

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1884

Gardening is the order of the day.

Last week "The Lenora Leader" came out in a brand new dress.

Frank Caley makes final proof on his claim Saturday and goes to Washington County, Kansas, where he will work this summer.

Geo. Colby, L.C. Morrison, I.O. Wear, John Morrison and F.A. Hunt are fencing their residence lots in the west part of town.

At the Republican county convention Saturday A.L. Patchin and George Colby were elected delegates to the congressional convention at Downs and W.D. Street was elected delegate to the state convention at Topeka.

Oberlin has organized a baseball club and will play any club in the county. Challenges are in order. The team is made up of the following: Jeter Mackey, catcher; Randolph Moulton, pitcher; Mont Chapin, 1st base; C.F. Maddox, 2nd base; G.F. Bogue, 3rd base; F.L. Henshaw, shortstop; Ira Wear, backstop; Clarence Patchin, left field; John Ross, center field; Jake Riley, right field.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1909

Carlson the tinner is again at work for Marvin.

Ray Hitchcock is the new typo at the Eye office.

Harry Johnson is now the owner of the Driskell barber shop.

Hommer Wolfe left last week for their new home at Canton, South Dakota.

The stakes have been driven for the Episcopal Church which it is said W.A. Smith will build for the society.

H.Q. Banta informs us that he will begin active operations on the rebuilding of the mill next week.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1934

Wind and dust which started blowing here early yesterday morning failed to daunt the spirit of several hundred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs as they gathered here for the anniversary celebration of the Northwest Kansas Association. By noon nearly 500 members of the IOOF and Rebekah order were in

the city with more expected.

Motivated somewhat by the leveling off of the football gridiron at the Smick Athletic Field by the CWA workers, the Decatur High School boys are now ambitiously engaged in sodding the entire playing field.

With the sodding completed the Decatur football team will have one of the finest gridirons in the league, lacking only the floodlights to permit night games and larger crowds.

Richard Bowles received one of the three highly superior ratings given in the Western Kansas high school music contest at Hays. Five additional ratings were awarded to Oberlin high school students: Dean Blickenstaff, superior, clarinet; Loraine Harger, very good, piano solo; Elva Cox, very good, cello solo; Norton Kessler, very good, saxophone; Robert Redman, very good, trumpet.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1959

The Service Pipeline pump station located a mile south of Herndon is expected to be completed some time next week. The station, a booster on the Fort Laramie, Wyo., to Freeman, Mo., pipeline will be run by telemeter from Wyoming and will require no staff. However, Roy Beall of Herndon will be in charge of maintenance.

Open house will be held May 1 for the relatively new \$180,000 Co-op elevator.

Senior Mary Reeves turned in an outstanding individual performance in the finals of the state drama and speech festival in Hays recently, capturing top ratings in both the reading and extemporaneous speaking categories.

Another of Oberlin's older residents was laid to rest yesterday, Harry Bates, 91. Moving here from Dresden in 1901 he opened a dray and express delivery service which he continued for more than half a century.

Always ardent sports fan, Mr. and Mrs. Bates seldom missed an athletic event. When other fans found weather a bit too threatening to go out, these two elderly fans

were usually on the sidelines or in the bleachers.

Announcement of more changes in staff at DCHS for the coming year: Sheila Nation, vocal instructor, will teach at Scott City; Mrs. Verle Walker, secretary, will transfer to the grade school; others not returning: Mrs. Elizabeth Funderburke, Mrs. Boyd Huff, Lloyd Moody, Bob Rumble, Mrs. Phil Nemeth and Supt. Harry Mahon.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1968

Since the wheat crop remains in such poor condition and any spring growth has been stymied by the continuing cold, wet weather farmers are looking to numerous alternative crops.

Norcat: Citizens State Bank will observe its 75th anniversary with an open house Saturday, April 28 from 2-4. The occasion will enable area residents to tour the bank's expanded facility which has undergone extensive remodeling.

New Arrivals: Wanda and LeRoy Spesser, Selden, daughter, Danielle Nicole, April 17, 1984; Janice and Randy Walters, Oberlin, daughter, Timmarie Lin, April 22, 1984.

Vows were solemnized at United Church of Oberlin March 10, 1984, by Debbie Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Erickson, Rex-

ford, and Dale Withington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Withington, Atwood. The Rev. Tom Garretson officiated.

