

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 100 YEARS AGO — May 1903

Ed. Beardsley is moving to the Stevenson farm this week.

The dedication of the new Christian Church in Oberlin occurred on Sunday, May 3, pastors of the other denominations assisting, with a union choir from the other churches furnishing the music. Assisting pastors were Rev. D. O. Banta, Baptist Church; Rev. O. A. Gillingham, Presbyterian, and Rev. J. M. Miller, Methodist.

A young man by the name of Clarence Kirkendall fell from the oil well tower at Kanona last Thursday and was instantly killed. He was about 10 years old and had worked for Mr. Moore, the contractor, but a few days.

Mrs. Lydia Barnes, postmistress at Hooker, called at this office Saturday, accompanied by a Miss Taylor who lived here some 15 years ago. Mrs. Barnes expressed her mind freely on various subjects and, as usual, rounded up the Editor for his shortcomings.

Lyle Items: In the still misty hours of last Tuesday a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cozad, mother and child are doing nicely. Mr. Smith, the child's grandpa, had quite an experience getting the doctor there and back to Norcatour as it was raining pitchforks and at the Summit draw the buggy was washed down the draw about 30 rods.

## 75 YEARS AGO — May 1928

Ira Litton showed us a check recently for \$210 which he had received for one purebred hound. It pays to raise purebred stuff even in the dog line.

Allison: Miss Athol Stevenson will teach the Cooper school the coming term.

Fairview-Summit: Miss Muriel Claar closed a successful term of school at Summit last Friday and the patrons of the district went in at the noon hour with well filled baskets.

Seven Decatur County students ranked in the top one percent in some subject in the state scholarship test sponsored by the Emporia Teachers College: Alice Eiler, Pauline Eiler and Daniel Wilson, English 9; Helen Johnson, English II and Harold Cathcart, Erma Logan and Pearl Henningson, type-writing.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. J. W. Bogenrief (Josephine

Estelle Hyde), age 82, who came to Kansas from Illinois in 1873 and homesteaded in Jewell County, later moving to Red Cloud, Neb., before coming to Oberlin.

Elwood Brooks has returned from Wichita where he attended the state Sunday School convention.

Custer: Sixteen friends helped Wesley Gaumer celebrate his 21st birthday Friday evening.

Along Big Timber: Roy Harris and John Tacha autoed last week to Garden City to look over some irrigation plants. They spent the night enroute with the John Kump family at Scott City. John's expect to leave soon for California their future home.

Jennings: The school board has hired most of the teachers for the next term of school: Mr. Brooks will be the superintendent and other teachers are Miss Edith Cilek, Miss Cora Sears, Mr. Austin Wallack and Miss Nettie Carter.

Elmer and Harold Metcalf flew to Athol last Sunday where they spent the day taking up passengers.

## 50 YEARS AGO — May 1953

Many juniors and seniors felt the climax of the entire school year was reached in the 12 hours from 6 o'clock Saturday evening until 6 o'clock Sunday morning — the hours of the junior-senior prom.

Following the promenade and the banquet, the juniors and seniors proceeded to the gym which was beautifully decorated to fit the Mardi Gras theme. Voyle Miller, master of ceremonies, introduced the king, Roy Gridley, and the queen, Eleanor Olson. They were crowned by the junior class president and vice president, Dick Barrett and Marcille Holmberg. Following the dance the group went to the theater for a free movie, then to the American Legion for games and entertainment. The night ended with a breakfast at the Temple Cafe sponsored by the Legion.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ida Diehl who had been a resident of Decatur County since 1895.

Area men receiving separation from the draft board include: Donald Aschwege, Cedar Bluffs; Kieth Alstrom, Paul Neff and Raymond Heim, Dresden; Elden Anderson, Harold Hahn, Raymond D. Jones, all of Oberlin; Donald and Lawrence Sulzman, Selden, and Rex Area, Kanona.

Included among the more than

700 persons receiving degrees from Kansas State University this semester are Jerry Thomsen, BA in arts and sciences, and Duane Waldo, Bachelor of Arts in architecture.

Wallace Jorn has been elected president of the Men's Glee Club at the University of Kansas. He is a sophomore in the School of Pharmacy.

## 25 YEARS AGO — May 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ostmeyer have purchased the Culligan Water Conditioning business located at 201 W. Hall from Steve Corder who owned and operated the service the past two years. Ostmeyer has been employed with Culligan the past 15 months and he and his wife Judy are natives of Grinnell. They have two children, Bridgette, 8, and Matt, 22 months.

The main stumbling block in the completion of the \$190,000 addition to Oberlin City Library is the delivery of glass for the front of the building.

