

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1883

Just arrived, another Democrat at the J.R. Riggs home in Garfield Township.

Ed Martin and E.N. Fitch had a lively set-to with gloved fists last Friday afternoon. It made fun for the boys.

All those interested in a cemetery are requested to meet at the Court House for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association.

A prairie fire broke out in some unaccountable way on Robert Rileys place over the creek last Friday but fortunately did very little damage; it burned a part of Peter Johnson's pasture fence. The supposition is that the fire originated from a campfire. Right here let us suggest that campers be careful with their fire and put them out when leaving the camp.

Lyle News: Fred Smith, a nephew of Mr. Miner from Bradford, Illinois, is expected here with two carloads of cattle — yearlings. He will take possession of the Hopkins place

100 YEARS AGO — April 1908

Joseph H. Young has sold his interest in the Young Studio and Oberlin Photograph Co., and will devote his time to selling Reo automobiles.

M.G. Reist of Bassettville Township has just returned home from a visit back in Pennsylvania.

Norcatur Items: Lightning set fire to Pool's elevator Saturday evening, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Traer Items: Charles Thomas and Addie Decker were married last Thursday in Oberlin by D.O. Banta. Oscar Walton and Ruby Thomas were married Friday.

The daily mail route to Bassettville post office has been changed to three times a week.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1933

Local merchants said Saturday's business was the largest in months. The local wheat price is 38 cents a bushel; still too low for the producer

to realize a profit, but better than the 23 cent price 90 days ago.

Mayor W.K. Curry has proclaimed the week beginning April 9th as Clean Up and Paint Up week in Oberlin with all property owners and tenants urged to cooperate in the annual state-wide spring clean-up.

Selden: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church on March 31 for Mrs. Martha Elizabeth (Katy) Wasson, 81. Her husband, Thomas, preceded her in death in 1923 and she is survived by a son, Ira, and four daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Deupree, Mrs. Bruce Moore, Mrs. Victor Anderson, all of Dresden, and Mrs. Roy Carlson of Bloomington, Neb.

Dr. Eber Reeves, defendant in the \$10,000 damage suit brought by Fred New, won the verdict of the jury hearing the trial in district court here last week. The jury deliberated more than 24 hours.

Decatur Dictator News: In an interview with Miss Theresa McKague, an old settler of the Cedar Bluffs area and the donor of the Masonic Temple in Oberlin, we learned that both of her parents came from Ireland and that she lived on a homestead bordering Lake Ontario and attended Canadian schools before coming to Kansas. Her favorite author is Charles Dickens.

The band will have new uniforms when they appear in the contest at Colby. Material for the woolen capes arrived and Miss Harold and several mothers of members volunteered their services working long hours to finish them. The members will have new sweaters and are using the regulation white trousers.

Word from Phillipsburg came that Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shaw were the parents of twin boys born Monday, April 3.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1958

E.W. Coldren, federal weather observer, reports that the month of March just ended was the coldest and wettest on record with the temperature dipping below zero five times.

A tremendous downtown response with donations to start a museum in Decatur County as an archive for the pioneer lore of this county has changed a long-time dream to a reality. A campaign sparked by Ward Claar, Ben Miller and Milton Nitsch to purchase the building lots owned by Redman-Paddock Lumber Company and later by Foster Lumber has raised pledges of over \$25,000. A meeting is scheduled next week to organize and elect officers for the Decatur County Historical Society.

DCHS juniors Charles Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelley, Norcatur, and Howard "Hank" Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benton, also of Norcatur, will attend Boys State in June sponsored by Oberlin American Legion.

John Gallentine, 66, Clayton farmer, announced this week his candidacy for county commissioner, first district, on the Democratic ticket. He will seek the post currently held by Howard Benton who has served since 1950 but told the Herald he did not choose to run again at this time.

Funeral services were held at Faith Lutheran Church for Waid Waldo, 85, who came to Decatur County with his parents in 1884 from Quincy, Ill., and lived on the homestead in Logan Township. In 1905 he purchased the elevator in Traer and established the grain and livestock business, now known as Waldo and Anderson.

The DCHS music department under the direction of Lonn Richards and Floyd Chronister came up with its superlative showing in the district music festival with 20 groups and soloists receiving I's.

Jennings: Harley Rife of Long Island has assumed the management of the Foster Lumber Company replacing Jim Hulse who is moving to Grand Island.

