

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — April 1885**  
Dr. I.E. Larrick, a graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, will locate in Oberlin in a few days.

Clayton: Seven hack loads stopped at the Pioneer House Tuesday for dinner.

Methodist Conference appointments: Oberlin, George Nulton; Atwood, W.C. Littell; Clayton, supplied by J.E. Langley; Devises, R. Bisbee; Lenora and Kenneth, supplied by W.F. Brown.

**100 YEARS AGO — April 1910**  
The Lenora News announced last week quite seriously that the Central Railroad branch will be extended to Denver this summer.

Norcat: Sam Betts has bought the Michelson stock of hardware.

Jennings: Feeley Bros. spent last week at Rexford where they have purchased a stock of merchandise.

Matt Hoffman has sold his blacksmith shop to Alf Woolley.

**75 YEARS AGO — April 1935**  
Estimates show that about 200,000 acres of land in Decatur County will require listing to stop soil erosion. Of that acreage, strip listing will suffice on some 40,000 acres.

The Kansas Emergency Relief Fund will provide one gallon of tractor fuel for each acre listed in the 43 affected counties throughout western Kansas and all listing must be completed by April 20.

A total of 613 ballots were handed out in the recent city election. Elected mayor was H.Q. Banta; councilmen will be John Siegenthaler, C.E. Carper, J.W. Bivans, A.E. Roberts and W.T. Wolfe.

Prairie View: Our club has been having a forced vacation on account of the dust storms as our hostesses do not feel like entertaining.

Jennings: The "hard times" dance held at the Old Hall was well attended and about half the women folks wore cotton dresses.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Montgomery celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 24. They have spent their entire married life in Decatur County with the exception of 14 years spent in the Black Hills and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Tim Woods of Kanona con-

veyed to Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Spiers of Center Township 240 acres of land in Roosevelt Township making them a warranty deed. Mrs. Woods reserves the income from the land while she lives but afterward it will go to Mr. and Mrs. Spiers. The gift came as a great surprise as she had not let them know of her intentions until she was ready to make out the papers.

Dresden: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Long on Saturday, March 30, who has been named Peggy Dean.

**50 YEARS AGO — April 1960**  
The Rev. Lee Huebert, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, submitted his resignation at a congregational meeting Sunday following the morning worship service. The Huebert family plans to move to Socorro, N.M., where he has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church.

An Indonesian-born couple now living in The Hague, Holland, will soon make Oberlin their new home. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Vollmer, and their daughter, Gracia Francois Charlotte, will be resettled here by the local Presbyterian Church. Vollmer is a certified cook and baker by trade and will be employed in the Oberlin bakery by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hahn.

Mrs. Erma Bowen of Culbertson, Neb., has been hired to fill one of the vacancies in the intermediate grades at Oberlin Consolidated School for the next school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Moberly announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Luise, to Glenn Howe of Topeka. The wedding will be Sunday, May 22, in the Oberlin Methodist Church.

**25 YEARS AGO — April 1985**  
The Decatur County Fair board will elect a new president this month to replace Wes Gaumer who has served as a board member and officer the past 30 years.

Robert Schumacher, the son of Robert and Susan Schumacher, finished ninth in the State spelling contest correctly spelling lettuce, whisk, artichoke, fiend, synopsis, pompadour, reminisce and quietus before stumbling on "inveigle."

Members of Oberlin Philoso-

phian Club celebrated their 65th anniversary at a luncheon held at the Oberlin American Legion. Only two of the charter members, Ila Landau of Oberlin and Elva (Maddox) Bobbitt of Norton, are still living.

Following the luncheon president Hattie Olson, with the assistance of vice president Pearl Simpson, installed the following new officers for the coming year: Peggy Groneweg, president; Esther Kiefer, vice president; Maurine Skoda, secretary-treasurer; Eleanor Demmer, corresponding secretary and Minnie Young, parliamentarian. Lola Hamilton, who is a 60-year member of the club, read a history of the club, including the fact that the meaning of the club's name is

"seekers of wisdom."

Hospital News: Darwin and Tammy Couch, son, Darwin Stewart, April 6, 1985; Vivian and Edward Russ, son, Nathan Raye, April 15, 1985.

Wayne and Neil Herzog of Millbrae, Calif., former residents of Oberlin, will observe their golden wedding anniversary on April 20.

Senior trackster Jim Berkheimer ran the 110-yard hurdles in under 15 seconds at the Oakley meet and the Decatur Community High School girls track team claimed a first-place finish in the 880-relay. Runners were Laurie O'Toole, Michelle Addleman, Terri Harmon and Robyn Russell.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Spring house cleaning? Need a place to take those unwanted things? We are still taking those treasures for the Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Museum and KFNF Radio.

