

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — May 1904

A very pleasant and interesting reception was given at the commodious residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanVleet of North Harlan on the evening of May 7 to about 70 of their relatives and friends in honor of the marriage of their eldest son, Emery, to Miss Myrtle Barnhart of Selden. The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, May 4.

Mr. Ed Lawson and Miss Ida Duncan were married May 4, 1904, at the home of J. C. Duncan north of Norcatar.

The German Congregational Church at Traer was dedicated on Sunday, May 1. The cost of the new building is right about \$2,000. The trustees are Dan Stimbert, John Meixner, Paul Haas, Lawrence Leitner and August Wesch.

The Bur Thornton case occupied the attention of District Court Tuesday and Wednesday. The following jury, after being out all night, brought a verdict of guilty: F. McCammon, Eli Gallentine, George McLaughlin, Lewis Speiss, W.L. Kahlor, J.W. Richardson, Myron Porter, Roy Hendrickson, Henry Cutshall, John Warrick, A.R. Fulton and H.R. Marietta.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1929

D.G. Addleman is having installed one of the latest type soda fountains manufactured by Bishop & Babcock of Cleveland, Ohio. The fountain is constructed of steel and glass, is 12 feet long and fitted with the latest type of dry refrigeration equipment. The motor and condensers will be located in the basement immediately under the fountain. The fountain has a capacity of 8, 5-gallon freezers of ice cream, and receptacles for 14 different flavors. The wall cabinet back of the fountain was made to conform with Mr. Addleman's own plans and is also an elegant piece of furniture.

The Oberlin band, under the able direction of Prof. Julius Piller, was awarded first place in the statewide band contest held at Hays for the first time. Other first place winners, which qualifies them to attend the national contest in Denver, were Miss Gladys Griffith, soprano solo; boys' quartet of Dale Bates, Basil Roark, Harry Murphy and Lowell Francis, and Earl Walton, tuba solo.

Oberlin is to again have Chautauqua this summer with a

sufficient number of signers for tickets secured. Opening day will be July 27.

Attorney Fred Peters represented the people of Cedar Bluffs in a hearing held at the depot by the Kansas Public Service Commission to consider arguments for and against discontinuance of telegraph service to Cedar Bluffs.

The students and patrons of Mount Pleasant district No. 49 gathered at the school house to observe the closing of school with a dinner and a party of baseball, games and contests. Everyone brought good things to eat. This was the Mrs. Mildred Southard's third consecutive term of teaching.

Miss Aleen Vernon of Oberlin became the wife of Leo VanVleet of Danbury on Saturday evening, May 4, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vernon.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1954

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises for the Class of 1954 will be held the coming week for a class of 54 students. One of the diplomas will be awarded posthumously to the family of Lowell Foley, who was killed in an automobile accident in February. Ruth Laidig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig, is valedictorian and Shirley Scott, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Scott, is salutatorian. Other honor students are Waldo Anderson, Wanda Welliever, Louise Morford, Mary Morton, Richard Barrett, Sylvia Mahon and Marcille Holmberg.

Clayton Diehl has announced his candidacy for state representative on the Republican ticket.

Reservations for the Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet May 21 have been limited to 600 and must be made with Mary Lou Olson at *The Oberlin Herald* or Phyllis Smith at Oberlin Motor by May 18. Price per plate is \$1.60.

Approximately 650 homemakers from Norton, Cheyenne, Logan, Sheridan, Thomas, Graham, Sherman, Rawlins and Decatur counties were in Oberlin May 7 for the district meeting of National Home Demonstration Units held at the Masonic Temple and at the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

Oberlin City School News: Miss Elma Lee Bearley and Miss Eleanor Jeffus have resigned their teaching positions. Miss Bearley will teach the primary grades in the Chardon school south of Atwood next year and Miss Jeffus will teach

in Larned.

