

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1904
The Editor is attending the Populist state convention at Topeka this week.

A stock train of 13 cars was shipped out Monday morning.

The barn on the Chas. Carper farm in Pleasant Valley Township was struck by lightning during the storm Monday and burned to the ground.

Misses Stella and Grace Rush arrived from Chicago Tuesday morning in answer to the telegram announcing the dangerous illness of their mother, Mrs. J.W. Rush.

City Statistics: As compiled by S.S.J. Morrish in his work as assessor of Oberlin Township: This data is for the City of Oberlin only and does not include the whole township: Assessed valuation of personal property, \$73,248; population 994; dogs 78; pianos 37; births during past year 22; deaths 4; marriages 6.

Dresden: The new Christian Church will be dedicated next Sunday.

By all means, attend the lecture on athletics by Dr. James Naismith of Kansas University at the Opera House Tuesday evening, April 10, for the benefit of the Oberlin gymnasium.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1929

The passing of Robert A. Marks means the death of one of the pioneers of Decatur County and that of an honored citizen of Oberlin. Born in Bayfield, Canada, he came to Oberlin in 1879, where he was one of the leading business men of this city for nearly 50 years. During that time he was in the mercantile, lumber and banking business and also served as postmaster for 12 years. His private bank began in 1880 and was named The Bank of Oberlin. In 1891 he withdrew from the business, the general collapse of real estate values having caused him severe financial loss. After the death of his wife, Elizabeth in 1896, he married Miss Margaret Morrison who survives as do four sons and two daughters.

Recent Marriages: April 6: Mr. Orville A. Smalberger, 26, Marion, Nebr., and Miss Opal A. Sweet, 20, of Indianola, Nebr.; Mr. Jay Temple, 23, and Miss Vera Davis, both of Norcatour; April Scott, 20, and Miss Vada Hackney, 18, both of Oberlin;

April 8: Charles Larue, 36, and Miss Leta Mae Moore, 22, Dresden.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Oberlin with burial at Jennings for Mrs. W.E. (Deborah Jane) Wilson, 68, who homesteaded with her husband

near Jennings in 1895 where they made their home for nearly 30 years before moving to Oberlin.

Oberlin's affirmative debate team composed of Kenneth Slocum and Alice Morton and the negative team of Helen Johnson and Merriam Langmade placed second in the state to McPherson by a very close decision. Supt. Smick coached the team and accompanied them to Lawrence.

Oberlin's two banks have decided to get in line with banks of other cities with the recommendation of the Kansas Bankers Association of "Making Bank Robberies Unprofitable in Kansas" by closing promptly at 4:30 o'clock rather than an hour later. Most of the recent bank robberies have been staged right at closing time when few customers were about.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1954

The Hi-Plains Racing Assoc. held a benefit race Sunday at the fairground with the proceeds of \$788 donated to the Musgrave children's fund.

The Oberlin Livestock Exchange underwent a change in ownership this week with Pete Jones buying the interest of Chet Youngs in the Oberlin Sale Barn and selling his interest in the Tri-State Livestock Commission (West Sale Barn) in McCook to Youngs. Jones will be assisted in the operation of the Oberlin facility by his brother, Jesse Jones, of Dresden.

The Decatur Community High School track squad won a five-team meet held at Oakley last week with Dick Barrett winning the 440, taking second in the 220 and third in the 100. Wilbur Baker took first in the high hurdles and third in the 440.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. William Carter announce the arrival of a daughter, Jane Evelyn, at the Decatur County Hospital on April 8. She has two brothers and a sister.

Francis O'Grady of Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited friends in Oberlin last week. The son of John P. O'Grady, former president of the Farmers National Bank, he graduated from Decatur Community High School and is in the insurance business in Argentina and is on a three-month business trip.

Members of the JCC Club honored Mrs. H.J. Schmahl with a farewell breakfast at the home of Mrs. E.E. McGee.

Neva Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cochran of Oberlin, became the bride of Bob Province of Wichita on April 8 at the Presbyterian Church. She is a

graduate of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1953.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1979

A grand opening was held last week at Ron's Tire Center, which has added a truck bay and computerized wheel balancing to the business located on Highway 36 the past six years. New employees at the tire center include bookkeeper Vicky Ray, Dan Chambers and Todd Richards. Greg Fidele, who has three years experience, will continue to work with (owner Ron) Fowler and joining his son in the business is his father, Bill Fowler.

Ward Wurm, a junior at Decatur Community High School, has been selected by Norton-Decatur Co-op Electric to participate in a tour of Washington in June.

Funeral services were held for Newell C. Johnson, 76, who farmed in the Dresden area for 48 years before moving to Oberlin. He served on the Decatur County Hospital board for 28 years.

Dr. Paula Nauer has been certified in the medical specialty of family practice and is now in private practice in Prairie Village. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nauer, Jennings, and attended Fort Hays State and the University of Kansas Medical School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pauls of

Selden announce the engagement of their daughter, Janella Richene, to Daniel Francis Benoit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Benoit, Damar. Miss Pauls is presently employed as a teacher at the Eisenhower School in Norton and her husband is engaged in farming. The wedding is planned for July 13 at Sacred Heart Church in Selden.

Norcatour: Construction has begun on a new post office, two doors south of the present building, according to Gary Miller, Norcatour postmaster. Contractor is Les Tholen, Grinnell.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fisher, Oberlin, son, Cody Charles, 4-5-79; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ketterl, Herndon, son, Jason Earl, 4-6-79.

Three boys took top honors in the Decatur County spelling bee: Dana Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Young, was the winner; Allan Vavroch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vavroch was runner-up and third place went to Jay Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith. Young will represent Decatur County at Topeka in the state spelling bee later this month.

Kent Reinhardt, Decatur County agriculture extension agent, has announced that he will be leaving that post, having purchased an interest in Oberlin Milling Co., Inc.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

Our guests this week came from Colorado and Utah. They were also here to do family history research. One couple was researching Koehler, Gaines, Payne, and Pollnow. We contacted several relatives from here and had a "mini" family reunion in our office. The couple from Utah was researching Hackney, Applegate, and Coen from the Norcatour/Devizes area.

We have taken in a lot of items for the rummage sale and are looking for a lot more to come in this week. So don't forget that this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. is our third annual rummage sale.

The food sale will be in the Land Office Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. We are asking that each member donate an item or two for the food sale.

Soak up the history of the Bohemian Hall while you make your own family history. Come join us on Saturday, May 1, for an exciting and fun day of scrapbooking. Scrapbooking vendors from the area will have products on display

to sell. Enjoy demonstrations and new scrapbooking techniques from these vendors. The cost for the day is \$25 for reservations made before April 24, and \$30 for reservations made after April 24. Your registration fee includes: lunch, drinks, snacks, demonstrations, door prizes and uninterrupted scrapbook time.

Senior mothers, this is a great opportunity for you to work on the albums for your senior's table at graduation. Another wonderful opportunity is for those of you that are doing a Mother's Day album. Space is limited so please call the museum at 475-2712 during the day, Tuesday through Saturday, and Megan Carter at 475-8920 evenings and weekends. We promise you'll be inspired by this newly refurbished building and scrapbooking with your friends. Come join the fun! All proceeds go to the museum.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2004 year and we hope that you say — "Let's Go to the Museum."

Cedar Living News

A dance is being planned at Cedar Living Center at 7 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend. Don Ammons of Hoxie will provide the music. Refreshments will be served.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship gave the worship service on April 4.

Mildred Cochran attended funeral services for Alvin Jording on Monday morning. Myrna Jones and Carol Witt were in charge of the music program on Monday afternoon. Residents enjoyed singing Easter and spring songs with them.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Maxine Chambers and Charley Vavroch tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Alice Fiala won the blackout game.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Tuesday evening. About 20 children joined in the hunt for decorated plastic eggs, candy, and small prizes. Pictures of the event can be seen on the Decatur Health Systems website. Katie Glading assisted with the event.

Freida Matheny was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by Jan Matheny on Wednesday. She served angel food cake to residents and staff during lunch. Jan was a guest for supper on the patio with her mother on Wednesday evening.

An Easter egg party was held on Wednesday afternoon. Alice Fiala and Bea Wolfram assisted with dyeing the eggs in the morning. Residents and staff gathered to eat the eggs in the afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Residents met on the patio on Friday morning for a Good Friday prayer service led by Teresa Shaughnessy.

The baking group made coconut cookies on Friday afternoon.

Lloyd Beneda was guest of honor at a birthday gathering with his family on the patio Saturday afternoon.

Frank Cox ate dinner on Sunday with Wynemah Cox.

Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs of the Jennings United Methodist Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Herndon; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Marie Miller, Larry, Mary, and Brian Miller, Dresden; Richard Samson, Ludell; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Todd and Megan Burrell, Julie, Monte, Cade and Carson Burrell, Clay Burrell, Benkelman, Neb.; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; Becky Bock, Kearney, Neb.; Denise Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Susan McKain, McDonald; Rosa Boehm, Gary Matheny, McCook; Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; Larry, Mary and Brian Miller, Dresden;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Elsie Wolters, Fern Jording, Mary Ann Amack, Barbara Solko, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elaine Bryan, Eula Juenemann, Butch Stanley, Marie Jean Vavroch, Vayle Rohan, Phyllis Screen, Neil Marshall, Erin, Andrew, Michelle and Nicole Russ, Zane Geis, Pastor Heidi Wiebe, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsky shared Monday morning devotions entitled "Servant of the Lord." Little Sam's Day Care joined residents to create washcloth bunnies for Easter. The Lyle community ladies hosted afternoon card playing. Margaret Magers and Kathy Van Meter were joined by Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Neva Campbell, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruth Laidig, Hildegard Euhus, and Eva Bryan.

Janice Shobe led morning devotions Tuesday and shared the message focused on the Passion of Christ. Hearts Creation gathered in the Town Square and created crosses, led by Lisa Stacy. Those attending were Fern Anderson and Elsie Macy. Faith Lutheran services gathered in the quiet room with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Ella Peterson, and Mamie Unger present. Assisting were Bernie Fred and Ann Mines. Volunteer Fern Moore shared front porch reading with Dena Gillespie and Fern Anderson. Men who gathered at a local restaurant for pie and coffee were Everett Fisher, Leo Mooty, and Kenneth Rydquist. Birthday greetings were given to Elva Shaughnessy.

Wednesday morning songs of worship were led in the Town Square. Accompanying on the piano was volunteer Mary Henzel. Mert McEvoy led Bible study. Those attending were Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Leo Mooty, Kenneth Rydquist, Eryline Nichols, Hazel Flaska, Ruby McKenna, Mamie Unger, and Bonnie Weskamp. Dorothy Alstrom and Ellen Horn shared nail care. Angel Lane invited friends from Country Reflections for pie and ice cream in the recently finished dining area. Bingo concluded the day's events with volunteers Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions. Little Sam's Fun gathered in the Town Square to dye Easter eggs. Social hour had everyone coming to the Town Square to welcome new resident

Kenneth Rydquist Welcome committee members Garrah Gaumer, Elva Shaughnessy, Hildegard Euhus, Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton, and Eva Bryan presented Kenny with a welcome basket and entertained with a skit entitled, "The Romance of Rex." Swedish tea rings, prepared and donated by Barb Olson, were served. His sister, Goldie Raulston, was a guest.

Laurene Dempewolf shared morning devotions on Friday. Sharing cookie baking with Marilyn St. Clair was volunteer Jeanette Diederich. Following devotions, residents enjoyed donut holes and juice in the Town Square, compliments of Angel Lane team members. Volunteer Carol Duncan shared current events. Those attending were Ivah Alexander, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Elvie Brown, Leo Mooty, Ella Peterson, and Eryline Nichols.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions and social hour followed.

The United Methodist Church of Jennings and Dresden led Sunday church services. Shirley Nichols served social hour.

