

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1880

L.C. Morrison is erecting a residence on Rodehaver Avenue. Upon the highest divide in Decatur County, an abundance of water was found at a depth of eight feet.

J.C. Wilson has erected an awning and put down a sidewalk in front of his building on the east side of Penn Avenue.

The family of N.G. Addleman, our county clerk, have taken up their residence in Oberlin.

School commenced last Monday for a term of 6 weeks. Miss Sue Neff writes the birchen rod, much to the delight of her old pupils.

Will D. Street has returned from Jewell County where he has been for about two months. He will start for Oregon in a few weeks, for the purpose of purchasing cattle, and will be absent two years.

Bruce and Doom will hereafter have control of the mail and stage line between Oberlin and Buffalo.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1905

On Monday the wind blew. H.A. Griffith and wife started for their farm Monday morning with their mules, horses and two loads of household goods.

W.A. Dale showed us a photograph of his new residence taken by Young that is an elegant picture.

Farmers Telephone Co. organized last Saturday with G.A. Vernon, president; J.F. Barr, secretary; and J.C. Ufford, N. Lathrop, G.A. Vernon, A.L. Chenoweth and Wm. Fleming as board directors.

Harlan Items: M.E. Croy has just completed Mr. Lathrop's house; it is now ready to move into.

Kanona Items: Mr. Wood had three carloads of lumber come in last week.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1930

Herndon: The farm home of John Leitner southwest of Herndon was practically destroyed by fire. The Herndon chemical truck was summoned and neighbors worked steadily, but on account of lack of water they were unable to put the fire out but did control it in time to save the surrounding property. The fire started in the wash room where the farm lighting system was installed.

The Square Top school was burglarized Thursday evening. All the hail screens were removed from the windows and a portable Victrola and a number of records were taken.

Funeral services were held for Frank L. Simpson, 56, who lived four miles southwest of Oberlin who dropped dead while doing chores, a victim of apoplexy. He came to Kansas when he was six years old and is survived by his faithful wife and six children.

Court House News: Judge Kulp reports the marriage of Raymond Fortin and Opal Chilson on March 9; Joe Blythe Carman and Miss Myrtle Mae Bell applied for a license March 28 and were to be married by Rev. Simpson of Dresden.

The junior class won the interclass track meet with Alex Francis as high point man winning firsts in the 100-yd dash; shotput, discus and broad jump. Elam Reist, also a junior, took first in the mile and half-mile according to coach Dutch Anderson.

J.C. Frewen of Norcatour who was Decatur County clerk way back in the 90s was a caller at this office last week along with his son Frank and granddaughter, Patricia Frewen. He has made his home in Norcatour for over 30 years.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1955

By a lop-sided vote of 279 to 27 the voters of Oberlin approved the plan to issue general obligation bonds for the improvement of the municipal water storage and distribution system. Mayor is E.W. Coldren and councilmen are Jack Dryden, Frank Gierhart, Arch Hamilton, Keith Nicodemus and Francis Winkler, who replaced Ed Shields.

The City Ministerial Assoc. along with the various youth groups are sponsoring a sunrise service at Sappa State Lake on Easter morning.

Decatur Community High School musicians brought back 16 top places from the music festival held at Colby. Due to the death of Lewis Williams' father, Beverly Morris, a Decatur Community High School junior, was selected to direct the vocal groups in his absence.

A two-day open house will be held at the new Southwestern Bell building. All visitors will be able to watch the operators at work. Nearly 4,000 local calls are handled daily by the girls at this switchboard, plus many toll line calls. Several industrial exhibits from St. Louis and Topeka will also be on display as well as a collection of antique telephones.

Several relatives and friends gathered the evening of March 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carman to remind them of their 25th wedding anniversary.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Vernon, boy, Randal Paul, April 1; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Everist, Manhattan, girl, Beth Ann, March 29; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Maggard, LaCrosse, girl, April 3.

The Methodist Church choir un-

der the direction of Carolyn Soderlund will present Easter music on Sunday evening. Dennis Barratt will be narrator; soloists will be Mrs. S.B. Clayton, Mrs. Duane Witt, Myron Johnson, Mary Lou Bendon, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Vessey and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rathbun.

Norcatour: Cadet Dewey Pelkey, 49, well-known farmer of the Norcatour area died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home.

Fairview-Summit: Gale Harold has recently been separated from the Air Corps, having spent the last two years in Alaska.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1980

There were no real surprises in the Kansas Presidential Primary election with Democratic voters preferring President Carter's re-nomination over that of Edward Kennedy and registered Republicans favoring Reagan.

