

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — May 1882**

A boat on the Sappa, above the mill-dam, is the latest. Through herds of Texas cattle are passing north on the trail now.

W. Reilly and Company of Atwood have sold their entire stock of hardware to Ed. Knowles of this place.

At the semi-annual election of officers of Oberlin Lodge No. 158, I.O.O.F., the following officers were chosen: George M. Miller, N.G.; Wm. A. Hallowell, V.G.; F.H. Smith, S.; N.G. Stever, R.S.; F.A. Douglass, T.

R.G. Doom has sold his restaurant and boarding house to John Greenwood.

Johnny Morrison is in a commission house at Denver.

T. Bookenoogen, who is not unknown to fame in this county, has returned from Iowa, where he wintered, to his home near Hawkeye.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1907**

Agent Hostetter went to Blue Springs last week and brought back this family and is busy getting settled in his new home.

The Liberty baseball team defeated the Logan boys last Saturday in a good game 11-6. J. Scott and Geo. Armstrong were the battery for Liberty; Peterson and Chapin for Logan.

Memorial Day was cold and chilly in Oberlin but a big crowd was in town to attend the G.A.R. services at the cemetery in the morning and the afternoon program at the opera house. Commander John Hayward was in charge of both programs.

The following appeared on the afternoon program: readings by Stacia Heitmann and Myrna Marietta; a song by the high school quartet; readings by Millie Marvin, Charles Battin and Francis O'Grady; a bass solo by Billy Simpson with chorus accompaniment; and the address of the afternoon by L.M. Parker.

Logan items: Jack Frost visited these parts Sunday night, killing all kinds of vegetation.

County Clerk Campbell has completed his compilation of the assessors' returns and reports a gain of 313 over the previous year. Altory Township showed the greatest gain — 514 for 1907 as compared to 393 for 1906. Oberlin City gained from 1520 to 1626.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1932**

Only two Civil War veterans attended the Memorial Day exercises at Oberlin this year: H.A. Stowell and Conrad Scheler, who came to Oberlin from the Kansas Veterans Administration home near Leavenworth last Friday in order to be here for Decoration Day.

A part of the ceremony at the cemetery included the reading of

the list of soldier dead buried in the cemetery which includes 70 Civil War veterans of the Union Army, one Confederate soldier, four Spanish American War veterans and eight World War veterans. A list of former members of the T.E.G. Ransom Post of the G.A.R. buried in other cemeteries was also read. Following the brief but very appropriate address by John Bremer the rifle salute was fired, taps was sounded and the band played the "Star-Spangled Banner." The same program had been given at the Traer Cemetery the day before with nearly as large a crowd in attendance.

Elmer Shaw, owner of Brookwood Park, left word that his popular playground and recreation park would have its official opening on Sunday, June 5. A number of Oberlin folks have season tickets for fishing and picnicking at Brookwood but anyone may go to the park and enjoy all the privileges except fishing without the ticket. The miniature golf course started last year is now completely finished.

Miss Inez Crabb and Mr. Harold Johnson were married Saturday, May 28th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Crabb of Colby. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the Colby schools, attended Lindenwood College for two years and is a graduate of the agricultural college at Manhattan. For the past two years she has taught in the Colby grade school where she will be greatly missed. Mr. Johnson is a progressive young farmer of the Kanona neighborhood where the young couple will make their home. He is a graduate of DCHS and attended the agricultural college at Manhattan.

Cedar Bluffs: A severe wind and hail storm struck Wednesday evening damaging homes, barns and sheds at the farms of Macys, Loftons, Carmins, Goodenbergers, Lincolns, Allens and Clyde Weyeneths.

Norcatour: Eldon Auker of the Manhattan college came home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson, Sam Francis and Rex Nicodemus returned from Emporia the first of the week where the two boys entered the state track meet. Francis placed third in the shot put with a throw of 58 feet, 6 inches. Rex wasn't so lucky in the half-mile as the winner made a record of one minute and 59.4 seconds while Rex was clocked in 2.05.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1957**

Memorial Day services are planned for most of the county's 13 cemeteries which are thriving on the spring weather and in better shape than in recent years.

Decatur County engineer Don

Claussen said flooding along Beaver Creek did not do any major damage to bridges but minor road repairs will be required.

Bob Vernon tried out the college discus at the Missouri Valley AAU track meet at Shawnee Mission last week. And although for the first time in over a year he did not win his specialty, he uncorked what was probably his best throw of the year, finishing third behind Ron Anderson, a McPherson College sophomore and Dick Cochran of the University of Missouri with a distance of 155 feet, 8 and 3/4 inches. The high school platter weighs 3 pounds, 9 ounces while the college discus weighs 4 pounds, 6 ounces.