The Most Rev. Cyril J. Vogel, bishop of the Diocese of Salina, who suffered a heart attack while attending the 90th anniversary celebration Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin, re-

mains a patient at Decatur County Hospital.

Six students of Decatur Community High School industrial arts instructor John Goering received rosettes at the Industrial Arts Fair in Hays last weekend: Troy Martens, Ken Badsy, Mark Scott, Dennis King, Roger Carlisle and Rohn Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Bill Condit of Winfield. The wedding will take place Aug. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

A potluck dinner Sunday at Sappa Valley Manor honored Jessie Chandler and Lucy Muller who will leave this week to make their home in California.

Oberlin took fourth in the Northwest Kansas track meet with three gold medals, Brent Anderson in the shot put; John Guy in the two-mile run, and the mile relay team of Rocky Diederich, Keith Rosin, Clarence Banzet and Mike Neff.

The Oberlin BB team placed fourth in the annual state championship contest held at Buhler. Team members were Kendall Neal, Gaylen Huntley, Julie Poe, Kim Urie and Greg Dempewolf.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

I want to thank Myrna for "holding down the fort" last week.

We have had many visitors from Nevada, Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Alaska, Texas and Idaho.

Our Nevada visitor grew up in Allison and had some interesting stories. In doing some research on Allison, I found the following article taken from *The Oberlin Opinion* dated May 21, 1887:

Allison we found to be a thriving little village, situated in the southeast part of the county on the North Solomon. It is a new place, having been located in 1886, and now has 16 buildings. The school house here would be a credit to any district. There is a good hotel, feed and livery stable, barber shop, blacksmith shop, real estate office, meat market, furniture and hardware store, and a general store. McGinley Bros. are energetic business men. They located here in August 1885, and are doing well.

Allison is certain to make a good town as it has a good country to support it and is about the center between Norton, Millbrook, Hoxie, and Oberlin. Allison is almost certain of the C.B.R.R. and is a splendid location for some good business men looking for openings. There is also a brick yard here and the finest clay in the northwest. John J. Cass came here in 1880 and owns 320 acres of land on the Solomon. Mr. Cass has been engaged in the sheep business, has about 100 registered Merinoes, perhaps the only flock of registered sheep in the northwest. They are very fine. Mr. Cass is proprietor of the Allison townsite, and is a hard worker for Allison and Decatur County. He has set out a large amount of fruit trees and supplies the people of this vicinity with trees and shrubs of his own raising. J.W. Horner is the city blacksmith. He came from Lucas County, Iowa and wants no more of Iowa.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Presbyterian Church at Lebanon, Neb., will host a fried chicken and roast beef dinner beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Mother's Day dinner. A freewill donation will be taken.

The community was saddened last week to learn of the death of Wendell Frickey. Although they had moved to Oberlin some time ago, he and his late wife, Wanda, has raised their two sons, Wayne and Willard, and farmed in the Lyle community. They attended the Lyle United Methodist Church and both boys were members of the Star Valley 4-H Club. They were both always willing to help with whatever needed to be done. He was an uncle to Pat Schwab, and she had spent several days with the family during his illness and passing.

Paul Maloney and Peggy Glenn, Broomfield, Colo., brought their mother, Mrs. Lela Huff, to Oberlin

for the services. She is a sister of Wendell Frickey.

Mrs. Margaret Magers and John and Helm attended the funeral services held Monday and called on Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo after. Mr. Van Otterloo is recuperating from recent surgery and hospitalization in Oberlin and Hays. He is very happy to be at home.

Mrs. Magers, June Jolly, Marguerite Fullerton, and Kathy Van Meter helped with the Share program at Norcatour Saturday.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Fullerton attended the Royal Neighbors dinner at Norcatour Sunday. Mrs. Fullerton had a fall as they went in the door of the building, and has been very stiff and sore this week.

Mrs. Jolly was a guest of Mrs. Van Meter Sunday for a Senior Prom, hosted by the Security First Bank of Holbrook, Neb., in the Ella Missing Center. They traditionally

use the decorations put up by the high school students for their Junior-Senior Prom each year. They had a live band and a table loaded with food.

When they returned home they picked up Mrs. Magers and went to Norton for party pitch at the American Legion.

Mrs. Van Meter drove to Kearney, Neb., Monday to visit her brother, Keith Hilburn, of Logan, Neb., who had suffered a stroke and was being sent on to Lincoln, Neb., for further treatment. If things go as planned he will return to Kearney, Neb., for therapy. His wife and their two sons were with him.

Larry Enfield, the mortician from Norton, has been at the Lyle Cemetery this week straightening tombstones and repairing the ones in disrepair. The community is very happy to have this done before Memorial Day.

