly led Catholic mass, attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz and Ruby McKenna. The afternoon movie, "Charlotte's Web," was enjoyed by Helen Styles, Ruby Shuler, Ella Peterson, Vergie Nygren, Ivah Alexander and Agnes Chambers.

Oberlin Covenant Church held

Sunday services. Phil Erickson served Social Hour. Hattie Olson attended the graduation ceremony for her great-granddaughter, Sarah Olson.

Recent guests: **Leo Mooty** - Alvina Unger; **Elsie Macy** - Elsie Wolters; **Dennis Sloan** - Luella Sloan, Doris Sloan, Mary Noone; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes; **Bernice Brown** and **Ruby Shuler** - Sherri Shuler; **Ruby McKenna** - Donna and Anita Chambers, Mike and Joan McKenna, Sam, Aimy and Shirley Wheelbarger, Bill McKenna, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Harold Hartzog; **Lorna Bishop** - Lori Leiker; **Dena Gillespie** - Greg and Kerri Vanover, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Daryl Hartzog, Stann Hartzog, Jack Boyle, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Harold Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Mike and Joan McKenna, Sam, Aimy, and Shirley Wheelbarger, Bill McKenna; **Geraldine Hudson** - Esther Weeks, Jim Weeks; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Carmie Wickham** - Alvina Unger; **Hattie Olson** - Sally Olson. Also visiting were Diane, Jen and Roxanne Hagan, of Madrid, Neb.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

This Sunday only, May 25, the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will be open from 1-5 p.m. We will also be open our regular Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our next event is about here — the Museum Summerfest Car Show on Saturday, May 31.

It all starts off Friday night, May 30, with the Cruise-In from 7-10 p.m. beginning at the A & W on U.S. 36. Starting the Saturday events will be a freewill donation pancake feed from 7-9 a.m. Registration for the vehicles is from 8-11 a.m. The Show and Shine will continue all through the day.

The Poker Run will have many of the cars cruising around town from 1-3 p.m. At 2 p.m. starts the Burn Out with vehicles "smoking their tires" Trophies and awards will be presented at 4 p.m. Food

and beverages will be available all day. To climax the day of fun, there will be a Museum Benefit Barbecue Beef Supper from 5-7 p.m.

Several events for the kids are planned. There will be games down by the Museum and a drawing for a bike, donated by the ZCBJ Lodge. Kids 15 and under are to register from 9-11 a.m. Saturday in front of Bernie and Othelia Vacura's Old Czech Country shop. The drawing will be at 11 a.m.

What better day while you are enjoying your time in Oberlin but to come and tour the Museum. We will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It still isn't too late to register to bring your antique car, classic, dragster, muscle car, race car, motorcycle, kit car, street racer or sports car for the Second Annual Museum Summerfest Car Show and Swap Meet.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The community received another nice rain last week on Saturday and again on Thursday. There were varying amounts, all around 1/2 inch.

The Lyle Community will observe Memorial Day on Sunday, May 25. The American Legion Jack Helt Post #313 of Lebanon, Neb., will provide services at 10 a.m. at the cemetery and a potluck dinner will follow at the Community Building.

A number of people attended graduation exercises at Bartley, Neb., for Darin Jolly and Jaime Helm. Darin received the salutatorian honor and Audrey Bethel the valedictorian. All received a number of scholarships. Jaime plans to attend McCook Junior college and Audrey and Darin plan to go to Kearney. The families of these three graduates combined to have their reception after the graduation.

Mrs. Kathy Van Meter took Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton to the graduation and reception and then treated her to dinner on Sunday at the Mother's Day dinner held at the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Neb. Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo and Larry Van Otterloo visited Mrs. Fullerton Sunday evening.

Linda and Megan McFarland attended the Mother's Day dinner with Mrs. Jolly then came to her home to work on the lily pond she is putting in her yard. Later Coleen and LaVerne Rippe and Dean and Rhonda Jolly came to lend a hand.

Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, came Saturday morning to take her parents, John and Helen Helm to the

graduation at Bartley, Neb. Kathy Brashears met them there. Both Maria and Helena Helm were home for the graduation and Jackie and Dale Delaney, Omaha, Neb., were able to present. Jackie and Yanis Helm are sisters.

