

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1880
Snow fell on the 18th of April. Geo. Wilson has sold his 80 acres on the east side of the townsite for \$600. Mr. Bishop is the purchaser. Allen & Son are putting up an office on the north side of their store. It will be occupied by Dr. Morris.

At one time on Saturday there were 200 teams, by actual count, on our streets.

Died, near Bassettville, April 16, Mary, wife of Jonathan B. Evans.

The following received certificates at the recent teachers' examinations: L.C. Corporan, J.D. Dickson, Miss Mary Aldrich, Miss Ida M. Hawley, Miss Sarah Griggs and Mrs. Prentice Beebe.

Died, April 16, of consumption, Margaret, wife of Mark Griggs, aged 39 years.

The county commissioners in their regular session acted favorably on eight road petitions by Mr. Claar, I.L. Peck, Luther Brown, J.W. Smith, Dan Ruland, E.N. Thomas, G.W. Shoemaker, Geo. A. Metcalf and J.W. Bennett.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1905
Lovely weather after the Easter storm.

It rained all day Easter Sunday and snowed all day the Thursday before.

Born, Tuesday, April 25, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Stevenson, a daughter.

Kenney's addition to Norcatcur was surveyed last Friday and Saturday.

Born, April 19, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Caster, a daughter.

The Oberlin White Sox have new uniforms.

Shibboleth, one of the oldest post offices in this county, established over 25 years ago, was recently discontinued and rural route No. 2 from Dresden will carry the mail to Lund and supply the people of that part of the county.

The first ball game of the season will be Friday at 2:30 at the ball

park, Norcatcur High School vs. Oberlin High School.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1930
Work on the remodeling of the former Otis L. Benton home into the Benton Memorial Hospital will soon be completed and the hospital will receive patients by May 1, according to Dr. F.A. Brewster.

A simple ceremony at the Presbyterian manse Saturday evening with Rev. J. E. Bartholomew officiating united in marriage Miss Mary Stansney and Mr. Stewart Francis. The bride graduated in 1927 from the local high school and has taught two successful terms of school. The bridegroom is associated with the V.H. Griffith Furniture Company.

The marriage of Mrs. Isadore Douglas, daughter of Mrs. H.O. Douglas, to Mr. Edgar Winget, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Winget of Jennings, took place at high noon Monday at the home of the bride's mother. Miss Dena Mae Harmon, Topeka, sorority sister of the bride, was maid of honor and little Annie Laurie Jern carried the ring. Mr. Winget was attended by his brother, Mr. Walter Winget, and Mr. Hugh Douglas gave the bride away. Both the couple graduated from the local high school and the bride graduated from Kansas University and is a dietitian. Mr. Winget, familiarly known as "Pi", will receive his degree in law from Washburn University this spring. They are making their home in Topeka.

Guy C. Allen, Decatur County's register of deeds, gave his friends and fellow workers a surprise Monday when he presented Mrs. Mable Cramer Allen as his bride of more than two weeks. They were married in Goodland the evening of April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Gierhart announce the marriage of their daughter Ellanette to Ward Claar at their home at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, April 20. Rev. J.E. Bartholomew read the ceremony. Miss Lillian Claar of Hays and Mr. Adolph Ratzlaff, Topeka, were the attendants. Both are graduates of

Decatur Community High School in the class of '27. The bride has been one of the county's most successful teachers and the bridegroom and his brother Ralph recently purchased the Bobbitt Clothing Company.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth at the McCook Hospital Saturday evening April 19, a baby boy who has been given the name Philip Ernest. Mother and babe doing fine.

Vickers: Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Brainard are the parents of a new baby girl.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1955

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Everett Carper, 68, who was born on a farm north of Jennings in 1886 and lived in that community his entire life.