The heavy winter storm watch posted for Northwest Kansas brought an additional 11 inches of snow to Oberlin. Total snow fall for Oberlin this winter is an official 61 inches. While the moisture will be good for the wheat and spring crops (if they ever get planted), cattle are beginning to suffer from the continued storm systems passing through.

High school track and golf meets have been postponed due to weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean McMurry announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn, to Leslie A. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, Norcatour.

Baptismal rites were held March 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church for Brandon Allen May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood May, Hays.

Cedar Living News

Lowell Sebaugh has returned to his home in Norcatour following a short stay here.

June Harold is a new resident. Jamie Samson, Ludsborg, and Bernadine Samson, Ludell, assisted residents with dyeing eggs on Easter Sunday. The Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches were in charge of the Easter Sunday services on the patio.

The ladies had the most luck at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Joining in the game were Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Bea Wolfram, and Hank Wolfram. Following the game, several residents enjoyed sitting outside in the sunshine.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday. Bea Wolfram won the first Bingo on Tuesday and Axie Sass won the blackout game.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the music program on Wednesday.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted social hour on Wednesday afternoon. She brought a cherry crisp dessert to share with the group.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Margee Wilson hosted social hour on Thursday afternoon. She served homemade bread.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Dale, Stacey, Connor and Alex Hazuka, Bird City; Diane Hazuka, Dale and Avis Hazuka, Susan and Luke McKain, McDonald; Julie Harold, Hays; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Richard Samson, Ludell; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Rosa Boehm, George Lee Wurm, Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Cal Mumm, Victoria Rebarck, Bernard Ritter, Alisha Blacketer, Kayla Wagner, Steve and Barbara Brown, Selden; Mike McVay, Colby; Nolan Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.;

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Earl Brown, Elaine Bryan, Eula Juenemann, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Mildred Kleidosty spent Easter weekend with Tony, Beverly and Nicholas Kleidosty at Riverdale, Neb.

Bob and Julie Hafner and Jan Sattler held an Easter potluck dinner for family and friends at the Prairie Development building in Atwood.

Others present were Joe and Shannon Hafner, Keelie, Noah and Abram, Randy Sattler, Jerry Sattler, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Dave and Crystal Hutfles, Rob Sattler, Cody

and friend, Kimberly Robbins, Jayme Sattler, Betty Bieker, Edith Pettera, Brian and Mary Clark, Collin and Katelyn, Father Damian Richards, Dan and Karen Sattler, Winston, Margo, Bennett and friend, Kaci Watkins, and Buford Clark. They enjoyed visiting and games in the afternoon.

Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin, and Tom Solko, were Easter dinner guests of their mother, Monica Solko.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Prairie Heights Teachers Association will hold an auction on Saturday, April 16, with proceeds going to scholarships.

Rachel Carter, Kathy Nauer, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Helen Rhodes, Vendla Tacha and Clara Gillum of the Tuesday Study Club met at the Norton County Hospital on Feb. 22 for a tour of the hospital given by Richard Miller. The club members then went to White's Coffee House for refreshments.

Charles Bailey, Bunker Hill, Ind.; Janis McDill, Mankato; Mark Brooks, Hays; and Deb and Dave Graham and Kayley, Norton, were dinner guests Easter Sunday of Norine and Elwood Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead went to Grapevine, Texas, to visit their daughter, Michelle and Tom Zodrow and grandson Austin. All enjoyed touring the Gay Lord Hotel, Vetro Glassblowing Studio and shopping at Grapevine Mall, and also celebrated Austin's ninth birthday. The group enjoyed Easter dinner with their Texas relatives, Brian Muirhead's family, a nephew, and Robert and Shirley Muirhead, a cousin.

Mary Votapka and Sue Long went to Goodland on Easter Sunday to join Jean Lee and Rollie Halligan

for dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Larry and Alice Mizer vacationed March 16-27. They toured eastern Oklahoma and went on to Galveston, Texas, then to the Gulf of Mexico. They also visited the Salton Sea in California.

No cards were played at the Center on March 19. Vendla Tacha won high March 26.

Sunflower Seniors supper will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Center. Don Ammons, Hoxie, will have the program at about 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa, came Thursday to visit her parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. She returned home on Tuesday. Russell Cressler, Bison, came Saturday and Sunday to visit.