Following the reception the Helms, Ceanne Rinehart and Kathy Brashears spent the afternoon together, attended Mass at St. Catherine's in Indianola, Neb., and attended the graduation reception for Drew Davidson, who graduated from Republican Valley.

On Sunday the John Helms and Mrs. Rinehart attended the Mother's Day dinner in Lebanon. They were surprised and delighted to have Bill and Sue Sughroue there and all had dinner together. While they were gone, Jim Helm was at the Helm home and left flowers. The Mike Helm family spent the afternoon. Aaron was able to complete his mowing.

J.T. Guy, Katie, Kori, Kurstin, and Kendra of Abilene spent Saturday evening and were overnight guests of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Magers. On Mother's Day, Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter, were dinner guests.

The Liberty Star Club met Wednesday at the home of Henrietta Van Vleet in Oberlin. Present were Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Angie Wilson, Veda Wood, and Carolyn Plotts. Mrs. Magers had the program and read several interesting articles. Mrs. Plotts had activity and showed pictures of their mission trip to Mexico. She then had a quiz on what they had seen in the pictures. Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Wood were the

winners.

Following the meeting the Lyle ladies enjoyed a tour of the newly remodeled home of Jim Plotts' daughter, Jennifer in Oberlin, and enjoyed the yard of Mrs. Wood en route home.

Mrs. Van Meter visited her brother at Logan on Monday. He had recently had a stroke and is taking therapy treatments at Phillipsburg.

On Thursday, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers were helping Bob Strevey, of Norcatour, sort the clothes they had gathered up for the missions

and got a pickup load ready for him to take to the Mexican-American Missions at Garden City.

Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Jolly attended party pitch in Norton Sunday evening. Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Fullerton joined them Tuesday evening to visit Van Cozad in Beaver City, Neb., and attended the card party at the Senior Center. Mrs. Jolly also played cards in McCook on Monday evening.

Mrs. Magers took Mrs. Fullerton to Oberlin for a doctor's appointment and they had lunch with Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo last Monday.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Vacation Bible School will be held for children of the Herndon Covenant Church, Immanuel United Church of Christ, and St. Mary's Church of Herndon from 1-4 p.m. from Tuesday, May 27, through Saturday, May 31, at the Immanuel church.

Congratulations to Wyatt Wendelin, who will graduate on Monday from Bethany College in Lindsborg. He is the son of Pat and Elvera Wendelin.

Roger Holmdahl is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing surgery last week at Porter Hospital in Denver.

Carol Fink of Wamego accompanied Gordon and Norma Anderson and Elden and Delta Anderson to New York City on May 7, where they attended the wedding of David Myers and Beth English on May 10 at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Parents of the couple are Dr. Joe and Ann English, New York City; and Gertrude (Anderson) Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, and the late Jim Myers.

Among others attending were Lynn Anderson, Washington, D.C., and Arlene Jennings, New York City. While there, the Anderson couples, Lynn Anderson, Mrs. Fink, and Mrs. Myers enjoyed sightseeing and the musicals, "The Lion King" and "42nd Street," and were also guests for brunch of Arlene Jennings and her husband.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were among those who attended a get-together at the home of Harlan and Naida Ginther in Atwood on Sunday evening.

Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Col. Dennis and Pat Barnett and Rachel, Fort Walton,

Fla.; Danace Maloney, Clae, Jordyn and Kainin, Colby; Clint Schmidt, Manhattan; Erin Schmidt, Northglenn, Colo., and Adam Darby, Westminster, Colo., spent the weekend at the LeRoy and Chris Schmidt homes. They came to attend the graduation of Tanner Schmidt, son of Joe and Vicki Schmidt, on Sunday afternoon at Atwood High School. Col. Barnett gave the commencement address.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Doug and Laura Myers of Leitchfield, Ky., on the arrival of a son, Dylan James, on April 29. He has two sisters, Megan and Tara. His maternal grandparents are Gertrude (Anderson) Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, and the late Jim Myers.

Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Daryl and Shirley Bonnie Condit, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Joanne and Norman Wendelin, Craig and Karen Larson, and Brad Larson.

Bill and Bonnie Condit and Jordan, Winfield, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, were weekend guests at the Norman Wendelin and Wayne Larson homes. They attended Greta Wendelin's high school graduation at Decatur Community High School on Sunday evening, which honored Sarah.

