

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1882
Bethel Brieflets: Mrs. Julia and A.M. Greene, her son from Ohio, are visiting relatives on the Sappa. The turbine wheel for the new mill has arrived and work on the dam is progressing nicely.

Quite a heavy frost last Friday was of no special benefit to the growing grain.

The contract for carrying the mail between Oberlin and Wallace has been let to Will Simpson of Norton. The mail will make two trips a week after the first of July.

Attorney Snodgrass was in town on Saturday driving a yoke of oxen with the lumber to finish up his house.

Wyman A. Colvin, aged 45, died May 14 of heart disease.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1907
Married, May 15, 1907, Carl Driskell and Miss Zella Jackson.

There was ice again Monday and Tuesday mornings.

John Welsh took Acton's automobile and made a trip to Grainfield Saturday with O.L. Benton as passenger. They made the trip in a little less than four hours.

Allison Items: Mr. Hughs is now postmaster at Allison.

Norcatur Items: The ladies of the Royal Neighbor Lodge surprised the Woodmen with a ghost party and big supper last week.

Fred Wiggins and wife of Grant took in the show Wednesday evening.

Rev. Teall will fill his appointment at the Victory Schoolhouse Sunday afternoon.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1932

One of the finest honors and most valuable prizes that could be given a graduating high school student is the Summerfield Scholarship, awarded to Harold Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dyer.

Rev. C.M. Williams of the M.E. Church preached one of the best sermons ever preached to a graduating class in Oberlin at the baccalaureate service held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

The church was not large enough to seat all who wished to attend and it would seem practical to hold like services in some larger building in the future.

Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church 10 miles south of Herndon for Mrs. Olaf (Bengta) Olander, 99, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John (Emma) Cederberg. Born in Oderup, Sweden, she came to America in 1880.

John Schieferecke of Lenora, formerly of Dresden, died of pneumonia at a Topeka hospital on May 16.

He managed movie shows at Dresden, Herndon and Jennings for a time and moved to Lenora about a year ago to manage the picture show there.

Kanona: New Ladies aid officers elected at the May 12 meeting are Edythe Janousek, president; Lydia Johnson, vice president; Myrna Mackey, secretary and treasurer, Myrtle Orr. Mrs. Bartos Brown and Mrs. Otto Johnson will be hostesses for the next meeting.

Jennings: The 17 high school graduates are Regis Bennett, Doris Chenoweth, Mrs. Pearl Chenoweth, Emily Divin, Wilmer Hardesty, Walter Kump, Sylvia Petracek, Elvin McConnell, Albert McKenna, Katherine McKenna, Elma Nicholson, Louis Randolph, Jay Voil Rees, Nedra Sears, Lowell Stacy, Ralph Stephens and Katherine Swift.

The Rell Landau family are moving into their new house on West Oak Street.

Virgil Parman, DCHS vocal instructor, has been elected to be supervisor of music in the Dodge City high school the coming year. One of his outstanding accomplishments in his two years here was the recent Music Week which included the production of "The Messiah." It was estimated 6,000 persons attended these events during that week.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1957

Commencement at DCHS for 52 students will be held May 16.

At Leoville High School graduates are Mary Rose Berls, Melvin Bruggeman, Rose Mary Diederich, Mary Barbara Kreutzer, Merlin Kruse, Gerald Jacobs, James Dwyer, Virginia Sulzman and Bertram Robben.

There are three graduates at Jennings High School: Richard Poage, Jackie Stacey and Grace Buss.

Graduating at Norcatur are Larry Hix, Jerry Knutson, Ralph LaSalle, Beverly Alexander, Sue Temple, Barbara Vernon, Aneta Smith, Wanda Reid and John New.

Principal Ira Laidig at Oberlin Consolidated School has announced that the three vacancies have been filled.

John Wright, a graduate of Atwood High School who will graduate from Kansas State this month, will replace Mrs. Ruth Hayes; Mrs. John Ready will teach fourth grade replacing Miss Carol Stitt who plans to be married and Mrs. Nellie Boxhew will replace Miss Celia Boxberger who will teach in the Norton schools next year.

Funeral services were held from the Federated Church for Mrs. Harvey Fisher, 72, who came to Rawlins County with her parents in 1890 and since 1921 she and her husband have made their home on a farm in Olive Township.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at Green Castle, Mo., for Claude Sewell, 77, who was a Dresden area resident for a number of years.