Those attending United Methodist Church on Sunday at Dresden and Jennings enjoyed country gospel music by Pastor Glenn and Larry Henderson, Norton. They are members of the "Bridge Band" from Norton.

Claudine Bennett returned home Sunday after spending the winter with relatives in Florida, Kansas and Arizona.

Jennings City Council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the Sunflower Senior Center.

Spring brings museum, races, events

Where has the time gone? It seems like the first of the year was just yesterday. They always say the older you get the faster the time goes, but I'm not that old.

The weatherman has had his problems. I'm just glad it isn't me that has to do the forecasts. The moisture has been great, but the wind could blow gentler, just enough that the livestock have water.

The museum has officially opened for the summer. Be sure to take your guests to visit and spread the word that it's worth the time spent looking around. They are

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols,

starting to take clothing for the annual rummage sale later this month.

Oberlin Business Alliance would like to thank all the brave souls that stopped by last Friday and picked up hamburgers or a fish sandwich from them. It was sure cold and windy.

The Oberlin Speedway will try and have races Sunday, April 10, if the weather cooperates. The rain

was good even if it makes the track a little sloppy.

The High Plains ArtFest will be held at the Gateway April 9 and 10. There will be many artists and high school students featured, with some of the art for sale. This is open to the public and will be worth your time.

The Oberlin Business Alliance businesses will be featuring a "no tax day" April 15, on some items.

Stop by and see what you can't live without — you can save some pennies.

Coffee Hour this month will be with Farmers Bank and Trust on Wednesday, April 20. Be sure to stop and say hello and have some refreshments with Jesse and the girls.

The chamber-sponsored Professional Assistants Day luncheon will be April 28 at the Gateway at noon. Be sure to send your right-hand people to have lunch with us. More later.

Stop in and have a cup of coffee as the pot is always on.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Jennifer Scott and Paula McDaniel had Belinda Branek as a houseguest for two weeks. Belinda is engaged to Cody Garten, Jennifer's nephew and Jannell Garten's son. Belinda was doing a two-week internship at Oakley Veterinary Hospital in Oakley. She has returned to Manhattan, where she and Cody will graduate in May.

Several guests were present for a baby shower last Saturday for Andria and Chris Flores at the Barn. The hostess was the grandmother-to-be, Tracey Gilchrist. The baby is expected to arrive in a couple of weeks.

Fruit and candy Bingo will be held at the Barn at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Anyone over 50 is welcome.

The health nurse will be at the Barn at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, to check blood pressures. Everyone is welcome to come and perhaps stay for an afternoon of pinochle with the Barnswallows.

Birthdays are Frances McIntyre - April 1; Darrell Leh and Marjorie Leh - April 9; Bernice Maris and Kenneth Dible - April 11; and

Lawrence Horinek - April 26.

On April 1, Deb Stepper, Rex and Betty Carswell visited former Rexford resident, Frankie McIntyre, at her home in Prairie Senior Living Center to wish her a happy 91st birthday.

Vicki Allison took her mother, Madonna Anderson, to Hays for medical treatment, but she is home and is doing better.

Lawrence Horinek's sister, Sally and Bob Seitz of Arvada, Colo., are visiting for a few days.

Those present at Come on Down last week were Buck Harper, Clea Moeder, Jean Hawkins, Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Darlene Robben, Dick Sanford, Chuck Williams, Betty and Rex Carswell, Lawrence Horinek, and Deb Stepper.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Fran Leach, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Clea Moeder, Eunice Sanford, Berneda Zoberst, Frances Bange and Sondra Barnett. Hulda brought pictures of her recent trip and Eunice brought

goodies.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Rexford Community Church annual Missions Conference will be held from Friday to Sunday. Lance and Debra Sprick, who have been serving in the Philippines, will be guest speakers. They are with Christar Missions and plan to return to the Philippines on May 17.

The Missions Conference will begin at 7 p.m. with the Spricks making a traditional Filipino dinner for all who come. Any who plan to attend are asked to call Lane Purcell or Rex Carswell to reserve a place by today (Wednesday).

At 7 a.m. on Saturday, the men will have a breakfast meeting at the church and at 2 p.m. the ladies will have a tea. On Sunday, the Spricks will speak and a carry-in dinner will follow. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service have arrived to work on the unfinished rooms in the hotel at the Shepherd Staff! This is a service organization, headquar-

tered in Smithville, Texas, and made up of retired Christian couples living in travel trailers or motor homes. Most projects are about three to four weeks and the couples work on several projects a year. The group includes volunteers from Canada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri, and Michigan and is utilizing the recreational vehicle park behind the hotel. Welcome to Rexford!