Funeral services were held at the Federated Church for Mrs. Phillip (Laura May Gilbert) Hackney, 65. She had the honor of becoming the mother of the first set of triplets in Kansas and is survived by eight children. A son, Gerald Hackney, preceded her in death in 1956.

Ray Lohoefer was elected commander of the local American Legion post replacing Ray Adams.

DCHS science teacher Eugene Oshima left last week for Greeley, Colo., where he will join several other Hawaiians from the campus and will fly to Hawaii. It will be his first return home in four years.

Jack Love, a 1948 graduate of DCHS, recently graduated from the American Institute for Foreign Trade in Phoenix, Ariz. He holds a degree in social science from the University of Denver and an MBA from the University of Southern California and will work for the international division of Mead-Johnson and Company.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1982**

More than 550 persons attended

the DCHS Alumni Banquet. Representatives of the oldest graduating class were Guy Morrish and Lula Betts, Class of 1911. Greg Ulery was elected to head the organization for the coming year succeeding John Stanley.

Dr. Gary Fredrickson has received his doctorate of dental medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and plans to open a practice in Oberlin in August of 1982.

Mark Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Olson, rural Herndon, received a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in commencement exercises at Kansas State University and has accepted a position in St. Joseph, Mo.

New Arrivals: Annette and Gregory Overlease, Dresden, son, Nathan Leroy, May 18; Denise and Michael Jones, son, Timothy Jay, May 22.

The DCHS golf team placed ninth in the State golf tournament played at Hutchinson. At the State track meet held at Wichita, Sandy Nichols took second place in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 2 inches and DeDe Parker took fifth in the high hurdles. Doug Horn medaled with a sixth in the boys 1600.

Jennings: The Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Rose, Janet and Kristi, will leave the Jennings-Dresden United Methodist charge to make their home in Lucas where he will serve two churches. His last Sunday will be May 30 and he will be replaced by the Rev. John Boyle.

Cool's Car Care Center offering car-wash facilities, minor car repairs and maintenance as well as two self-service pumps will open June 2 in the former Vickers Service Station building on Highway 36.

## Good Samaritan Center

Memorial Day is a day of remembering, remembering loved ones who have already gone before us. But it is also a day to reflect on how we will be remembered when we, too, meet our eternal destiny.

On Tuesday Susan Nelson brought her young vocal students to perform their solos to a very appreciative audience, followed by Mary Henzel's piano students performing their recital pieces. This is a good example of the community loving us, and sharing their talent with us.

On Thursday the residents planned a surprise bridal shower for me, complete with refreshments and silly shower games. They each gave a gift of advice written on a pink paper heart. This was a wonderful way for them to share their love with me. What a blessing they are in my life!

We hosted two class reunions on Saturday. The Class of '32 met in the Quiet Room. Edla Olson, Ruth Laidig and Eva Bryan all attended. What fun to see their eyes light up in recognition of old friends who made the journey to celebrate their 75th class reunion.

Twenty-two classmates were united in the Angel Lane dining room for the Class Reunion of 1937. Wesley and Elaine Benda hosted the event. Wesley and Elaine, Opal Bryan and Elaine Thomas graduated 70 years ago.

On Monday, 82 flags lined the front porch in honor or in memory of a loved one. We could hear the sound of flags as the wind urged them to tell their story. One cannot help but be moved by the image of freedom signified by the lives of those who served our country.

So many friends stopped by to visit this weekend, making it an extra-special time of remembering.

Recent guests: Ethel Nemeth - Shelby Hackney, Betty Heisel, Helen Brooks; Thelma Spiers - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; Roberta Urban - Sylvia

Wachendorfer of Selden, Faye and John Unger of Stratton, Neb., Harry and Mary Deep of Trenton, Neb., Larry Brooks of Indianola, Neb., Donna Mae Frandsen, John Urban of Colby, Lori Moore of Levant, Kathy Riepl; Dorothy Hunt - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Mildred Black; Opal Bryan - Kari and Jeanne Britton of Thornton, Colo., Sharon Slabaugh; Jeanette Conway - Daisy Rhein; Kathryn Post - Karen Klocker of Northglenn, Colo., Luanne Henthorn of Duraham, N.C., Lori Haynes of Thornton, Colo.; Dorothy Bryan - Carol and John Barrett; Elaine Thomas - Bob and Mary Brown of Omaha, Bob and Ronda Haskins of Broomfield, Colo.; Edla Olson - Bernie Frel; Ruth Laidig - Ernie and Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb., Glenva Nichols; Doris Marintzer - Bud and Vicky Mumm of Gem, Gary Escher of Topeka, Eunice Braxmeyer of Atwood, Tammy Loker of Parks, Neb., Dorothy and George Riley of Salina; Earl Brown - Bob and Mary Brown of Omaha; Fern Anderson - Eileen Hayward Armstrong of Houston; Helen Marintzer - Gary Escher of Topeka; Hazel Flaska - Myrna Lacina of Westminster, Colo., Gerald and Charlene Karnes of Salina, Don Karnes of Littleton, Colo.; Harlan Geishler - Jamie, Mercedes, Wesley, Monika, Maria and Jimmy Jr. Geishler, Cori and Calasita Isbell; Mae Guy - John and Patty Guy of Sidney, Neb., Deanna Hanschild, Norma Richards; Ruby Wennihan - Nikki Amlong and Wyatt of Pfifer, Becky Alstrom, Deanna Hanschild, Norma Richards; Swede Unger - Jon and Carol Peters of Boring, Ore.; Loren Escher - Gary Escher of Topeka.