The four vacancies on the Decatur Community High School faculty for the coming school year have been filled, according to Supt. H.G. Mahon. Miss Roxy Yowell of Kansas City has been hired to teach English and Spanish replacing Miss Patsy Hagenmister. Miss Marjorie Wilson, Wheaton, will replace Mrs. Hester Moran as home economics teacher. Robert Rumble, a native of Lyons who has been teaching and coaching at Stafford, will teach history, be head basketball coach and assist in football and track. Floyd Chronister, a native of Lawrence and a graduate of the University of Kansas in January, will replace Lewis Williams in vocal and piano.

The annual Oberlin Music Club concert next Sunday will be based on a "This Is Your Life" theme and will honor Mrs. Maye Banta.

North Valley School pupils enjoyed a train trip from Selden to Norton courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Anderson. Pupils making the trip were Theo Wagner, Cheryl McKay, Cynthia Bollig, Randy Marcuson, Jamie Sue McKay, David Carman, Duane Bollig, Judy Carman and Joline Fredrickson and their teacher, Mrs.

Berenice Richards.

The Decatur Community High School track team won the Norton Relays. First places were won by Hoehner in the 440 and 220; Bishop in the low hurdles; Adleman in the shotput and the medley relay team.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1980

A quick change in the weather pattern brought record-setting high temperatures for April to northwest Kansas, with a high of 94 degrees on April 21.

County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel reported that a tour over the county with Gary Sanden, Colby, area Extension specialist in plant pathology, viewed wheat looking good in all areas. In the bad news department, Dinkel reported that Sanden found evidence of army cutworms in alfalfa over the county. Merlin Anderson, rural Dresden, said his alfalfa looked like that seen in the middle of winter due to the army cutworm infestation.

Two Decatur Community High School seniors are among the winners in the 1980 Dane Hansen scholarship contest. Melissa Depperschmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Depperschmidt, Oberlin, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to major in business at Marymount College. Patricia Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant, rural Oberlin, won a \$500 vocational-technical school award and plans to attend Northwest Kansas Vo-Tech School, Goodland, to study drafting.

Jennings: Royal Tacha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Bob) Tacha, Jennings, was sworn in as postmaster at Hoxie effective April 19. He graduated from Jennings High School in 1974 and holds an associate degree from Colby Community College. He began work for the post office at Colby in May 1976.

The varsity track squads competed in St. Francis April 18 with the boys taking first in their division and the girls finishing second.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Sympathies go out to the family of Lu Verne May whose funeral was held Monday morning, April 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

John and Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Mollie and Jessie Grace, helped Dakota Tate celebrate his 8th birthday with a party held at the home of Lois Carlson on Sunday, April 10.

Danica May, Jessica Bremer, Karli Fredrickson, and sponsor, Merlou Robinson, attended informational professional workshops at a women's conference in Salina on Wednesday, April 13.

Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland, and Jamie Soderlund played in the third and fourth-grade girls division

and Zach May, Ryan May, and Tyler Bruggeman played in the third and fourth-grade boys division in the Sappa Valley Shootout 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Oberlin on Saturday, April 16.

Brett and Ali Shields, Omaha, Neb., were last Saturday overnight guests of the Paul Shields family.

Duane Unger, Colby, was a visitor of his mother, Alvina Unger, on Sunday, April 17.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif.; Jana Wilson, Tori and Taryn, Newton; Stan and Deanie Moore, Conroe, Texas; Kirk and Christine Moore, Brady, Madeline, Isabella, Angelina, and Nicholas, Albuquerque, N.M.; Stuart Euhus, Kent and Diana Euhus and Brock, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin were Sunday, April 17, moon dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Kirk and Christine Moore and family were last weekend guests of Stuart Euhus. Pat Junod, Stan and Deanie Moore, and Jana Wilson, Tori and Taryn were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and family hosted a dinner Sunday evening, April 17, for the relatives of Lu Verne May.