During spring break Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell took a group on a ski trip to Laramie, Wyo. Those going were Rob Dice, Samantha Dice, Kristin Wark, Josiah and Levi Allen, Arron Woods and David Purcell, Lane and Patty's son, who was on his college spring break at the time.

SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL

The middle school had a track meet at Cheylin on Friday. The high school forensics team members went to a competition with several other schools in Oakley. Valerie Broeckelman took third place in the oration division and Kristin Wark took fifth in her serious solo.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, following the death of her mother, Neva Campbell, on Sunday at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Covenant Women will host a spring salad luncheon and guest day at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Members are to bring a salad and a cookie jar.

Weekend guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda to help Mrs. Benda celebrate her 85th birthday were Bob and Connie Smith, Eden Prairie, Minn.; Losson and Leanne

Pike, Ashland; Lukas Dommer, Switzerland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Mitch and Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Wes Pike, Sarah Olson and Jackie Allen, Manhattan; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Fern and Jodie Wenger and Esther Noren, Oberlin.

Phil Hill of Longmont, Colo., was a weekend guest of Steve and Arian Arnold and also visited his parents, Jerry and Cheri Hill.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

The weekend of March 18, Kevin Engelhardt of Omaha, came to pick up Toots Magers and all went to Aurora, Colo., to see Pam and the kids and to help Brittany celebrate her 15th birthday.

Kathy Van Meter visited with Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin on March 23. She and Toots Magers visited her on Thursday evening.

On Easter Sunday Pam Engelhardt and Mike Hornung got married while on a skiing trip with their kids.

June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers played cards in Norcatour on Friday evening.

There were 24 who attended the Lyle potluck on Sunday. Afterwards Sharleen Wurm found some unmarked graves at the Lyle Cemetery. The wind came up so they have to do more another time.

On Sunday evening, June Jolly took Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers and Juanita Eckhart to the pitch tournament in Norton at the American Legion.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ryan May was honored with a bowling and pizza party March 22 to celebrate his 10th birthday. Overnight guests attending were Zach May, Kade Brown, Matthew Helm and Tyler Bruggeman.

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club was among those participating in Regional 4-H Day Friday in Brewster. The club received a blue on their model meeting. Among those receiving blues were a vocal duet by Zach May and Cassidy Shields; a vocal ensemble of Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin Shields, Zach and Hannah May, Ryan May, and Elizabeth Nedland; a demonstration by Hannah May on cornbread muffins; a piano duet by Elizabeth Nedland and Hannah May; a vocal solo by Cassidy Shields; a project talk by Elizabeth Nedland on entomology; and Ryan May on his piano solo and beef project talk. Zach May and Hunter Nedland received a red on their piano duet.

Zach May, Ryan May and Kade Brown played in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Atwood on Saturday and won first place in the boys third and fourth grade category.

Regional Music Festival for 1A-4A schools was held Saturday at Decatur Community High School. Among those participating were Kelly Olson, Danica May, Nolan May, Brock Euhus, Molly Coleman, Jessica Bremer and also Rebecca Muirhead, Colby.

Kelly, Danica and Molly were in the DCHS Singers vocal ensemble and other vocal ensembles, which received I ratings. Nolan, Brock, and Jessica were also in vocal ensembles which received I ratings. Jessica received a I on her vocal solo, a I on her clarinet solo and was a member of the Chante girls ensemble which received a I. Jessica, Karyn Jordan and Aaron Helm also received a I rating on their clarinet trio. Danica received a I on her vocal solo, and Molly received a I on her vocal solo. Rebecca received a I on her vocal solo, and her vocal ensemble also received a I rating. Those receiving I ratings will perform at State Music.

Lynette and Pat Salvo, Tucson, arrived Saturday to spend a few days visiting her parents, Don and Ann Mines. On Sunday, the two couples drove to Hays, where they met the Joe Mines family for lunch. The Salvos returned home Monday.

Walter and Betty May, Richard and Delayne May and Nolan, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, Cole May, Cameron and Hunter Nedland, and Val and Phyllis Beneda were Sunday guests of Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, for cake and ice cream to celebrate Ryan's 10th birthday.

Anna Shaw and Tami Shaw were among those modeling fashions in The Dresser's spring style show Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin.