

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1884

Oberlin Today has: 300 souls, one hotel, one dentist, one feed mill, one creamery, one post office, one restaurant, one corn band, one veterinarian, two feed stables, one billiard hall, one lumber yard, two drug stores, one barber shop, one meat market, one private bank, one jewelry store, one harness shop, two grocery stores, one furniture store, two printing offices, two abstract offices, three general stores, four attorneys, two carpenter shops, two blacksmith shops, one photograph gallery, two lodges — Masonic and IOOF — three church organizations, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, one gunsmith and tinker, one house sign painter, three practicing physicians, one millinery establishment, one hook & ladder company, U.S. Land Office — Northern District, the trade of portions of five counties, stage lines for all points, N.E.W.S., two hardware and implement houses.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1909

Sunday was another windy day. The dust was not as suffocating as on some other occasions, but bad enough.

Long Island had a \$44,000 fire one night last week.

J.B. Hauger of the country, who has resided in western Kansas since 1877, says this is the windiest, dustiest spring he has ever seen. The bad storm last Wednesday night did considerable damage in his neighborhood. The roof was blown from the C.C. Blickenstaff residence.

Jennings Items: Art Smith is recovering from the measles.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1934

Nearly 300 persons attended the annual Decatur Community High School alumni banquet held at the grade school building Friday evening. The Class of 1934 was voted into membership after some objection and the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Uriel Goodrich '18; vice president Neil Reeves '34; secretary, Miss Fausta Vernon '27, and Ralph Brown '27, re-elected as treasurer.

The Oberlin swimming pool will open Sunday under the supervision of Edwin Hitchcock.

The Rev. David Cunningham, who attended Hastings College in Nebraska and the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago, is expected to arrive in Oberlin today to assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church.

Prairie View: O.G. Bell and family spent Sunday at the all-day

program at the Lutheran Church in Norcatour which marked the 46th anniversary of the church.

Lund: The Lund Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. E.G. Odell for an all-day meeting and work day with dinner served cafeteria style to about 20 members. Musical numbers were given by Vergie Nygren and Edith Anderson and devotions by Rev. Nygren. A 5 o'clock luncheon was served to about 50, including guests.

Two new Chevrolet cars were put into circulation this week: Lena Jordan, operator of the Jordan Beauty Parlor and Leslie Walker, rural mail carrier, are the purchasers.

Golden Hicks of Dresden will receive her life certificate in primary education at Fort Hays Kansas State College this spring. Norman Law, also of Dresden and Dorothy Johnson of Kanona will receive their three-year state certificates.

Miss Relma McCartney and Mr. Fred Kirschke were married Friday morning at the Methodist Episcopal Church by the Rev. Fred Blanding. Attendants were Miss Melba Waldo and Mr. Russell Anderson. The bride attended Emporia Teachers College and has been a member of the grade school faculty at Oberlin the past three years. Mr. Kirschke is the son of Ernest and Anna Kirschke of Berlin, Germany, and is a nephew of G.H. Lippelmann. He came to the U.S. in 1927 and has since become a citizen and has been connected with Benton & Hopkins Investment Co. They will make their home in Ludell where he will be assistant cashier of the Ludell bank.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1959

Commencement exercises will be held at Decatur Community High School for 59 seniors. Valedictorian is Rose Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mathews of Oberlin and salutatorian is Peggy Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dolf Jennings of Helena, Mont. Other honor students are Rex Vernon, Eva Sue Myers, Serena Moody, Larry Laird, Clara Ann Brown, Charles Kelley, Linda Vernon and Howard Benton.

At Norcatour High School valedictorian is Janice Pelkey and salutatorian is Larry Lyon. Also receiving diplomas are Gary Anthony, Richard Hillebrand and Rodney Stapp.

Diploma candidates at Leoville High School are Mildred Campbell, Dorine Dwyer, Eugene Geisinger, Alverda Jacobs, Janet Kreutzer, Rosalie Linden, Kenneth Long, David Reichert, Donald Scheetz, Ronald Schroer, Melvin Spesser and Arlene Wagoner.

At Jennings High School 16 seniors will receive diplomas. Valedictorian is Rose Petracek and salutatorian is Betty Gaumer. Others receiving diplomas are Darrel Black, Floyd Gillespie, Sandra Henry, George Jones, Abbie LaRue, Robert Mizell, Gaylen Randolph, David Scott, Deloris Seabolt, Ronald Stacey, Donald Stackhouse, Lloyd Stanton, Judy Tacha and John Tacha.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad has applied to the State Corporation commission for authority to discontinue its agency at Traer.

