

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1882

There has never been a cyclone in Decatur County since its earliest history.

On the 21st inst., at Scandia, James C. Humphries was cleared of the charges against him, the jury being out only 15 minutes.

The water mill is Oberlin's best boom and will add more to our business interests than any other enterprise that could be taken.

Certificates to teach have been issued to the following: Misses Katie Doom, Maggie Doom, Jane Morrison, Maggie Morrison and Mr. John McDowall.

The following is the list of teachers elected by the Oberlin Sabbath-School for the ensuing year: Supt. R.O. Kindig; Asst. Supt. J.E. Cochran; secretary, Wesley Stever; treas., J.B. Colt.

The total amount of state, county and poor taxes collected in Decatur from July 8, 1881, to April 1, 1882, amounted to \$1936.29; of this \$1166.67 was for county purposes.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1907

John C. Lathrop is erecting a nice residence in the west part of town.

The I.O.O.F. has begun the erection of 2-story lodge hall just west of "The Oberlin."

High School Notes: At the Northwest Kansas Oratorical Contest at Colby last Friday, Lee Hanthorne of Norton won first place, and Caleb Smick with the oration, "The Vampire of America," second place.

After freezing every night for a week the wind blew a gale from the north all day Wednesday and at night it began to snow and this morning we have six inches.

Gordon Elson was fatally injured while helping move a house northwest of town Wednesday last week; he lived until Tuesday morning after the accident.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1932

Railroads are apparently seeking to destroy what little goodwill they may yet hold through a new appeal for increased rates on Kansas grain. Increased rates will hardly tend to act as a goodwill builder.

The Oberlin Masons held a successful meeting at the new McKague Memorial Masonic Temple with 71 guests attending from Masonic lodges at Norcat, Norton, Almena, Long Island, Lenora and Jennings. District Grand Master J.R. Betts of Norcat introduced Lecturer Charles A. Wells, who had charge of the school of instruction. A recess was taken for a supper served by members of the Eastern Star. Places were set for 120 but some 22 unexpected guests had to wait for a second table and the ladies ran a little short of food, but we heard no complaints.

The new cleaning establishment

of Lars Bystrom is located on West Hall Street in the first building west of Hanson Bros.' grocery store. They will make their home in the back of the shop.

A new radio repair and service shop has been opened located in the Gierhart Music Store. Francis Johnson, a native Decatur County boy recently from Topeka, will operate the new shop. He is the son of Adolph Johnson, Kanona, and is well known in the community.

Cedar Bluffs: Miss Nora Tacha and Mr. Dale Gross were married Sunday at the Methodist Church in Hoxie. Mr. Gross is getting a mighty fine life partner who taught our grammar room last year so is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson entertained Saturday evening with a surprise party honoring the birthday of Miss Dorothy Diehl and Carl and Rex Nicodemus. The evening was spent pleasantly with games and music.

Floyd Geisinger was the guest of honor at a surprise party which Mrs. Geisinger planned for his birthday Friday evening. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Lohofener and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lippelmann and Gordon and the Geisinger family.

—adv. Saturday special, fruit filled rolls, 15 cents a dozen. Oberlin Steam Bakery. —adv.

Jarrod Sebaugh, a second-grade student at Norcatur Grade School, died Saturday after a 5-day illness with pneumonia.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1956

The community got its first spring rain Monday — previous rain had been mostly slush and snow — bringing the total moisture for the year to 6.74 at the Gerald Meitl home near Dresden. Calvin Ufford of the Soil Conservation Service reported the Prairie Dog Creek was running half full and reports from Herndon indicated the Beaver Creek was out of its banks at Traer.

When the door closes for summer vacation at Sunny Slope School, District #206, Sarah Woolley will complete 50 years of school teaching, 40 of it in Decatur County. Adhering to her conviction that it is good for one-room schools to have teachers move frequently, Sarah circulated, serving the longest tutorage, six years, at Bassettville. Some of her most challenging and yet pleasant years were at Beardsley in Rawlins County, where she had over 30 pupils. She remembers that her first month's wages when she began teaching in 1906 were \$35 and it went for an Elgin watch which is still used every day.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Verman Fringer, a daughter, Rose

Evelyn, April 21.

Mrs. Jessie Morgan of McCook announces the engagement of her daughter, Sharon Kay, to Owen E. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim King of Oberlin.

At the county school board meeting held last week W.C. Kampschroeder discussed various school problems and reported that schools will be required to have an enrollment of nine for the 1957-58 school year to qualify for state aid. Three schools — Beaver Valley, Bassettville and Addleman — were under the eight enrollment requirement for this year. At least five teachers have indicated they will not return for the 1957-58 school year: Maxine Shields, Beaver Valley; Dorothy Huff, Lund; Mrs. Mary Dixon, Spring Branch, Mrs. Myrna Boyd, Decatur; and Mary Schieferecke, Leoville.

Walter Oehninger, manager of the Decatur County Home, reports there are now 32 guests at the home.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1982

After two hours of informative discussion, Oberlin city councilmen voted unanimously Tuesday evening to adopt Ordinance 599 authorizing and approving a power sale and supplemental service agreement between the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and the city. The council did not make the decision lightly or quickly, having made trips to Colby and Oakley in past months to become better informed about KMEA's plans and progress in providing electric power to some 32 small cities across the state.

Almost 100 percent of those Decatur County farms with a wheat base were signed up by the April 16 deadline to participate in the 1982 reduced acreage program.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A workday is scheduled Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church for men, women and children. Pizza will be provided and the women are asked to bring snacks or dessert.

