

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1882

No flour in town last Friday. Billy O'Toole of Corn-Crib ranch was in town Saturday with a good load of corn for which he re-valued 90 cents per bushel.

Mr. Love has received a letter from the boys (John and Billy). They were at Fort Collins, Colo., and report times dull and think of shipping their teams to Oregon to work on the railroad out there.

It commenced raining on Saturday evening and continued almost without cessation for about 26 hours.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1907

Another three inches of snow Saturday morning, Tuesday was the first warm day this month.

Caleb Smick stood fourth in the State Oratorical contest held at Manhattan last week. Two of the judges on delivery gave him first place, but the judges on thought and composition weren't so kind.

J.C. Lathrop is building a new residence in the southwest part of town and the Clark Bush residence west of the Catholic Church is approaching completion.

Tim Corcoran of Bassettville is building a large barn on his ranch up the Sappa. This is a good way to spend the surplus money a person has on hand.

Allison: Married at the home of the bride's parents on April 23, 1907, at high noon, Miss Nora Steele and Mr. Chas. Thiesen. About 90 people witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. A. Osborne of Seymour, Ill., the mother of Mrs. Geo. D. McMullen, arrived this week for a summer's visit.

Carpenter Edwards fell while working on the old McCalla house and is quite badly hurt.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1932

At the annual 8th District Rotary Conference held at Dodge City May 9-10, Caleb W. Smick, first president and for six years secretary of the Oberlin Rotary Club, was unanimously elected governor of the district, which embraces all of Kansas except the extreme southeast corner of the state. He succeeds Edwin Zimmerman of Wichita.

Other Oberlin Rotarians attending the conference were E.W. Coldren and Leon Steinshouer. On Monday, Ted Addleman and Virgil Parman and Miss Mildred Nibert also attended and furnished music at a luncheon session.

This year's senior class consisting of 56 members has initiated a

new form of program. To save the expense of a commencement speaker, they have chosen to make the graduation exercises on May 19 entirely a class affair.

This is the first time in the history of the IOOF Lodge in Oberlin that a member has been awarded a 50-year diamond-studded gold badge. Victor Lorig joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 50 years ago in Columbia, Mo., and transferred his membership here in 1886 and has remained active since. At the awards ceremony special music was furnished by Wenger Brothers, a quartet of IOOF members consisting of A.E. Dodd, Charles Zimmerman, O.W. Pennington and J.E. Kulp, and by Frank Janousek on his accordion accompanied at the piano by Ralph Claar.

Mr. Piller is offering free class lessons for three months beginning after school is out in violin, clarinet, flute, oboe, bass horn, cello, marimba, string bass and French horn. Two lessons will be given each week and the pupils will be expected to do regular practice.

Olive Chapel: The men of the neighborhood gathered at the church last Thursday on Ladies Aid day and completed the painting which was begun last fall and interrupted by the weather man. The ladies served a fine dinner, and cleaned the woodwork and scrubbed the floor.

Norton won the track meet held at Hoxie with 7 schools entered. Sam Francis brought home the only first place for Oberlin, setting new records in both the shot put and the discus, and Harold Dyer won a gold medal in the tennis match held before the regular field events.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1957

The 1957 DCHS valedictorian is Grace Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moody. Salutatorian is Eugene Van Vleet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Vleet.

Jennings: Principal Elmer Vecera has announced that Jackie Stacey will be the Jennings valedictorian and Grace Buss, salutatorian. Norcatour: Principal Forrest Stern has announced that the Norcatour High School valedictorian is Beverly Alexander and salutatorian is Ralph LaSalle.

Leoville: Sister Ursula, principal of Leoville High School, indicated that averages among the top scholars are so close that no valedictorian will be announced until the commencement program on May 16.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs.

Emma Jorgensen, 83. When she was a child, her father brought his six motherless children west in a covered wagon where they knew all the hardships of early pioneers. Her husband, Thue, better known as "Dad Jorgensen," was shop instructor at DCHS until his death in 1939. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Lohofener and Mrs. Waldo Lohofener.

Oakley won its first NWKL track championship in a meet held at Norton. Oberlin placed third with first-place medals going to Bob Vernon in the shot and discus; Jerry Baker upset Tad Poling of Goodland in the pole vault; and Dallas Musgrave won the half-mile. Mick Wheeler of Oakley won the 100, 220 and 440.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Kelley, daughter, Terri Ann, May 2; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bamesberger, Oxnard, Calif., daughter, Joanne Carol, May 4; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chapin, Groton, Conn., daughter, Reagan Cecile, May 5; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Meitl, Dresden, daughter, Julie Diane, May 7; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, son, Paul Walter, May 8.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1982

Just as did many of their parents and grandparents before them, DCHS juniors and seniors maintained the long-standing tradition in Oberlin of the annual promenade down Penn Avenue prior to the junior-senior banquet and dance Saturday evening. Prom marshal Todd Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vaughn and his date, Laura

Williby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williby, led out the event which this year featured a new wrinkle — introduction of class members as they set out on the May Day stroll.