Norcatur: Funeral services were held for William Guy Hix, 82, pioneer Norcatur resident. He is survived by his wife, Bessie, and eight children.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Orthmann, daughter, Cindy Rae, March 31.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1983

Only a small percentage of the qualified county electors turned out to vote in the city and school elections held Tuesday. Two Oberlin candidates who conducted write-in campaigns over the weekend, Don Ulrich and John Cook, managed to squeak out a victory to win seats on the city council. David Nichols, who currently serves as councilman, will be vacating that post next month when he is sworn in as mayor. Running unopposed he received a whopping 357 votes.

Acting county engineer Bill Kincaid told the county commissioners he had no good news on the road conditions as crews have been kept off the roads much of the past two weeks as the snows quickly melt on already muddy and sloppy gravel roads.

The fate of Chautauqua Park in southwest Oberlin is in doubt as Oberlin PRIDE members learned at their monthly meeting that neighbors to the proposed park favor a recreation park but oppose a ball diamond as a portion of the complex.

New Arrivals: Donna and Walter Fortin, son, Ryan Walter, March 31; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fortin, son, Corey John, March 22; Dan and Delores Juenemann, Selden, son, Matthew Ryan, April 2, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby; Scott and Carol Hodson, Oberlin, daughter, Maleah Dawn, April 2, at McCook Community Hospital.

In the all-Northwest Kansas League selections in basketball, Brian Moore received honorable mention and DeDe Parker was chosen first team.

John and Pat Lamb visited in Oberlin recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lamb, after returning from a 13-month government assignment on the Palua Islands in the South Pacific where he assisted the newly formed republic in all phases of public safety.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the Alice and Wilfred Wagoner family. Her sister, Agnes Bollig of Collyer, died March 27, as the result of car accident.

On Monday Jason and Ali Topcliff, Joel and Jonah of Tonganoxie visited Galen and Meme Carper. On Wednesday, Charlene Mangus, Steve, Devin and Dani of Kanorado came to visit Galen and Meme Carper.

Devin and Dani entertained the group with their musical talent. Steve, who attends Goodland Voc-Tech, and Galen and Devin went for a tour of BCI.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited over the weekend at the home of Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie at Marion. On Saturday, Colleen Waggoner, Sharon Springs; Chris and Ramona attended a baby shower for Rosa Ward of, Granby, Mo. Colleen was an additional overnight guest

of Tom and Chris Saturday night. En route home on Sunday, Stan and Ramona visited at the home of her sister, Mary Anna Dinkel, Hays.

Brett McKenna and his fiancée, Tracy Weber of Manhattan, and Amy McKenna of Kansas City, Mo., were Easter weekend guests of Mike and Joan McKenna. They all attended the 60th Wedding Anniversary for Joan's parents, Keith and Maxine Sauvage, in Oberlin.

Joan McKenna hosted the Jennings Book Club on March 27. Attendees included Lynn Tacha, Joan Metz, Sue Long, Terri Hanke, Patty Foster, Ruth Chance, Helen Rhodes and Carla Latimer. "The Lay Of The Land" by Richard Ford, was discussed by the group. Joan Metz will host the next meeting on April 28.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the Colonial Steakhouse Restaurant in Oakley for lunch on

March 25. President Helen Rhodes called the meeting to order. Joan Metz read the January minutes and gave the treasurer's report. A thank you gift will be given to Koerperich Bookbinders.

For roll call, Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Violet Foster, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Rhodes and Neoma Tacha gave buffalo facts.

After the meeting, the members stopped at the Buffalo Bill Sculpture. Margie Schoenfeldt opened the cabin for them to see.

Steve McNinch of Western Plains Energy then gave them a tour (complete with red hard hats) of the Ethanol Plant. The April meeting will be in Colby with a visit to Moonlight Gardens.

The Jennings High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 24, at the Community Hall. Registration will begin at 5 p.m.

with the banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, door prizes, fun and a wonderful buffet meal. After the banquet there will be Karaoke and a dance on Main Street. Registration forms will be in the mail soon to all graduates of Jennings High School.

Everyone is invited Tuesday evening, April 8, at the Sunflower Senior Center to hear music played by the "Golden Strings" Band from Hoxie. There will be a potluck at 6 p.m. with entertainment following.

Because we were unable to reach United Methodist Women Marguerite Curry, Connecting Links for a program on Wednesday April 2, we will instead be meeting at the church study at 2 p.m. The group will be cleaning the study.

Controlled burning within the Jennings City limits will be permitted through April 14.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Elma Lee Erickson, and Don and Em Threlkel attended the high school graduation of Kaylee Moyer at Simla, Colo., on Saturday and the Hawaiian luau and dance which honored her later at the Living Springs Ranch. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Becky (Tally) Moyer. The group returned home Sunday.