Oberlin BPW members honored Marjorie Nemeth as "Woman of the Year" at a tea held Monday evening at the parlor of the United Church of Oberlin. Janet Myers, director of nursing education at Decatur County Hospital, was named "Young Careerist."

"Project Mail Bag," a recreation of the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Route, to commemorate the 125th anniversary will include Decatur County.

Riders from Dusty Britches 4-H Club will take the mailbag from Station 16, which is located in Olive Township on property now owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves, across the northern part of the county to Station 17 near Ludell.

Begun in 1859, the goal was to make the trip by stagecoach from Leavenworth to Denver in seven days or less but the first trip actually took 20 days.

Mrs. Jim (Jan) Bricker has been promoted to cashier at Decatur County National Bank. Directors of the bank are Steve Locke, Ray Lohofener, Fred Helmkamp, Loyd Moore, Stuart Euhus and Ward Sauvage, chairman of the board.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the month of April already coming to an end, we have seen a lot of activity at the Museum: grand opening of the 2009 season on April 1, along with hosting the Oberlin Business Alliance Coffee Hour, annual meeting, rummage and bake sale, the Ufford Quilt fabric sale and the Bohemian Lodge meeting.

The month of May is already looking at a host of events. On Saturday, the hall is rented for a wedding anniversary party, Teens for Christ is using the hall May 10, a graduation party for the next weekend, the 50th Class reunion is scheduled over the Alumni and Memorial weekend, and the last Saturday will

be a 90th birthday party.

So as you can see we are a busy place. If you are planning a party or get-together and need a place to hold it, contact us at 475-2712.

The Museum has another area that can be used for small group meetings. Our newly renovated Parlor that was the former office space can be rented for organizational or club meetings. The museum is the place to be for your upcoming activities.

With Memorial and Alumni weekend less than a month away, be sure to make time to tour the Museum with family and friends.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Wurm who passed away on Wednesday.

We received a donation of several beautiful lap robes from the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church of rural McCook. The robes were delivered by Ruth Ann Hackenkamp.

Jodie Wenger hosted a birthday party for Fern Wenger in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon. Residents and guests enjoyed birthday cake and coffee.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Dale Butler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

The Eastern Star hosted the April birthday party in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon. Club members served refreshments and gave a gift to each of the residents celebrating a birthday. Those being honored with April birthdays were Lloyd Beneda, Fern Wenger, and Leroy Wessel. The Chanté group from Decatur Community High School provided the musical entertainment.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus led the Bible study

group before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, and Delores Wheeler.

The baking group used the bread machines to bake a couple of loaves of fresh bread for Friday afternoon. It smelled delicious while it was baking and it tasted even better.

Leroy Wessel was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by his family on Saturday afternoon on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Mildred Welter, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Chris Wood, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; John Wessel, Carbondale; Bob Wessel, Mary Kerr, Grainfield; Dot and Sam Graham, Wakeeney; Charles and Kathy Wessel, Scott City; Rebecca Surmeier, Emporia; Elizabeth, Barb and Brianna Wessel, Oakley; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden.

Phyllis Screen, Dorothy Moore, Max and Veanna Carman, Marilyn Gamblin, Elmo and Margaret Lund, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

A Working Man's Church brought their congregation to worship on Sunday morning. Twenty residents came to enjoy a full service and to fellowship with others from the community. It is our hope that other churches would come too, allowing residents to worship with their own home church family. A Working's Man Church will have services every third Sunday at 9:30 a.m., if you would like to join us.

We're looking forward to adding Herndon Covenant Church to our summer morning services and those dates will be announced as soon as they are available.

We would like to thank all the church pastors for their turn in bringing the Good News of Christ to us each Sunday afternoon. It is a valued ministry we look forward to every week.

Being a Christian Community of Care, much of our programming centers on faith based activities. We have Bible study two times a week — Wednesdays with Mert McEvoy who is just finishing Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life study. On Thursdays Lisa Paulson has just begun a study with the ladies on Heaven. On both days, the Quiet Room is filled to capacity with our regular attendees: Lora Zwickle, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Edla Olson, Leona Helmkamp, Eva Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway, Violet Schissler, Kathryn Post, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Myrtle Ross and Leone Porsch.

This week, in keeping with our garden theme for the month, we planted a fun "Spiritual Garden." In it we planted Yams (I yam a believer, I yam faithful...), Peas (patience, prayer, perseverance...), Turnips (turnip for church, turnip for choir, turnip for potluck...), Lettuce (lettuce be kind, lettuce be holy...), and Squash (squash gossip, squash bitterness, squash lying...). It was fun and got us thinking!