The Oberlin Red Sox ball team opened the home season with a 6-3 win over Colby on Vic Ritter's pinch-hit home run in the last of the 8th inning.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Morton, daughter, Jana Kay, May 13; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelley, Norcatur, son, Kit Ludon, May 10; Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Martin, Omaha, son, David Lee, April 23.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1982

Commencement for 52 DCHS seniors, include two exchange students, Ricardo Avila of Chile and Hans von Oldenskiold of Sweden, will be held Tuesday evening. Seniors who hold a GPA of 3.4 or better are Janet Schuetz, Lori Poe Anderson, Steve Zodrow, Delores Ritter, Patrick Luedders, Kim Schwarz, Shirley Schwab, Mary Nemeth and Joyce Meitl.

Graduating from USD 295, Jennings, are David Bainter, Cheryl Baker, Kurt Brown, Beverly Gilglenbach, Steven Hartzog, Tammy Keenan, Gregory McKenna, Donna Ritter, Kirk Gallentine, valedictorian Will Kirk and co-salutatorians

Janet Gallentine and Craig Wahlmeier.

At Herndon No. 317, Kathy Sattler and Leah Grafel share the valedictorian honors. Other senior graduates were David Cox, Karen Craen, Daryl Huss, David Leitner, Rodney Lorentz, Sherri Lorentz, J. Kristine Pelkey, John Pettera, Rose Marie Solko and Pamela Unger.

At Golden Plains No. 316, Rexford-Selden, graduates are Shirley Albers, Daniel Arizmendis, Anna Bange, Wayne Brantley, Roger Emigh, Troy Emigh, John Geisinger, Shawn Gillum, David Gould, Connie Jones, Janell Juenemann, Timothy Moeder, Marilyn Oliver, Barbara Phillips, Michael Schlageck, Eric Schultz, Daniel Spresser, Ronda Stacey and Julie Stevenson.

The home course proved an advantage to the DCHS golfers in regional action as they took first and qualified for the state tournament in Hutchinson.

Brian Moore shot an 81; Brent Simonson, 82; Todd Vaughn, 85; and Cliff Hartzog, 87. Other Oberlin golfers were Robbie Henningson, 91, and Bob Lund, 92. WaKeeney also qualified for state and medalist was John Keller with a 79.

The Scott City boys won the NWKL track meet. Doug Horn rated a first for the 2-mile run and Buck Matson took 2nd in the 200-yd. dash and 3rd in the 100. In girls events, Sandy Nichols won the high jump and DeDe Parker was second in the high hurdles.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The last two Fridays we have hosted school tours. On May 4, the second graders from Rawlins County spent the afternoon at the Museum. Last Friday third graders from Oberlin Elementary were our guests. We are always glad to have young visitors and hope they will come back and bring their parents.

Our next three weekends at the Museum will be busy and exciting ones. With high school graduation Sunday, many family members and friends will be spending time in the area. We have had several calls already from senior parents wanting to know times we will be open as they have company coming for graduation. We will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The admission fee is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 years old, and children under 6 are free.

The following weekend brings us to Memorial and Alumni weekend. This is a fun one for me since I have gotten to know many of the returning alumni. There are several things going on that weekend involving the Museum in addition to the usual visiting. On Friday we are hosts to the Chamber Coffee Tour, and on Saturday the Bird House Auction, sponsored by Stanley Hardware with proceeds going to the Museum. We hope many will stop by and say hello and see our class picture display.

That brings us to the first weekend in June. That weekend is the Cruise-in on Friday night and the Museum Summerfest Car Show all day Saturday. More details on this weekend will be given in this article and other places in *The Oberlin Herald* during the coming two weeks.

Mount Pleasant News

By Diane Bremmer

Abbie Bainter received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing this weekend at Fort Hays State University. Those attending her pinning ceremony and dinner on Friday were Warren and Jan Bainter, Ben Bainter, Hays; Gayle and Ruth Bainter, rural Dresden; Jim and Judy Gaumer, Amy Erickson and Isabell, Tecumseh; Wes and Casey Bainter, Weston and Emily, Hoxie; John and Dianne Bremer, Holly Young and Taylor Colby, and Cathy Ubert, Hays. Warren and Jan also attended Abbie's commencement ceremonies on Saturday in the Fort Hays State University Gross Coliseum.

Jan Badsy received her Bachelor of Arts degree on Saturday on the Fort Hays State University campus. Also attending her commencement ceremonies in Gross Coliseum were Ken Badsy, Lacey and Kenyon Badsy, Hays, and Harry and Mary Depe, Trenton. The Badsys were houseguests of Troy and Paula Gnad and Trinity, Hays.

