

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS GO — May 1903

The annual commencement exercises of the Oberlin High School were held at the Opera House, May 28. Graduates are Fred Johnston, Carrie Hubbard, Ray Street, Valentine Griffith, Susie Ireland and Jess Litton.

The annual Alumni meeting and banquet was held at the K. P. Hall Friday evening, May 29 with 56 alumni present. Officers elected were: Fred Johnston, president; Anna Branstool, vice president; Martha Douglas, secretary and Valentine Griffith, treasurer.

The Baptist quarterly convention will be held at Vallonia May 30-31. Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Myers, May 28, a 10-pound boy.

In these pleasant days the small boy is tempted to play "hooky" and we don't blame him much. Nine months is too long for small children to be sent to school continuously. It is a waste of money and but little good to the children.

Those that have seen the new bridge east of town say it looks like at last the people will have a crossing that will stay. The one before was a rather frail affair.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1928

The students of Leoville High School presented a class play on May 18. Father Dreiling gave a very fine address and Father Schmitt presented graduation diplomas to Misses Margaret Bruggeman and Teresa Schroer. The scholastic year has been very successful with eight pupils from the grade school having perfect attendance. Father Schmitt gave each a silver dollar as a premium. The faculty of the Leoville high and grade schools leave Tuesday for Concordia where they will remain about a month before taking up school work elsewhere.

The Memorial Day exercises at the Opera House Sunday morning were largely attended and were better than usual. Only three Civil War veterans were in attendance, H. A. Stowell, Eli Wonderly and J. W. Bogenrief.

Memorial Day on Wednesday dawned clear and bright and we never saw a larger crowd of autos surrounding the cemetery when the service began there at 11:30. The band under the leadership of Prof. Julius Piller headed the parade from the courthouse to the cemetery followed by the color guard of the Oberlin American Legion post, the rifle squad and other Legion men. Following in an auto were the four

surviving Civil War veterans able to attend, H. A. Stowell, J. W. Bogenrief, Conrad Schele and Eli Wonderly.

Alterations are being made to the building formerly occupied by the First State Bank to fit it for post office use. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roach, have closed a 10-year lease with the postal department for the building and the change will be made about July 1.

Funeral services were held for a pioneer mother, Mrs. Sarah Boettger, 84, who came to Oberlin in 1892 and was a resident since that time helping to make the history of this progressive county.

Coach Jack Riley has rented the Oberlin swimming pool for the summer. Little folks will be taught to swim each Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 and on Thursday afternoons the pool will be reserved exclusively for women. One thing Manager Riley is going to be particular about is the changing of the water and the pool will be drained and refilled at least every 10 days.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1953

The attendance at the Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet passed all records Friday evening as 592 people gathered in the high school gymnasium. For the first time since the association was organized, reservations were turned down. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Dwayne Jones, president; Bobbie King, vice-president; Mary Lou Bendon, secretary, and Phyllis Smith, treasurer. Oldest alumni present were N. B. Bush of the 1894 graduating class and Ned Coldren of the 1897 class.

The annual field day of the High Plains Aberdeen-Angus Assn., will be held this year on the 50th anniversary of the Johnson farm, now known as the Norden Ranch, which is the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson located 7 miles east of Oberlin on Highway 36 and a mile and half south, or a half mile north of Kanora.

Chris Scherling, a 1953 Kansas State graduate, will begin work this week as the advertising manager of the Oberlin Herald. While in Manhattan he worked one summer as advertising salesman for the Manhattan Mercury Chronicle.

Special services will be held at Olive Chapel Church on Sunday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its founding. Mrs. A. L. Miller, a faithful worker these many years,

has the distinction of being the only charter member of the church still residing here. The church is now served by Rev. Oscar Brown, a retired Methodist minister. The present church building was erected in 1916.

Dresden: Decoration Day will be observed on Saturday, May 30 at the schoolhouse with the Rev. W. E. Hooper of Jennings as speaker.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Maryllin to Jay K. Locy, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Locy of Norcat. An August wedding is being planned.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1978

Decatur County commissioners and hospital board members agreed to begin immediately on construction of the \$319,000 medical arts facility which has been on the drawing board nearly two years. The bid went to Rhoads Construction of Goodland as general contractor with completion to be in 270 days.

Memorial Day services are scheduled for Sunday at Norcat, the 89th consecutive observance there, and the seventh year their

Avenue of Flags will be on display.

At Oberlin the service will be on Monday at 10 a.m. with Elmo Lund as speaker. As many as 180 flags will be unfurled in the Avenue of Flags.

KLOE-TV, Goodland, is back on the air after collapsing Feb. 10 under the weight of winter ice.

Gary Anderson, who will be a senior in ag economics next fall at Kansas State University, began work Monday at Farmers National Bank participating in the Kansas Banker's Association agricultural banker internship program.