Faculty members at Decatur Community High School honored Superintendent and Mrs. Harry Mahon with a dinner at the Frontier Cafe. After the dinner Bob Rumble was master of ceremonies for a social session and presentation of the faculty gift to Mahon in recognition of his 21 years of service at Decatur Community High School.

Don Jorn, local farmer, was installed as president of Oberlin Lions Club for 1959-60 succeeding Dwayne Jones.

Funeral services were held for Will A. Cook, 88, who came to Oberlin in 1881 and operated a feed store and livery stable and for 35 years owned and operated a recreation parlor located on the west side of Penn Avenue.

Linda Vernon, French horn player was awarded the annual Arion Award as the outstanding Decatur Community High School band player this school year.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1984

Graduates of Herndon High School are Roy Bruning, Kurt Grafel, Christina Green, Dave

Green, Jean Hill, Kent Huss, Tuula Laitinen, James Malone, John Malone, Billie Jo Ross, Toni Solko, Dee Tongish and Gary Wahrman.

Decatur County Museum curator Sandy Russell was thrilled with the participation in the reenactment of the Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express in Decatur County. The mail bag was brought by Kenny and Pansy Price from Reager to the Norcatour Post office and then to the farm of Betty Reeves where Station 16 of the route existed 125 years ago. From the Reeves farm, riders were Mary Wilson, Julie, Amie and Mary Plotts, Bobbi Jo Elwood, Becky and Marlene Tally and Amy Lohofener to deliver the bag to the bank at Ludell to Ruth Hayden, Rawlins County coordinator.

Heading for Wichita this week to the State Track Meet from Decatur Community High School will be Jim Berkheimer, hurdles, Robyn Russell, hurdles and a 400-meter relay team composed of Russell, Terri Harmon, Kathy DeLozier and Laurie O'Toole. They will be accompanied by Coaches Chris Steimel and Lee Steward.

The congregation of Prairie Chapel Church will observe its 80th year Sunday with special services which will include the dedication of two stained glass memorial windows constructed by Coleen Rippe. The windows were given in memory of Janette Chambers by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chambers.

Hospital News: Nancy and Richard Nichols, Danbury, son, Travis James, May 8, 1984; Chrys and Jerry Rall, Menlo, son, May 11, 1984; Jeanie and Kevin Unger, Oberlin, daughter, Katelyn Suzanne, May 12, 1984.

Let's Go To the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We would like to congratulate all area graduates and wish you all success.

We are looking forward to seeing many former graduates and hope that you will stop in and see what has been done since last year at the Museum.

The Bohemian Hall will be the site of the 50th year class reunion. The hall has already been rented ahead for the next several years for Alumni weekend, but if you just have a small get-together, the new Parlor is available.

We are gearing up for the Eighth Annual Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show. Flyers and signs

will be up this week with the day's schedule of events. Cruise-In is Friday, June 5, with buffalo-burgers, hot dogs and root beer floats.

The Saturday events on June 6, will start at 7 a.m. with breakfast in the hall and will continue throughout the day.

If you need more information or a registration form, contact the Museum, or Dana at Home Planning Center or Byron at the Extension Office.

Have a safe and fun Alumni and Memorial weekend. The museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

It was a busy week at Cedar Living Center as we celebrated both National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week. Thanks to everyone who helped us have such a successful week.

Monday afternoon residents and staff helped James Plotts celebrate his birthday. Carolyn and Jim Plotts brought homemade ice cream and two kinds of cake to share with everyone. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game. Following bingo we invited all of the staff from Decatur Health Systems to join the residents for ice cream sundaes. Toppings included homemade hot fudge sauce, chocolate syrup, strawberries, caramel sauce, nuts, bananas, whipped cream, and cherries.

Tuesday was also "Dress for the 50s" day. Staff members wore letter jackets, poodle skirts, rolled up blue jeans, and assorted accessories. We held a Sock Hop in the evening.

Residents, staff, and guests were entertained by Don Ammons of Hoxie, who played a variety of music on several instruments. Nora Bell Manning and Mabel Bailey helped with the refreshments.

Residents and staff spent Wednesday decorating wheel chairs and walkers for a special day held on Thursday.

We had a chair with an owl theme,

one decked out in KU style, and there were bows, flowers, streamers, garland, and much more. The chairs and walkers were rated by a panel of impartial judges during a parade held Thursday.

Ruth Leopold won for the best walker and Ruth Havel won for the best wheel chair. Everyone had a great time. Nachos were served following the parade.