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

Jack Gutchewsky was honored with a pizza supper Saturday evening in McCook in observance of his birthday, which was Friday. Others present were Mary Gutchewsky and Dale Allacher, Herndon; Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; and Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook.

Sarah Olson of Manhattan and

The closing of the Farmland Industries oil refinery at Phillipsburg scheduled for Oct. 15 is not expected to have significant effect on availability of petroleum products in Northwest Kansas, according to the office manager, Max Biggs.

"The facility will continue to be used as a terminal and the loading rack will continue to operate but it is Phillipsburg itself which will suffer," said Biggs.

Executive director of Decatur County Hospice Inc. Gary Stricklin has announced that Barb Larsen will become the new director effective July 1. The Decatur County organization has served six cases since its founding a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gawith announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Peggy J. to Terry L. Ream, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ream, also of Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a 1979 graduate of DCHS and a 1981 graduate of Colby Community College and is presently an LPN at Decatur County Hospital. Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of DCHS and presently an employee of R&S Repair. A July 24, 1982, wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

New Arrival: Gene and Marsha Morford, daughter, Lynette Rae, April 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Brown, Olathe, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gallentine, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their children, Connie Shipman and Rex Gallentine. Both are graduates of Fort Hays State. The bride-to-be is employed at King Radio Corporation in Olathe and Gallentine is an industrial arts instructor and coach at Chapman High School. A June 5 wedding is planned at First United Presbyterian Church, Olathe.

Brandon White of Leawood were weekend guests of Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary.

A large crowd enjoyed the Herndon Covenant Women's salad luncheon on Saturday at Prairie Development Center in Atwood. President Betty Hafer welcomed the guests and Beth Holle gave devotions. Musical entertainment was provided by Tyler and Leah Sharpe.

In addition to guests of members, those from the Oberlin Covenant Church attending included Esther Carlson, Gladys Geis, Eloise Smith, Millie Lippelmann, Kathy Almqvist and Pastor Heidi Wiebe. Guests from the Lund Covenant Church were Johanna Mason, Dana Koeperich, Vicki Hunziker and Amy Carman and Gideon.

Cedar Living News

Paul Sass did a great job of leading the exercise group all week while Teresa Shaughnessy was on vacation.

Helen Juenemann hosted a social hour on Monday. She served popsicles to residents and their guests.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Paul Sass won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Paul and Kayo Sattler.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Tuesday afternoon.

Margee Wilson was in charge of the social hour on Wednesday. A crowd joined Margee for homemade bread.

Father Henry said Mass for the Catholics on the patio Thursday.

Mary Ann Amack hosted a social hour on Thursday afternoon. Fern Moore read *The Oberlin Herald* to

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

Recent visitors: Terry Kruse, Russelville, Mo.; J.R. Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard Samson, Ludell; Rosa Boehm and George Wurm, McCook; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Meredith Hrnchir and Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Norcat; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Petrina and Joshua Murphree, Meriden; Christy Wesch, Topeka; Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Ray Harold and Alexis White, Hays; Lloyd Harden, Goodland.

Laurene Van Otterloo, Opal Huntley, Phyll Cramer, Dolores Koeperich, Lyle Gamblin, Sandra Young, Marguerite Bailey, Alice Shirley, Juanita Williby, Earl Brown, Elvin Beneda, Orline Beneda, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

A tour is planned on Sunday to Traer and Herndon, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Beginning at 2 p.m. in Oberlin, cars will leave from The Gateway then travel to Traer and Elephant Rock, then on to the Herndon Senior Center where Julie Hafner will give a slide presentation and display memorabilia from both Traer and Herndon.

Members of the commission may use their season tickets, and for others interested in attending, the cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for students grade 7-12; and elementary students are free if accompanied by an adult. For details call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

Herndon PRIDE volunteers are organizing a cleanup day on Saturday and invite residents to join in

this annual community improvement effort. Volunteers will be cleaning up the City Park by painting, hoeing weeds and doing general spring cleanup.

They will also work on Main Street and around town cleaning debris and picking up trash. The city truck will be available for large limbs and appliance pickup around town. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, paint brushes, trash bags, etc. For details, call the city office at (785) 322-5341.

Ann Martin and John and Julie Geisinger had lunch last Wednesday in Colby with Mike and Jackie Wiens.

Hattie Toth and son, J.B. Toth, and Julie Hafner visited Edie Pettera and her guests, Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo.

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Ron Wenthe, President, Golden Belt Bank

When oral medication no longer controlled his diabetes, Ron Wenthe consulted with his doctor about changing to insulin injections. He began a series of diagnostic tests related to his diabetes and overall health.

One of the diagnostic tests was for sleep apnea, a condition in which air passages become blocked causing breathing to stop repeatedly during sleep and impacting the amount of oxygen and rest the body receives. Wenthe learned that the lack of proper rest can affect the heart and — in the ensuing testing process — discovered serious cardiac problems.

"I had blockage in four arteries and so that lead to quadruple bypass surgery."

Preparation for his surgery was thorough and informative.

"I had never been through surgery, except when I was a young kid."

Wenthe reviewed a videotape that walked him through the procedure.

"Knowing exactly what's going to happen, what all the procedures are, what the rehab is, everything you are going to be going through, then there's no surprises. You know what's coming."

In discussing options with his doctor and cardiac specialist, he was given the option of going elsewhere for his surgery but wouldn't even consider it.

"This is my home. I am proud that we have a quality regional hospital here and I want my surgery done here," he told them.

"During my surgery, the information beforehand, the procedures, the rehab afterwards, was excellent. Hays Medical Center gives excellent, excellent care."



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