

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1884

John Willcox and family have gone to southeast Kansas.

Joy reigns supreme in the house that Frank Tacha built; a daughter, April 4, 1884.

J.F. Vale has bought the McK-instry ranch.

H.G. Fair and family returned Sunday night after wintering in Republic County.

Richard Heaton's family arrived last Thursday from Freeman, Iowa.

Gaylord is soon to have a woolen mill.

The business at the U.S. Land Office in Oberlin for the month of March included 59 final homestead proofs; 11 cash proofs; 35 homestead entries; 40 pre-emptions and one Soldiers D.S. This shows that the public domain is being fast occupied and that there is room for many more.

Decatur Items: Mrs. Al Metcalf has returned from Maine where she has been spending several weeks; we are informed that she is more than ever charmed with Kansas.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1909

W.O. Hayward bought the crockery store of I.O. Wear Monday and will move his jewelry store over to that side of the street.

O.E. Furman orders his Herald sent to Norcatatur and we presume that will be his home for a time at least.

The finest snow of the season came Monday night.

Bert Bush and family arrived in the city Monday and has taken charge of the railroad station as agent.

We are glad to welcome back our old friend Upton Fringer who has been in the State of Washington for the past year.

The city election Monday brought out a good vote. Here is the list of new officials: C.S. Maddox, mayor; H.Q. Banta, S.A. Fish, H.A. Griffith, W.J. Marvin and J.W. Railsback, councilmen; L.G. Parker, police judge.

Trustee Cornell says Oberlin has the first cement culvert in the county. It was built near the residence of Arthur Nitscher by Redman & Pad-dock assisted by Grant Christy and is guaranteed to last 100 years.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1934

It seems that we have missed our chance for rain again. We can't stand to wait much longer if we are to have a good crop of wheat.

It is estimated that more than 5,500 persons attended the community "Music Week" event with approximately 1,000 people admitted to hear "The Messiah."

Max Brooks and his orchestra will play at the Masonic Temple Saturday night, April 14, admission, 25 cents.

Mrs. Beth Allen is the new proprietor of the lunch room formerly known as "Ma" Anderson's Cook Shack.

Mrs. Allen has been chief cook at the Hotel Oberlin for several years and her ability in the culinary line is unquestioned by those who have been her patrons.

Mrs. Charles Hawkes and Mrs. N.V. Gerhart, representing the Keep Pace Club, drove to Abilene to attend a state meeting of Federated Women's Clubs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ed Beardsley and Mrs. Francis Wilson and son Alan who will visit relatives.

Miss "Tete" McKague was quite thrilled the other day when she visited old school district No. 11. She accompanied Miss Aronson and was a spectator at the "play day" at the school. She found many new ideas introduced into the school system since she taught there years ago. Jessie Lincoln is the teacher there this year. They also visited District 86, where Sarah Kennedy teaches and found a "play day" going on there, too.

The JCC Club observed "Guest Evening" in the banquet room of the Hotel Oberlin April 10.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1959

Former councilman Don Fredrickson was elected mayor of Oberlin in the Oberlin city elections Tuesday as six of seven Citizens' Party candidates, led by top vote-getter Ray Lohofener, won office. Councilmen will be Lohofener, John Bremer, Howard Banta, Dale Brockhausen, Francis Winkler and Milton Nitsch.

Mary Reeves, Decatur Community High School junior, has been chosen from eight finalists to represent Oberlin on the "United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth" tour sponsored by the Oberlin Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge.

Charles Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelley of Norcatatur, has been awarded a scholarship offered by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago. The scholarship to be used at Kansas State pays \$225 for the freshman year and is renewed with satisfactory work.

Seven Oberlin boys have been recommended to receive State Farmer degrees at the state convention in Manhattan: Bill Machart, Norm Richards, Norbert Zander, Charles Kelley, Roy Unger, Jim Carver and Woodrow Morford.

Arnold Anderson, principal at Paradise Rural High School the past 12 years, recently resigned and has accepted a similar position at Natoma Rural High School. He is a brother of Dutch Anderson of Traer.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1984

Staff members at Oberlin Medical Clinic are doing double time this week as they complete the move into expanded quarters in the Medical Arts Building, 902 W. Columbia.

The \$143,000 addition to the east end of the building, which is less than five years old, is needed to adequately take care of the additional patients being seen by the staff which now comprises four physicians, a physician's assistant and a general surgeon.

The extended wing includes a surgery room for suturing and for minor procedures requiring local anesthetic.

New Arrivals: Diane and Ron Hagen, son, Dustin Charles, April 5, 1984; Karen and Larry Smith, daughter, Theresa Marie, April 6, 1984; Debra and Dave Depperschmidt, Dresden, daughter, Leia Dawn, April 9, 1984.

Golner Nazi Nasser returned home April 1 after a three-month visit with family members in Iran. The wife of the Decatur Community High School science instructor, Ahmad Nasser, she visited her mother in Tehran and her three brothers and a sister before flying to Yzad to be with her mother-in-law. The family moved to Oberlin in 1981 from Colorado where he was doing graduate work in science. They have two sons, Kevin, 16, and Shawn, 13.