In the Northwest Kansas League track meet held at Oakley, Oberlin placed fourth, and in the regional meet at Scott City, sixth. Qualified to attend the State track meet at Manhattan are Victor Ingrim in the discus and the medley relay team, which won first in both the league and regional. Members of the team to run at State will be selected from the following boys: Alvin Johnson, Richard Pavlicek, Leroy Hoehner, Don Musgrave, Wilbur Baker, Dick Barrett and Dean Roedel.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Kanona, daughter, Rita Annette, May 6; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nemeth, Herndon, daughter, Cheryl Ann, May 8; Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Malone, Herndon, daughter, Rosalie Kay, May 8; Mr. and Mrs. Verol Bergling, Ludell, daughter, Barbara Gail, May 1.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1979

Fred and Wilma Wallsmith, Levent, have been hired as the new curators of the Last Indian Raid Museum effective May 1. They succeed Mrs. Kathleen Claar, curator since 1958. The Wallsmiths will be remembered as guides of the historical tour last fall of sites where Cheyenne Indians passed through on the last Indian raid in 1878.

Samuel Ramey, opera star, will return to his hometown of Colby for the final Western Plains Arts Assoc. concert for the 1978-79 sea-

son.

Rhonda May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, was the recipient of the Merrill Jones petroleum engineering award at the University of Kansas. Miss May is a 1974 graduate of DCHS and will graduate this month from Kansas University with a degree in petroleum engineering. Following a summer tour of Europe she will be employed by Atlantic-Richfield Corp. of Bakersfield, Calif.

Dana Wilson was crowned queen and Curtis Carter, king, at the dance following Saturday evening's junior-senior prom festivities.

The Red Devil boys finished second in the Northwest Kansas League track meet held at Colby while the girls team placed fifth. Rocky Diederich won the 880-yard run in the boys meet and Kay Hartman the 880 in the girls meet with Jody Elwood winning the shot put with a new school record of 36 feet, 1 inch.

Commencement was held for 17 Jennings High School graduates: James Bird, Donald Cressler, Robert Cressler, Scott Hartzog, Brenda Hickert, salutatorian; Cheri Jacobs, valedictorian; Rebecca Juenemann, Timothy Kinser, Jane Calhoun, Julie Nauer, Marlene Price, Richard Rhodes, Teresa Rhodes, Colleen Shaw, Annette Spresser, Janette Spresser and Lora Ward.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

What an exciting week it has been! Our visitors have come from five different states: Oklahoma, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska and Indiana. Two gentlemen from Australia toured as well as a couple from British Columbia. All of the guests have been very impressed with our museum, and the friendly town.

Our younger guests included two school tours from Lenora and Atwood, as well as the Girl Scouts from Oberlin. There is one school tour scheduled for this Friday. I am especially looking forward to this one since my grandson will be in the group. They will be the first and second graders from Northern Valley, Almena and Long Island.

Plans are under way for the third Annual Summerfest Car Show, June 5. Activities start with the Cruise-In Friday night, June 4. On

Saturday there will be a pancake feed from 7-9 a.m., games for the kids from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., a kids bike giveaway by the ZCBJ Lodge, lunch of porkburgers and brats, a poker run, burn-out contest, and a barbecue supper at the Bohemian Hall.

These are just a few of the events, so watch for more information or call Dana at 475-2325.

If your group or organization would like to have a vendor stand during the car show, please call Dana or the Museum.

Don't forget about tickets for the fund-raiser for moving the St. Mark's Lutheran Church building from Norcatar to the Museum grounds. Tickets are available from any Modern Woodmen member, Museum board and staff, or at the Museum.

Saturday afternoon Kathy went to Quinter to visit Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejdll.

The Lyle ladies, Kathy VanMeter, Veda Wood, June Jolly and Joyce Sumner, sewed for the Mexican American Mission of Garden City on Tuesday.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Red Barn Gang Band had the privilege to entertain at the Senior Progress Center in Colby Tuesday. They were acknowledging the many volunteers. They had a beautiful cake and the tables were decorated with pastel colors and pink and white balloons. They were really a wonderful group. We were pleased when we played a medley of songs for each of the branches of the services and many veterans stood when their song was played. We are proud of our veterans. To end the performance, we all sang "God Bless America." We enjoyed getting to visit with our friends who were there.

The Social Hour Club met Wednesday at the Barn with Clea Moeder as hostess. Bingo winners were Jean Hawkins, Margie Leh, Sondra Barnett, and Ruth Luna. The hostess prize was won by Lula

Thieler. Margie Leh went to Colby and brought Eileen Dible and Lula Thieler. We were happy to have them.