The dietary department made a variety of tasty peanut butter, chocolate, and banana milk shakes to serve on Friday afternoon.

Everyone is looking forward to the Memorial Day weekend. We are always blessed with lots of visitors stopping by while in town for Alumni activities and Memorial services.

The residents of CLC would like to congratulate staff members Cherish Manning, Danyel Jeffrey, and Cindy Murray who graduated from Decatur Community High School on Sunday afternoon. We wish them much success in all of their future endeavors.

Recent visitors: Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatour; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden.

Lyle Gamblin, Sharon Nelson, Marilyn Farr, Max and Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Orlin Beneda and Elvin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ira Kolsky, John and Dianne Bremer, Mary and Lonnie McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Bright April's sunny days are done. When are we going to have some fun? The apple blossoms hum with bees, Their hives all sit among the tree. The robin's busy all day long, Singing us a beautiful song. We welcome every lengthening day, So the children have more time to play.

This poem was written by Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Myrtle Waldo, Eileen Laird, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Hunt, Evelyn Olson, Lora Zwickle, Emma Sanford and Leona Helm-kamp. Since Mother's Day is in May we turned our attention to Mother Goose. The rhythm of her verses is what inspired us to write our own May poem, we hope you enjoy it.

Tuesday we had the First Hand Friend finale! Both first grade classes came with their favorite teddy bears in tow. The kids began by sitting on picnic blankets and telling about their favorite books. Cheryl Miller came to play some lively music while we danced through the tables filled with moms and residents. The children laughed and giggled and then gave their reading pal a big hug before saying so long!

Art Class this week was spent learning about abstract art. A fun and easy technique using an old salad spinner made some beautiful paintings. Our display is titled "Do You See What I See"? Artists this week were Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Hunt, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Olive Arnold, Janna Leitner, Sheena Dallman and Tina Perrin.

Hillbilly Horseshoes was a hoot! Faye Miller, Mary Lemman, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm, Dorothy Hunt, Elden Long, Shirley Hayward and Olive Arnold gave it a go. Myrtle Waldo, Paul Meisner and Emma Sanford were in the cheering section. Elden

Long was our first place winner with 175 points. Olive Arnold took second with 160 points and Alice Bobbitt was third with a score of 90.

We had three Birthday Parties this week! Alice Bobbitt, Edla Olson and Dorothy Hunt all celebrated with staff, residents, friends and family. Our best wishes to them all.

The Walkway of Flags is quickly approaching. If you would like a flag flown in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, forms can be picked up at Rayes Grocery, the Frontier Restaurant or here at the Good Sam. Call Lisa Paulson for more information 475-2245.

Visitors were Elden and Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Jim and Reva Marshall, Mildred Black, Robert and Penny Fringer, Sarah Fringer (Colby) and Tara Sue Larson for **Dorothy Hunt**. Mildred Holmdahl for **Evelyn Olson**. Kathy and Myrna Porsch (Lawrence/Colby) for **Leone Porsch**. Marvin and Sharon Slaybaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Eunice Wenger for **Lora Zwickle**. Ralph Crim (Atwood), Mert McEvoy, Arlene Glad (Atwood) and Nola Carlson (Ft. Morgan, Colo.) for **Lucy Schissler**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Mildred Holmdahl and Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Ken Mumm (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Mildred Holmdahl, Sharon Addleman, Elden and Detta Anderson, Arlene Glad (Atwood) and Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Arlene Glad (Atwood) and Mildred Holmdahl for **Eulaine Benda**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Bethany and Linda Smith (Atwood) for **Dorothy Pryor**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty** and **Earl Brown**. Jody Betts and Mary Corcoran for **Myrtle Waldo**.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Brett and Tracey McKenna were weekend guests of his parents, Mike and Joan McKenna, the weekend of May 2. They all attended the Nick Wahlmeier and Kerrie Olson wedding held in Leoville. Brett was a member of the wedding party.

Mike McKenna attended the Kansas State University College of Agriculture banquet in Manhattan on May 9, with Brett and Tracey McKenna. Brett was honored as a December graduate in Agri-business. Joan McKenna spent a week with her grandsons, Will and Henry Peterson, in DeMotte, Ind., while their parents vacationed in Costa Rica.

City Librarian Carla Latimer reports that another week of learning how to operate a library has passed. There have been many books donated the past two weeks and she is very grateful. Some of the new titles are "Made in the U.S.A.," by Billie Letts; "Bachelor's Puzzle," by Judith Pella; "Dance of the Gods," by Nora Roberts; "No Place for a Lady," by Maggie Brendon (Large Print). If you are planning a road trip we have audio books to make your trip interesting. The library has movies for checking out. Call me in advance and I can order a movie or audio book if we don't have it on the shelf.

