

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1882

Ninety-seven degrees in the shade yesterday at one o'clock.

In 1855 there were 10 newspapers published in Kansas; in 1860, 32; in 1870, 102; 1880, 297; and in 1882, 341. The *Atchison Champion* is the only paper in the state that dates back to 1855.

North Fork Sappa:
Born on April 27, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Bunn.

Day school commenced in District No. 13 today. It is taught in Mr. Griffin's old house in Hazard Draw.

K.D. Wickham has been appointed postmaster at Lyle.

The job of breaking on the L.C. Morrison place is probably the best in the county. Oxen were used in doing the work.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1907

Iceicles 2 feet long froze on the north side of buildings Tuesday morning. Another nice snow Monday morning.

C.A. Wilbur has built a new barn on his residence and carpenters are busy building a new porch.

The business men of Traer have organized a band of 16 pieces.

Herman Baumgarten and Miss Lela Bleckett of Monett, Mo., were married April 24 at Goodland.

Fred Johnston and Ned Smith, who went to Dakota and Iowa looking for a better place to live, are expected home in a few days.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1932

The large deficit in our National treasury is centralizing the attention of the people of this county to the manner in which federal tax money is spent once it is raised. Most of it, 72 cents of every tax dollar, is used to pay off war debts and other expenses incidental to the war. Only 9 cents is spent for public improvements.

At the recent school board meeting, six patrons asked the board to retain the vocal instruction position in the high school which had been eliminated earlier as a cost saving measure. No action was taken, the matter being tabled until the July meeting.

Of the six students representing DCHS in the music contest at Hays, four placed: Lee Ora Rezner, second in French horn; Ray Votapka, second in clarinet solo; Arthur Dowling, second in the oboe event; Bob Redman, third in the trumpet solo. In the past four out of five years, Oberlin had won the sweepstakes medal but this year it seemed advisable to decline the invitation to compete on a large scale.

Shibboleth: The men of the

neighborhood fixed a new cement step at the church Monday afternoon.

Custer: Harold Hoppas celebrated his eighth birthday Saturday with guests Clark Watson, Dennis Nelson, Rex Foster, Orin Conquest, Raymond Harold, Atley Muirhead, Bobby Lee Cameron, Marshall Bainter and Lyle Hoppas. A ball game was played and delicious refreshments were served.

Guy Morrish and his men are busy installing the new lawn sprinkling system in the E.S. Dean yard.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1957

Pastures started to turn green in the past week. Some wheat was nearly a foot high. Federal weather observer E.W. Coldren reported 4.02 moisture for the year but some points in the county had about 7 inches. There was more water in Sappa State Lake than anytime since last September.

"The Three A's govern a coach's search for prospective athletes," said Kansas State basketball coach Tex Winter at the annual Chamber of Commerce athletic banquet last week attended by about 160 high school athletes and their fathers, coaches and Chamber of Commerce members.

The three A's are academics, attitude and ability in that order, Winter said. The three DCHS coaches — Bob Rumble, Don Leuzler and Melvin Simpson — all spoke briefly. Jerry Baker introduced the basketball players; Jack Kelley, the football squad; and Robert Young, the wrestlers.

Roy Gridley, a KU senior, has received a Fullbright Grant to study English literature at the University of Reading in England. Gridley is a 1953 graduate of DCHS and was a Summerfield Scholar at KU.

Jennings: The *Jennings Journal* has new owners. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fiala of Denver purchased the newspaper last week from Mr. and Mrs. Pete Karthaus, who have operated the paper the past seven years. The Karthausers plan to move to Selden, where she will operate a beauty shop.

One of Oberlin's newest residents, Wynn Horney, was badly injured in a two-car accident at the east edge of Colby last week. He is hospitalized in Colby and it will be several weeks before he is able to be active in the Oberlin Motor Co., in which he recently purchased an interest.

The DCHS Class of 1907, which will observe its 50th anniversary at the alumni banquet on May 17, will be attended by 12 of the 25 members, according to Harry Logan,

Topeka attorney, who is making the arrangements for the reunion.

Norcatur: Funeral services were held for Mrs. J.C. Rapp of Mankato, mother of Bob Rapp, elevator operator and grain dealer in Norcatur.