More than 550 persons attended the 1978 Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet Saturday evening. New officers will be: Rusty Addleman, Class of 1956, president; Gene Morford, Class of 1964, vice president; Janeil Jensen, Class of 1962, secretary and Cheryl Votapka, also Class of 1962, treasurer.

The two-man golf team of Bryan Glenn and Dwain Parker placed third in the state golf tournament held at Hutchinson.

Brent Anderson placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 51'5" at the state track meet held at Wichita last weekend.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

It's about HERE! The Museum Summerfest Car Show, that is. Registrations are coming in and plans are finalized for an exciting day in downtown Oberlin on Saturday.

It all starts off Friday night with the Cruise-In from 7-10 p.m. beginning at the A & W on Highway 36. KFNF 101.1 will be playing oldies with live broadcasts.

Starting out the Saturday events is the free-will donation pancake feed from 7-9 a.m. Registration for the antique cars, classics, special interest groups and motorcycles is from 8-11 a.m. The Show and Shine for these vehicles 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. the Burn Out starts with vehicles "smoking them tires." The trophies and awards will be presented at 4 p.m. Food and beverages will be available all day from vendors and at the Museum Food Court. To climax the day of fun, there is a Museum

Benefit Barbecued Beef Supper from 5-7 p.m.

KFNF 101.1 will be broadcasting live from the center of all the action during the day.

Several events for the kids are planned during the Summerfest Car Show. There will be games down by the Museum and a special drawing for a bike. The Zapadni Chesko Bratraska Jednota, better known as the ZCBJ Lodge, will be giving away a bike to a lucky youngster. Kids 15 and younger can register from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Bernie and Othelia Vacura's Old Czech Country Store. The drawing for the bike will be at 2 p.m. and you have to be present to win. Names will be drawn until the lucky child that is there takes home the new bike.

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

Come and enjoy the day in downtown Oberlin. See ya' there.

Good Samaritan News

Auxiliary member Phyllis Metcalf led devotions on Monday, assisted by Lois Lamb.

Mamie Unger, Hazel Flaska, Lorna Bishop, Leo Mooty, Helen Styles and Marilyn St. Clair helped the children from Little Sam's Day Care make ladybugs. The Reminiscence topic was "Victory Gardens," and it was enjoyed by Ruby McKenna, Helen Styles, Dena Gillespie, Elfie Brown, Ruby Shuler, Ella Peterson and Bonnie Westkamp.

Harold Demmer enjoyed a car ride out to the country to see how his crops were doing.

Reminiscence Corner was attended by Clarice Leake, Dena Gillespie, Leo Mooty, Veda Pingetzer, Elfie Brown and Vergie Nygren.

Mert McEvoy led Bible study Wednesday. Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel provided nail care. The Forget-Me-Nots hosted Social Hour with Dennis Brown bringing cheese and salami trays.

Fern Wenger played the piano for devotions on Thursday morning. Craft Fun consisted of making handprint ladybug decorations. Short stories were enjoyed by Dena Gillespie, Vergie Nygren, Ella Peterson and Ruby Shuler. Samuel Smith served Social Hour.

Current Events were shared by volunteer Peggy Carswell. Saturday's devotions were led by Dennis Brown.

The Faith Lutheran Church led worship services on Sunday, and volunteer Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Jessica Bovee; **Dennis Sloan** - Luella Sloan, Mary Noone; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Florence Jones** - Don and Shirley Carlisle, Lorene Anderson of Lakewood, Colo.; **Dorothy Stephens** of Selma, Calif.; **Vergie Nygren** - Estella Waldo; **Hazel Flaska** - Nola Thompson, Olga Anderson, Don Karnes, Myrna Lacina, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Don Karnes, Joleen Hall, Jan Collins; **Ruby McKenna** - Phil and Annales Janousek, John McDermott, Bobby Chambers, Donna Chambers; **Erma Holt** - Donna Metcalf, John Metcalf, Davod and Carolyn Metcalf; **Veda Pingetzer** - Eileene Grose; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Kathryn Post** - Myra Canfield, Jennie Canfield, Smith; **Geraldine Hudson** - Beulah Simonton, Centennial, Colo., and Bob and Merrilee Simonton, Littleton, Colo.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Brian Hanson, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education with an emphasis on history from Fort Hays State University last week. Family members who attended were his wife and son, Jacque and Eddie Hanson, Atwood; Beau and DeAnn Breen, Denver; Mike, Debbie, Alex and Kori Woods, Colorado Springs; Peggy Hanson, Fort Myers, Fla.; Andy Hanson, Kenny, Pauline and Simon Micek, Matt and Melissa Micek, Jan Sabatka and Tyler, Bob, Jolene, and Naomi and Keenan Reeh, and Mike and Kim Shirley, Oakley.