We will be taking those gently used, valuables until Friday, April 16. The Rummage and Bake Sale is Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, from Noon -to 3 p.m. If you need help with your items for the sale, call 475-2712.

### Oberlin Quasiquintcentennial Tidbits

Taken from the first edition of The Oberlin Herald, June 17, 1879, The Most Prosperous and Thriving Town in Northwestern Kansas.

Its Rapid Progress — The Different Branches of Business and the Business Men.

On our arrival at Oberlin some three weeks ago, after having shipped the material for the starting of a paper at another point in the county, we were so completely surprised with the growth and magnitude of the place that we at once concluded it was of no use to "kick against the pricks," but turned under to the inevitable and the result is apparent.

On a visit to this place in September last (1878) the town comprised two general stores (one frame and

one sod), one log hotel, one log blacksmith shop, one sod residence and one frame in course of erection.

But today, after a lapse of only eight months, we can hardly realize that the change is real, and lest the reader should think that having started our paper here would tend somewhat to magnify our optics, we give below the general mention of the rapid growth of Oberlin.

Below we give the various branches of business houses in operation in Oberlin at the present day:

The first general store was operated by Mr. Van Wormer, whose entire stock was afterward purchased by J.W. Allen & Son, who have continued to add to the business till now they carry one of the largest and best-assorted stocks, including all kinds of general merchandise, west of the Missouri River. They have just moved into their new store building and added a full line of hardware and tinware. To be continued next week.

**Museum hours:** April 1 to Nov 1, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum, you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 per family or \$10 per individual. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Our sympathy to the family of Herndon resident, Helen Riepl Marintzer, who died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. She was born Dec. 26, 1914, to Frank and Mary Solko Riepl and graduated from St. Mary's High School with the class of 1932. Mass was held Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial following in the church cemetery.

The Herndon community also

extends sympathy to the family of Donald Dean Kogl who died Tuesday, April 6, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. He was a 1965 graduate of Herndon High, born to Math and Helen Ketterl Kogl on April 8, 1946. Mass was held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at St. Mary's cemetery.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., were Friday and Saturday visitors of their mother, Edie Pettera and their aunt, Joan Noble at Cedar

Living Center in Oberlin. They visited Good Samaritan residents also. Saturday afternoon they visited their aunt, Esther Pennington. Les, Myrna, and Vivian Horinek were Saturday evening dinner guests of Chris Woods before visiting Bob and Julie Hafner. Vivian and Dana Horinek, Denver, and Les and Myrna Pettera were Sunday morning brunch guests of Kent and Chris Woods before traveling home to Colorado. All were here to attend the funeral of their aunt, Helen Marintzer.

Regis Kogl, Lakewood, Colo., was a guest of Sharon Ecker this past weekend attending the funeral of her mother, Helen Marintzer, on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

June Tongish, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Dee Davis, Lenexa, stopped for short visits with Hattie Toth, Edie Pettera and Julie Hafner Sunday afternoon in Oberlin.

David and Bonnie Franke spent several months in Rockport, Texas. They enjoyed visiting with friends but not the weather, as it was cold and rainy this winter. They were to take a tour of Chili, Argentina and Brazil in March but with the earthquake in Santiago, Chili, two days before the departure, the tour was canceled. The airport in Santiago was destroyed.

They started traveling west the first part of March where they met

Mark and Mary Schelling, Bonnie's cousin, whom she has not seen in 40 years, at Inks Lake State Park near Austin, Texas. The Schellings are from Vancouver, Wash. Then the Franks traveled to San Angelo, Texas, then stopped at Fort Concho, then on to Alamogordo and Lordsburg, N.M. In Douglas, Ariz., they saw the Slaughter Ranch, a National Historic Landmark, the Coronado National Memorial, Ramsey Canyon Preserve, the Co-chise Stronghold rock formations, Tubac Presidio State Park and Saquaro National Park admiring cacti. They visited Bruce and Roma Unger Murdock in Sierra Vista; Dick and Amelia Franke in Green Valley, Curt, Karen and Hunter Rounsburg and Steven and Kevin Pick in the Phoenix area.

Dave tried tandem skydiving in Skydive, Ariz., then they toured St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery before moving north to see many of the Indian Ruins. They saw Tuzigoot, Montezuma Castle, Wupatki, Sunset Crater Volcano and Walnut Creek, also National Monuments. They visited the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest National Parks. They toured El Morro and El Malpais, both National Monuments, in New Mexico before spending a week in Albuquerque with Brian, Tracy, Ellen and David Franke.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Quentin Bergling, 91, who died April 6, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood, and Donald Wasson, 87, who died Thursday at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Mr. Bergling was a native of this community, and Mr. Wasson was a brother of Daisy Schmidt. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Atwood for Mr. Bergling and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin for Mr. Wasson.