## Best plants for prairie explained

The Advanced Master Gardener Training is an opportunity for Master Gardeners to hear experts. Some of the speakers are professors, others are Master Gardeners. Gaylord attended sessions on trees and shrubs. I attended those on flowers.

It would be impossible to pick a favorite session, but "Prairie Star Collection" by Dr. Allen Stevens was so well accepted that we kept him 30 minutes over his allotted time.

Prairie Star annual flowers are those cultivars that are best adapted to our soil and climate. They exhibit superior performance in a year-long trial. They are then tested for a second year, then from these trials emerge the best. The site includes two cold and heat hardiness zones, and a spectrum of prairie soils.

They are planted at the appropriate time in May by just a few people, so no time is allowed for pampering such as breaking the root ball and spreading the roots. Three days

after planting, they are fertilized using 10-10-10 and a pre-emergent trifluralin. They are immediately sprinkled, then are thoroughly watered once a week by overhead sprinkler. This is done at all four sites. Dr. Allen stated the annuals at Colby consistently do the best, which he credits to the cooler nights.

The plants are judged on their floriferousness and vigor. I have grown the petunia called Purple Wave. Two years after visiting the Colby station and hearing "Lilac Wave" recommended, I tried it. It truly met the criteria of "Wow, look at those flowers."

The name Prairie Star is a Kansas State University research program and not a brand. You will not

find all of them at any one greenhouse or seed catalog. Some are available as seeds and some as cuttings only. The pamphlet available does not contain this information. Some flowers have several cultivars on the list, others only a few. There are 22 petunias and only one of the impatiens listed. Before you head for the nurseries or spend too much time browsing through the seed catalogs, stop by the extension office and pick up the list of Prairie Star Collection list.

Dr. Stevens had some additional advice on growing annuals. After the initial planting and fertilizing with 10-10-10, repeat with 16-8-8 the first of July, August and again in September. They bloom on new growth and need the extra nitrogen.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Commencement will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Jennings High School gymnasium. Members of the senior class are Jerry Lohnanen Jr., Karen Lasiter, Christina Coiner, Peggy Foster, Tara Lee Lahr, Ryan Miller, Mike Davis, Jesse Lee Bryant and Tony LaRue Jr.

The Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Legion Hall to prepare flowers for the Memorial Day services. For details, contact Mary Votapka.

Jennings Lions Club is hosting a Mother's Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Jennings High School cafeteria. A freewill donation will be accepted.

The monthly Sunflower Senior Center carry-in potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday. Entertainment will be provided by John Juenemann at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday Study Club met on

April 22 at the home of Vendla Tacha with Lynn Tacha as co-hostess. Members present were Naomi Carter, Rachel Carter, Clara Gillum, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Twila Stieben, Lynn Tacha, Mildred Tacha, Neoma Tacha and Vendla Tacha.

The meeting was conducted by President Rachel Carter and the club collect and flag salute were repeated in unison. Roll Call was answered by giving a suggestion for next year's program.

Wilma Mader told about her visit to the world's largest inventory of old and new crystal, china, silver and collectibles in Greensboro, N.C. The program was each member sharing a favorite dish or heirloom she had brought for "show and tell." President Carter presented the new officers, Joan McKenna, president; Vendla Tacha, vice president; Twila Stieben, secretary-treasurer.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Nik Martin and Anikka Martin, children of Bob and Liane Martin of Herndon, who performed at the state music festival recently. Nik received a I rating for his solos, and Anikka received a II rating for her solos.

Joe and Becky Tongish, Morgan and Lauren of Topeka were weekend guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish.

Friday visitors of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin. Tom Solko was a Saturday dinner guest.

Frank and Wynemah Cox entertained with a pizza party at their home recently. Guests were George Cox, Roy, Wash.; Rose Ann and Mike Domsch, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael, rural Atwood.

Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., was a last Saturday visitor of Ann Martin.

Judy Solko of Larned spent last weekend with her mother, Monica Solko. Ron Solko of Oberlin was a Sunday dinner guest, and afternoon callers were Tom and Patrick Solko.

## Cedar Living Center

The staff of Cedar Living Center hosted a Volunteer Tea on Friday in honor of National Volunteer Week. Members of the Hospital Guild, Cedar Living Center volunteers, and Meals-on-Wheels helpers were on the guest list. Kenneth and Henrietta VanVleet were honored for their many years of service to Meals-on-Wheels. They retired this year after having delivered meals since the program began in Oberlin in 1971. Mrs. VanVleet is also a member of the Hospital Guild.