Weekend houseguests of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family were Scott, Rhonda and Heather Richardson, Longmont, Colo.; and Monte and Jody Stull, Dayton and Emily, Lee's Summit, Mo. Additional guests on Sunday for a cookout at their home after the Bryan family reunion were Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.; Greg and Tara Winger, Austin and Ryan, Longmont, Colo.; and Gary Anderson.

Melinda Carlson and Betty Jean Hafer presented the confirmation certificates from Covenant Women Ministries to Adam Spanier and Sarah Olson.

Memorial weekend guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda were their granddaughter and family, Laura and Chammie Austin, Bekah and Eli, Ames, Iowa. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Gerald and Patti Benda, and the Mark Olson family. They were all guests Sunday evening for a cookout at the Gerald and Patti Benda home.

Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., were weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley. They came for his 20th class reunion in Oberlin.

Gordon and Norma Anderson spent the weekend in Wamego, where they visited Robert and Carol Fink, Austin and Ashley, and attended the high school graduation of their grandson, Austin Fink.

Among those who attended the graduation of Amy Bergling, daughter of Richard and Susan Bergling of Larned, on Sunday were Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood; Dave and Sherri Bergling, Herndon, J.J. and Allen Gade, Phillipsburg; and Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters, Colby. They also enjoyed a cookout, which included wild turkey furnished and prepared by Dave Bergling, on Sunday evening.

Steve and Arian Arnold returned home Saturday from a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks, where they met several of his relatives for a three-day boating trip. They also visited Lee and Terri Munsell and Amanda at Lee's Summit, Mo. An additional guest was Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo.

Andy Hanson was among those who attended a party at the home of Brian and Jacque Hanson on May 18 to honor their son, Eddie, on his first birthday.

Wane and Cheryl Stull of Solomon visited relatives over the weekend. They came for her 1963 class reunion and also attended the Bryan family reunion on Sunday at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Willard and Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina and Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth. They attended the women's class reunions.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther, Harlan and Naida Ginther, and Will and Cameron Ginther were Sunday visitors at the home of Lewie and Bette (Hackney) Grout to visit relatives.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

June 1 will be the first Sunday of the month and there will be a potluck dinner sponsored by the United Methodist Women at the Lyle Community Building. This will be the last one for the summer. Everyone is invited to attend.

A group of friends were guests at the home of Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb., on May 16 to help him celebrate his 95th birthday. His daughters, Ruth Vise and Karla Clason, had prepared a bountiful dinner. Present were Denny Clason, Dwight Vise, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Marguerite Fullerton, Rea and Dee Magers, Dale Morse, Lance and Erin Clason and daughter, Korynn, John and Helen Helm, and Kathy Brashears.

The Lyle United Methodist Women met May 21 at the Lyle Community Building with Joyce Price as hostess. They had a potluck program with each one present contributing something. Those present were Pastor Keller and wife, Inez, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, and Joyce Sumner.

June Jolly, Rhonda Jolly and her mother, Twila Carter, and Barbara Jolly were among those going to Denver with the McCook National Bank group to see the Ice Capades,

Molly Brown's House, the Botanical Gardens, and other points of interest. They went Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Larry Van Otterloo, of Oberlin, and his sister, Sue Peyton, of Denver, took Marguerite Fullerton to church services at Lyle Sunday. Leslie Ward called on Mrs. Fullerton Tuesday and Mrs. Yvonne Sumner brought her little granddaughter Gracie Mae, of McPherson, to visit her on Wednesday.

On Sunday, Mrs. Van Meter attended graduation exercises in Logan for a great-nephew, Cody Hilburn, and his reception at the American Legion building. She got back to Norton in time for the pinochle tournament. Her partner was Leone Purton, who is spending the summer in Norton. June Jolly and

Margaret Magers also took part in the tournament.

Mike Helm and children were supper guests at the John Helm home after doing the mowing. Deb Helm and her mother, Mrs. Marilyn Fossum, of Danbury, had gone to Hays for the graduation of their niece and granddaughter, Wendy Fossum.

On Monday evening, Bob and Marilyn Fossum and Helen and John Helm, attended the Decatur Community Junior Senior High School Awards Assembly at Oberlin to see Aaron and Rebecca Helm receive their awards. The grandparents were very proud of them.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter played cards at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. They were espe-

cially happy to spend some time with Ivah Alexander, a former Norcat resident. Ivah ran a beauty shop in Norcat many years.

That evening Mrs. Fullerton joined them when they went to visit Van Cozad in Beaver City and went to the Senior Center. While at Van's they looked at the many cards he had received for his birthday.

Walter and Mary Garrigues of Great Bend brought dinner Thursday to share with Marguerite Fullerton and left enough goodies for the week. They decorated family graves at Norton and at Norcat.

On Wednesday Veda Wood and John and Helen Helm helped with making wreaths for the graves of veterans at the American Legion in Lebanon, Neb. Others there were Karen Brown, Sandra Nicholson, and Frances Daffer.

Chris Almack

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