Top ratings were received at the State Music Festival held at Hays by Colleen Matthews, Idella Nelson (clarinet), Pat Euhus, Mary Reeves, Wanda Moody, the brass sextet, trombone trio, drum quintet, drum trio and clarinet quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jo, to Delbert Larson of Effingham. Miss Johnson graduated from DCHS in 1953 and will graduate from Kansas State College in December with a degree in home economics and nursing. Her fiance received a master's degree in agronomy from KSC, Manhattan.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1982

USD 294 board members agreed to order new mathematics textbooks for the elementary and junior high school following a presentation by a teacher from each grade at Oberlin Elementary and junior high math teachers Lee Steward and Richard Hager.

At the annual meeting of the Decatur County Historical Society, Rod Avery was elected president and Nadine Simpson, vice president. The new curator, Sandy

Russell, and husband, Bob, were introduced.

Jennings: Members of the Jennings High School vo-ag class and their teacher, Carl Wahlmeier, went on a prairie grass tour conducted by Jerry Schuetz, soil conservationist. They stopped at a native pasture owned by Joe Kinsler and later at the Rodney Scott farm to view a variety of grass plantings over the years.

Darwin Couch, Farm Bureau Agency manager, has announced the appointment of Dan Hess as special agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Keller, McDonald, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charissa Dawn, to Elden Wayne Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Huff, Norcatur.

Bill Woods was elected commander of American Legion Post No. 70, succeeding Ron Bryan. Norine Jording has been named manager of the Legion Club and restaurant facility, replacing Steve Smith who will leave this week to operate a restaurant in Aberdeen, S.D.

The DCHS golf team shot a 339 Saturday in the annual Oberlin Invitational tournament to top a field of 14 teams. Medalist was Oberlin's Brian Moore, a junior who shot a 77. Brent Simonsson shot an 85; Robbie Henningson, 88; and Cliff Hartzog, 89.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Just getting home from a wonderful day on the historical tour sponsored by the Oberlin Art and Humanities Commission. In touring Traer and Herndon it makes a person sad to see these little villages becoming ghost towns. On the tour we learned that Elephant Rock, which has been a landmark and point of interest in our county, crumbled and only a part of the rock remains. This happened sometime Friday night.

Now that the rummage and bake sale are history and marking another success for the Museum, we turn our attention to the sixth annual Summerfest Car Show. Plans are underway and a number of registrations have already been received. The show will be Saturday, June 2, with a Cruise-In the night before on Friday in front of the Museum. With only a month to go, you need to mark your calendars for both events. If you have a car or motorcycle you would like to show off, come to the Museum office and pick

up a registration form.

Several maintenance projects are being done on our buildings. This week the floor in the Bohemian Hall will be sanded and sealed, thanks to a very generous donation. Two new windows in the Land Office are being put in which will add a lot to the looks of the building. We greatly appreciate donations and memorials that have been made to the Museum so these projects can be done.

Stanley Hardware is sponsoring a benefit for the Museum that will go for other maintenance projects. Joe is holding a Bird House auction on Saturday, May 26, during Memorial and Alumni weekend. He is giving away kits that are to be decorated and brought back to the store, which he will display during the month. He still has some kits available and the Museum would greatly appreciate your help with this, either by decorating one of these birdhouses or in the purchase of one at the auction.

Good Samaritan Center News

When you hear the words "nursing home," what emotion does that invoke? Loneliness? Sadness? Sympathy? Fear? What words come to mind? Wheelchairs? Boredom? Old people? A place to die?

When you hear the words "Good Samaritan Center," do those same words and emotions apply? If they do, let me challenge your ideas.

Here at the Good Sam, people come to live — and enjoy life.

We spend our days in worship and praise, learning, growing, fellowshiping, exercising, and best of all, loving one another in an environment that is safe and beautiful!

It is true that people come here because they or their families can no longer care for them. There is a physical need that must be addressed. This care is given by our talented, dedicated nursing staff. But not only do we address the

physical aspect of care, we are equally concerned for their spiritual, social and emotional needs.

We see incredible changes in people when they come to join us. Here are some actual quotes from our family.

When I asked what they would like people to know about living here, these are some of the responses I received.

Fern Anderson said it this way: "I didn't know how lonely I was living at home."

Elaine Thomas related, "Moving here was good. I was excited to have a new home. I haven't changed my mind... I still like it!"

Leona Helmkamp has come for rehab. She said, "I was happy to have a nice place to recover after surgery."