Those attending were Wilbur May and their sons John May, Lummi Island, Wash., and Jim May and Kay Childress, Oil City, La.; Pearl Bode, Owatonna, Minn.; Orville Bode and Lee Isaacson, Pine City, Minn.; Allen Bode, Minneapolis, Minn.; Curtis Bode, Cedar, Minn.; Donovan Bode, Superior, Wis.; Lillian (May) Rutsch, Vista, Calif.; Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo.; Walter and Betty May,

Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, Robert and Sally May and Cole, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica. Orville, Pearl, and Allen are Lu Verne's brothers and sisters, and Lee, Curtis, and Donovan are her niece and nephews.

Lillian Rutsch, Vista, Calif., a guest at the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May home, and Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo., a guest at the John Bremer home, arrived Sunday evening, April 17, to visit family and friends.

They attended the Lu Verne May funeral on Monday and returned home on Tuesday.

Rory Wendelin, Kelly Olson, Molly Coleman, and Jessica Bremer are among those from the Oberlin speech team who have qualified for State Speech and will represent Decatur Community High School in the State Speech Championship tournament at Newton on May.

Phil Shields, Salisbury, Md., arrived Thursday evening to visit his grandmother, Hildegard Euhus, and other family and friends, staying with Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

He left for Omaha on Saturday, was an overnight guest of Mike and Nancy Shields, then left by plane for home on Sunday.

Ann Junod, New York City, was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest at the Gaylord Shields home. She came to visit her grandmother, Hildegard Euhus, and her mother, Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., who has been visiting at the Shields home this past week. Both left on Sunday.

Jesse and Terri (Moore) Alfred, Hannah and Zachary, Montgomery, Texas, were Thursday and Friday overnight guests of Stuart Euhus. They were here visiting her grandmother, Hildegard Euhus, and others and returned home Saturday.

Zach and Hannah May, Elizabeth and Hunter Nedland, and Ryan May, students of Cheryl Metcalf, participated in the Piano Progressions Clinic held Saturday at Decatur Community High School for piano students in North Central Kansas.

Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, John and Edith Tate, Karl Wendelin, Herndon; Patrick and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg;

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory, Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Lawrence and Lynda Wendelin, Gothenburg, Neb., and daughter Gwen Mendell, Myles and Mason, Eaton, Colo., granddaughter Presley Wendelin, North Platte, Neb.;

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Robbins and family and Bruce Robbins, Denver; Bill and Myra Sater, and Tim and Darlene Lindskog and family, Holcomb; and Bonnie Berrens and Melinda, Loveland, Colo., were among those attending the wedding of Lindsay Martin and Wyatt Wendelin on Saturday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Late Saturday afternoon visitors at the Norman Wendelin home following the wedding were Patrick and Jonna Inman, Dr. Elizabeth Sliter, Keith and Roma Grafel and family, Ron Sattler, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Robbins and family, and Bruce Robbins. Russ and Bruce's grandfather was a cousin of Karl Wendelin.

Relatives gathering at Golden Age Center Saturday evening for a potluck supper were Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; Wilma May, Eugene Wurm, Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda, Judy

Jordan, Karyn, Sean and Daniel, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Elwood and Jeanie May and Stephanie, Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Evelyn Olson, Gisela Fisher, Dennis Brown, David May, McCook; Stean Olson and friend Paige, Hays; and Betty Bean, McCook.

Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park, visited over the weekend with family and friends and left for Estes Park, Colo., on Monday.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, accompanied by Mildred Holmdahl, left Friday afternoon for Olathe, where they spent the weekend visiting Lyn and Linda (Bremer) Tomasch, Larry and Lisa (Tomasch) Sonsthagen, Matthew and Emily, and Lori (Tomasch) Taylor, Marissa and Riley, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Saturday evening, they attended a dinner theater and enjoyed the production, "2 Across" starring Bonnie Franklin and Bruce Weitz.

Karen Larson visited over the weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Jeff Wickersham, Lincoln, Neb.

Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., and Greta Wendelin and Jessica Kuhl, Seward, Neb., were weekend guests of the Norman Wendelin family.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Bob and Sally Olson, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Jim and Jan Gilbert of Vero Beach, Fla., are visiting his mother, Doris Gilbert, and helping to prepare for her farm sale, which will be held on Saturday at their farm southeast of Achilles. The Hobby Club will be serving.

Detta Anderson and Mary Lou Olson took Joy Votapka out for dinner at the LandMark Inn on Friday to help her celebrate her birthday.

The youth group of the Herndon Covenant Church entertained with a soup supper on Sunday, followed by a musical program presented by a group from McCook Community College, including John Benda and Adam Spanier.

Ethan Beckman of Grinnell visited from Tuesday to Sunday with his grandparents, Frank and Marga-

ret McEvoy.

Gerald and Patti Benda attended the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Salina.

They were houseguests of Larry and Judy Thelander.

Guests from Thursday to Sunday of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family for turkey hunting were Dennis Modlin, Thornton, Colo., and Mike Delrenzo, Wheatridge, Colo. Both were successful.

Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson spent Saturday in Cimarron to help their sister, Helen Riepl, celebrate her birthday. They also enjoyed touring the Sturth Museum in Montezuma.

Cameron, Will and Sophia Ginther of Atwood spent Sunday with their grandparents, J.R. and Carrol Ginther and the boys were overnight guests.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Terry Steier, 31, who died on April 17 at the United Medical Center-West in Cheyenne, Wyo. He was a 1992 graduate of Herndon High School and the son of Curtis and Deborah Steier.

A surprise party to honor Denis Tongish on his 80th birthday was held on Saturday evening at his home. Hosting the party were Joe and Becky Tongish, Morgan and Lauren, Jim Tongish, and Dee and Wayne Davis, Brett and Derek. Guests included Bob and Lila Leitner, Ron Beims, Ron Leitner and Rose Hargett, Nadine and Joe Green, Bob and Julie Hafner, and Jerry Wolfram.

Julie and Bob Hafner were last Saturday evening visitors of Janice Sattler. Other guess were Tom and Marlene Cook of Parker, Colo. Sunday guests of the Hafners in

Herndon were Janice Sattler, Marlene and Tom Cook, and Edie Pettera. They celebrated the birthdays of Julie and Tom.

Visiting last Saturday with Helen Marintzer was Vivian Horinek of Wheatridge, Colo.

Coffee guests of Esther Pennington last Sunday morning were Vivian Horinek, Vonie Sattler, Chris Wood and Ann Solko. Enjoying lunch at the Hartner home were Alan Hartner of Wheatridge, Colo.; Vivian Horinek, Misty Hartner of Salina, Chris Holste of Ludell, Michelle Hartner, and Kent and Chris Wood.

Ron Solko of Oberlin was a last Sunday dinner guest of Monica Solko and afternoon visitors were Tom, Tim and Patrick Solko.

Coffee is served every morning at the Herndon Senior Center and everyone is invited.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

The population of Rexford has increased again, by one! Little Jordan Nicole Flores was born on April 10 in Hays to Chris and Andria Flores. Jordan weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and according to Grandma Tracy Gilchrist, "She's the prettiest baby ever!"

Sondra Barnett attended the Kansas State Aglow Conference in Wichita last weekend. The speaker was Sharon Barrett from Washington state. Worship leaders were Destiny Ministries from Arkansas City. There were approximately 150 women and men present. After the conference, Sondra spent a couple of days with her daughter, Shalom and Kevin Kruse, Gabriel and Kaleb, on their farm near Pretty Prairie.

Doug and Joan Todd and their granddaughter, Taylor Todd, went to Wichita recently. They met their daughter, Jodie Leeper, who then took Taylor to her home at Wilmore. Doug and Joan attended a wedding in Wichita and then went to Jodie's house for a visit.