Recent guests: **Hattie Olson** - Rheinhold Olson, Sally and Bob Olson, Maxine Peebles and Sheri Steinemann, Denver; Keith and Mary Lou Olson; Bob and Annette Frenzl, Salina; Louis and Ava Perkins, Wichita; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Ruby McKenna** - Jerry and Fran Chambers, Ed McKenna, Joan McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Ken Rydquist** - Goldie Raulston, Jody Betts; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Iris Wurm** - Ben and Shannon Richardson, Jeanette Diederich; **Elva Shaughnessy** - Doris Fringer; **Hazel Flaska** - Jan and Joan Smith; **Erma Holt** - John Metcalf; **Garrah Gaumer** - Joan McKenna; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelly; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl, Kim Mehl. Also visiting were Percy and Carla Trotter of Arizona.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Martin and Evelyn May were Tuesday evening guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles where they celebrated Martin and Evelyn's 57th wedding anniversary.

Dianne and Jessica Bremer were among family members and classmates who attended a luncheon Friday noon at the LandMark Inn honoring Jody Betts on her 75th birthday. The luncheon was a surprise and planned by her children, Gene and Jan Betts, Leawood; Charles and Susan (Betts) McMonagle of Poway, Calif., and Rod and Lisa Betts, LaJolla, Calif. John and Edith Tate and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie, were guests of Lois Carlson Thursday evening for dinner and birthday cake to celebrate Dakota's seventh birthday.

Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie left for Tescott Friday morning to visit her mother, Linda Ryan, and grandmothers, Lois Kepple, and other family members. Saturday noon they enjoyed Easter dinner with their family and the children's

Easter egg hunt before returning home that evening.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Hildegard Euhus, Stuart Euhus, Fern Jording, Kent and Diana Euhus, Brock and Lindsey, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin.

Wayne and Lois Larson, Karl Wendelin, Bruce Wendelin, Craig and Karen Larson, and Carl Larson were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd, Greta, and Rory.

Ladd and Greta Wendelin, students at Concordia University, Seward, Neb., arrived at the Norman Wendelin home on Thursday to spend Easter with their family, returning to Seward on Monday.

David May, McCook, spent the Easter weekend with his mother, Wilma May.

Marvin May, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Greg and Janice Cundiff and Quintin, Andy May, Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles, and

Kelly Black were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May.

Guests at the home of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and family were Dan's brother and sister-in-law Jack and Gerri Nedland, Barron, Wis., and Dan's parents, Elizabeth and Karl McConnell, Superior, Wis., arriving Wednesday and returning home on Monday.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Roland May home were Walter and Betty May, Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and

Elizabeth, Jack and Gerri Nedland, and Elizabeth and Karl McConnell.

Lois Carlson and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie were Easter Sunday dinner guests of John and Edith Tate.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, took Alvina Unger out for dinner on Easter Sunday and were afternoon visitors of Alvina before returning home.

Stean Olson, Salina, was a weekend guest at the Jerry Olson home.

Enjoying dinner on Easter Sunday at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts were Helen Derby, Arthur and Alice May, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Edith Wasserman was an Easter dinner and afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bainter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Heim visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter on Sunday evening, April 4.

Dustin Lewis and Dee Sealock were married on April 10 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flemming were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cech visited on Sunday afternoon.

Tracie Lewis and friend, Pete, Overland Park; Ted Lewis, Lawrence, and Andy Lewis, Concordia, were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis of Concordia came Saturday before the Lewis-Sealock wedding.

Easter Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Lewis, Jay Lewis of Norfolk, Va.; Kyle Lewis and Kayte Keeler of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis and Andy, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis, and Jeffery Samson of Atwood.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

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

John, Teresa and Brandon Anderson of Denver were last weekend guests of her mother,

Mildred Kleidosty.

Ron Solko of Oberlin was a last Saturday dinner guest of his mother, Monica Solko. Tom and Patrick Solko were Sunday visitors and Judy Solko of Larned was a last weekend guest.