Adam Spanier, son of Deanne Spanier, and Sarah Olson, daughter of Mark and Barbara Olson, were presented with graduation certificates from Covenant Women Ministries during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Making the presentations were Betty Jean Hafer and Melinda Bell.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Those attending graduation exercises for Sara Ware at Culbertson, Neb., on Saturday were Kirk Ware, Maralyn Courange, Rocky Courange, Kelly and Dan Brown, Taylor, Kaitlin, and Lakin Brown, and Rhonda White, all of Oberlin; and Shawn and Ryan Wheelbarger, McCook. Sara is the daughter of Kirk Ware and granddaughter of Maralyn Courange.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Justin and Wendy Scott on the birth of their baby boy. Gage Gerald Scott was born May 14, at Decatur County Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. His older brother, Garrett, welcomed him home.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Connie Olson, and his maternal great-grandmothers are Wilma May and Evelyn Olson. Paternal grandparents are Myron and Alberta Scott, Hill City.

Mary Lemman was a Monday visitor of Alvina Unger this past week.

Greta Wendelin hosted a brunch for her friends at her home Saturday.

Saturday dinner guests of Wayne and Lois Larson were Bill and Bonnie Condit, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Joanne and Norman Wendelin, Craig and Karen Larson, and Brad Larson.

Bill and Bonnie Condit and Jordan, Winfield, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, were weekend guests at the Norman Wendelin and Wayne Larson homes. They attended Greta Wendelin's high school graduation at Decatur Community High School on Sunday. Following graduation, Greta was honored with a reception at her home. Additional out-of-town guests were Ladd Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Lawrence and Linda Wendelin, Gothenburg, Neb.; and Rob Stewart, McCook.

Kenyon Levi Badsky, son of Ken and Jan Badsky; Quintin Cundiff, son of Greg and Janice Cundiff, and Greta Kristian Wendelin, daughter

of Norman and Joanne Wendelin, were among those graduating Sunday at the Decatur Community High School. This was the 100th commencement held at the school.

Eugene Wurm of Herndon attended the wedding of Lora Carpenter and Pat Janike at Nebraska City, Neb., on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Scott and Elizabeth Carpenter of Marshfield, Iowa, and the granddaughter of the late Dolores Wurm. En route home he visited Mildred and Dorothy Relling at Cawker City. Mildred celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday.

Among those attending a graduation reception honoring Quintin Cundiff at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon following graduation were Greg and Janice Cundiff, Martin and Evelyn May, Marvin May and Gayle Anderson, Wilma May, Elwood May, Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles, Chris May and Kelsey, Vicky and Glenn Case, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Vicky and Glenn Case, Craig, Colo., arrived Saturday afternoon to visit her brother and family, Greg and Janice Cundiff and Quintin, and to attend graduation services for Quintin. They returned home Monday.

Alvina Unger visited Carmie Wickham and Leo Mooty, residents of the Good Samaritan Center, Sunday afternoon.

Jeanie and Stephanie May attended the graduation of Janice Schutz at Chase, and also visited Jeanie's parents, Sam and Stella Casey, at Ellinwood.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The 10th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show will be June 1. Come enjoy the fun. Plan to spend the day and bring a lawn chair. There will be a horseshoe contest, barrel races and much more.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 22 - Karen Shaw, Brett Spresser; May 23 - Steve and Sara Juenemann; May 24 - Ashley Stevenson, Jeffery Benoit; May 25 - Joan Wessel, Leroy and Joan Wessel, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann; May 26 - Vesta Shea; May 27 - Drew Stevenson, Gary and Jerrie Robinson; May 28 - Kendra Spresser, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman, Scott

Bruggeman.

On May 15 at Senior Citizens, Harold Schiltz won high, Irene Kruse took second, Leone Porsch got low and Edna Schiltz had the most tens. Other members present include: Lola Cook, Catherine Campbell, Cecelia Ottley, Vesta Shea, Dorothy Lovin, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Gene Rogers, Don Shaw, Royce Cook and Betty James.

School Calendar: Friday - Regional track in Hays; May 30 and 31 - State track in Wichita.

Kids summer softball will begin in June. For more information call Shirley Emigh at (785) 386-4252.