

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — May 1904

The Editor and wife are at St. Louis this week taking in the fair.

The first annual commencement exercises of the Decatur County High School were held at the Opera House Thursday evening, May 26. The members of the graduating class and the subjects of their orations follow:

Jeanette Lindsay, "The Influence of Poetry"; Gertrude Leist, "Helen Keller"; Ruby Moser, "Ben Hur — A Winner Through Determination"; Mamie Heitmann, "Humanity's Debt to Science"; Mamie Dale, "What God Hath Wrought"; Harry Shinkle, "An Exponent of Civic Purity"; Zena Kulp, "Sunrise and Sunset". Music was furnished by the high school chorus, Mrs. D.G. Adleman and a sextette, and Gov. Bailey delivered the address of the evening.

Norcatour News: Dale Morrison has decided to be a dentist and will spend the summer at Oberlin with Doctors Larrick and Morrison.

High School Breezes: Art Steele was up and took a picture of the cadets yesterday.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1929

Fourteen automobiles loaded with band members and their instruments and the drivers started for Denver early this morning to participate in the national music contest.

Elmer McKinzie won the first flight in the Norton golf tournament while V.D. Woodward won the second flight and Ray Bobbitt the consolation flight. Other area golfers participating were C.E. Feeley and A.A. Smith of Jennings, Frank Nelson of Norcatour and Dwight Dowden of Oberlin.

The commencement exercises for the Class of 1929 held at the City School auditorium were very well attended. Marjorie Stevenson, president of the graduating class, presented the spade with which the first sod was turned in the building of the high school, to Helen Johnson, president of the junior class. Music consisted of a soprano solo by Gladys Griffith and the cornet solo by Curtis Steele which he will play at Denver this week.

Valedictorian of the class is Myra Shaw and salutatorian is Frances Stinson; other honor students are Lois Mines and Dorothy Johnson. The 56 member class, 23 boys and 33 girls, is the largest

class to graduate since 1917 which had 58 members.

Besides the many honors Decatur Community High School students received in music, journalism, debate, vocational agriculture and scholarship the past years, the records show that Oberlin won first place in the Northwest Kansas League in football with a 10-0 record; second place in basketball; first in wrestling and first in track.

Graduation exercises for the common school graduates of the county were held at the City School auditorium Wednesday afternoon under the direction of Bernice Reist.

The young lady who was at the Alfred Miner place Friday evening helping herself to the flowers can have her handkerchief by calling on Alfred.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1954

The city of Herndon will celebrate its 75th birthday Saturday with an ox roast and a Gay Nineties celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodward returned to Oberlin last week after spending 8 months in Rochester, Minn. En route to Oberlin they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Woodward and Bill in Manhattan and attended the graduation of Mary Lou Woodward from Kansas State College.

Court House News: Carl Neff is employed in the Soil Conservation office for the summer. He recently graduated from Dodge City Junior College.

More than 500 persons attended the Alumni Banquet. Officers elected for the coming year are Don Kump, president; Richard Barrett, vice president; Billie McClure, secretary and Choral Morton, treasurer. Members were present from the classes of 1894, 1895, 1897, 1904, 1906 and 1910.

Memorial Day stock-car races will be held at the fairgrounds.

The Social Security Administration has informed Ira Laidig, guardian of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Musgrave, that if certain conditions are met, the benefits from Social Security may provide a total of \$13,000 for the children until each child reaches the age of 18. The parents died in February as the result of an auto accident.

The Herald regrets the retirement of Mrs. Millard Kyte, who

has taken over the temporary custody of her brother Gerald Cathcart's two young daughters while he recovers from injuries received in a car crash in Wichita several months ago. Mrs. Cathcart was fatally injured in the crash. Gerald is now out of the hospital and hopes eventually to return to his work at Boeing Aircraft.

Members of the 1954 senior class at Leoville High School are Alvin Jacobs, Thelma Kreutzer, Della Mae Dwyer, Bernitta Depperschmidt, James Kaus, John B. Schieferecke, Harold G. Meitl, Joseph Spresser, James Berls and James Herl.

