

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1882
North Fork of Sappa: John Wilson had a runaway the other day and smashed up his wagon, but he thinks he will make an ox-driver yet.

Extremely windy on Monday. John and Billy Love started for Colorado Wednesday to work on an irrigation ditch near Loveland. Quite a number of their friends in town went out to their place on Monday evening and gave them a farewell party.

Ira Wear is making the fur fly on this homestead.

George Kellogg has the contract for carrying mail on the newly established route between Oberlin and Gettysburg.

Geo. W. Keys left for Colorado last Thursday and will probably spend the summer in the mountains.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners, the salary of county officials was fixed at the following: County Clerk, \$700; County Treasurer, \$700; County Attorney, \$200.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1907
People pulled out their old overcoats again Tuesday.

Charles Thiesen and Nora F. Steele of the Jennings neighborhood were married April 14th.

Dr. H.F. Cevely, formerly of Osborne, will open a dental office in the Lorig building soon.

V.H. Griffith is having his residence remodeled and put in fine shape before he moves in; this makes himself and wife a very cozy home.

Elmer Simpson has a new buggy. Now, girls, is the time to get an up-to-date buggy ride.

The Baptist Church has retained Rev. E.H. Teal for another year.

Obe Allen and family returned from Colorado last week and will help Guy Allen on the ranch south of Hooker.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1932
Funeral services were held for three well-known Oberlin women this past week, Mrs. H.A. Stowell, 84; Mrs. G.H. Shaw, 55; and Mrs. Sarah J. Harvie, 86.

Coming as she did to Oberlin on Sept. 21, 1873, the life of Mrs. Harvie (then Mrs. J.A. Rodehaver) has been closely associated with that of Oberlin ever since. The sitting room of their home, the Hotel Oberlin, was used for practically all public meetings and she assisted her husband who was appointed Oberlin's first postmaster at that location as well.

Jennings: The Keep Pace Club and other Oberlin ladies were guests of the Swastika Club of Jennings Friday afternoon at the

home of Mrs. C.E. Feely, president. Following a musical program by Mrs. Heatherington, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Liggett and Mrs. Harry Simpson and Mrs. Opdycke, tea was served in the dining room with Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Noone pouring.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Diehl was celebrated April 13 at their home in northeast Oberlin. The couple were married in 1882 in Ipana, Illinois and moved to Pawnee City, Nebraska in 1899 and to a farm 5 miles south of Oberlin six years later. They began life in Decatur County under difficulties, in debt and with all of the hardships of the early settler. They raised a devoted family of six children.

Oberlin people were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. D.C. Moser in Kansas City from a throat infection following pneumonia. After her marriage, she moved to Oberlin in 1879 bringing a small stock of groceries and they operated a small grocery store and restaurant. For a time after their arrival in Oberlin their covered wagon was both store and home.

One of the most hideous crimes ever perpetrated within the state of Kansas was the assault and murder of the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hunter, Selden, following the abduction of the little girl on her way home from school last week. Richard Read, 53, who had served a prison term in Colorado for assault, was arrested and confessed when confronted by those who had seen him leaving Selden with a child. The body was found in a straw pile three miles north of Achilles.

A mob of men in some 50 cars, learning that Richard Read had been placed in the Cheyenne County jail after making a signed confession of the crime, assembled Sunday night and forced the sheriff to unlock the cell, taking the prisoner to a ranch south and east of McDonald where he was lynched. A phone call an hour later notified the Rawlins County coroner, Dr. Hennenberger, where the body could be located. The mob lynching was the first in Kansas since 1920.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1957
Mud, sunshine and more moisture combined to balloon optimism in Decatur County. After three years of being short-changed in moisture, Federal weather observer E.W. Coldren has recorded 3.08 inches of moisture for the year, 2.20 of it in the past three weeks.

Vyrl (Pete) Rush, who will receive the FFA State Farmer degree this spring, is the 16th Oberlin FFA member to receive the degree. Oth-

ers are Walter May, Keith Mines, Duane Waldo, Ray Dean Wilcox, Merlin Anderson, William Deines, Carroll Chambers, Earnest Huff, Arnold Morton, Aard Erickson, Waldo Anderson, Alvin Johnson, Duane Unger, Lemoin Rush and Jerry Macfee.

