



THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1883

J.W. Marshall has built a neat addition on the north side of his jewelry store which will be used as a picture gallery.

John Morrison showed us a three dollar coin of 1878 recently. We do not know if this is a curiosity but being the first we had ever seen, we called at the bank and several other places where money is handled and we all agreed it was a rarity.

The fire company will have a meeting at the court house Friday evening at half past seven o'clock for the purpose of completing the organization. All are requested to attend, and don't you forget it.

The northeast part of Sheridan County is receiving some valuable acquisitions in the way of settlers; quite a number of reliable stockmen have located on the North Solomon, near Adel, and are bringing with them large herds of native cattle.

R.O. Kindig has accepted a position in the Oberlin Bank where he will hereafter be found during business hours.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1908

Three hard freezes this week puts the fruit crop out of business completely again this year.

A.D. Litton has fallen heir to the place as school janitor held by C.E. Bayes for the past 15 years.

Doctor Tilden, wife, son and sister, Miss Julia, are in Kansas City this week.

The Stevenson Drug Store has put in one of the finest soda fountains that we have ever seen. Complete in every respect.

From 4 a.m. until evening last Friday was one of the worst wind and dust storms Oberlin has ever experienced.

On Tuesday the Odd Fellows celebrated the 89th anniversary of their order by a big basket dinner at their hall in Oberlin. An afternoon meeting was held at the Christian Church building.

Jennings Items:
Godfrey Tacha finished assessing last week.

Chet Taylor received his appointment as postmaster.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1933

Thursday of last week five state engineers and a member of the fish and game commission were in Oberlin inspecting the proposed lake site on the Chas. Votapka place on the west side of Highway 183 north of Oberlin.

Handel's "Messiah" was a fitting close to Music Week in Oberlin given by the Oberlin Community Chorus assisted by the high school orchestra. Soloists were Ted Addleman, tenor; Mrs. Virgil Parman,

alto; Mr. Vigil Parman, bass and Mrs. Joe Youngblood, Atwood, soprano.

Not since August of 1931 has Decatur County had such soaking rains as those received last week. One farmer said his chains were so rusty he could hardly get them on the wheels. The drivers who took band members to Rexford and were attempting to return home emphasized the need for a graveled highway south of Oberlin and as well as from Jennings north to Highway 36.

Do you happen to have a library book which you are holding because of a big library fine against it? The Oberlin public library located in the high school building is asking you to drop it in the box in the hall any time next week, skip out the door and pay no fine!

Eighteen young men from Decatur County between the ages of 18 and 25 will be selected for the Emergency Conservation Corps for work in the national and state forests and parks. The men will be paid \$30 a month plus food, clothing and shelter and will be expected to allot \$25 a month to family or dependents. Original enrollment is for a period of six months

Sara Cook, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Cook of north of Oberlin, was seriously injured Tuesday evening when she was struck by a car as she was returning from a hike with group of Girl Reserve members. She is unconscious and is receiving treatment from Drs. Frank and Wayne Brewster at Benton Memorial Hospital.

Sam Francis, husky star athlete of Decatur High, captured first in the shot put at the Kansas Relays held at Lawrence with a throw of 53 feet, seven and three-fourth inches. He also took second in the discus with a toss of 120 feet, 6 inches. Brill, star athlete of Norton High, won first place in the broad jump.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Jaderborg, baby girl, Nola Virginia, April 11; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Birdsell, baby girl, April 22.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1958

The cornerstone laying ceremony for the new educational building for the First Methodist Church will be held in conjunction with the Sunday morning service. Dale Young is contractor for the structure which will connect to the southwest part of the original church building and will be used chiefly for classrooms.

Rev. Ray Bressler is pastor of the church and building committee members are Wesley Gaumer, Mrs. Cloyd Railsback, Mrs. M.L. Kyte, Norman Law, Don Jorn, Dwaine Olson, Mrs. Everett McGee and

Duane Vessey.