Ralph and Norma Unger attended commencement ceremonies for Danielle (Bailey) Batchelder who received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University in Manhattan on Friday.

Rory Wendelin placed third in shot put at the Northwest Kansas League track meet in Goodland on Friday.

Lois Carlson, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark., enjoyed an early Mother's Day dinner at the home of John and Edith Tate on Saturday.

Jessica Bremer, Brock Euhus, Nolan May, Cameron Nedland, and Rory Wendelin were among those in the Decatur Community High School Junior-Senior Promenade down main street Saturday evening.

Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, David May, McCook, and Stean Olson and Paige Niernberger, Hays, enjoyed Mother's Day dinner together at the Frontier Restaurant on Sunday.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Greta attended the musical production, "Gilligan's Island" at The Loft at the Mill in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday where Ladd Wendelin played the part of Thurston Howell III.

Walter and Betty May, Richard May, Robert May and Cole, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, and Roger May and Ryan were Sunday after dinner guests of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth for cake, strawberries, and ice cream to celebrate Mother's Day.

Arthur and Alice May were Sunday dinner guests of John and

Dianne Bremer and Jessica to celebrate Mother's Day and also Art and Alice's 61st wedding anniversary.

Dianne Bremer presented a Farm Bureau program to the local day care providers in Oberlin during April to help celebrate Earth Day. The program helped the children learn how our farmers are good stewards of their land by using conservation practices in their farming operations, how these practices help feed our nation as well as take care of our wildlife, and how everyone can help conserve our water supply. Folders and coloring pages about conservation and wildlife were handed out to the children. Funding assistance for this program was provided by the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture; funding assistance from the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture also helped the Decatur County Farm Bureau send Jessica Bremer, and Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth Nedland to Topeka in February where they spent a day paging for Senator Ostmeyer learning about the workings of our State Government.

Leone Porsch, Alfred Albers, Shirley Emigh, and Bernita Aumiller.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 17 - Ryan Stevenson, Dan Mumm; May 18 - Dan Wachendorfer; May 19 - Frank Bouts, Leslie Wessel, Harold Murphy; May 20 - John Kaus; May 21 - Dennis and Marla Rogers; May 22 - Karen Shaw, Wade Zodrow; May 23 - Steve and Jan Juenemann.

Cedar Living News

We will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week all this week. Stop by for a visit any time. There will be games and refreshments on Thursday afternoon.

The flower box by the front door to Cedar Living Center is in bloom. Nora Bell Manning and Patty Brown were here last week to plant the flowers. They have been planting the box for us for many years now in honor of the late Babe Manning, a former resident here.

The bowling group met in the dining room on Monday afternoon for a game. The group included Elmo Bailey, Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Nadeane Haag, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Don Shaw, and Bea Wolfram. Lyle Gamblin also joined in. Shakia Domsch assisted with setting up the pins.

Myrna Jones and Teresa Shaughnessy led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Alice Fiala and Mildred Tachta tied for the first win at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Nadeane Haag won the blackout game. After the game, the Chanté group from Decatur Community High School gave a wonderful program under the direction of Susan Nelson. Jacinta Carter, granddaughter of resident Naomi Carter, sang a solo.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon including Frank and Velda Ward, Helena Bruggeman, Don Shaw, and Mildred Tacha.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

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

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center hosted a party for all of the staff and residents on Thursday afternoon in honor of National Hospital Week. Everyone feasted on nachos and fruit punch.

The baking group made applesauce cookies on Friday afternoon.

The residents enjoyed seeing several of the high school students in their formal attire on Saturday afternoon when they stopped by to visit before going to prom. Shelby Jeffrey, an employee of Decatur Health Systems and a student at Decatur Community High, organized the group.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots sent a beautiful rose bush to the ladies of Cedar Living Center in honor of Mother's Day.

We had numerous deliveries from the flower shops on Friday and Saturday as many of the mothers received fresh flowers. The mailbag was also heavy several days last week as the cards arrived, and many of the ladies had visitors and phone calls on Sunday.

An anonymous donor left packages off in honor of Mother's Day. Each of the ladies received a pair of socks in a hand-crafted paper bag. It was a pleasant surprise for everyone to find these packages at the breakfast table on Sunday morning.