Social Hour Club was held at the Barn last week with Fran Leach as hostess. Others present were Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Cleda Moeder, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, Ruth Luna, Deb Stepper, and Sondra Barnett. Bingo winners were Hulda, Vesta, Grace, and Deb. The hostess prize went to Sondra.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Trenton, Neb., last weekend to do some cleanup work.

Former Rexford resident Eldine Schrock Neal died recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

Several from Rexford attended the annual presentation by the Tumbleweed Chorus and their barber-shop quartet at Colby last weekend.

The Barnswallows last week were Chuck Williams, Fran Leach, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Dick Sanford, Deb Stepper, Mary Ann and Lawrence Juenemann, Lawrence Horinek, and Jean Hawkins.

Rexford PRIDE meeting was held last week. There will be a city-wide garage/yard sale in June. Now is the time to start cleaning things out and making plans.

The pinochle tournament at the American Legion last week will be the last one until fall.

Those attending Koffee Klatch last week were Deb Stepper, Margaret Arasmith, Liz Rall, Fran Leach, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Doris Jean Oliver, Eunice Sanford, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, Cleda Moeder, Evelyn Proffitt, and Sondra Barnett.

Barb and Ray Farmer of Salina were here for a visit with her mother, Berneda and Ray Zoberst.

About 27 women of Hi-Plains Harmony, the Sweet Adelines participated in a competition in Colorado Springs. They must attend the event once every three years to keep their charter. The Rexford ladies of the group are Donna Dible, Jolene Hansen and Marge Miller. Director is Larry Patterson of Norton. The

group meets at the Methodist Church each Tuesday for practice. They would welcome newcomers.

Jay and Brandy Todd gave a birthday party for 2-year-old Tyler with his grandparents, Joan and Doug Todd, and other relatives present.

The After 5 Club will host their Mother-Daughter Brunch on Saturday at the Colonial Steak House from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The main speaker is Pamela Schram, a former Mrs. Nebraska, and the feature will be Shelly Moeder from Uptown Style and Day Spa. Music will be provided by Brianna, Shaniah, Talen and Morgan Quenzer. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Please make reservations today by calling Gloria Mattix at (785) 460-2705.

Scoop on the School

There were 34 children ages 3-5 for the kindergarten/pre-school screening this week.

The middle school presented the play, "Tom Sawyer," to the third and fourth graders on Thursday afternoon and then again in the evening for the public. It was reported they did an exceptional job.

The high school track team went to the Eastern Heights Invitational track meet at Logan, and also to Oakley.

Cheerleading tryouts were held last week and returning cheerleaders are Jami Wark, Elizabeth Staats, Amanda Rall, Megan Juenemann, Jennifer Eatherly and Ashley Albers. Caitlyn Moss was added to the squad.

Kristin Wark was awarded the one-time Rural Telephone \$1,500 scholarship.

Darcie Spresser, Nikki Spresser and Kristin Wark were invited to apply for the Kansas State scholarship. This is the first time Golden Plains was included in the selection, so we are very proud of these students. Those students chosen by the Kansas Board of Regents are selected to apply on the basis of grade point average and ACT composite score. This is a renewable scholarship for the winner.

The 2007 class sponsored a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for grades three through eight. Around 40 teams from all over the area participated. Orba Stevenson is the class sponsor.

Sunday was the baccalaureate service at Rexford Community Church for 18 eighth graders and nine seniors. Pastor Lane Purcell gave a short message, after which the Gate Keepers from Hoxie presented some Christian rap music. High school graduation will be on Mother's Day, May 8, and the eighth graders will graduate on May 10.

Makin' It Happen: Hats off to the PRIDE Committee and workers in the city-wide clean up. PRIDE members who fixed lunch were Evelyn Johnson, Ann Colling and Delores Dible. Those who helped pick things up were Bill Scott, "Arkie" Mark Sandoval, Joel McIntyre, and Jim, Eric and Randy Colling.

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