The spellers of the Leoville Grade School again earned the honors at the county spelling contest. Purple ribbons for eighth graders went to Janet Juenemann, Laura Robben, Carol Jean Fortin and David Bruggeman, all of Leoville; to Ralph Unger and Nancy Mines of Traer; to Janice Hix and Lynn Hix of Norcatur and to Charles Kiefer of Oberlin.

Funeral services were conducted at the Leoville Catholic Church for Larry Meitl, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meitl, who died from injuries received in a fall from a pickup. He is also survived by seven brothers and sisters and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orr and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meitl.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Solko, Herndon, son, Timothy Joseph, April 15; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schroer, Dresden, son, April 22.

Selden: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Victor Anderson, 68, who died from injuries received in an auto accident on US-183 near Ainsley, Neb.

Archie Vernon has accepted a position as head wrestling and B-team football coach at Russell High School. He has taught at Oakley the past seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott have purchased the home of the late Grace Willis at 504 North York.

The Rock Island's local trains 224-225 made their last run through Decatur County last week. The railroad was given the permission to discontinue the local trains from Topeka to Goodland last week and they moved quickly to discontinue

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We want to thank all of you who donated items for our Seventh Annual Rummage and Bake Sale. With your support and the wonderful weather, we had a great turn out.

From the Oberlin Herald May 1958:
"Museum Committee Taking Suggestions for Displays

The Decatur County Museum policy committee, in charge of collecting and displaying the relics of this county's history, began to shape some ideas for the Museum this week.

The committee had its initial meetings last week and this week toured in southwest Nebraska at Hastings and Minden to see how other communities have promoted their past into a present day asset.

Ideas have also started to come

service. The Chicago-Denver Rock Island main line only has one passenger train daily — the deluxe Rocket on the line where there were once eight.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1983

New managers for the Frontier Motel will be Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones of Marshalltown, Iowa. The business is owned by the Pete Chesleys who will be moving to Longmont, Colo., where they own a home and plan to retire.

A long and distinguished legal career will come to an end this week with the official retirement of Wallace Wolfe, an Oberlin attorney for the past 56 years. The biggest change in the practice of law since he came to Oberlin in 1927? "Litigation, more lawsuits," he said, "30 or 40 years ago a whole year could pass with no lawsuits in the county." The thing he won't miss? "Income tax season."

Hospital News: April 21: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Badsky, daughter, Lacey Danielle; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Solko, son, Rodney Lynn.

Graveside services were held at Oberlin Cemetery for Frank Strohwig, 67, who was a resident of the Selden area for many years. He is survived by his wife, Julie, of Englewood, Colo., and a sister, Betty Ellis of Oberlin.

Velma Jeffus has been elected to be county representative to the first Silver Haired Legislature of Kansas which will meet in Topeka this fall.

Funeral services were held for Gertrude Shaw, 100, a Decatur County resident for many years, who died in Riverside, Calif.

from local people. Many of them old-timers who have pioneer relics, which may find a place in the museum.

The Committee has asked that anyone having historical items, and desiring to give them to the museum, should contact a member of the committee with a description and historical background of the item.

Committee members are chairman Virgil McMains, Marvin Meyer, E. W. Coldren, Ira Laidig, Charles Corcoran, Mrs. Mabel Allen, Mrs. C. M. Nelson, and Mrs. Dwight Wenger.

Plans also moved along during the week on the sod house to be built on the historical society grounds. Charley Walton will superintend the building of the soddy."

By Dianne Bremer

Mount Pleasant News

Jennifer Andrews, Perry, Ga., has received an Honors Scholarship from Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Ga, in the amount of \$2500, renewable over four years. The daughter of John and Eunice (May) Andrews and the granddaughter of Wilma May, she will graduate from the Westfield School in May.

Jennifer also placed 6th in the women's singles play at the Georgia Independent School Association Region tennis tournament on April 7 at Dalton College in Albany, Ga.

Elizabeth Nedland received first place in life skills, photography, and entomology judging at the Hays Regional 4-H judging contest March 29.

