

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1883

Decatur: Mr. Randall recently had 13 men setting out hedge on his place.

Several families from Vallonia intend to start for Washington or Oregon soon.

Oberlin is to have a cigar manufactory. A gentleman from the East will establish one here some time this month.

J.H. VanBuren has returned from York County, Neb. He says that a number of people will come from that locality to Decatur County during the summer and fall.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1908

Last snow of the season occurred on Tuesday.

It is reported that Otis L. Benton has purchased a 60-h.p. Haynes automobile that will carry seven passengers and travel 50 miles per hour. It will cost around \$4000.

The Norton high school baseball team came to Oberlin last Friday and won the rubber of a 3-game series between the two teams by a 2-1 score. Earl O'Toole and Henry Bliss were the battery for the Oberlin team; Shimeall and Whipple for Norton. Other players on the Oberlin team were: Kennedy, Ralston, Tilden, Wilder, Waterman, Hale and Flanagan.

Jennings Items:

Mrs. Feely has commenced her new dwelling on main street.

Robert Dunlap and Miss Gladys Small were married April 29th.

Norcat Items:

Carpenters are here from the east to build a new elevator for Jesse Pool. Joe Tolle will build a new livery barn on the site of the old one.

Eicher Bros. have bought D.R. Howey's furniture and undertaking stock of goods.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1933

The proposed state lake mentioned in these columns last week has received approval from Governor Landon according to Francis Barclay, resident engineer in charge of construction on U.S. Highway 183. At present the state is drawing the plan with the view of building a lake of 48 to 50 acres of water.

Funeral services were held for John Grossniklaus who died at the home of his brother,

Edward. The deceased came to Oberlin in the spring of 1886 and worked as a butcher before he and his two brothers bought the farm just south of Oberlin.

Decatur County lost an excellent citizen in the death of Tim Woods who passed away at the ripe old age of 85. He served as county commissioner from 1909 to 1914 and was in the banking, lumber and farming business at Kanona.

Dr. Reeves reports the following births: Mr. and Mrs. John Meitl, a boy on April 3; Mr. and Mrs. Darl Worley, a girl on April 19; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reith, a girl on April 30;

Court House News: George Kleinsorge, Dresden, and Miss Dorothy Dempewolf, Clayton, were granted a license on the 27th.

Local Items: Mr. and Mrs. Richardson: baby boy born Friday, April 28; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cathcart: baby girl born April 27 and named Marian Joy; Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Hulbert: a daughter, Dorothy Jean, on April 29. Mrs. Bertha Reager is the nurse in charge.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1958

Dr. Donald E. McCoy, a physician in Oberlin for the past 10 years, will leave the practice of medicine here to join a group clinic at Glencoe, Minnesota. His family - wife Mary, Judy, 11, Ronnie, 6, Joan, 5, Jan, 4 and Mike, 2 will go to Glencoe after school is out. The McCoy home has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Horney.

With the records of most of Dr. McCoy's patients being transferred to Oberlin Clinic, the decision has been made by Doctors C.M. Nelson and J. H. Coffman to install an appointment system, effective May 5. The system is necessary "to provide better service with the expected increase in patient load." Additional office help will be provided to take care of appointments.

Alvered Metcalf, an Oberlin attorney for 20 years and five times elected Decatur County attorney, will leave this month to accept a position in the Chicago office of the general counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Metcalf will move his family — wife Helen, sons Philip 12 and William 10 — to

Chicago after school is out.

The spotlight is on Bob Vernon at the NWKL track meet at Travis Field in Norton tomorrow. Vernon inched his state discus record up a bit last week with a 170 foot, five inch toss at the Scott City relays despite unfavorable wind conditions. Other likely points may come from Jim Carver in the mile and from Gary Grose in the dashes if his leg is sound as well as in the relays.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morris, son, April 28; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Castle, jr., daughter, Cathy Cae, April 29.

Norcat: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rapp, a son, Benjamin, Thursday, April 24. He has two brothers, Barney and Bill, and a sister, Robin, waiting to welcome him home.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1983

Decatur County commissioners met with Good Samaritan Center administrator Dick Kjelland to get cost estimates for updating at the facility which are required to meet state standards.

More than two inches of rainfall has been recorded in the area in the past week which has delayed spring planting. Decatur County Extension

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Plans are rolling right along! From the Oberlin Herald May 1958:

"The first changes on the grounds to be made since the Decatur County Historical Society bought the former Redman-Paddock Lumber Company property from Foster Lumber two weeks occurred last week.

Bruce Guinn Jr. and other volunteer workmen removed some old buildings from the south side of the lot.

Some other buildings on the property will also be sold at auction May 27. The building auction will be connected with a white elephant sale at which the historical society will sell miscellaneous goods donated for the sale by Decaturans who

would like to further contribute to funds for immediate use on building and ground improvement.

