

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1880

Rev. Stafford will preach in the schoolhouse next Sunday evening. Fatal accident: A Swede by the name of Speckelmeyer was accidentally wounded in the thigh while hunting antelope with neighbors and died from loss of blood.

Clayton News:

Mr. Pease has opened a hardware store. We needed one badly.

Clayton has got a doctor at last. A Mr. Thomas from Ohio.

Died: Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, 19, of bilious fever, and her brother, John Green, 17, of lung fever.

On May 19th a heavy cloud came up from the northwest and rain fell for over four hours, giving the ground a thorough soaking.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1905

The second annual commencement of the Oberlin Grade School was held at the rink Wednesday evening. The class is a large one and claims many brilliant students among its membership. Miss Esther Stowell is principal.

The commencement exercises of the county high school will be held at the rink this evening.

The class is an able one and their names are: Graybill Leamon, Helen Lindsay, Cecelia Heitmann, Marx Lorig, Lulu Metcalf, Mayo Maddox, Jeanette Lindsay, Murrell Bechtoldt, Hazel Connell and Gay Durkee.

Marriages:

At Norcatur, Adlebert W. Reid and Miss Martha M. Holben, May 21;

At Oberlin, May 15, Mr. Ambrose Mazanek and Miss Kate Horky; on May 24, Mr. James E. Cordwell of Lund and Miss Dora E. Ecord of Bassetville.

J.E. Love was in town Monday and was in a great rush to get home and finish his cyclone cellar.

John has dug the cellar and fixed a slick board so that he can dive out of the kitchen door and slide like an

otter safely into his cellar.

Herbert Morrison left Monday evening for Boston, where he told us he expects to be married. We do not know whether Herb was joshing or not.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1930

The junior class proved to be royal hosts when they entertained the seniors at the annual prom. On account of the rain, the usual promenade did not seem advisable so they went at once to the I. O. O. F. Hall where the Rebekahs had prepared a delicious banquet.

The prom this year was planned about a Hawaiian motif.

Our rainfall records are in danger of falling. Since April 15th, 9.51 inches of rain have fallen.

Bad roads prevented many persons who had made reservations for the Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet from attending.

Only 188 plates were sold but undoubtedly there would have been 300 present if favorable weather had prevailed.

Four members of the 47-member Class of 1930 at Decatur Community High School were voted into the National Honor Society: Herbert Dyer, Helen Johnson, Alice Morton and Ira Barnhart.

The churches of Oberlin have planned a union memorial service to be conducted at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the opera house commemorating the soldier dead of past wars.

Ted Addleman is a member of the graduating class at the Kansas City College of Pharmacy.

He will receive his diploma May 28th.

The finals of the annual Norton Golf Tournament proved to be an all-Oberlin affair when Ray Birdsell and Elmer McKenzie fought it out for the championship, the former sinking a spectacular putt from the edge of the 18th green to win.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1955

Officers of the Jennings High School Class of 1955 are Peggy Stackhouse, president; Doyle Brown, vice-president; Shirley Shimmick, secretary; and Clair Ann Poage, treasurer. Other graduates are Frankie Shimmick, Rosalee Ingram, Dale Gaumer, Jerry Poage, Betty Hickert, Jane Kay Wright, Arley Dale Macy, Creta Carter and Elaine Wahlmeier.

Superintendent is Elmer B. Vecera and class sponsors are Archie Harman and Merald Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dean of Roswell, New Mexico, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to S/Sgt. Donavon K. Waldo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo of Oberlin.

Miss Dean is employed in the advertising department at the Roswell Daily Record. S/Sgt. Waldo is presently stationed with the U.S. Air Force at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell.

The Red Devil track team ended the season last Saturday at the Scott City regional.

Rusty Addleman placed in three events, taking first in the shot, second in the discus and ran a 110 on the medley relay.

Jerry Baker won a three-way tie for second in the pole vault. The mile relay team of Ray Kennedy, Don Musgrave, Jerry Baker and Derry Bishop placed fourth.

The medley relay team consisting of Musgrave, Addleman, Dick Pavlicek and Wilbur Baker was unchallenged and walked off with four gold medals.

A total of 471 plates were served to members of the Decatur Community High School Alumni Association at the Friday evening banquet.

Oldest graduate attending was Louella Kelley of the class of 1894. Officers for the coming year will be Ray Lohofener, president; Neil Votapka, vice president; Carolyn Soderlund, secretary, and Choral Morton, treasurer.

Funeral services were held at the Selden Methodist Church for Will Nauer, 65, prominent Cook Township farmer, who died when he fell from his tractor while listing corn in a field near his farm home.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1980

Valedictorian for the Decatur Community High School Class of 1980 is Melissa Depperschmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Depperschmidt, with a GPA of 3.7.

Salutatorian is Kristi Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Erickson, with a GPA of 3.69.

Also honored at commencement exercises was Christine Rippe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Rippe, who compiled a 3.68 GPA.

At the Decatur Community High School music banquet, the Chopin award went to Lynda Votapka and the Arion awards in both vocal music and band to Kristi Erickson.

Barbara Smith, percussion, and Pam Gaines, flute, will perform with the state Lions Band at the Lions International convention in Chicago.

Decatur Community High School track squad members qualifying for the state meet in Wichita are Linda Koerperich, Carol Sullivan, Tami Gallentine, Dede Parker, Sandy Nichols and Jody Elwood.