Among other visitors were Johnnie and Christina Richards, and Linda Tomasch, Olathe.

Remember to give away some love today

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

The sixth annual Museum Summerfest Car Show is this weekend!

Friday is the Cruise-In from 7 to 9 p.m. in front of the Museum office. Besides the viewing of the cars, the board and staff will be serving hot dogs and sodas. KFNF Radio will be broadcasting live and prizes will be given.

Saturday events begin with a free-will donation pancake and ham breakfast. Serving times are from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Bohemian Hall.

Some of the all-day activities are the Show and Shine, 50/50 raffle, vendors, and new this year is the Car Slug. The Car Slug will allow you to take out your frustrations! An old demo car will be set in front of Decatur County Implement with sledge hammers for you to beat away.

There is another new activity and that is the Car Blow-Up. Another old car will be on display for the day with chances being sold as to how long it will run before blowing up, when started at about 3:30 p.m.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will present Remote Control Car Races held in the south drive-through of Farmers Bank and Trust. All participants will receive a free drink coupon and the top three winners will get a prize. A drawing for a bicycle given by Cesti Vlastenci Western Fraternal Lodge No. 153 will be held at 4 p.m., but kids must register at Old Czech Country Antiques.

This is just a start to the day's activities so come early and spend the day in downtown Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Dustin and Kendra Pelton, who were married Friday evening at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Keith Reuther and Pastor Roger Alford officiated.

The bride is the former Kendra Anderson, daughter of Gayle Anderson-Carlson and the late Dennis Anderson, and the bridegroom's parents are Lynn and Sue Pelton of Burdett. A reception followed at the 4-H Building in Atwood. The newlyweds will make their home on a farm near Burdett.

The Herndon Covenant Church Sunday School picnic will begin with morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the picnic grounds by the lake in Atwood.

A family picnic was held Sunday at the city park in Oberlin. Those attending were Jean Erickson, Alan and Pat Erickson and Elizabeth, Renell Bell, Morgan and Lauren, and Elizabeth Horney, Colby; Chuck and Tonya Gillespie, Mulvane; Marsha Espenson, Bingham Lake, Minn.; Delbert Erickson and Joan Walker, Atwood; Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe, Chetopa; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Tama Unger, Rexford; Elma Lee Erickson, Andy Hanson, Herndon; John and Fonda Mangino and family, Dallas; and Phil Erickson, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and Tony Henningsen, Oberlin.

Memorial weekend guests of Esther Noren and the Steve Noren family were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina, and Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth.

Jack and Anne Kelley of Clay Center were weekend guests at the Dick Kelley home and attended the alumni banquet.

Gert Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, and Arlene Jennings of New York City came for the alumni banquet. Mrs. Myers is a sister of Elden Anderson.

Weekend guests of Norma Anderson were Lynn Anderson, Austin, Texas, and Carol Fink and Ashley, Wamego. Sunday dinner guests at her home were Lynn Anderson, Gert Myers, Elden and Detta Anderson. Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Vince and Gayle Carlson, and Clay and Jennie Anderson.

The youth of the Herndon Covenant Church enjoyed a horseback and bicycle riding hike on Sunday from the church to Herndon, followed by an overnight camp out.

Evan and Mary Jorm of Lawrence were Monday supper guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Dale and Debbie Withington and girls of Chetopa visited from Thursday to Monday with her parents, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and other relatives.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Lynette Salvo, Tucson, Ariz., was a guest of her parents, Don and Ann Mines, Wednesday through Sunday. Lynette attended her 30th class alumni on Saturday with the class of 1977.

Connie (Mines) Goslar, Mesa, Ariz., and Ron and Nancy (Mines) Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo., were weekend guests of their parents, Elwood and Elaine Mines.

Additional Friday evening guests at the Mines home were Lynette Salvo, Don and Ann Mines, and Harold Richardson, McAllister, Mont.

Duane and Phyllis Berry were Friday and Saturday guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw.

While here they also visited his sister, Eva Bryan, Duane and Carol Witt, and Thelma Spiers.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth returned home Saturday evening after attending the theater produc-

tion of "Wicked" in Denver.