Recent visitors: Rose and Shakia Domsch, Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, David Carter, Jennings; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Geraldine Decker, Norton; Art and Karen Bates, Edmond, Okla.; John Tacha, Lawrence;

Mike and Marie McVay, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Leann Hejny, Broomfield, Colo.; Seth and Tia Hejny, Pleasant Grove, Vt.; Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Tom and Glenna Burrell, Max, Neb.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Barb and Steve Brown, Selden;

Lyle Gamblin, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Jeanne Isbell, Orlin and Elvin Beneda, Karen Bennett, Marguerite Bailey, Edie Tate, Regina Stanley, Ella Betts, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Rachel Grafel, daughter of Kyle and Cindi Grafel; Britta Noren, daughter of Steve and Connie Noren; Mariah Jones, daughter of Greg and Gwen Jones; and Becca Reuther, daughter of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, were confirmed during the morning worship services Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Reuther officiated. A duet was sung by Sarah Grafel and Elijah Jones. Bibles were presented to the confirmations by Steve Noren, vice-chairman of the church.

Lorraine Schultz of Abilene and Lori Seaman of Salina spent the weekend with the Steve Noren family and Esther Noren and attended the confirmation services.

Detta Anderson and Mary Lou Olson took Joy Votapka out for lunch on Thursday at the LandMark Inn for a belated birthday celebration.

Mother's Day dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb., and Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook. Jack and Mary were Mother's Day supper guests of Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina in Oberlin.

Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie of Boulder, Colo., came Thursday and his parents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, accompanied them to Manhattan, where they attended a reception for family and friends

honoring Sarah Olson on Friday evening at the Clarion Hotel. On Saturday, they attended her graduation in Bramlage Coliseum, where she received a Bachelor of Science in accounting.

Among others attending her graduation were her parents, Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, Oberlin; Brandon White, Leawood; Ron and Cindy White, Leavenworth; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Leanne and Losson Pike, Ashland; Wes Pike and Chandra Frost, Manhattan; Richard and Donna Frost, Arvada, Colo.; Joel and Abby Krause and Gracelyn, Princeton, Texas; Shirley Maresch and Jenna, Nekoma; and Bev Messerly and Anna, Sublette.

Mother's Day dinner guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood, and Richard Bergling, Ness City.

Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., were weekend guests of Steve and Arian Arnold. On Sunday, they took the women's mother, Edla Olson, out for Mother's Day dinner at the LandMark Inn.

J.R. and Carol Ginther joined Harlan and Naida Ginther, Joe and Connie Adams, and Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia of Atwood and Brady Ginther of Menlo for Mother's Day dinner at Park Hill in Atwood on Sunday.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The annual Community Fun Walk last Wednesday was a resounding success. At last count, 141 people came to Sappa Park to walk along some of the scenic trails.

Maps showed hiking options. Emergency Medical Service personnel grilled hot dogs and participants received gifts. Each child got a coupon for a free ice cream at the Crossroads Express.

During Hospital Week, May 7-13, employees celebrated with a "South of the Border" theme. Departments hosted events including an "Ocho de Mayo" celebration with alcohol-free margaritas. We also had walking tacos and nachos.

This is Nursing Home Week and we are planning a potluck barbecue today at Cedar Living Center. Employees are wearing new photo identification badges. Such security measures are necessary in case a disaster hits our community similar to the one in Greensburg. Decatur Health Systems will go

tobacco-free on Jan. 1. After that date, no tobacco use of any kind will be permitted inside or outside our facilities.

Hospitals across Kansas are making an effort to go tobacco free. As a health-care organization committed to the health and safety of our patients, we have to take a leadership role on this major health issue to treat the whole patient, both mentally and physically. Allowing patients to use tobacco products while in our care defeats this purpose.

This decision is not an attempt to force anyone to quit smoking; rather, it is a way we can demonstrate our commitment to healthy living. Tobacco use in and around hospitals poses health and safety risks for patients, employees and visitors.

We appreciate your help and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Chief Executive Officer Lynn Doeden at 475-2208.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ketterl of Herndon and Sarah Ketterl-White, Norton, attended the graduation commencement at Kansas State University on Saturday. Angela Bliss received her degree in accounting.

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.

Sharon Frick visited Harlan and

Naida Ginther last Friday afternoon in Atwood.

Mrs. Frick was treated to lunch at the Pizza Hut in McCook last Saturday by her mother, Vesta Gilbert, and her sisters, Sherrel Adams and Gwen Solko of McCook. Later she was honored with a supper at Fuller's Restaurant by her son, Kent Jording of McCook.

Vernon Frick of Farmington, N.M., visited his brother and sister-in-law, LaVern and Sharon Frick, and his sister, Evelyn and Clarence Lorentz. The Fricks have purchased a home in Herndon and will be moving soon.

All senior citizens are invited to attend a potluck dinner at noon today (Wednesday) at the Herndon Senior Center.