

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1881
We are now mailing nearly 200 papers weekly at the Oberlin post office.
The high water on the Missouri River the past five or six weeks has interfered with the business of our merchants. Goods ordered six weeks ago are just now beginning to arrive.
The Chicago Times has extended reports regarding the prospects of crops in states along the Missouri River, where the late disappearance of the heavy snow, followed by disastrous floods, have rendered the ground unfit for the plow.
Owing to a blunder in the shipment of our paper, we are delayed in issuing this week. We have waited for the paper as long as possible, and are compelled to go to press this Saturday morning, issuing only a half sheet.
The footrace Tuesday evening caused considerable merriment. The boys all run well. George Keys and Charley Maddox wear the belt. Doctor Meade did well as far as he got, but failed to come in under the wire and was declared distanced. Doc said the bad side of the road was on top where he lit.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1906
The graduation of the common schools of Oberlin took place at the Rink with the following receiving diplomas: Glen Gierhart, Lioba Heitmann, Verry Palmatier, Mattye Graves, Edna Mix, Orie Brintnall, Tudor Stevenson, May Lantis, Bessie VanGundy, Abraham Johnson, Agnes Geisenhener, Myra Marietta, Adam Smick, Glen Wilson, Irvin Geisenhener, Ada Eiler, Louise Kulp, Irene Gilkison, Louise Moser, Zella Weir, Grace Love, Florence Cramer, Zada Beardsley and Florence Adams.
Forest Redman and Jay Paddock are getting their lumber yard well stocked up with the best of lumber.
The taking down of the many wooden awnings on Penn Avenue has added materially to the looks of the city and we hope the city fathers will not allow them to be put up again.
The Herald enlarges this week to a seven column quarto, the largest paper in the county.
Miss Iva Millen, the main spoke of the Norcatur Register, came down on the train Thursday and visited until Friday evening. She is making the Register readable.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1931
There is considerable interest in the big Midwest Air Tour to be held in Oberlin on May 30. In addition to planes of every make, the world's champion parachute jumper is to be

a featured event.
Favorable weather and good roads brought out an extra good attendance at the annual DCHS Alumni Assoc. meeting Friday evening. Bert Shaw of the 1893 class and Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Fred Peters of the '94 class were the oldest in attendance. Officers for the ensuing year will be Ward Claar '27, president; Dan Wilson '31, vice president; Helen Johnnon '30, secretary and Marjorie Nemeth, '31, treasurer. Outgoing president is Ralph Brown '27.
Mr. and Mrs. John Battin and children of Manter spent Sunday with Oberlin relatives. They purchased 500 little chicks of Oberlin Hatchery while in Oberlin.
Miss Ruth Rickenbacher left Saturday for Topeka where she will spend the summer with family. She has been reelected as head of the grade school music department and will return to resume her work in the fall.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marietta are the parents of a baby boy born May 9th. The boy weighed 11 pounds and has been given the name of Wayne Clifford.
Gordon Brantley is now employed as assistant manager of the Scott Furniture Co. in Norton. He has just completed a course in embalming in Cincinnati and has been associated with the Val Griffith firm in Oberlin. His wife is the former Lula Pilnacek.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1956
This has been one of the driest Mays in many years and crops and pastures are beginning to show the effects. Livestock men, because of the lateness of grass, are reducing their holdings.
In the Osborne invitational golf tournament Sunday, Bob Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, won the championship with a score of 95 for 27 holes.
Three students from Decatur County were among those receiving degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State College: Arnold Lee Janousek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Janousek, Kanona, MS in math; Beverly Ann Golden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golden, BS in elementary education; Carolyn Miller Rasmussen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll V. Miller, BS in home economics.
The stock car racing season will open here Sunday evening under the sponsorship of the Decatur County Fair Assoc.
Gordon Rathbun is president and states that rules have been changed this season and as a result the races will be faster and offer more thrills for spectators. The track will be watered Sunday afternoon to elimi-