Our Art Gallery has some new pieces. These bold, colorful pictures were inspired by Russian "abstract" artist Vassily Kandinsky's famous "Squares with Concentric Circles" painting. He was exploring the effects of placing different colors side by side. He wanted to find out which colors stand out and which ones blend together, and how to balance different colors to create a bright attractive picture.

We created our version of "Circles" using oil pastel crayons and watercolor paint. The oil pastels "resist" the paint allowing the bright colors to show through creating colorful contrasts. Artists were Amy Rehm, Lora Zwickle, Myrtle Ross, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson and Faye Miller.

We took advantage of the beautiful weather and played Hillbilly Horseshoes out on the patio. Shirley Hayward was this week's winner.

More time was spent outdoors on Friday as we watched Becky Ayers' preschool kids plant petunias in our patio pots! Children are always a bright spot in our days! We thanked them with hugs and ice cream cones.

Visitors were Ken Mumm (Selden), Clem Mumm (Colby), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Anogene Rogers and Delores Raile (Hoxie), Eleanor Rogers (Selden) for Hubert Mumm, Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt, Ardis Coppel and Sherrel Adams (McCook), Betty and Macy Butter and Don Lemman (Arapahoe, Neb.), Dan and Cathy Winder (Kearney, Neb.) and Marcia Lemman for Mary Lemman, Ralph Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Daisy and Rhein for Jeanette Conway, Jerome, Debbie and Joshua Escher (McCook), Jeremy and Danae Escher and Tausha and Asher Escher (Lincoln, Neb.) for Loren Escher, Gail and Kay Marcuson for John Ready, Carol Duncan and Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The community of Herndon welcomes Karen Yarian to the big city. Karen moved from Grand Junction, Colo., a month ago with her horse, First Rate Frosty; a cat, Spur and dog, Bodacious, named after the undefeated rodeo bull, to keep her company. She has two daughters with family, one living in Grand Junction and the other in Burlington, Colo. A sister, Janet lives in Oberlin, and another sister is looking for property in the area to be closer. Karen loves Herndon and comments on how friendly the people are. She is looking forward to a more relaxing life but only after she catches up with indoor and outdoor projects. Welcome Karen!

Liane Martin and Theresa Rippe treated Sharon Ecker to lunch and a fun day last Wednesday to celebrate her 'Big' birthday.

Doris Marintzer, a resident of Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, celebrated in Herndon this week for her 85th birthday on Wednesday, April 22, with family and friends.

Those attending on Saturday for pizza and birthday cake and ice cream on the Marintzer farm with Doris were; Damian Marintzer, Westminster, Colo.; John Marintzer, Northglenn, Colo.; Luke Marintzer, Hill City; Connie Walker, Porter, Texas; Becky and Stan Faimon, Muriel, and Heather and friend, Michael, Stratton, Neb.; Vicky and Bud Mumm, Gem; Anita Mumm, Denver; Greg Mumm, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Lydia and Steve Bryan, Arvada, Colo.; Chris Halling, Thornton, Colo.; Cork Riener and friend, Jacque and her daughter, Kayla; John and Keri Riener, Atwood; Jim and Amy Riener, Phillipsburg; Daniel Riener, Manhattan; Jeff Riener, Salina; Jessica Riener, Laverne Niemeth, Francis Janousek, Sam Solko, Del Solko, Ken Solko and Alan Solko, all of Herndon; Jane Waterman, Atwood, and Mark Pennington, Arvada, Colo.

The Christian Mother's Altar Society held its April meeting after mass on Sunday. Ten members attended with Father Dan thanking the women. President Eileen Unger opened the meeting with a prayer. Two window air conditioners will be installed at St. Mary's Hall and plans for serving the alumni banquet were finalized. First Communion,

Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation breakfasts were discussed. The next meeting will be held Sept. 27 with the St. Mary's parish bazaar, Nov. 15, at the top of the agenda.

Joan Noble surprised her sister, Esther Pennington, Friday morning with a visit. Esther celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday, April 27, with family visiting, many beautiful cards and phone calls all week.

Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays, spent the weekend helping on the Ron Sattler farm. Jake Sattler also helped work calves while Cindy, Dana and Payton visited Grandma Janice Sattler in Atwood.