Jennings: Jennifer and Julie Juenemann, juniors at Jennings High School, have been chosen by the Jennings American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State in Lawrence this June. They are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Juenemann, route 2, Norton.

Elaina Buckler, staff reporter for the Dictator, won an honorable mention award in feature writing in the annual Kansas Press Women's Youth Writing contest.

Weather has caused the postponement of golf tournaments and track meets in northwest Kansas during April. In the Norton Relays held Saturday, Jim Berkheimer, Decatur Community High School junior, won the high hurdles in a time of 15.73.

Museum News

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We have been open just two weeks and each day we have had guests tour the Museum. Hope this continues throughout the season.

We will be taking your items for the rummage sale until 4 p.m. on Friday. The tables in the hall are getting full but we have plenty of room for more. The only things that we are not able to take are large kitchen appliances and exercise equipment. If you need help getting your items to the museum, you can call 475-2712.

Along with the rummage sale on Saturday, a bake sale will be held in the Land Office just to the south

of the Bohemian Hall. Members are being asked to furnish a baked item for the sale. Proceeds from the rummage and bake sale go to the museum for maintenance and operational expenses.

At the rummage sale this year, we are offering our own "Stimulus" plan. All clothing will be just a quarter apiece. We know with the cost of living that everyone can use a break on necessary things such as clothing.

Remember: Rummage and Bake Sale: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday (Sack Day) noon to 3 p.m.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Voni Sattler and Deanna Williams visited family Wednesday. They stopped at Cedar Living in Oberlin to see Gramma Edie Pettera, Aunt Joan Noble and Wilma Bobinmyer. Voni also visited her Aunt Esther Pennington.

Family gathering at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood for their Easter celebration together were Hattie Toth, Shirley Williams, Janice and Jayme Sattler, and Brian, Mary, Collin Clark, and Buford Clark, Atwood; Kate Clark and Rodney Rippe, Hays; Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb.; Joe, Shannon, Keleigh, Noah, Abraham, Matthew and Anna Irene Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Rob and Isaiah Sattler, Oakley; and Cindy and Ron Sattler, Julie and Bob Hafner, all of Herndon. Bunny, Easter and Brainteaser games were played with Jason guessing the count in the jar of goodies and Noah scoring big with his winnings. Matthew won the prize for eating the most chocolate. Everyone counted their blessings

and thought of their loved ones that could not join the gathering.

Congratulations on the birth of Piper Jay Williams, who was born on Monday, April 6. She is the daughter of Zachary Williams, Ludell.

Rachelle Solko traveled to Ness City to spend Easter weekend with Darla and Mike Lovelady and family. Women of St. Mary's Catholic Church plan on attending the Christian Mother Altar Society meeting, following Mass on Sunday, April 26.

Easter company at the Laverne and Sharon Frick home Sunday were Gwen Gilbert, Vesta Gilbert, Sherrel Adams, Kent Jording, Kyle Frick, Lindsey Dame and Brett, Kristal and Justin Payton and Tyler Sahm, all of McCook; and Lance Jording and Christine Burn of Stratton, Neb. They also celebrated Gwen's 54th birthday.

Janelle Solko from Hays, and RayeAnn Solko and sons, Dalton and Jayden League of Stratton,

Neb., spent Easter with Don and Diana Solko.

Easter dinner guests of Greg and Rita Marintzer and Joe were Justin and Lori Marintzer, Hays, Isaac Marintzer, Colby; Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens and Elijah; Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy, and Gene Kleidosty, all of Herndon.

Easter guests of Brad and Deanna Williams on the farm Sunday were Allen, Patti, Breanna, Brittni and Nicolas Park and Alex Johnson, Hays; Kathy, Sami and Braden Leitner, Atwood; Zachary Williams, Ludell; Voni Sattler and granddaughters, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassi Williams.

Sharon Frick, Gwen Gilbert and Sherrel Adams took their mother Vesta Gilbert out for lunch for her 84th birthday on Monday.

Herndon PRIDE met on Thursday at the Sunflower Villa. Upcoming events include City-Wide Clean-Up day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Herndon City Park and the recent visit from Trudy Rice, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing PRIDE representative. The committee is

beginning to gather information and planning a walking trail at Herndon City Park. Another PRIDE project will be redoing the downtown Christmas decorations.

Herndon PRIDE is one busy group. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14. The group will meet downtown to plant flowers in the barrels.

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz., enjoyed Easter dinner with his mother Edie Pettera on Sunday.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Ben, Sarah and Rachel were Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, Bill, Becca, Bob and Beth.