Barbara Olson spent the weekend in Manhattan, where she was a guest of her son, Kurt, for Mothers Weekend at Farm House Fraternity. She also visited Sarah Olson.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home last week after spending two months in the Brownsville, Texas area.

En route home they visited their daughter and family, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe in Chetopa and they all enjoyed a trip to Branson, Mo.

Annette Frenzl and Whitney of Salina spent spring break with Bob and Sally Olson.

There will be a board meeting following morning worship services and a sack lunch on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Good Samaritan News

We had a memorial service for Hazel Flaska last Monday morning. Family and residents filled the room to say farewell to Hazel, who had lived at the Good Sam for nine years. She will be greatly missed.

Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Salida, Colo.; Don Karnes, Littleton, Colo.; Steven and Becky Karnes, Wamego; Charles and Clela Morgan, Brighton, Colo.; Nancy Karnes, Red Deer, Alberta Canada, came for the memorial service.

On Saturday, we again gathered to say good-bye to another Hazel. Hazel Kilbourne had only been with us a short time, but she had quickly become part of the family.

Linda Hollowell, certified nurse aide, spends much of her days singing to the ones she cares for and often will share their "special song" during their memorials. This week she sang, "Highway to Heaven" and "We're Going to See the King." Both songs so appropriate, Thank you, Linda.

On Tuesday, the Decatur Professional Women's Club hosted the monthly birthday party. We had four honorees: Ethel Nemeth, Eleanore Demmer, Mary Lemman and Loren Escher.

On Wednesday, our new group, the Golden Ringers, met for the second time. This group of ladies will be performing a type of movement/dance at our first Family Potluck on Friday. Ladies who are part of this group are: Amy Rehm, Ruth Laidig, Eva Bryan, Kathryn Post, Dorothy Hunt, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller and Emma Sanford. Later in the afternoon, the St. John's Bell Ringing Kids came to share their talent

with us. The residents always look forward to the children coming and wait anxiously for their arrival.

On Thursday, the Star Valley 4-H kids performed for us. They offered music in voice, piano and saxophone plus two skits, that were written by the kids.

On Friday, we continued our focus on wellness circling around the square a couple of times in parade fashion during our Wellness Walk. Earl Brown, Leo Mootty, Dorothy Pryor, Emma Sanford, Opal Bryan and Amy Rehm took part.

Visitors were: Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for David McGee and Hubert Mumm. Sharon Slabaugh, Brian and Pam Simonson and Jeanne and Ken Britton (Denver) for Opal Bryan. Ron Snyder (Colby), and Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Bud and Vicky Mumm for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Hubert was also visited by Jim Rogers (Selden). Marian Thornton, Dean and Eloise Thornton for R.D. Thornton. Daisy Rhein for Jeanette Conway. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler and Eileen Laird. Judy Easton (Quinter), Madison, Cody and Joan Killen (Dade City, Fla.) for Mae Guy. Lindsey, Amy Lynn and Jorge Randolph for Amy Rehm. Hanna Brooks (Norton) and Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) for Faye Miller and Emma Sanford. Phyllis Klich (Denver) and Eloise Smith for Eulaine Benda. Shelby Hackney, Darci and Faith Meitl, Laysa Medina, Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, and Sharon Black for Ethel Nemeth. Linda and Joanna Smith for Dorothy Pryor.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter, Lincoln, on the birth of their first child, Ethan Andrew, born Monday, March 24. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Elwood and Jeanie May, and maternal great-grandparents are Wilma May Oberlin, and the late Elbert May, Stella Casey, Ellinwood, and the late Sam Casey. Elwood returned home Wednesday from Lincoln and Jeanie returned home Friday after making the acquaintance of their new grandson.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields left Tuesday for San Francisco, Calif., where Gaylord attended a U.S. Ag Bank meeting. On Friday, they were visited by Forrest and Pat Junod of Sacramento, Calif., who were also in town visiting their children, Andrew and Ann. That evening they were all guests of Andrew and Betty Junod at their home in San Francisco and were joined there by

Scott and Ann (Junod) Boyd of Los Angeles. The Shieldses returned home on Saturday.

Jessica Bremer qualified to compete in the upcoming State Speech Championships by placing second in finals in Extemporaneous speaking at the Smith Center high school speech meet Thursday afternoon. Hunter Nedland placed fourth in finals in Extemporaneous speaking, and Jessica also placed fourth in finals in her prose reading.

Zach and Hannah May, Elizabeth and Hunter Nedland, and Ryan May participated in 4-H judging contests held Saturday on the Fort Hays State University Campus. Also attending were Roland and Pam May and Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica visited Sunday evening with Ginny Schneider, Walla Walla, Wash., and Ann Carstensen, Tigard, Ore., who are spending a few days in Oberlin visiting their aunt, Henrietta Bremer.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Community has several great activities planned for the weekend.