Also attending were students of the Decatur Community High School vocal department.

Stan and Deanie Moore, Conroe, Texas, and Jana Wilson, Tori, Tamara, and Taryn, Newton, were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Jana attended her 20th alumni with the class of 1987 on Saturday.

Harold Miller, Wenatchee, Wash., Max Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz., Lyn and Linda Tomasch, Olathe, Janeil Jensen, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Sunday noon dinner guests of Mildred (Miller) Holmdahl at the Frontier Restaurant. Harold attended his 65th alumni on Saturday with the class of 1942.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Ralph and Norma Unger for an early Memorial Day celebration were Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Pete and Nan Zander, and Duane and Lois Unger, Colby.

Bob and Janice Baer, Topeka, arrived Sunday evening to spend a few days visiting her mother, Evelyn Olson, and other family and friends.

They enjoyed dinner Monday evening with Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson, Kelly Olson, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage.

Allen and Wauneta (Wurm) Jeffus attended her 50th class reunion with the class of 1957 on Saturday. While here they visited friends and relatives including her sister, Wilma May.

Among those also celebrating Decatur Community High School alumni anniversary years were Arthur May, class of 1937; Martin May and Evelyn (Reith) May, class of 1942; Ralph Unger, class of 1962; Edith (Carlson) Tate and Melvin Waterman, class of 1967;

Janice (May) Cundiff, Richard May, and Kent Euhus, class of 1972; Roland May, class of 1977; and Andy May, class of 1992.

Lyndon and Linda Tomasch arrived Friday evening to spend a few days at the John Bremer home and visit family and friends including her uncles, Max and Harold Miller.

High school youth helping Oberlin American Legion members put up flags at the Oberlin cemetery Monday morning at 6 a.m. and take down the flags that afternoon, fold them, and put them away were Cameron and Hunter Nedland, Jessica Bremer, Kassia Bryan, Gabe Moore, and Chenaniah Langness.

Miss Poppy, Joslyn Wade, and poppy girls, Emily Bryan and Mollie and Grace Tate, led by Kassia Bryan and Jessica Bremer, participated in the Memorial Day service at the Oberlin cemetery Monday morning.

## Remote control races planned

The Chamber is looking forward to again hosting the Remote Control Car Races during the Last Indian Raid Museum Car Show on Saturday.

These races will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the south side of Farmers Bank and Trust.

Bring your remote control car and show us your stuff on the special track.

Each entry receives a free drink pass and there will be a drawing for all participants for the special prizes. Please plan to attend the Saturday

## Chamber News

festivities in downtown Oberlin.

The Chamber is also helping to host a coffee hour, sponsored by Smokey Hills Public Television, from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 7. They are hoping to highlight our community and encourage public relations. Plan now to stop by at the

Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center for more information.

The Chamber Board is still trying to staff the office during the morning hours with Tammy Sporn working in the afternoons. If we can be of help, give the office a call at (785) 475-3441.

On May 12, Don, Joan, Keith, Roma, Sydney and Saeger Grafel attended the graduation of Rusty Grafel from Fort Hays State University. Others present were Teryn Grafel, a student at Concordia College, and Egan Grafel of Northern Illinois College.

On Mother's Day, Don and Joan Grafel and Steve and Susan Nelson had dinner with Thelma Spiers at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Later, Ben and Lee Spiers of Winterset, Iowa, and Tom and Patty Egli of Trevo, Iowa, visited and all spent the night at the Don and Joan Grafel home. They all helped Thelma Spiers celebrate her 90th birthday on May 14.

Relatives who attended Katelyn Clark's graduation and reception in Atwood were her uncles, George R., Jayme, Rob, Ron and Dan; aunts, Trudi, Cindy and Karen; cousins, Dana, Bennett, Winston, Margo, Eric and Adam. Others present were Chase Juenemann, Bob and Julie Hafner, Edith Pettera, and "Grandma Jan" and "Grandpa Buford" Clark.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The 14th annual Antique Car and Tractor parade will be held on Sunday on Main Street. There will lots of antiques, and fun and games for the children as well as adults. Bring a lawn chair and plan to spend the day. Come early and stay late.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 25 - Joan Wessel, Leroy and Joan Wessel, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann; May 27 - Tasha Carman, Drew Stevenson, Gary Carman and Jerrie Robinson; May 28 - Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen

Carman, Scott Bruggeman; May 29 - Joe Geisinger, Robert Wessel, Jan Juenemann; May 30 - Dick Stevenson, Devin Spesser, Amy Rogers Hurdle.

On May 17 at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high, Lola Cook took second, and Alfred Albers got low and had the most tens. Other members present included Jeanie Spesser, Helen Karls, Betty James, Leone Porsch, Carol Shaw, Paulie Neff, Anna Albers, Lois Neff and Gail Mumm.