A bridal shower honored Emilie Miller of Womelsdors, Pa., bride-elect of Austin Fink, at the home of Norma Anderson on Palm Sunday afternoon. Hostesses were Gayle Carlson, Kendra Pelton and Jennie Anderson.

Invited guests were Carol Fink and Donna Fink, Wamego; Norma Anderson, Leta Meitl, Janette Votapka, Faye Meitl, Joy Votapka, Cheryl Votapka, and Jodi Votapka. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, May 15, in Womelsdors, Pa.

Norma Anderson accompanied their daughter, Carol Fink, to her home in Wamego after the shower, then the two women went to Austin, Texas, where they spent Easter with their son and brother, Lynn Anderson.

Steve and Arian Arnold took her mother, Edla Olson, out for Easter dinner at the Oberlin American Le-

gion. Joining them there were Pete and Nan Zander.

Dick and Evelyn Kirkpatrick of Seward, Neb., visited Saturday with Mildred Holmdahl. He had worked several years ago for the late Gene Holmdahl.

Paul and Sheryl Noren of Grand Rapids, Mich., visited last week with his aunt, Esther Noren, and also the Steve and Connie Noren family.

Covenant Women Ministries entertained with a salad luncheon and guest day on Saturday at the church. Guests were Vickie Hunziker from the Lund Covenant Church; Pastor Sharon Nelson, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen and Kathy Almquist from the Oberlin Covenant Church, Mrs. Richard Fanning and Cheryl Noren. President Beth Holle gave the welcome and Vice President Cindi Grafel gave the blessing. After the luncheon, Rosalie Capo sang a vocal number, then Carolyn Plotts of Norcat:ur gave a slide presentation and told of their mission work in Juarez, Mexico.

Sally Olson returned home Tuesday from Wichita where she had visited the Larry Marks family and Betty Marks for 10 days. She attended a bridal shower on Sunday which honored her granddaughter, Amalia Marks, who will be married in July. Mrs. Olson also visited Lewis and Ava Perkins in Wichita, and Bob and Annette Frenzl in Salina.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lucille Kolsky who passed away on Saturday.

There was plenty of laughter and lots of toe tapping when residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of Name-That-Tune. The music fun continued when Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Edna Mott and Agnes Pruitt tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Aleen VanVleet won the blackout game.

Family members helped Dee Anna Kruzek celebrate her birthday on Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon, residents gathered in the dining room for a movie and some freshly made popcorn. At any age, the smell of popcorn brings on an appetite.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland said a Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Charlotte Kurtz hosted a big group for the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Residents trying their luck included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Gerold Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler, Marie Thomas, Aleen VanVleet, Mary

Votapka and Delores Wheeler.

The baking group made peanut butter oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies disappeared quickly.

The Royal Neighbors met for their April meeting on Friday afternoon on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Several residents met for games on Saturday afternoon. The poker players met on Saturday evening.

The dietary department joined forces with the activity department to serve up ice cream sundaes for dessert at supper on Sunday. The sundaes were served along with a slice of Ira Kolsky's birthday cake. The cake was donated by Ira's son, Charles Kolsky of Dodge City.

Recent visitors: Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Pat Glebe, Stratton, Neb.; Stephanie and Isaac Frankforter, Kearney, Neb.; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.;

Catherine Neal, Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Juanita Williby, Delores Depperschmidt, Elwood May, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Nadean Stoney, Audra Duncan, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, and Ella Betts, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them when they go." — Jean Paul Richter

Have you ever wondered what people say about you when you leave a room? It is an interesting thing to think about ... a challenge of sorts. Are you a person who leaves joy behind? There are so many who pass through the doors here at Good Sam that leave joy behind!

This past week the Star Valley 4-H Club came and cleaned up the court yard. It looks fabulous. Amy Rehm loves to go to the court yard with Ollie to find a quiet place to be alone with God. Thank you, Star Valley!

Hillbilly Horseshoes has taken up residency there once more. This week's players were Walt and Betty May, Shirley Hayward, Olive Arnold, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Edla Olson and Dorothy Hunt. Olive and Opal tied for first place.

Speaking of joy, the Lyle Gals are joy both coming and going! Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner come for the monthly Pinocle Party! Myrtle Waldo, Pooch Portschi, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch and Walter May played cards. Afterwards, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Hunt and Shirley Hayward joined the group for ice cream and cake to help Toots celebrate her 91st birthday!

Speaking of birthdays, the United Methodist Women came to celebrate the birthdays of Eulaine Benda, Myrtle Ross and Doris Marintzer.



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