The Herndon Alumni Association will be celebrating its 90th banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, at St. Mary's Hall. Reservations for the banquet must be made by Friday, May 15, by either calling Geraldine Nemeth (785) 322-5616 or preferably by sending payment to Cheryl Timm, Rt. 1, Box 12A; Ludell, Kan., 67744. Ticket price is \$14 per person. Checks should be made payable to Herndon Alumni Association.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A beautiful rain fell softly on Sunday with one-half to three-quarters of an inch reported. It was a nice Easter Day.

On Sunday, at the Senior Center, there will be a fundraiser for the Red Cross. An offering will be taken for the meal. Mary Sweet, administrator of the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg, will speak about the town's tornado experience and offer suggestions for disaster preparations. Diana Hanchett, Phillips County Red Cross branch manager, will give a short presentation on the group.

Graveside inurnment services for Bill Tacha will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Jennings Cemetery. Following the service, a coffee will be held at the Czech Museum.

Joan McKenna attended a bridal shower for Tracey Weber in Claffin. Tracey Weber and Brett McKenna will be wed on Saturday, April 25. Mike and Joan McKenna entertained Brett and Tracey and her parents, Roy and Susan Weber, for dinner that evening at the micro-brewery in Beaver.

Mike McKenna represented the Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board at the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Organizations conference in New Orleans. Joan McKenna accompanied him. On their return to Kansas City, they were met by Amy McKenna-Osborn and Dwight

and Jean Lynch for dinner before returning home to Jennings.

Stan and Ramona Shaw drove to Neosho, Mo., over the weekend to help celebrate the first birthday of their great-grandson, Noah Wagoner, son of Rosa Ward and Brandon Wagoner. Additional guests were Noah's grandparents, Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs. On Saturday afternoon about 50 family members and friends gathered to honor Noah with a birthday party.

Lila Jennings hosted the Jennings Book Club. The group reviewed was "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. Those attending included: Kathy Nauer, Joan McKenna, Sue Long, Patty Foster, Julie Carter, Kay Brown, Lynn Tacha, Ruth Chance, Helen Rhodes and Mary Vanover. The book for April is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak.

Jennings alumni who have a change of address for the alumni paper should send it to Linda Wahlmeier, 2763 F Lane, Jennings, Kan., 67643.

On Saturday, the Jennings United Methodist Church will be hosting a Kansas West Hays District Disaster Response training session from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

City water meters will be read on Monday. Please post your reading on the door if your meter is inside your home.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Martin and Evelyn May accompanied Marvin May to Blue Springs, Neb., last Wednesday. They attended the funeral of Perry Miller at the Mission Creek Church, southeast of Blue Springs, on Thursday and returned home after the funeral. Perry's wife, Lela, is Evelyn's first cousin.

Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace were Wednesday evening guests of John and Edith Tate for dinner and birthday cake and helped Dakota celebrate his 12th birthday.

Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Zane and Gladys Geis, Wayne and Lois Larson, Tom Wasson and Monica Larson, and Kathy Almquist enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Craig and Karen Larson.

Heather Waterman, Alexandra, Corbin, and Kaden, Melvin Waterman, Terry Lippelmann, Scott and Kristi Waterman, and Kristi's daughter Karen, son Levi, and friend Paul were Easter dinner guests of David and Karen Eskew and Donna Eskew.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, and Norbert Zander were Easter dinner guests of Ralph and Norma Unger.

Easter dinner guests of Jerry and

Connie Olson were David May, McCook; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson, Hays; Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage.

Richard May, Lawrence; Walter and Betty May, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Hunter and Elizabeth, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and Lois Bryant enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah.

Easter dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, Stuart Euhus and Dorothy Moore.

Martin and Evelyn May were Easter dinner guests of Greg and Janice Cundiff.

John and Edith Tate were Easter dinner guests of Lois Carlson.

Easter dinner guests of Arthur and Alice May were John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby, were Saturday afternoon dinner guests at the home of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica for an early family Easter dinner.

Jessica Bremer accompanied Mollie Coleman home Friday evening where they spent Easter weekend with the John Bremer and Mike Coleman families. The girls returned to Topeka Sunday afternoon.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

There will be no services at the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday. Instead, the congregation will attend the services at 9:30 a.m. and installation service of the new pastors, Chris and Sharon Nelson, at the Oberlin Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent Easter weekend with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica in Fredricksburg, Colo. They attended the jump rope competition on Saturday, in which Kendra earned a ribbon for placing eighth.

Sherry Bergling and her sisters, Vernetta Leikam and daughter of Denver; and Ferma Dreher and Leila Wasinger of Hays, returned home Friday from a two-week vacation trip to Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eppinger of Ellinwood were Easter weekend

guests of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bergling.

Easter dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and Jimmy, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Ad-dyale and Hayden, McCook; and Dale Allacher, Herndon.

Among those who enjoyed Easter dinner at the American Legion in Oberlin were Kurt Olson and Bret Hannon, Manhattan; Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda, Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, and Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Tim and Sandra Craig and Jason of Fort Collins, Colo., had lunch on Friday with Steve and Arian Arnold. Edla Olson was a Saturday dinner guest at their home.



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