Irel Lohofener enthusiastically chimed in, "You couldn't find a better place. People are so friendly;

there is always something good to eat — lots of things to do with lots of friends."

We are thrilled to be at full capacity. If you have a loved one needing care perhaps our Adult Daycare could meet your immediate needs. For a permanent move, we highly suggest putting your name on our waiting list if you anticipate placement anytime in the next year or so.

There are so many exciting things on the horizon. Our dementia day room, Garden of Hope, opened this week. A Teddy Bear Picnic will wrap up our First Hand Friends reading program on May 16. A garden party will be held in honor of Mother's Day on May 12.

We are starting a new "drive-in theater" once a month, and the second annual Walkway of Flags will be on display for Memorial Day weekend.

This week the Aquarius Club was

in charge of our monthly birthday party in honor of Eulaine Benda, Dorothy Bryan, Hazel Flaska and Doris Marintzer. Christie Morris brought several talented fifth graders, performing in three quartets, with trumpets, clarinets and flutes. It is such a delight to our residents to see the youth of our community. Thank you to all who participated!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The recent storms in the area caused extensive damage to the farmstead of Paul and Sheryl Nelson and family west of Achilles. They lost a milk barn, hog house, chicken and turkey houses and a grain bin was found across the road. Their carport crashed onto vehicles,

damaging them. A bridge south of the Lester Yoos farmstead was lifted up, then dropped off a short distance down the creek. Jackie Urban's farmstead also received damage when the walls of a machinery shop caved in, fuel tanks rolled around the yard causing the loss of about 800 gallons of diesel fuel, along with damage to other out-buildings.

Norma Anderson and her daughter, Carol Fink of Wamego, returned last week from Austin, Texas, where they visited their son and brother, Lynn Anderson.

Rennie Olson of Irving, Texas, came Thursday to visit his father, Bob Olson. En route home he vis-

ited his mother, Sally Olson, and the Bob Frenz family in Salina. Mrs. Olson is recuperating at the Frenz home from recent back surgery.

Pastor Keith Reuther and Mark Olson represented the Herndon Covenant Church at the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Loveland, Colo., last week.

Donna Kelley left Monday to visit Kevin and Debbie Kelley and family in Topeka. She was a Monday overnight guest of her sister, Cheryl and Wane Stull, at Solomon.

Richard Bergling of Ness City and Dave Bergling went turkey hunting at Courtland over the weekend and both were successful.

Cedar Living News

Eastern Star sponsored the April birthday party on Monday afternoon. They served ice cream and cookies. Those honored were Freida Matheny, Lloyd Beneda, Bea Wolfram, and Elmo Bailey. Each received a stuffed animal.

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

Nadeane Haag won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Bea Wolfram won the blackout game.

Cedar Living Center residents enjoyed an evening of country music on Tuesday. Terry Rose sang and played the guitar for an appreciative audience.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group Wednesday afternoon. Joining her were Frank Ward, Elsie Goodnight, Don Shaw, Helena Bruggeman, and Mildred Tacha. Mrs. Williby served brownies to the group after the game.

Margee Wilson, with help from the nursing staff, made chocolate milk shakes for the residents and staff on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Marguerite Bailey ate dinner with Elmo Bailey on Thursday to help him celebrate his birthday.

Father Henry brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The bowling group enjoyed a lively game Thursday afternoon. We did not keep score, but we had lots of laughs, and several residents threw a strike or two.

The dietary department assisted the activity department with serving a men's lunch at noon on Friday.

Nearly all of the male residents accepted the invitation to eat on the patio. They were served brats, sauerkraut, deviled eggs, and assorted salads. Some of the ladies were a little envious.

Bea and Hank Wolfram had lots of company over the weekend. Their family came to help Bea celebrate her birthday which was April 23.

Pastor Doug Hasty of the Oberlin United Methodist Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon. Ron Temple and the group, Faith, Hope, and Charity, gave a musical program following the service.

Recent visitors: Kay Harold and Lark Leagar, Clinton, Iowa; Dorothy Ward, Ron and Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Mark and Deb Ward, Hugo, Colo.; Laura Staab, Marcie Hewett, Evelyn Zellmer, Hays; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Teresa Rippe, Ludell; Christine Matheny, Junction City; Dennis and Sue Janousek, Bellevue, Mich.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Lloyd Hadden, Goodland; Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Frank Cox, Walt and Olive Hafner, Herndon;

Lyle Gamblin, Lois Lamb, Phil Erickson, Mert and Frank McEvoy, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Regina Stanley, Gary Bruggeman, Sarah Orr, Mary Long, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Jeanne Isbell, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The American Legion pinochle tournament was held Saturday evening, April 21. Jeannie Spesser and Shirley Emigh took first place, Junior Albers and Dallas Koerperich placed second, and Dick and Ken Sanford placed third.