Graduates of the Leoville Grade School this spring are Dennis Ritter, Max Kruse, Fred Reichert, Frank Sulzman, James Schieferecke, Janice Miller, Rose Boor and Donald Juenemann.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jorn, daughter, Peggy Jo, May 24.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1979

Local concern is growing as the gas and fuel supply gets tighter and the price keeps rising. Prices ranged from a low of 81.9 for regular to a high of 91.9 for unleaded, while diesel fuel was 87 cents a gallon locally.

Valedictorian of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1979 was Jeff New, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney New of Norcatour. Salutatorian was Kathy Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson.

A tour of sites along Prairie Dog Creek will be led by Wilma Wallsmith Sunday afternoon under

the sponsorship of the Hi Plains Preservation of History Commission. The tour will include stops at the Jennings Museum, Jackson townsite and cemetery, the Jennings State Park and Brookwood Park near Selden.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Evan Gotti, a daughter, Ryann Joell, May 17, 1979.

Janet Pollnow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vollie Pollnow, was among the graduates of the School of Nursing at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She is a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School and attended Kansas State University.

Richard May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, rural Oberlin, graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita on May 21 and plans to begin an internship in general practice in Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife Delayne, who holds a degree in microbiology from KU, plan to move to Arizona in June.

Norcatour: The 90th year for the observance of Memorial Day will be held on Sunday, May 27. The "Avenue of Flags" was begun in 1972 and has been a colorful and beautiful addition to the observance.

The Decatur Community High School mile relay team composed of Rocky Diederich, Roger LaSalle, Rohn Hamilton and Mike Neff placed fourth in the state track meet held at Wichita while the two-mile relay team of LaSalle, Jon Dunn, John Guy and Diederich placed fifth. According to Coach Richard Harlan, both teams lowered their times in the state meet.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Our last school tour for the season was Thursday with the second-graders from Oberlin. They walked down from the elementary school, and with just that walk decided that they would not have wanted to walk to Kansas from New York or other eastern states, as the pioneer children did.

Besides our school tour this week we had guests from: Texas, California, New Mexico, Washington, Kansas, Arizona, North Dakota, Colorado, and Minnesota. Also on our guest list was a couple

from South Africa.

I want to thank Myrna and Maralyn for covering for me while I attended graduation at K-State.

If you have guests here for Alumni/Memorial weekend the Museum would be a great place to bring them. We have a few woven throws left depicting historic Decatur County that might interest alumni. They make wonderful mementos of early times of the county. This is the 125th anniversary year since Decatur was organized as a county.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Dr. Aaron White, who graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University on Friday, May 14.

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended this graduation. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Hal White, Caleb White and friend of Hotchkiss. Dr. Aaron White will be joining his wife, Dr. Sarah Ketterl-White, working for Dr. Mark Olson and Dr. Travis Hissong at Countryside Veterinary Clinic at Norton.

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended church services at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren at Norcatour on Sunday, May 16, and a potluck welcoming dinner honoring Dr. Aaron White and Dr. Sarah Ketterl-White. Mr. and Mrs. Hal White, Kingsdown, also attended the dinner.

The Herndon Library will be closed on Friday.

Congratulations to Ben Grafel, Rodney Rippe and Lance Basgall, who were selected to the All American six-man team. The play-

ers chosen came from seven states and two Canadian provinces, and from a total of 275 football teams. Their coach is Ryan Becker.

Wilma Tongish underwent heart surgery on May 18 in Kearney, Neb. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Norma Grafel following the death of her sister, Ruth Crocker Gogen of Fort Valley, Ga., on May 13. Survivors include her son, Bobby Gogen, Montgomery, Ala.; and sister and husband, Norma and Harlan Grafel.

Golden Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on May 13 to honor Anna Mae Ketterl on her birthday. Others present were Helen Marintzer, Dorothy Engleman, Lillian Wahrman, Edie Pettera, Ann Martin, Bernie Fred and Wilma Bobinmyer.

John, Betty and Mary Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., spent last weekend with Mildred Kleidosty.

Monica Solko spent last weekend with Carol Solko in Hays.

They were Thursday and Friday supper guests of Doug and Pat Marrs of Hays. On Saturday, Judy Solko of Hays and Monica attended graduation ceremonies for Monica's granddaughter, Amber Marrs, who earned a degree in teaching from Fort Hays State University.