Contributors may leave their sellable goods for the sale at the Foster Lumber Company. Members of the white elephant committee are chairman, Lemoin Landau, Wynn Horney, Dean Fringer, Lee Ploussard, Joe Corcoran, Dennis Campbell and Art Hamilton."

Plans are rolling right along today as we get ready for the Seventh Annual Museum Summerfest Car Show on Saturday, May 31. There also will be a Cruise-In on Friday, May 30, in front of the museum. If you have a classic car or motorcycle, you can pick up registration forms at either Home Planning Center or the museum.

Agent Allen Dinkel reported that it is not uncommon to see water standing in the terraces.

At a meeting of the Decatur County Amusement Authority it was learned that members of the Herndon Lions Club will assist as volunteers during fair week with the operation of a ride. They were welcomed with open arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Guinn have returned from the Philippine Islands and are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Dorothea Guinn and other relatives.

Maynard Wennihan was elected as incoming president of Oberlin Lions and Karen Mathes will head the new Lioness organization.

Better weather brought some faster times at the Oberlin Quadrangular track meet held at Smick Field. DeDe Parker broke the high school 300-meter low hurdle record set by Marsha Miller; Jeremy Dunn broke the freshman mile record set by Paul Shields; Robyn Russell broke the freshman 330-low hurdle record and Terri Harmon broke the freshman long jump record set by Pam Manning.

The DCHS golf team won the Oberlin Invitational and placed second of seven teams at Oakley.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw drove to Sharon Springs Saturday to babysit their great-grandson, Tyce Bollars of Lockbuie, Colo., while his parents Kyle and Lisa Bollars attended a wedding and his grandparents, Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, were golfing in Colorado. Stan and Ramona returned home Sunday evening.

B & H Paving were filling cracks in the streets of Jennings on Monday.

United Methodist Women will be serving lunch at the Harmon auction Saturday. Donated pies would be appreciated. The women will be going to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on May 7 and have their birthday party. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler will furnish cupcakes.

Wayne Cressler was in the Norton Hospital with pneumonia. He came home Sunday.

The tour of Dresden, Clayton and Jennings on Sunday, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, was enjoyed by over 60 people. Refreshments were served at the Sunflower Senior Center afterwards.

A news item which was written by the Jennings correspondent about the N-TV group in the April 9 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* was erroneously moved into the report of the Jennings Heritage Associates by the *Herald* reporter. The correspondent's original item said, "The Mayor and the City governing body of Jennings were not informed of this, so none of them had any part in the filming."

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Monday, April 14, Kathy Van Meter took Margaret "Toots" Magers and Veda Wood to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for a birthday party for April birthdays. They took desserts and had a short program. We had a good time and had a nice visit with R.D. Thornton's sister, Laverne Allmer.

Sewing at Lyle was called off on Tuesday because of lack of participants.

Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood went to Hastings, Neb. to see Alta May Van Gundy and to get her wishes about moving. She says she wants to come to Oberlin, so as soon as red tape is dispensed with, she should be ready.

Dustin Rhodig, who attended grade school in Norcat, visited Veda and Dennis Wood on Thursday. He is suffering from osteoarthritis and is now in Kansas City for

chemotherapy.

While June Jolly was in the process of building a butterfly house for a granddaughter last Friday, April 12, her saw "kicked back" and almost severed the ends of three fingers on her left hand. Toots Magers took her to the doctor, who stitched the injured hand. We are so sorry, and hope you heal quickly, June.

On Wednesday, Rea and Dee Magers came to Toots' house and put new blades on her mower.

Carol Moye, A.J. and Tielia High and Aubrey, and Adrienne Vacura and Kylie visited Veda Wood on Saturday.

We were happy to have Tom Smith, of Oberlin, bring the message at Lyle Church on Sunday.

Gary Anthony was able to be in church, although still not up to par. He goes back to Hays Wednesday for a checkup.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rory Wendelin, Sara Kyte, Hunter Nedland, and Jessica Bremer were among those from Decatur Community High School performing at State Music held at Cloud County Community College in Concordia on Saturday. Rory received a I on her vocal solo, Sara was in the Women's Ensemble and Chante' which both received I ratings, Rory, Hunter, and Jessica were in the Mixed Ensemble that received a I rating, Rory and Jessica were in Singers that received a I rating, and Katie Glading, accompanied by Jessica, received a I on her trombone solo. Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Rhonda May, and Dianne Bremer were among parents attending.

Following State Music in Concordia, Norman and Joanne Wendelin drove to Lincoln, Neb., to watch Ladd perform in "Greater Tuna" at The Loft at the Mill in Haymarket Saturday evening, returning home on Sunday. Tuna refers to Tuna,

Texas.

Ralph and Norma Unger returned home Sunday, April 20, from vacationing at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Joining them while on vacation were her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Pat Mooty, Dallas, Texas.