"Happy Birthday" to Dennis Spesser, April 30, and Jordan

Christensen, May 2.

The news column is very short this week because I have been visiting the state of Texas and have missed out on what is going on in Rexford.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Allan Carter of Overland Park spent the weekend with his parents, William and Rachel Carter. On Sunday Margaret Stanley, Colby; Naomi Carter, a resident of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin; Ken and Julie Carter; Becky Carter; and Stann Hartzog joined them for dinner and a good visit.

Doyle and Kay Brown, and Kurt and Valerie Brown, Millicent and Dashiell, Quinter, enjoyed several days of sightseeing in San Diego. They rode the Amtrak. Kurt attended the National Convention of Special Education Administrators while there.

Chris Gillespie, Marion, and Mary Wahlmeier and Ramona Shaw attended a bridal shower Saturday at the Norton Country Club for Tara Ward, bride-elect of Aaron Gillespie. Tara and Aaron will be married June 16 in Norton.

A son, Brady Cameron, was born to J.D. and Angie Brumbaugh, Owasso, Okla., on April 17. Mary Votapka is the proud great-grand-

mother.

Mary Votapka, Sue Long and Terri Hanke went to Hays Saturday to join Elaine and Myron McKinley, Tulsa, Okla.; their daughter, Virginia Slimmer; and their son and fiancée, Jennifer of Cordell for supper and a good visit at the home of Ethel Taylor. Mary, Elaine and Ethel are sisters.

United Methodist Women will lead church services Sunday, June 10, at Jennings and not May 6 as planned.

Lions Club will serve Mother's Day dinner on Sunday, May 13, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Plan to attend.

First aid kits may be purchased from a Lions Club member.

Reminder: Senior supper will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, May 8. Bingo will be played following the meal. Bring a \$3 prize. Everyone is welcome.

June Vavroch and daughter Connie Dreher, Hays, attended church in Jennings Sunday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family entertained Wednesday evening with an Indian cuisine dinner in honor of the five members of the Rotary Group Study Exchange Program team from India who were staying with local host families Monday evening through Friday morning. Those attending were Sachin Menon, Salima Kothare and host family Herschel and Jody Betts, Satish Ghet and host family Bob and Kay Gaskill. Amarja Nargunde who was hosted by Rhonda and Dan, Persy Shroff and host family, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and Walter and Betty May, the Roland May family, and Steve and Cynthia

Haynes. Weekend guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were his brother, Garry and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo., and Elaine (Bodecker) Samuelson of Denver, who arrived Friday afternoon and returned home late Sunday afternoon. The ladies attended the Dresser Style Show Friday evening and visited Thelma Spiers and Amy Rehm on Saturday.

Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer were among those representing Decatur Community High School at State Music held at Southeast of Saline High School in Gypsum on Saturday. Rory received a I on her vocal solo, her women's

quartet received a I, and she was a member of DCHS Singers which also received a I rating. The clarinet quartet of Jessica, Ashley Horton, Aaron Helm, and Chris Larson received a I rating as did Jessica's women's vocal ensemble. Her ladies group, Chante, received a III. Also attending were Joanne Wendelin and John and Dianne Bremer.

Zach and Hannah May and their Golden Retrievers participated in the Sixth Annual Thomas County Spring 4-H Dog Show in Colby on Saturday. Both Zach and Hannah competed in the Intermediate Showmanship Division and received blue ribbons. Participating

in the pre-sub-novice group in Obedience, Hannah and Sadie received a white, and Zach and Molly received both a purple and Grand Champion. In the novice group, Zach and Buddy received a white in the Off Leash competition.

The Richard Shaw and Joel Shaw families were Sunday dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Sunday marked the 65th anniversary of the day the tornado hit Decatur County that claimed lives and left behind a path of destruction. Evelyn (Reith) May and Lois (May) Behrmann were seniors at Decatur Community High School and two of their classmates that were to graduate were killed in this tornado.

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