Among relatives who attended the graduation of Cody Sattler from Oakley High School were his father, Rob Sattler, and brother,

Isaiah Sattler, Oakley; Brian and Mary Clark, Collin and Katelyn, Jayme Sattler, Jan Sattler, Ron Sattler, and George and Michelle Sattler and Adam. Cody was among the honor students recognized. All were invited to a reception at the home of Jim and Fran Robben of Oakley following the ceremony, then visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Oakley Park.

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

Memorial weekend is coming up fast. If you have not made a donation for a poppy you may do so at any of these locations in Selden: The Bank, Pauls Furniture, Midway Cafe, Selden Lumber or Karls Store. Please make your donation and show your support for all of our service personnel.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: May 27 - Drew Stevenson, Gary and Jerrie Robinson; May 28 - Scott Bruggeman, Kendra Spresser, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman; May 29 - Robert Wessel, Joe Geisinger, Jan Juenemann; May 30 - Dick Stevenson, Devin Spresser; June 1 - Gary Gillum; June 2 - Charles

Focke.

On May 20 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Otlew won high, Vesta Shea took second, Irene Kruse got low and Shirley Emigh had the most kings.

Other members present included: Betty James, Catherine Campbell, Dorothy Lovin, Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Don Smith, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Don Shaw, Paulie Neff and Clara Schieferecke.

Kids softball starts May 26 at the Selden ball park. Age groups start at 4 years old. For more information call Shirley Emigh at (785) 386-4252.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook, were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh. John Schutes and Wanda Schutes were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went to the home of Wes Bainter on Sunday evening to celebrate Weston's 10th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis went to Atwood Saturday to attend the Rod Run and on Sunday they attended

Jeff Samson's graduation from Atwood High School.

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Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a watermelon party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He was assisted by Helen Juenemann.

Mary Eiler was the guest of honor at a belated party given by her family on Monday on the patio.

Harold Frickey won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie for Charley Vavroch, Axie Sass, and Alice Fiala.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Father Henry was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon.

Freida Matheny attended the graduation reception on Sunday afternoon in honor of her granddaughter, Sabrina Cooper, at the home of Jan Matheny.

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center congratulate the Decatur Community High School graduates, including Decatur

Health Systems employees Tara Votapka, Lindsey Euhus, Jim Altflish, and Krista Fowler.

Recent visitors: Joanne Dolance, Dallas, Texas; Judy Stark, Sun City, Ariz.; Julie and Morgan Kilder, Mead, Colo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Don Ashley, Selden; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Suzanne and Brian Drikwater, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Paul, Karen, and Gary Matheny, George Wurm, Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald;

Elsie Wolters, Jeanette Miller, Mary Lemman, Carrie Morford, Butch Stanley, Gary and Carol Allen, Barbara Solko, Dorothy Cochran, Dana Winstead, Paul Sass, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Vayle Rohan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Hearth and Home Unit met in the activity room on May 12 with residents and member, Ruth Laidig. Other club members attending were Laurene Van Otterloo, Faye Miller, Grace Cook and Delores Koerperich. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of St. John's Lutheran Church gave a quilt presentation and served cookies during Social Hour. President Dorothy Moore accompanied on the piano and Pam May read stories about on quilts. Other members attending were Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Connie Olson, Donna Kent, Shirley Shields, Peggy Groneweg, Mildred Fortin, and Teresa Diederich. Resident members were Hildegard Euhus, Iris Wurm and LuVerne May. Katie Glading shared time with Little Sam's children as a volunteer. Kristi Fortin assisted. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown gave devotions Thursday on prayer. Little Sam's Daycare children helped residents Bonnie Weskamp, Hazel Flaska, Elsie Macy, Ella Peterson and Ruby Shuler make spring necklaces. Catholic services included Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby McKenna and Lois Buchholz.

Morning devotions were brought May 14 by Lisa Stacy. Eva Bryan sang a solo. The "Merry Mums" gathered in Town Square and played Ring Swing. Those participating were Ruby Shuler, Ruby McKenna, Eva Cuthbertson, Mamie Unger, Iris Wurm, Erma Holt, Florence Fisher, Lorna Bishop and Bernice Brown. Bill Duncan and granddaughter, Kristen Norris, came to read Current Events. Fern Anderson and Dena Gillespie watched the Friday Film Feature, "Jesus". Popcorn was served, compliments of "The Bank".