Amy Rehm, who is retiring as DCHS secretary, and Supt. of Schools Glenn Martin were honored with a surprise potluck picnic Sunday evening at Sappa Park shelterhouse by the faculties of the junior and senior high school.

A program followed and gifts were presented to both honored guests.

New Arrivals: Tammy and Rick Shaw, Selden, son, Cody Lee, May 2; Traci and Dan Zwickle, Oberlin, daughter, Brandy Lynn, May 3; Sheila and Ron Beims, Herndon, daughter, Jennifer Katherine, May 4.

Sandy Nichols, a DCHS senior, has signed a letter of intent to attend McPherson College on an athletic scholarship. She expects to compete in volleyball, basketball and track and plans to study accounting with a minor in physical education.

Dell Pomeroy was installed as the Oberlin Lions Club president at the Tuesday evening meeting. He succeeds Wayne Wheeler.

Norcatour: Six first-year student ministers from St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., spent three days interviewing Norcatourites and making history tapes. The tapes will be used by the seminary and by the United Methodist Church of Norcatour as it prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church in 1985.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the museum open only a month into the 2007 season our guest list is up from this time last year. Our visitors in the month of April came from the Netherlands, Canada, Kansas, Texas, Minnesota, Michigan, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Montana, California, Utah, and Wisconsin.

With graduation only two weeks away, remember to add a tour of the museum to the list of things family and friends can do while in town. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Many exhibits have been changed and new ones added over the winter. A month ago in this article I mentioned the impressive addition to our Oberlin display of 20

oil paintings by Vivian Soderlund Goss. These are a must to see!

The Lund Community Church donated many old books and a large Bible printed in the Swedish language that date back to the early 1800s. They also donated a quilt made with the names of early members of the church which has been hung for public viewing.

Gail and Kay Marcuson were in possession of the quilt and brought it down several times to the Museum when people were here researching their family history with ties from that community. They kindly donated the quilt so it can be seen by all.

Remember the Cruise-In and Car Show on Friday evening and all day Saturday, June 1 and 2.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Community Church held baccalaureate services for the Golden Plains seniors graduating class and the eighth grade graduating class Sunday evening.

Steve Allen gave the message with its theme taken from the song "Find Your Wings" by Mark Harris. The songs "It All Begins With a Dream" and "Like An Eagle" were sung by Janell Antholz, also the pianist, and junior students Andrew Broeckelman, Jordan Rogers, and Brittany Ritter.

Gideons Bill Adams, Colby, and Chuck Williams presented Bibles to the students. Pastor Lane Purcell concluded the service with prayer.

The event was inspirational and well attended. A time of greetings and refreshments followed.

Dennis Allison went to Greensburg with other personnel from the sheriff's department, to assist in recovery from the tornado destruction in Greensburg. Our thoughts and prayers are with the individuals of the community as they work at rebuilding their homes and community.

Taylor Todd, daughter of Jay and Brandy Todd, and Jami Wark, daughter of Vicki and Dennis Allison and the late Dennis Wark, were participants in the dance recital themed "Here We Go Again" presented by instructor Kolleen

Barrett of the Dance Place, Colby. Jami's routines included performances in tap, jazz, lyrical and pointe ballet, as well as a lyrical ballet solo to "Hurt" by Christina Aguilera.

The Golden Plains National Honor Society will be sponsoring a benefit spaghetti dinner fundraiser for cystic fibrosis at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10. On display during the evening will be industrial arts projects and art work by high school students. A talent show will begin at 7 p.m.

A happy birthday to the following who had celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday: Jay Gilbert, May 1; Lile Lunsway, May 6; and Jay Todd, May 7.

The Golden Plains senior class took their senior trip from April 23 to April 30, and toured the beautiful state of Texas.

The trip included two days in Galveston touring Moody Gardens and hours of swimming at the beach; two days in San Antonio going to Six Flags, Sea World, and The River Walk; and two days in Dallas touring the Cowboys Stadium and a dinner and show at Medieval Times.

On the way home a stop was made in Oklahoma to tour the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Sponsors were Travis and Orba

Smith and Vicki Allison.

The school year is quickly coming to an end and it is time to be thinking about Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Lane Purcell this week.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Rex and Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Lawrence

Horinek, Darlene Robben, Dick Sanford, Mary Anne and Lawrence Juenemann.