Friday evening will be the annual Golden Plains Junior Class Carnival from 7 to 10 p.m. at the school in Rexford. There will be games and prizes for all ages to enjoy. The adults enjoy playing bingo while the younger ones play carnival games. A cake walk, duck pond, basketball, face painting, plinko, ring toss and a football toss are some of the booths being set up. Junior sponsors are Sheri Jacobs and Jeri Jacobs.

Then on Sunday, the music group, Simple Grace, will be sharing their ministry at Rexford Community Church at 10:30 a.m. Simple Grace features the full-time ministry of the Jim Hitch Family from rural Martell, Neb. The flyer states that Jim and Kathy, and their eight children offer a variety of Christian music, including selections from bluegrass, traditional, gospel, folk and original pieces. Their performances include guitars, fiddles, banjo, mandolin,

piano, harmonicas, dobro and other miscellaneous instruments, in an inspirational and uplifting program which ministers across denominational lines. There will be a carry-in dinner after the service/program.

Kenneth and Teena Johnston celebrated an anniversary Sunday. Birthday celebrants this week include Frances McIntyre, April 1; Margaret Arasmith, April 2; Joan Dingwerth, April 7; and Darrel and Marjorie Leh both have a birthday April 9.

The City of Rexford will hold a city wide clean-up day on Friday, April 11.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Study; and 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Larue Purcell. Come on Down Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. for Koffee Klatch. Bingo is the second Saturday, 7 p.m., of each month.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 4 - Kalena Zodrow, Donna Wessl Irwin, Ben Albers. April 5 - Dick Pauls, Gloria Walker. April 6 - Dennis Urban, Fred and Theda McKee. April 7 - Rebecca Wilson. April 8 - Devinn Ritter, Clarence and Dagmar Becker, Raymie Mahana. April 9 - Scotty Hunziker. April 10 - Joe and Carol Lobato.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Lois Neff got low and Shirley Emigh had the most tens. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Helen Karls, Betty James, Alfred Albers, Leone Porsch, Ann Hazlitt, and Paulie Neff.

Internet tonight.

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Chamber Ambassadors offer help

Hope everyone has had a great week so far. Well, officially it's spring (just ask my allergies) but winter still won't quite let go. Oh well — it is what it is.

As I said last week, the museum had their official opening planned for Tuesday, with a coffee hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I could spend an afternoon there and not see it all. It's great.

If you did attend, you got to meet a few of the "Chamber Ambassadors." And who are they, you ask? Well, these are some of the wonderful ladies who volunteer to watch the Chamber office, answer the phone and answer questions when I'm out of the office.

Those women have agreed to be a little more than that. They are going to represent the Chamber, so you will see them at ribbon cuttings, coffee hours and events to meet, greet and mingle. Since they have lived here all their lives, or at least a lot longer than I have, they know the community well.

Interested? Give me a call at the office. Oh, you notice I haven't given you their names. Well, like I said, if you went to the Museum coffee hour you had the privilege of meeting them. They will be at the open house coffee hour at Home Planning in May. I'm sure you know most, if not all, of them.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

The Golden Age Center is having a taco-and-dessert fund raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 11. This will be a good time to go out and meet some friends, have dinner and

it's all for a good cause.

So until next week, have a great week. I'll see you on the sidewalks.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Dwight and Teresa Wood and Veda Wood visited with Aunt Alta Van Gundy on March 19, at "Perkin's Pavillion," part of the Good Samaritan complex in Hastings, Neb. The family is planning to bring her closer to home. Dwight is using a walker but will be getting around better soon.

Kathy Van Meter attended a baby shower on March 15, for Danielle Jeardoe at Glen Elder, at the home of Tim Nejdil.

The Magers family had a big party for Margaret "Toots" Magers in honor of her 90th birthday. They met, visited and ate at the Lyle community building, then had an open house in the afternoon.

June Jolly went to McCook on

Monday, sewed at Lyle on Tuesday, went to KT club on Thursday, Senior Citizens on Friday, the open house on Saturday, and was out bright and early on Sunday to set up for the pancake breakfast. She was also busy on Wednesday.

Gary, Cathy and Keith Anthony were at the open house, Easter service and breakfast. Keith plans to go to the wedding of his granddaughter, Shauna, in Texas. Gary's daughter, Windy and children came to the Easter breakfast.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts returned from another Mexico trip in time for Jim to preach on Easter Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lee Arnold. He will be missed.