Koerperich, Sullivan, Gallentine and Parker will enter the 1600-meter relay, Parker the hurdles, Nichols the high jump and Elwood both the shot and discus.

Boys qualified are Mike Neff, Kevin Unger, Rusty Montgomery, Rohn Hamilton and Roger LaSalle. Montgomery will enter both the high jump and long jump and Neff, Unger, Hamilton and LaSalle the 1600-meter relay.

Dedication services will be held Sunday afternoon for the recently completed educational unit of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

Mathilda Bollig has returned to her home after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday. He served strawberry shortcake to residents, staff and guests.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Myrtle Hazuka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Nettie Britton won the blackout game.

Beth Sebaugh and Mary Ann Amack gave the music program on Wednesday morning.

Linda Fox assisted residents with an afternoon of penny cards on Wednesday. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Thursday afternoon.

Residents and staff enjoyed sitting outside in the sunshine on Thursday.

Opal Huntley assisted the baking group with making peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin United Church was in charge of the Sunday worship

service.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon; Dale, Avis and Dianne Hazuka, Susan McKain, McDonald; Carol Shaw, Selden; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Ray and Patt Tuller, Karen Matheny, Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Leah and Karmin Church, Imperial; Lyman and Carol Wade, Cimarron; Merl and Ruth Chance, Jennings; Julie Harold, Hays; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Ilene and Doug Stanley, Haysville; Doug, Amy, Bailie, and Kelie Stanley, Wichita; Lorraine Green, Bandon, Ore.; Larry Wolfram, Liberal; Victor Uhner, Chanute; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Peg Smith, Melanie Anderson, Catherine Neal, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Butch Stanley, Dan, Carrie, and Teague Morford, Barb Solko, Lyle Gamblin, Earl Brown, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary will host a luncheon from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Herndon VFW Post Home on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day services will begin at 2 p.m. at the post home with Kenneth Palmer, a Naval commander, as guest speaker.

The Herndon Alumni Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon.

Judy Solko of Larned spent Mother's Day weekend with her mother, Monica Solko. Patt Marrs and Brena of Hays were Friday overnight guests.

Last Sunday, Monica and Judy attended the confirmation of Gregory Solko at St. Mary's Catholic

Church. Tom Solko and Ron Solko of Oberlin were Sunday visitors at her home.

Mother's Day weekend guests of Dave and Jackie Foxhoven and family of Parker, Colo., were Bob and Julie Hafner.

On Saturday, Julie attended Marlene Cook's Bible class graduation at Benet Hill Monastery in Colorado Springs. Additional visitors at the Foxhoven home were Edie Pettera, Les and Myrna Pettera, Marlene Cook and Dan Foxhoven.

The descendants of John and Emma Huss plan to hold their first annual family reunion on Sunday at the Herndon Senior Center. Friends are welcome in the afternoon.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh recently returned from Detroit, Mich., where they had been visiting G.G. Launchbaugh.

Gerald and Leora Sines, McCook, and Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder visited Steve and Kathy

Launchbaugh on Sunday. Karl Launchbaugh also returned from college last week.

Mark and Dorothy Heim and family went to Steiner Scott's eighth grade promotion on May 17.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Lenus "Lennie" Peterson-Hatch, who died in a two-vehicle accident on May 17 west of St. Francis. His father was the late Evald "Pete" Peterson, a native of the Midway community.

Krista Gutchewsky of Lawrence received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing during commencement exercises Saturday morning at the Kansas University School of Nursing in Kansas City.

Among those attending were her husband, Brian Gutchewsky, and her brother, Travis, Lawrence; Brian and Pam Simonsson, Breck and Nathan, and Bob and Sharon Ream, Oberlin; Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, Herndon; and Brad

and Michelle Simonsson, Colton and Taylor, Wamego.

Gerald and Patti Benda visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hadacek, at Belleville to be with Mrs. Hadacek who is hospitalized following a stroke.

Weekend guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling for turkey hunting were Steve and Dave O'Neill, and Jason Spletzer of Brighton, Colo.

Scott Olson of Irving, Texas, accompanied Bob and Sally Olson home last week from Salina after they all attended the graduation of Lacey Frenzl, daughter of Bob and Annette Frenzl. He drove to Iowa on Tuesday to help his brother, David Olson, move into a new home, then returned here for a

longer visit.

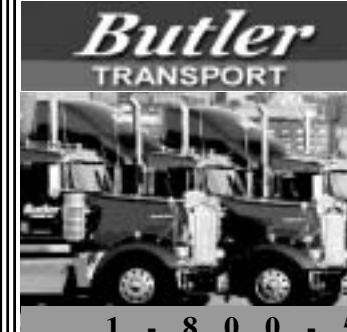
David and Ida Marie (Benda) Erikson of Antelope, Mont., visited relatives last week.

Pastor Fran Harwerth of Colby is retiring after serving the Berean Church in Colby for the past 43 years. He is a brother of Julie Layne of Holdrege, Neb., but formerly of this community. The church has grown from a Bible class in the fall of 1961 to an average attendance of 165 in a new church building.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and

Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, were among those who attended a reception honoring Tyler Witt at the home of James and Kimberly Witt following high school graduation on Sunday in Oberlin. Tyler Witt was a member of the graduating class. He plans to enroll in automotive technology this fall at Western Nebraska Community College at Scottsbluff.

Ron Hoyt of Culbertson, Neb., was guest speaker on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.



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