Koffee Klatch is each Friday at 9 a.m. and those attending last week were Margaret Arasmith, Sondra Barnett, Eunice Sanford, Berneda Zoberst, Evelyn Proffitt, Jean Hawkins and Vesta Roth.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

N-O-T-I-C-E

All flowers and decorations at the Oberlin Cemetery must be removed before Thursday, May 10. After that the city will remove them in preparation for mowing and weed eating.



Please allow 14 days for mowing and weed eating before placing flowers

Internet tonight 475-2206

Cedar Living News

The redecorating project in the Cedar Living Center dining room is nearing completion. We are expecting the new tables and chairs to arrive soon. Stop by any time to see the new look or to help us celebrate National Nursing Home Week, May 13-19.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon.

Snacks were served following the game.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Helena Bruggeman won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elmo Bailey won the blackout game.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Wednesday morning. Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Mass for the Catholic residents on the patio Thursday morning.

A big group gathered Thursday afternoon for a game of dice. Joining in were Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Helena Bruggeman, Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Bea Wolfram, Nadeane Haag, and Lyle Gamblin.

Zola Brown was the guest of

honor at a birthday party hosted by her family on Thursday afternoon. The tables were decorated with balloon bouquets. Barb and Steve Brown, Ella Betts, and Earl Brown served cake and ice cream to the residents, staff and guests. Ella Betts and Earl Brown were dinner guests as well.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

Lora Linn Leichter celebrated her birthday at noon on Saturday. Joining her for lunch on Saturday were Judy Jackson, Dorothy Ward, Devonna New, Carolyn Strevey, and Frank and Velda Ward.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Judy Jackson, Devonna New, and Carolyn Strevey, Norcatour; Richard Samson, Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Elaine Koerperich, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Gary and Judy Vaughn, Denver; Dottie Smith, Tucson, Ariz.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Frank Cox, Herndon;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Dolores Koerperich, Laurene VanOtterloo, Alice Shirley, Jeanne Isbell, Julie and Charlie Haag, Marguerite Bailey, Regina Stanley, Sandra Young, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead and Rusty.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

How fortunate we were over the weekend to not get the storms a lot of towns in Kansas had. There were many tornadoes reported or that touched down.

The Lions Club Mother's Day dinner will be held Sunday, May 13, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center. There will be a freewill donation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings spent several days in Denver last week. While there they were houseguests of Marcia Casey. On Monday they had lunch with Martin and Melba Johnson of Westminster. That evening they had dinner with Marlene Hounshell, Marcia Casey and Milt Sherwin.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday with nine members present. Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Vendla Tacha, Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Glenda Johnson, Ruth Chance and Louise Cressler answered roll call by giving a favorite Sunday School song. Kay Brown gave the program "Shine, Shine, Shine," naming scripture and songs where shine is mentioned. Glenda gave devotions. Kay and Helen served refreshments furnished by Patty Foster, who was unable to attend.

Jamie Thompson, Bogue, a lay speaker, led church Sunday in Jennings. He spoke on "Love" including love of God, neighbors and self. A mock disaster drill was done following church. Marjorie

Hartzog is our disaster drill coordinator.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings received the announcement of the birth of a new great-grandson. Nelson Gray Anders was born April 26, 2007, in Dallas, Texas. His parents are Joey and Cecilie Anders and he has a sister, Madeleine. His grandparents are Bob and Shelley Whitefield of Trout Lake, Wash.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings held its monthly meeting May 3. President Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting. Directors present were Larry Mizer, Roger Shimek, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith. The remodeling of the Royal Neighbor Association building is to begin some time this month. The School Room is almost finished as more class picture holders were received and installed. The museum had several out-of-town and out-of-state visitors last month.

The Museum will be open after the Lions Club Mother's Day dinner on this Sunday. It will also be open Memorial weekend on Saturday afternoon and after the Alumni supper that evening for visitors, as well as Sunday afternoon, May 27. The next regular meeting will be at 2 p.m. on June 7. Visitors are welcome.

Brian Jennings and Westley of Solomon were weekend visitors at the Lawrence Jennings home. Sunday evening they returned home Sunday evening to find that over 5 1/2 inches of rain had fallen there.

Notice Taxpayers

May 10th is the Deadline for the Last half of 2006 taxes. If not paid on or before May 10, 2007 these taxes will bear interest.

Please bring first half paid receipt or tax statement information when making payment.

Jean Hale
County Treasurer
Decatur County, Kansas

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Don and Joan Grafel attended the graduation of their grandson, Brett Philbrick, from the University of Wyoming last week. They met with this parents, Nanette and Kevin Philbrick, of Casper, Wyo., and brother, Ryan, of Denver. Sunday evening Don and Joan

Grafel attended the Rawlins County High School Consort dinner show. Their granddaughter, Sarah Grafel, is a member of the Consort show choir.

Don and Joan Grafel attended the Herndon and Traer tour and found it interesting and informative.