Sondra Barnett and her mother, Hulda Wark, went on a trip to visit friends and relatives on Wednesday. Patty Ann Casey spent Wednesday with her mother, Zula Horinek. She is moving back to Goddard the first of May, and we will miss her. She will be closer to her daughter, Soni, and grandchildren.

The Koffee Klatch had six present. Many were gone because of Mother's Day. Those who attended were Freda Ketchum, Liz Rall, Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Margaret Arasmith, and Margie Leh.

Samantha Allen, Peyton, Colo., is visiting her parents, Steve and Terry Allen.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Kelly Smith, Kyle, Noah, and Levi were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann.

Judy Gaumer visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter Sunday afternoon.

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Mrs. Ray Weis Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Edith Wassermann were Mother's Day supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh.



Cedar Living News

The residents and staff of Decatur Health Systems are celebrating National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week from May 9-15.

Patty Brown and Nora Bell Manning planted the flower box at the front door of Cedar Living Center. They have planted this flower box in memory of Babe Manning for several years.

Zola Brown went out for lunch on Monday with Earl Brown and he was a guest at Cedar Living Center for supper.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt gave the music program on Monday afternoon. Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura won first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Maxine Chambers won the black-out game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Tuesday afternoon. Father Henry and Rev. Stan Chapin were here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Eastern Star hosted a birthday party on Thursday afternoon and served ice cream and cookies. Those assisting were Karen Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hafner. The party honored the residents with April birthdays: Floyd Bryan, Lloyd Beneda, Bea Wolfram, and Freida Matheny.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Forget-Me-Nots donated a potted rose bush to Cedar Living Center in honor of Mother's Day.

A Mother's Day Coffee was held

on Sunday afternoon. Marie Jean Vavroch, Jennifer Wolters, and Peggy Gassman assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with serving the coffee and cookies.

Eva Marie Vacura went out for lunch with Bernie and Othelia Vacura on Mother's Day.

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service. Dennis Brown assisted.

Recent visitors: Simone and Suzanne Cahoj, Mike, Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Jerry Temple, Norcatar; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Patt Tuller, Rosa Boehm, Gary Matheny, McCook; Marie Miller, Dresden; Susan McKain, McDonald; Leanna Davis, Salina; Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Beth Ann Hraha, Frank Cox, Herndon; Robert Karow, Denver; Kayla Korte, Rexford;

Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Gus and Elsie Wolters, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Dana Winstead, Eula Juenemann, Delores Koerperich, Helena Bruggeman, John and Henrietta Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Elaine Bryan, Ella Betts, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Bob and Lila Keenan, Mary Ann Amack, Paul Sass, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, May 3, Shooting Stars met for watercolor painting of various farm scenes, enjoyed by Eleanor Demmer, Ruby McKenna, Florence Fisher, Mamie Unger and Leo Mooty. The children from Little Sam's Daycare joined the group to play ball. At Social Hour, the STAR Committee sponsored a Hat Parade. Residents and helpers modeled vintage hats from several different eras.

Lisa Stacy helped several ladies to make spring wreaths to hang in their room, then they will be on display at the county fair in August. Those participating were Hazel Flaska, Elsie Macy, Ruby Shuler, Kathryn Post and Fern Anderson. Fern Moore came to read. For Social Hour, Angel Lane staff members brought snacks to serve everyone, since Country Reflections had sold the most cookbooks.

Mert McEvoy led Wednesday's Bible study, attended by Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Elsie Brown, Leo Mooty, Hazel Flaska, Marilyn St. Clair, and Mamie Unger. Assisting with nail care were volunteers Roxie Erickson, Pat Whetzel, and Ellen Horn. Bingo concluded the day's events, with assistance from Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions, with a message reflecting on the importance of forgiveness. Lisa Stacy and Kristi Fortin played catch and kickball with children from Little Sam's and residents. Our sports enthusiasts were Eva Bryan, Leo Mooty, Neva Campbell, Helen Styles, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Dena Gillespie, Lorna Bishop and Fern Mapes. Catholic services were shared with Ruby McKenna, Bonnie Weskamp, and Lois Buchholz.