Connie Olson and Dianne Bremer attended a Pampered Chef bridal shower Sunday afternoon for Kami Diederich at the home of her parents, Rocky and Teresa Diederich and Jori. The hostess was Danielle (Diederich) Leitner.

Relatives gathering at a local restaurant Sunday evening to visit with Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park, were his sister, Wilma May; brother, Eugene and Bette Wurm; Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda; Judy Jordan, Sean and Daniel; David May, McCook; Elwood and Jeanie May; Jerry and Connie Olson; Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage; Dennis Brown and Gisela Fisher.

Good Samaritan News

With the onset of such beautiful weather, our week began with a road trip. Two filled vans headed west on the Creek Road for Traer. Our residents love getting out and watching the earth spring forth.

Riders included Lora Zwickle, R.D. Thornton, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Kathryn Post, Dorothy Pryor and Elaine Thomas. The vans were driven by Anita Hirsch and Jeanette Diederich.

The First Hand Friends came to read for the last time this year. The residents will miss them. We are hoping children of all ages will come to read this summer. The first graders will come one last time on May 13 for a Teddy Bear Picnic. We will look forward to that!

"Golden Ringers" rehearsed on Wednesday. I spoke with a woman this week that thought this was a Bell Ringing group. This is a dance/movement group using 14-inch decorated rings (embroidery hoops donated by Glenva Nichols). When we first began we thought it would just be an exercise group, but as we progressed and began choreography to hymns, the rings began to dance! Perhaps we should change the name to "Holy Hoopers"

"Showers of Blessings" was the theme for the month in honor of our volunteers. On Saturday, we had a brunch in their honor. Several have been helping out for more than 10 years. We served 40, a combination of residents and volunteers. Music was presented by Elizabeth Weidner of Culbertson. She is a new young talent to the Good Sam, and we were so very pleased that she could be with us!

Volunteers who came were Dorothy Alstrom (nail care), Dixie Snyder of Colby (Spook Parade/decorating), Cheryl Miller (piano), Phyllis Metcalf (library), Bill Duncan (devotions), Carol Duncan (current events), Laurene Van Otterloo (1-1 visits), Toots Magers of Lyle, Veda Wood of Norcat and Joyce Sumner of Norton (pinochle/birthday parties), Delores Koeperich (Catholic services), Angie Wilson (piano/ square dancing), Coleen Rippe (1-1's/a little of everything), Larry Smith (Computer), Rosella Meitl (nails and Catholic services),

Gladys Geis (1-1 visits). There were many more who were unable to be here and we want to say thank you all. Residents who helped with the preparations were Lora Zwickle, Faye Miller and Opal Bryan.

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. will be our Mother's Day Hat Parade. Arian Arnold will provide the program.

Tuesday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m., the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Monday, May 26, will be our Third Annual Walkway of Flags. This is a fund raiser for the activ-

ity department. If you would like to have a flag flown in honor or in memory of a loved one just make a donation in any amount and provide Lisa Paulson with the name of the honoree.

Recent visitors were: Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Brian and Pam Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt** and **Lora Zwickle**. Marian Thornton, MJ Dempewolf (Norcat), and Don and Laverne Allmer (Medera, Calif.) for **R.D. Thornton**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**.

Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler, Evelyn Olson** and **Alice Bobbitt**. Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**. Beverly Eiler (McCook) and Barbara Castor and Reta Garver for **Elaine Thomas**. Steve and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Arian Arnold (Herndon), Phyllis Kirk (Palm Desert, Calif.) and Ginny Schneider (Walla Walla, Wash.) for **Edla Olson**. Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. John and Carol Barrett for **Dorothy Bryan**. Norma Richards for **Mae Guy** and **Emma Sanford**.

Lunch honors professional assistants

I want to thank the board members and everyone who did such a wonderful job on the professional assistants' luncheon Wednesday, Doc Franklin for the food (the desserts were unbelievable), Denise Abbey for the great jam and bread, and Mary Long and Trish Henningsen for the gift certificates.

The decorations were fantastic and the touch of spring on all the tables gave it the air of the perfect inside-outside picnic.

I also want to let everyone know there will be several ribbon cuttings on Monday, starting at 9 a.m. at Kelly's Home Medical, in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhance-

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

ment building, and ending up at the grand opening of "Coffee, Tea and Me," Oberlin's new coffee shop. Proprietor Barbara Mullen, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Chamber coffee hour, after which hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the ribbon cuttings and come by and make this a "Grand Opening" for our new business in

Oberlin.

Later that day, there'll be a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration at Centennial Park from 6 to 8 p.m., with food, music and piñatas for the kids. Representatives will have information on what is happening with all the subcommittees of Decatur Tomorrow. Should be a fun and informative evening.

Have a great weekend. See you on the sidewalk.

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