Area relatives and friends attended a baby shower for Sarah (May) Shaw Sunday afternoon, April 13, at the Sappa Valley Manor in Oberlin. Hostesses were Kasey May and Kelly Black.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended a Washburn University recognition banquet Wednesday evening at the Salina Country Club honoring outstanding Kansas Scholars in Central and Northwest Kansas who will be attending Washburn University this fall as a freshman. Jessica was honored as a recipient of the Richey Scholarship and the Garvey Scholarship. Faculty, student body, and alumni representatives from Washburn University, including the Dean of Admissions and the President of the University, were also present.

Elizabeth Nedland broke her collarbone Friday afternoon while running hurdles at the Junior High track meet in Atwood.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Caitlin Shields, Stuart Euhus, and Stan and Deanie Moore, Montgom-

ery, Texas, attended funeral services for Fritz McCoy at St. John's Lutheran Church in Arapahoe, Neb., on Saturday.

Cameron and Hunter Nedland exhibited photos in the High Plains Art Fest held in Oberlin over the weekend. Hunter received a Juror's Merit Award on his black and white photo entitled "Study in Black and White #9".

Hannah and Zach May participated in the Thomas County Spring Dog Show Saturday in Colby. Hannah and her golden retriever, Sadie, received a purple in the showmanship intermediate division and a blue in the obedience sub-novice

division. Zach and his golden retriever, Mollie, received the grand championship in the showmanship intermediate division and a purple in the obedience sub-novice division.

Pam May on clarinet, Rhonda May on flute, and Joanne Wendelin on trumpet are members of the Oberlin Area Concert Band that performed in concert at the Decatur Community High School Saturday night and the Atwood High School Sunday afternoon.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory hosted an afterglow for members of the Oberlin Area Concert Band and their families after

their performance Saturday night. Guests were Neal and Joy Russell; Kathy Almquist; Ken and Christie Morris; Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth; Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; Elden and Charissa Huff; Pastor Rick and Kim Langness, Sarah, Nehemiah, RuthAnn, and Esther; Sid and Cheryl Metcalf; Darin and Joan Glading, Katie, Matt, and Ben; Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; Mike and Laura Ford; and Donnie and Brooke McCorkle, McCook.

Wayne and Lois Larson were Sunday afternoon guests of Martin and Evelyn May.

Snow, sun, wind; it must be spring

It's been a typical week of spring weather (for Kansas): sunshine, warm breezes, rain, snow — yes, snow — wind, and back to warm weather by the weekend. Something for everyone! And anything but boring.

It was a nice time at the Golden Age Center last Friday night for the fund raiser. Hope you made it out. The taco supper was enjoyed by everyone there. Then the fashion show at the Dresser was a lot of fun. They really have a lot of nice spring and summer apparel. The next thing coming up is the "Cinco de Mayo" fest at Centennial Park from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 5. This should be a lot of fun, although I cannot believe it's going to be May already.

May, where has the year gone? Seems like it should only be February or March. It's just going by way too fast for me. I mean, wasn't it just winter the other day? Didn't we just have a snow storm?

Guess I better learn to enjoy every moment of every day and find something to laugh at every day. The fact that I can't walk and read the paper with out falling down (you had to be there) should do it.

Well, hope your weekend is great.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

Get out and do something fun. Sounds like the weather is going to be wonderful!

Oh, I still have some free movie tickets to give away, so come and get them. That would be a good thing.

See you on the side walk.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will host a spring salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Members are to bring a salad and a guest.

Sunday dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky to honor him on his birthday were Joe and Jan Gutchewsky, and Frankie

Gutchewsky and Dee, Omaha; Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook; Gene and Shirley Zell, Danbury; Richard and Phyllis Xetter, Ravenna, Neb., and Linda Clapp, St. Paul, Neb.

Good Samaritan News

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Spring! We have visited the Rippes' farm to see little lambs, watched our own chicks become chickens and held baby goats brought in by Steve Horn. There is something about the sweet innocence of babies that draws us to them and warms our hearts.

In planning dates for May, I noticed that the majority of special events will be spent with children. We especially enjoy spending time with the kids. They, like the baby animals, have an innocence that draws us to them. Their frolicking and laughter is contagious and brightens our days. They are honest and uninhibited, sometimes say the funniest things. The older ones challenge our thinking, ask pointed questions jogging memories and generating meaningful discussion.