Several ladies gathered to play Spill the Beans, and everyone learned something interesting about Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Ruby Shuler, Elsie Macy and Ruby McKenna. Can you guess which one of these ladies used to drive stock cars in the Atwood Powder

Puff races? We also learned that a staff member once bungee jumped out of a hot air balloon. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. In honor of the National Day of Prayer, a prayer rally was held, with Jeanette Diederich playing her guitar, and singing some patriotic selecti

On Friday, Jeanette Diederich shared special baking with Fern Anderson to make cinnamon knots, to be served later at Social Hour. The Merry Mums gathered for some table ball fun, attended by Ruby Shuler, Leo Mooty, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, Elsie Macy, Veda Pingetzer, and Florence Fisher. Bill Duncan read Current Events for Elsie Brown, Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson and Garrah Gaumer.

Welcome Committee members Elva Shaughnessy, Eva Bryan, Hildegarde Euhus, Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton and Garrah Gaumer hosted a party for Lee Arnold and another gentleman. Lee's special guests were his granddaughter, Julianna Baker, and his wife, Lora. Ice cream, cinnamon knots, and Ritz crackers were the menu choices. Marguerite Fullerton shared a poem entitled, "I've Sure Gotten Old."

Dennis Brown shared Saturday's devotions.

On Sunday, church services were led by the United Methodist Churches of Prairie Chapel and Oberlin. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour and Dennis Brown presented the message.

Recent guests: **Harold and Eleanore Demmer** - Cindy and Tara Traphagan, Carole J. Unger; **Fern Mapes** - Jerry Temple, Donna Warren; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Eva Bryan** - Detta and Elden Anderson, Donna and Dick Kelley; **Elfie Brown** - Floyd and Marylu Brown; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna Chambers; **Kathryn Post and Elva Shaughnessy** - Doris Fringer; **Lee Arnold** - Estella Harold, Sue Hildebrand. Also visiting were Kenneth and Pansy Price of Clayton.

Wachendorfer; May 19 - Frank Bouts, Leslie Wessel, Richard Koerperich, Harold Murphy.

Sunday was Mother's Day and Golden Plains graduation. Numerous families celebrated with family and friends. The weather was a little windy but most get-togethers went along as planned.

The 2004 graduates from Golden Plains include: Dana Broeckelman, Dusty Spresser, Kelsey Spresser, Landon Truettken, Adam Sabatka, Randi Stevenson, Courtney Albers, Jaelynn Andrews, Jesse Colson, Matt Giesenhagen, Jeremy Gould, Samantha Juenemann, Casey Lewis, Abbie Miller, Brent Moss, David Purcell and Valerie Vanatt

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

After lunch they visited Elden and Charissa Huff.

Margaret Magers went to Quinter, then Charlie and Judy Easton took her to Abilene, where she visited the J.T. Guy family until Thursday, then Judy went back to Abilene to bring her home.

On Friday evening, Margaret Magers and Kathy VanMeter went to the potluck dinner in Norcatar then played cards. Saturday morning they sat in the park at Norcatar for Liberty Star Club with baked goods and such for the area-wide garage sale, then they attended the Price auction.

June Jolly took Kathy VanMeter, Margaret Magers, and Juanita Eckhart to Norton for the pitch tournament at the American Legion on Sunday evening.

June Jolly and Karen Brown played cards in McCook Monday. Lunch was served on Sunday at the Lyle Community Building. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rinehart, who brought

John and Helen Helm; Laura Helm of St. Joseph, Mo.; Kathy Brashears of Curtis, Neb., and Charlie and Carolyn Kelley, who brought his mother, Bula Kelley, of Lamar, Colo.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina. They were Sunday dinner guests of Lori Seaman. Additional guests were Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, and Gary and Charlene Baldwin.

Larry Gilbert of Omaha, Doug Jackson of Brewster, Richard Bergling of Larned and Dave Bergling spent the weekend at Kirwin for their annual fishing get-together.

Steve and Arian Arnold took her mother, Edla Olson, out for Mother's Day dinner on Sunday, then they enjoyed a ride to the Midway and Herndon communities.

The board of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet for a sack lunch, followed by a business meeting after morning worship services on Sunday.

Scott Olson of Irving, Texas, spent last weekend with his grandparents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Pat McNulty, Catie and Erin, Arvada, Colo., spent the weekend of April 30-May 2 with his sister and family, Maureen and Richard Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, for turkey hunting. Loren and Ronna Dellinger and Grant, Thornton, Colo., spent the past weekend there and also enjoyed turkey hunting. Mother's Day weekend guests of