Sunflower Senior supper and program were enjoyed by the following seniors: Jim and Wilma Mader, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Kenny and Vi Krizek, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Leonard Harris, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Vic Mowry Band members who played and sang were Curly Bieker, Red and Ruth Taylor, Shirley Emigh, Pat Foster, and Vic and Flossie Mowry.

Word was received last week that Don Gaston, Hebron, Neb., suffered a severe stroke with cerebral hemorrhaging. He was flown by Flight For Life to Lincoln, Neb., and is improving. Don and Hazel Gaston were Jennings residents in the 1960s and he was manager of the grain elevator at that time.

The Alumni banquet is Saturday, May 23, at the Senior Center with registration starting at 5 p.m.

The community potluck dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the bountiful meal.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary met at the Royal Neighbor Hall on Thursday to prepare the poppies for the veterans graves in the Jennings and Big Timber Cemeteries. Officers for 2009 are Neoma Tacha, president; Lila Jennings, secretary; and Rachel Carter, treasurer. Members who were present were Dorothy Shimek, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Alice Mizer, Lila Jennings, and Neoma Tacha.

The May meeting of the Czech Museum was held on May 7, in the Royal Neighbor Hall with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were Larry Mizer, Mary Wahlmeier, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, and Mike Tacha.

New items donated for display are a 1907 organ, roll top desk from Shimmick Hardware Store, buffalo hide scale and skinning knife, army helmets, kitchen scales, child's toy cabinet, hand crank record player, old tank measurer, sausage stuffer, hand made garments and Jennings Community High School cushion. We appreciate receiving these interesting items.

Family and friends of the late Bill Tacha met at the museum after his graveside services for snacks.

Plans were made for the coming Memorial and Alumni Weekend. The museum will be open 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, and after the banquet, if anyone is interested in visiting it. The class of 1939 will be meeting at the museum that day. Everyone is invited to visit with them and tour the museum. We will also be open on Sunday afternoon.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2009, at 2 p.m.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings attended the college graduation ceremony for their great-niece at Colorado Christian University in Denver on May 9. Christie Lynn Harris graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Liberal Arts Degree in elementary education. She is the

daughter of Brian Harris, and granddaughter of Glenda Harris. Others from Grand Junction attending were Darcie Nielsen and Bryson, her mother Amanda and husband Ray, and Brent Harris, Loveland; Shaun and Kristina Kinney and Bradyn, Eaton Colo. The family enjoyed a graduation luncheon at Champs.

On Mother's Day, Lawrence Jennings hosted Brunch for Lila Jennings, Marcia Casey Milt Sherwin, Marlene Houshell, Andrew and Samantha Houshell, Emily and Kaitlyn, Derek and Jackie Cook, and Steve and Vickie Cook.

Erin Musgrave, Ong, Neb., was an overnight guest of her grandparents, Lawrence and Lila Jennings last Wednesday.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

There will be a vaccination clinic from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, at the City building in Selden, sponsored by the Harvester's 4-H club. Bring your cats, dogs or horses to get their current vaccinations. Support your local 4-H club!

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Lois Neff got low and Jeanie had the most nine's. Other members present included Carol Shaw, Anna Albers, Shirley Emigh, Janice Kruse, Helen Karls, Lola Cook, Anna Hazlitt and Bernita Aumiller.

The 16th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show will be Sunday, June 7, in Downtown Selden.

Registration begins early and the parade will finish at 3:30 p.m. There will be a Horseshoe Pitching contest at 10 a.m.; Kiddie tractor pull at 1 p.m.; Barrel Roll Competition at

2:30 p.m.; Washer Drop Competition at 3 p.m.; and the concession stand will be serving hamburgers and barbecue pork.

In the Parish Hall, vendors will be set up with various items and live entertainment throughout the day. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to spend the day. For more information call Steve or Judy Rogers, 386-4536, or Jacque Boultinghouse, 386-4231.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 22, Karen Shaw, Wade Zodrow, Brett Spesser; May 23, Steve and Sara Juenemann, Dylan Spesser; May 24, Ashley Stevenson, Tom and Maureen Bruggeman, Jeffery Benoit; May 25, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann; May 27, Natasha Carman, Drew Stevenson, Gary and Jerrie Robinson; May 28, Scott Bruggeman, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman, Kendra Spesser.