Winners in the eighth-grade division of the county spelling contest were Linda Bremer and Deloris Musgrave of OCS and Steve Reichert of Leoville.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Elden Anderson, son, Gary Dean, April 3; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kolsky, Jennings, son, Robert Wayne, April 3; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carman, Selden, daughter, Rochelle Ann, April 3; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindgren, daughter, Cheryl Ann, April 6; Mr. and Mrs. Don Kump, daughter, Shirley Joan, April 8; Mr. and Mrs. Aard Erickson, son, Ward William, April 1.

The DCHS track team finished second in an 8-team meet at Oakley. Oberlin brought home some firsts, with Bob Vernon picking up two in the shot and discus and Jerry Baker in the pole vault and running a leg on the winning medley relay team. Vernon opened the season with a 166 feet, 11 inch throw which is 20 feet better than any discus throw elsewhere in the state thus far, and 10 feet better than his winning toss in the state Class A discus last year.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1982
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vernon have

sold the Western Auto Associate Store to Mr. and Mrs. Mike McVay of Holdrege, Neb., effective July 1.

Officials of Farmland Industries meeting in Phillipsburg on Wednesday morning voted to close the refinery effective Aug. 1, according to "Huck" Boyd, editor of the *Phillips County Review*. The Phillipsburg facility has a 25,000 barrel-a-day capacity and employs 137 persons. Farmland closed its 5,500 barrel-a-day refinery in Scottsbluff, Neb., last month but will continue to operate a refinery in Coffeyville.

Hospital News: Marita and Leon Portschy, Herndon, daughter, Amy Ann, April 6, 1982.

Funeral services were held from Lund Covenant Church for Hjalmer C. Alstrom, 94, a lifetime resident of Decatur County. He was a farmer-rancher and also operated a salvage yard business which grew to become one of the largest in Kansas.

Thomas J. Meitl, son of Florence Meitl, Dresden, is working as a junior field engineer with Schlumberger Well Service in Duncan, Okla. Meitl is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

In the student council elections held at DCHS recently, Dana Young won the presidency; Trina Wendland was chosen for vice president; DeDe Parker, secretary; and Heidi Martinson took over the treasurer's job.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We have been taking items for a week now for the sixth annual Museum Rummage Sale. This is my fifth sale at the Museum as director, and I can say that we already have more "treasures" than in the past.

So don't miss out! The rummage sale will be in the Bohemian Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

KFNF Radio sponsors the rummage sale and all proceeds go to the Museum for maintenance and repairs. As most of you know the winter was not good to the museum and much has to be done to fix various problems.

We will be taking items until Friday, April 20. Items can be brought down Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to moon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Along with the rummage sale, we will be holding a bake sale. Our members are good cooks and many have said they will be bringing in baked goods. The bake sale will

also start at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Land Office next to the Bohemian Hall.

After getting those "treasures," it would be a great time to tour the Museum and see all the newly arranged exhibits and the new items on display. We will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this Saturday.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

There will be a benefit soup supper from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday for Ron and Cindy Sattler and family at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon, sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization. They will serve chili, beef and vegetable soup, ham sandwiches and cinnamon rolls. Anyone with pictures of the Sattler family is asked to bring them. Everyone is welcome.

The Hello There Hobby Club is also sponsoring a community kitchen/pantry shower from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Prairie Developmental Center meeting room in Atwood. The public is invited to participate.

Easter guests of Voni Sattler were Deanna and Brad Williams, Chelsey, Brandi and Cassie and Kathy Leitner, Sami, Joey and Braden.

Dinner guests on Easter of Tom

and Judy Solko were Mildred Kleidosty and Nicholas Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb.

Easter dinner guests of Lavern and Sharon Frick were Vesta Gilbert, Sheryl Adams, the Gwen Solko family, and Sharon's son, Trevor of Denver.

Dinner guests on Easter of Bob and Liane Martin were Ann Martin, Kirche and Tasha Martin and family, Ray Kircher, and Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb.

Les and Myrna Pettera spent last week with Edie Pettera.

Those who gathered at the home of Brian and Mary Clark, Katelyn and Collin for Easter dinner were

Bob and Julie Hafner, Edith Pettera, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Eric Sattler, Chase and Dana Juennemann, Rob and Cody Sattler, George R. and Adam Sattler, Jan and Jayme Sattler and Buford Clark.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City Cleanup Day has been rescheduled for Friday, April 20. The city will pick up items for the dump and branches, but you must clean your own yard and have them piled for pickup. Items they will not pick up are untagged refrigerators, painted wood, tires and grass clippings. Volunteers are needed, so if you can help contact Bill Scott.