nate dust for the races that evening.
Sophomore Bob Vernon and senior Rusty Addleman and Coach Jack Hague flew to Wichita last Friday for the State track meet. Vernon reached new heights as he spun the discus 155 feet, 5 and 1/2 inches to win the state class A crown and break by one inch Rusty Addleman's school record of only a few week's duration.
Addleman placed third with a throw of 148 feet, 4 and 3/4 inches. Addleman placed second in the shot put with a 50 foot, 6 and 5/8 inch cast.
New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spiers, daughter, Patricia Ann, May 16; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riepl, Cimarron, son, Gregory Alan, May 23.
Olive Chapel: Jerry Lohofener, together with 17 other FFA boys, left Saturday on a tour to visit the Ford plant in Detroit and the science and industry museum in Chicago. They will be gone 10 days.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1981
A standing-room-only crowd gathered at the Golden Age Center to hear the report from various specialists concerning the wheat crop damage from the May 10 frost. Following the session with Decatur County Agricultural Extension agent Allen Dinkel, the ASCS executive director Mike Gawith; Servi-Tech Northwest Kansas division manager Tom Wonsetler, and Merrel Mikesell, area Extension specialist in crops and soils, many farmers were far less optimistic that they would be cutting wheat next month.
Commencement exercises were held for the 51-member senior class at DCHS. An additional member, Dean Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson, is currently an exchange student in Australia.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Being Alumni and Memorial weekend, we are looking forward to seeing many now familiar faces. We hope you can make time to come and see us at the Museum. It is always good to have you as a visitor each year.
The Bohemian Hall is going to be busy Saturday hosting the Class of 1951 and on Sunday it will be the site of the Bryan family reunion. The Hall is already reserved for the next two years for class reunions.
The Class of 1936 will be celebrating its 70th in the afternoon in the foyer of the Museum office. This class had 85 graduating members and there are 34 of them still

living, with a good number of those planning to be in attendance. They invite you to stop by and visit.
There are several new activities planned for the day of the fifth annual Museum Summerfest Car Show. On the museum grounds the Needle and Pins quilt group will be displaying quilts in the buildings along with other crafters. So for the regular admission price of \$3 you can tour the 14 Museum buildings, see all the beautiful quilts, and go to a craft fair all in one place. That is all on top of what is happening on Main Street with the antique and classic cars, vendors, prizes, and fun activities.
Valedictorian of the Class of 1981 is Phil Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Shields, and salutatorian is Barbara Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J Eldon Smith. Three other students, Paula Wentz, Cheryl Carlisle and Jody Elwood, also ranked 3.4 or better for the four-year period. At the close of the commencement exercises, class president Phil Shields presented retiring DCHS principal Herschel Betts a watch.
Though rain has become the trademark of DCHS Alumni Banquet day, this year's deluge failed to dampen the spirits of the 510 persons who attended the banquet held Saturday evening at the high school cafeteria. Lula Betts, Class of 1911, represented the earliest graduating class.
During the business meeting which followed the dinner, John Stanley, Class of 1965, was elected to head the organization for the coming year. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Alma Mater led by Ted Addleman '21 with Edla Nelson Olson '32 at the piano.
TDC Electric Inc. located at 177 S. Penn, the former location of Lindy's Cafe, will hold a grand opening Friday and Saturday. Owners are Bob and Deanna Castle, store manager will be Chris Brown, and Dan Castle assists with electrical installation, wiring and repairs.
Wet and windy conditions prevailed at the regional track meet but eight tracksters managed to qualify for the state meet next weekend in Wichita: Kenny Black, 3,200-meter run; Jody Elwood, shot and discus; Sandy Nichols, high jump; Marsha Miller, 200-meter hurdles; DeDe Parker, 100-meter hurdles; and the girls 1600-meter relay team composed of Carol Sullivan, Tami Gallentine, Parker and Sarah Gillette.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Congratulations to all the seniors graduating this May!
Following Big Timber memorial services on Sunday, there will be a potluck dinner at the Senior Center at 12:30p.m. Please bring your own table service. Drinks will be furnished.
A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Jennings United Methodist Church for Bill Mrstik. He died March 19, 2006. Inurnment will be in the Jennings Cemetery. Lunch will be served to the family. You may bring a salad or a dessert.
Pastor Carrie Buhler of Morland, Jennings United Methodist Church pastor, had sinus surgery Thursday at Hays. Lynette Ball, Menlo, spoke at our church Sunday in her absence.
Claudine Bennett returned home Monday evening from a 2 1/2 week stay at the home of her son, Benny, in Denver. She had gone out to help the family after her daughter-in-law, Eileen, had hand surgery.
The Norton Correctional men came Friday to work for the City of Jennings. They trimmed up the roadside park and started painting the curbs at intersections. We appreciate these men working for us.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