Those who attended were: Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Ann Martin, Herndon; Doris Sloan, Carol Witt, Maurine Skoda, Elaine Bryan, Fern Jording, Juanita Williby, Betty Jenik, Alice Bobbitt, Eula Juenemann, Mary Noone, Esther Carlson, Kay Marcuson, Alice Shirley, Faye Miller, Laurene Van Otterloo, Donald and Goldie Stapp, Fern Moore, Beth Sebaugh, Eleanor Kircher, Stuart Euhus, Alvina Gamblin, Barb Solko, and Nadean Stoney.

Harold Frickey attended funeral services on Monday for his brother,

Wendell Frickey.

Floyd Bryan celebrated his April 30 birthday with family members. Elaine Bryan was a guest at noon. Floyd, Dale and Bayley Bryan, and Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo were guests in the evening.

The Hospital Guild hosted the May birthday party on Thursday afternoon. Those honored were Amy Kincaid, Dean Gallatin, and Gertie Fleckenstein. Beth Sebaugh entertained on the piano.

Recent visitors: Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Gordon and Lila Hickert, Cherokee Village, Ark.; Dale and Phyllis Wilcox, Aurora, Colo.; Ira Kolsky, Stockton, Mo.; Tracey Hartzog, Lisa Rhodes, Larry Sumner, Frank Ward, Norcatour; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Pat Tuller, McCook; Mike McVay, Colby; Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Warren and Carol Weibert, Irene Fringer, Rachel Gallatin, Luetta Pollnow, Myrna Jones, Sarah Fredrickson, Esther Lindquist, Stan Chapin, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Oberlin.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gary and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo., were weekend guests of his brother, Ralph and Violet Shaw, arriving Friday and returning home Sunday. They all attended the Prairie Statesman "Al Jolson Celebration" performance Saturday evening in McCook. Joel Shaw is a member of the Prairie Statesmen.

Casey O'Donnell, a college friend of Jay Tate, visited the Tate family Saturday enroute to Denver to deliver freight. Jay accompanied Casey to Denver, and they returned to the Tate home Sunday morning.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin

and Rory attended the 2A State Speech Championship Tournament at the Hutchinson High School on Saturday, where Greta Wendelin and Jess Elwood took second place in improvised duet acting. The Oberlin team placed third.

Anna Shaw traveled to Burlington, Colo., Saturday where she judged the Wray Art Guild's 35th annual art exhibit. In the afternoon, she critiqued the exhibits.

Arthur and Alice May and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended the Prairie Statesmen "Al Jolson Celebration" Saturday. Guest barbershop quartets were featured during the program.

Regan Badsy, son of Ken and Jan Badsy, was confirmed Sunday morning at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin and was honored with a dinner Sunday at his home. Guests were Elden and Marilou Long; Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda; Greg and Mary Long, Ethan and Jenna; Linda Wade, Joslyn and Andrew; Floyd Badsy, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

Richard and Anna Shaw, Isaac and Jennifer; Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante; and Gary and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo., were Sunday dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Cheryl Metcalf's piano students presented a spring music recital Sunday at The Gateway. Among her students performing were Jessica Bremer, Ryan May, Zach May, Cassidy Shields, Tyler Shields, Greta Wendelin, and Rory Wendelin.

Wilma May and David May attended the installation service of Pastor Randolph Wahl at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook on Sunday.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to members of the confirmation class at the Herndon Covenant Church, who were confirmed on Sunday. They include: Ryan Bergling, son of Mark and Gail Bergling; Josiah Jones, son of Greg and Gwen Jones; Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Barbara Olson, and Hana Withington, daughter of Dale and Debbie Withington. A potluck dinner honored them followed the services.

Hattie Olson was honored with a party on Saturday at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in observance of her 95th birthday.

Among relatives attending were Bill and Maxine Peebles and Sheri Steinemann, Denver; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Rennie and Jeanee Olson, Irving, Texas; Bob and Annette Frenzel, Lacey and Whitney, Salina; Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Joseph and Amber, Mu-

lvane; Mark Olson, Kurt and Mary, Oberlin; Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, and Beth Kinneavy, Boulder, Colo.; David Olson, and Jonathon and Daisy Olson and Corbin, Swisher, Iowa; Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood; and Evelyn Olson and Jerry Olson, Oberlin. Barbara Olson and Sarah were in Hutchinson for the state speech festival.

Weekend guests of Mark and Gail Bergling to attend the confirmation of their grandson, Ryan Bergling, were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Donnebohm of Ellinwood.

Steve and David O'Neill have been guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling for turkey hunting.

Guests of Mark and Barbara Olson for supper on Wednesday to honor Sarah on her 18th birthday were Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda and Keith and Mary Lou Olson.