At the City Council meeting held Wednesday, council members Betty Nickols, Mike Johnson, Nancy Dahl, Dwight Williams and Dave Williams, and Mayor Dennis Allison were sworn in. The council presented a plaque to outgoing mayor Bill Dible for his 32 years of service to the city.

Karen Hibbs will celebrate a birthday today.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper spent from April 2-9 in Indianapolis with her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Marsha Moeder.

Easter weekend guests of Vesta Roth were their son, Rick Roth, and his sons, Jason and Eric. Saturday evening they all enjoyed a good meal at Taco John's.

"Recruiting for Heaven in 2007" is the theme for Rexford Commu-

nity Church Missions Conference this Saturday and Sunday. Larry and Lilia Baird, who are serving with Biblical Ministries Worldwide in Chihuahua, Mexico, will be the guest missionaries. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. on Saturday by the men of the church followed by a presentation of Shepherd's Staff by Ron Boller and sharing from Larry and Lilia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. with the Bairds. The Bairds will also speak during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship dinner. Pastor Lane Purcell invites all to come.

At the Red Barn: The April Bingo has been postponed to 7 p.m. this Friday due to the unpredictable weather.

Those attending Barnswallows to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex and Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, Darlene Robben, Dick Sanford, Maryanne Juennemann and Lawrence Juennemann.

Koffee Klatch is 9 a.m. Fridays.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Chamber looks for secretary

"Spring has sprung," and like spring, the Chamber is in a state of new beginnings. We have an opening for the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce secretary. If you or someone you know has efficient secretarial skills, please leave a resume at the Chamber Office.

Here it is the middle of April and the Chamber is ready to do a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, April 18, at 9 a.m. in Oberlin. The welcoming committee will begin at 9 a.m. on the northwest corner of highways 36 and 83 for Barry Richards and Stellar Sales. Then at the same location the ribbon will be cut welcoming Brady Koch with KochSystems, a vinyl and graphics service.

The group will travel to downtown Oberlin and welcome Chelsey Zodrow at the Best Kept Secret beauty salon at 102 W. Commercial, then on to the Business Enhancement Center where a wel-

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come will be given to Darrell Stern with Jersey Graphics. Everyone is welcome to attend.

More ribbon cuttings by the Chamber Board will be held in May to welcome new businesses to Decatur County. If you know of one in your community that needs a ribbon cutting, please call (785) 475-3441.

The luncheon for Professional Assistants Day will be held Wednesday, April 25, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Reservations are being taken at the Chamber office.

Susan Nelson, along with some of her vocal students from Decatur Community High, will be providing the entertainment and a great meal will be served by the Gateway

staff. Cost is \$14 and the luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Assistants as well as bosses are welcome!

The Chamber also helps with the Oberlin Business Alliance happenings. There will be a make-up Fish & Burger Fry on Friday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the driveway just south of the Business Enhancement Center building.

Kimberly Davis, second quarter chair for the Oberlin Business Alliance, would like to announce they are sponsoring the downtown planters in Oberlin again for this summer. Anyone interested in purchasing plants for the beautification program should contact Kimberly at the *Herald* before the end of April.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Three teams of six from Decatur Health Systems are participating in the Walk Across Kansas. Team captains are Kasey May, Jennifer Wolters and Suzanne Ahlberg. Two teams have already walked 423 miles, the amount of mileage across Kansas, and are starting over. To encourage both exercise and eating healthy, teams document their weekly walking distances and also the amount of fruits and vegetables eaten each week.

Cookbook sales are going well. They are \$15 with the proceeds going to purchase defibrillator equipment.

Construction has begun on the Specialty Clinic addition to the hospital, which is causing some ex-

pected and temporary inconveniences. Driving through and parking is not allowed on the street east of the hospital. We are excited about the project and will be happy when it is finished.

Thank you to all those who donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive this past week at The Gateway. Blood drives are held quarterly. Please plan on being a donor next time.

If you have had reason to visit the hospital recently you may already have noticed a change on the front lobby bulletin board. We have "grown" a facility family tree with photos of Decatur Health Systems employees on the branches. We hope you take time to look it over.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ken and Jan Badsky, Regan, Lacey, and Kenyon attended the wedding of Brian and Amanda Friesen at the United Methodist Church in Atwood on Saturday. Lacey and Kenyon of Hays were weekend guests of the Ken Badsky family.

John and Dianne Bremer accompanied Ralph and Violet Shaw to McCook Saturday evening where they enjoyed listening to selections by the Prairie Statesmen Q Chorus and guest barbershop quartets.

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