Dennis Brown shared devotions on Saturday, May 15. Sunday, May 16, marked a day of celebration in dedication of the new dining area in Angel Lane. Merry Mums gathered for foam art fun on Monday, attended by Erma Holt, Helen Styles, Florence Fisher, Eva Cuthbertson, Ruby McKenna, Ella Peterson and Bernice Brown. Myrna Jones provided afternoon entertainment on the piano. Serving Social Hour was Mildred Holmdahl. Cowboy Paul shared reading time with the daycare children. Card Sharks gathered for canasta, including Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Mildred Holmdahl.

The Tuesday Men's Gathering watched a movie, enjoyed by Lee Arnold and Everett Fisher. Jan Badsy and Angela Musgrave flipped more than 80 hamburgers

so residents and staff could enjoy a picnic lunch at noon. The kitchen staff prepared potato salad and coleslaw. During Social Hour everyone feasted on watermelon provided by the Forget-Me-Nots. Ellen Horn assisted Dennis Brown in serving.

Mert McEvoy led Bible study on Wednesday. Mr. Buchholz brought a music classes from Oberlin Elementary to entertain, with Mary Jo Lohofener accompanying on the piano. Volunteers Dorothy Alstrom and Roxie Erickson provided nail care. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led Thursday's devotions and Garrah Gaumer accompanied on the piano.

The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce provided morning communion and services on Friday. Merry Mums met with Jan Badsy to share multiple items to provide sensory stimulation. Those attending were Leo Mooty, Bernice Brown, Ella Peterson, Florence Fisher, Ruby McKenna, Eva Cuthbertson, and Lorna Bishop. Current Events were shared by Carol Duncan, and attended by Fern Anderson, Eva Cuthbertson, Garrah Gaumer, Bonnie Weskamp, Marilyn St. Clair, and Dena Gillespie.

Elisabeth Orr and Mary Henzel brought their music students to share their talents with the residents. Those performing were Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Alexis Hissong, Sierra Lohofener, Jordin Wasson, Lara Zdrov, Haley Schissler, Taylor Macfee, Channing Farr, Tyler Bruggeman, Niki Dorshorst, Jacob Helm, Erin Russ, Tricia Dorshorst, and Cassidy Shields.

On Saturday, Dennis Brown led devotions. Afternoon brought a party with cake for everyone, as Eryline Nichols celebrated her birthday with family and friends.

The Assembly of God Church led Sunday services. Shirley Nichols assisted with Social Hour.

Recent guests: Erma Holt - John Metcalf; Ann Leitner and Dena Gillespie - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch, Harold Hartzog; Garrah Gaumer - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Mike and Joan McKenna; Ruby McKenna - Donna Chambers, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Mike and Joan McKenna, Harold Hartzog; Hazel Flaska - Myrna Lacina, Olga Anderson, Gerald and Charlene Karnes; Ruth Laidig - Ernie and Janice Mehl; Eva Bryan - Donna Kelly; Fern Mapes, Marguerite Fullerton, Lee Arnold, Fern Anderson - Jerry Temple. Also visiting were Serena Stacy, Lois Lamb, and Yvonne Sumner.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings High School Alumni Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour on Saturday at the school. There will be a display of old yearbooks back to 1958. The banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. New alumni directories will be available that evening or may be ordered by sending \$4 to Mary Votapka, HC1, Box 81, Jennings, Kan., 67643.

The Heritage Museum is sponsoring a coin giveaway of a collection of 26 uncirculated statehood quarters. Tickets will be available at the Jennings Alumni Banquet or from any Museum board member. The drawing will be held during the Fireman's Fun Day on Aug. 28. Memorial Day services will be-

gin at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Big Timber Cemetery with a potluck dinner to follow at noon at the Jennings Senior Center. Services will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Jennings Cemetery.

The museum will be open during Memorial weekend from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, or by appointment by calling Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470 or other board members.

Grant Bailey has accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award at Fort Hays State University. He is a 2004 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and plans to major in secondary education. His parents are Mike and Vickie Bailey of Jennings.

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