The 13th annual Antique Tractor and Car show will be held June 4 on the main streets of Selden.
Plaques will be given to the top exhibitors (10 tractor, 10 car, 2 small engine and 1 motorcycle).
The activities for the day include: horseshoe pitching contest, antique baler demonstrations, kiddie tractor pull (ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10), barrel roll competition, washer drop race and a parade at 3:30 p.m. The Legion will be serving lunch so bring your lawn chair and plan to spend the day. For more information call (785) 386-4481, 386-4331 or 386-4536.
Birthdays and anniversaries: May 25 - Joan Wessel, Leroy and Joan Wessel, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann; May 27 - Gary and Jerrie Robinson, Drew Stevenson, Tasha Carman; May 28 - Kendra Spresser, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman, Scott Bruggeman; May 29 - Robert Wessel, Joe Geisinger, Jan Juenemann, LaDonna Durham; May 30 - Dick Stevenson, Devin Spresser, Amy Rogers Hurdle.
On May 18 at Senior Citizens Jeanie Spresser won high, Paulie Neff took second, Shirley Emigh got low and Carol Shaw had the most nines. Other members present were Betty James, Lola Cook, Cecelia Otle, Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers and Leone Porsch.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Weekend guests of Chris and Sherri Schmidt were Curtis and Dawnelle Heim and family of Tucson, Ariz., and Clint Schmidt of Denver. The Heims brought a restored 1957 Chevy car for the Rod Run in Atwood.
Dave and Ida Marie Erikson of Green Valley, Ariz., visited from Monday evening to Wednesday with Esther Noren and family, Wesley and Eulaine Benda and family, and Dolores Benda and family.
Steve and Dave O'Neill visited last week with Dave and Sherry Bergling and enjoyed turkey hunting.
Mary Lou Olson visited on Monday morning in Oberlin with her sister, Helen Riepl of Cimarron, and son, Greg Riepl of Edmond, Okla., who had come to decorate area graves. Mrs. Riepl had spent the weekend in Edmond to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, Leslie Riepl, on Saturday. They also visited Cecil Hess and Marianna Bendon in Oberlin.



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Cedar Living Center

Cedar Living Center had a week of celebrations in honor of National Nursing Home Week. Our theme for the week was "We're cooking up some fun" and each day held a special activity involving food. Dennis Brown hosted the first event of the week on Monday afternoon. He served an assortment of meat, cheese, crackers, vegetables, and dip. No one went away hungry.
Another highlight on Monday was a visit from the DCHS Singers and Chanté. Both groups gave a performance on Monday morning under the direction of Susan Nelson.
Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.
Residents met before lunch on Tuesday to learn a variety of fun facts about food, including the history of ice cream. The dietary department hosted a buffet luncheon at noon which included chicken, potato salad, baked beans, salads, and a strawberry parfait dessert.
Zola Brown won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Lowell Sebaugh won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon.
A special supper featuring a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a dessert bar was served Wednesday evening. Several staff members and volunteers assisted by donating items for the supper. They included Sandy Diederich, Juanita Williby, Fern Moore, Joan Larue, Deb Klima, Carolyn Force, Teresa Shaughnessy, and Margee Wilson. The dietary department and the baking group also contributed dishes. Janice O'Hare and Linda Hunt volunteered to help with serving. Myrna Jones provided special music during the party.
Father George brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.
Residents enjoyed a demonstration on making cinnamon rolls presented by Jeanette Diederich on Thursday afternoon. The rolls were baked and served with soup for supper.

Linda Manning and Karen Eskew visited on Thursday afternoon and delivered a carnation to each resident in honor of Emergency Medical Services week.
Staff and residents met to view and discuss an assortment of interesting, ordinary, and antique kitchen gadgets on Friday afternoon. An ice cream social followed the program.
The Oberlin United Church was in charge of the Sunday services at Cedar Living Center this week.
Recent visitors: David Cox, Frank Cox, Hays; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Wava Reames, Norcatur; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Richard Samson, Ludell; Merlin and Lola

Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Mike, Rose, Sohn, and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; J.B. Wolfram and Stacey Mercer, Wichita; Nadine Chandler, Lakewood, Colo.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, Peg Smith, McCook; Bill Sulzman, Colorado Springs; Judi Stricker, Hill City; Carol Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;
Lyle Gamblin, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Beth Sebaugh, Don Stapp, Dolores Koerperich, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Melanie Anderson, Eula Juenemann, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Roxie Pomeroy, Sandra Young.

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