We recently were blessed by the suggestion of our young high school Certified Nurse Aides Jenny and Heather Ploussard who thought the Residents would enjoy playing a Wii. The Aquarius Club agreed and purchased one for us. P.T. and Cindy Shirley then donated a 32" Flat Screen television for us to use with it. We want to extend a hearty thank you to them for their kind generosity! We were able to get it all hooked up on Thursday and several curious Residents gave it a try. We look forward to incorporating it into our regular programming, but also see that it will be a great tool to bring the generations together.

We can learn so much from these

little ones, and we have so much to teach them!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven". Matthew 19:14.

Like Jesus, we say, "Let the little children come!"

The weather was perfect for an outing so, we packed two vans full of hungry residents and headed to the Re-Load for Taco Tuesday! The 11 residents to join us were Dorothy Hunt, Dorothy Byran, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Kathryn Post, Earl Brown, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Emma Sanford and Faye Miller.

Visitors included: Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Ken Mumm and Eleanor Rogers (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Sharon Slabaugh, Brian and Pam Simonsson, and Detta and Elden Anderson for **Opal Bryan**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Marian Thornton, MJ, Chris and Sharee Dempewolf for **R.D. Thornton**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler and Eileen Laird**. Alyce Avery, Mike and Luanne Laird for **Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird**. Beverly Eiler (McCook) and Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Steve and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Detta and Elden Anderson for **Edla Olson** and **Eva Bryan**. Jerry Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. John and Carol Barrett for **Dorothy Bryan**.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Alumni letters have been mailed about reservations to the banquet, which is being held on Saturday, May 24. If you didn't receive one, perhaps your address is not correct in the Alumni mailing list. Reservations and \$15 remittance should be mailed to Linda Wahlmeier, HC 1, Box 20, Jennings, Kan., 67643. Deadline for reservations is May 10.

City water meters will be read Friday evening and finished up on Saturday morning, April 26. City Council will meet Thursday, May 8, instead of May 1.

Loren and Phyllis Harris, Salina, were Friday night guests a week ago of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. They were joined by Imogene Keenan and Janeil Dilling, Goodland, for supper that evening. On Saturday, Lawrence and Lila joined the Harris family for dinner at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings spent from Sunday to Tuesday in Denver with Marcia Casey. They also visited Marlene Hounshell, Andy Hounshell and Emily, Milt Sherwin, Derek Cook and Jackie Standage.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The Lyle group worked on quilts on Tuesday, April 8, and several small quilts were finished. That evening Toots Magers, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter went to Beaver City and ate spaghetti with the Senior Citizens.

On Wednesday, the Liberty Star Club met. Deanna Sumner was hostess. Toots Magers had the program and Kathy Van Meter had the game, Scattergories for our activity. Everyone brought plants and had a plant sale. Now if the weather will be cooperative, we may get them planted. Deanna was going home to

fix supper for turkey hunters.

On April 3, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended the annual meeting and potato bake of the Last Indian Raid Museum at Oberlin. The next day after Senior Citizens, Kathy's son, Tim Niedgl, visited her.

Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Monday, April 7, and played pinochle with the residents.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary Anthony, who is at Hays for surgery.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The city will try for a third time to have the city-wide clean-up day on Friday. The city will pick up branches, tree limbs, yard waste and appliances without freon and other items people are wanting to get rid of. No grass clippings, painted or stained wood or tires will

be picked up.

Frances Pearl "Frankie" McIntyre passed away on Tuesday, April 15, at the age of 94. She will be missed.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

The Decatur County Landfill

Will Offer One Free Dump per family during regular hours from April 28 through May 3. Weekdays are open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 3rd, from 8 a.m. to Noon. The free dump can be used for business or residence but not both.



Limited to five (5) passenger tires.



Refrigerated appliances must have certificate of evacuation or will be charged a \$10 fee.

For more information call: 785-475-8111.

Remember the Free Compost available at the south end of the county shop east of town.

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