Richard and Theresa Rippe hosted their monthly pinocle club on Saturday evening. Those present were Vern and Sharon Frick, Frank and Jean Huss, Clarence and Margaret Niermeier, Art and Nadine Rather, and Harvey and Cheryl Steier. Vern won traveling prize, Frank and Jean, low, and Art and Nadine, high. The club will meet again sometime next fall.

Diana Solko traveled to Topeka on Friday to attend the Washburn University Chemistry Department Awards luncheon with Renae Solko. Renae received an Outstanding Senior award and was recognized for serving as the president of the Chemistry Club.

Julie Hafner received a surprise phone call from Gabi Lunte on Saturday. Gabi is a teacher in Topeka and working in the language department at Washburn University. Gabi has an interest in the German dialect in the area and was happy to hear about the founding and history of Herndon. Gabi was with a friend visiting in Atwood and stopped at Roger's Bar and Grill to visit with the local residents.

Rita and Joe Marintzer spent last week with Jacob, Tara and Kade Marintzer in Westmoreland. Rita and Joe babysat all week with Kade. Abe and girlfriend, Alex Williams, came up from Emporia to visit with everyone for a day. Grandma Rita and Joe returned home late Friday evening.

The Herndon Chamber of Commerce and other Herndon community members met on Thursday to discuss plans for the next Ox Roast.

They decided that June 12, 2010, will be the date for the event. They also discussed themes but have not yet come to a final decision on that topic. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8, at the Villa in Herndon.

COUPLE RETURNS

David and Bonnie Franke have returned after spending the winter in Rockport Texas. They have made many good friends from several different states and look forward to seeing them again next winter. They said they have a great potluck meal about once a week with about 30 people attending and the Frankes treated them to a cream can party.

The highlights of the winter were traveling to Albuquerque for Christmas with Brian, Tracy, Ellen, and David James Franke. On the return trip we stopped at Langtry, Texas, to see Judge Roy Bean's Court and Lillie Langtry's picture, driving the route along the Rio Grande River.

In January there is a Gospel Fest at the Rockport School Theater, where groups from across the nation come to sing and perform. Dean and Carrie Franke came to visit them for a

weekend in April and they toured Mustang Island, North Padre Island and ate lunch at Joe's Crab Shack in Corpus Christi. On Sunday, they toured the Fulton Mansion that was built in the 1850s and survived all the hurricanes.

They went to the Sand Castle competition on Mustang Island. They have professional sand castle builders that come to compete for the best construction of sand. There are some very outstanding structures that took a lot of planning to build. David spent the winter at the doctor's office. He eventually had arthroscopic knee surgery and is just recovering well as they returned home.

Julie's Memory Joggers

Herndon High 1937
First Yearbook Staff
Louise Leitner, Editor-in-Chief; Roberta Nemeth, Assistant Editor; Chauncey Hafner, Production Manager; Ruth Brecht, Sports Editor; James Trotter, Business Manager; Sam Brecht, Art Editor; Mildred Thiringer, Organizations; Evelyn Berger, Alumni; Hazel D. Slocum, Sponsor.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Wonderful rain! Just what we have been waiting for. My gauge showed 2.85 inches for the two or three day period. The Senior Citizens card game and get-together was called off, as rain was coming down pretty good about that time.

On Saturday, four Lyle ladies, Kathy Van Meter, Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner and Veda Wood, went to a luncheon at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. It was delicious; cooked and beautifully served by residents of Good Sam in appreciation for the people who volunteer during the year.

Jim Plotts gave us the message on Sunday. He does a wonderful job of explaining the scriptures; giving the historic setting and customs of the area and time. I didn't like history back in school, but now I do, and it takes a lot of catching up for someone like me. Jim's dad, James, is beginning to improve after a setback.

Kathy, Toots and Veda also attended the beef and noodles lunch in the Senior Center in Jennings on Sunday. Mary Sweet of Greensburg, told the story and showed pictures of the town after the tornado did so much damage. The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of the Red Cross in Decatur County, which is a member of the Smith County Red Cross Chapter.

Delpha Bles Whale, who was a resident of the Lyle neighborhood for years and was a teacher in the Spring Branch School at one time, called Toots Magers after receiving cards from Lyle and Norcaturn friends.

I need motivation! I always like to raise a few things in the garden, and like to can some tomatoes and green beans — but that yard needs work — but I can't seem to get started. Does anyone know a good starter, besides a good swift kick?