

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1885**

Muddy streets. The Sappa's on a high. Wano, Cheyenne County, is to have a newspaper.

J.J. Jackson has gone in the draying business & seems to find plenty to do.

Keys & Emahizer are building an office on their lot just south of the Herald office.

Capt. Phillips, chief engineer of the B&M Railroad, is building a residence in the north part of town.

A large quantity of baled hay is being brot into town.

The skating rink is receiving an excellent patronage and doubtless will yet prove a profitable venture to the band boys, notwithstanding the disaster met at first.

H.S. Beardsley has taken possession of the residence recently vacated by A.W. Allen.

R.O. Kindig has purchased the fine residence property in the north part of town of Geo. Miller.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1910**

Aeronaut DeLesseps made a successful flight across the English channel the other day. Ten years from now they will be flying across the Atlantic.

Halley's Comet can now be seen in the west but it does not present as fine a view as the tramp comet in January.

Will Kellogg has been carrying rural route No. 3 since Mrs. Vale was hurt.

No graduation exercises in Norton this year on account of the smallpox epidemic.

The census enumerator found 1,150 people living within the corporate limits.

Among the list of common school graduates we note the following familiar names: Everett Smith, Henry Heitmann, Nathan Watson, Elmer McKinzie, Glenn Hanson, Ila Bobbitt, Ethyl Bystrom, Florence Cathcart, Lester Plotts, Myrtle Preston, Walter Hatch, Robert Diehl, Harry Anderson, all of Oberlin; Frank Nelson and Alice Aronson of Norcat; Bessie Huff and Elmer Anderson of Dresden and Otto Johnson, Kanona.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1935**

Northwest Kansas has been soaked by splendid rains as it hasn't been in a number of years. Dresden and Selden report over 4 inches and Oberlin 3.1. It is very likely that some of the wheat fields that the owners had given up could make 8 to 10 bushels per acre. Northwest Kansas is like that.

The Kansas Crippled Children's Clinic held in Oberlin under the sponsorship of the Medical Society and Oberlin Rotary Club resulted in the examination of 47 persons from six counties. Examinations were given by Dr. F.E. Coffey, orthopedic specialist of Hays, and Dr. Stephenson of Norton. At the Rotary dinner meeting in the evening to which all county officials and others interested in the work of the Crippled Children's Commission were invited, speakers included C.Q. Chandler, head of the First National Bank in Wichita, who is founder of the organization. Vocal numbers were furnished by Mrs. Charles Hawkes and Ted Addleman and plates were served to 120 persons by the Eastern Star organization.

The stage was well filled at the city school auditorium for the high school commencement at which Sen. Glenn Logan, Topeka, a graduate of the Class of 1909, was the speaker to the 75 members of the DCHS Class of 1935. What will happen next year as there are 99 members of the junior class? It looks as though the stage will be too small.

Valedictorian was Sylvia Post and salutatorian was Morris Reist. Other seniors honored were Elsie Cathcart, Naomi Diehl, Gwendolyn Dimmitt, Edna Pavlicek, Bernard Schreiber, Marjorie Everist, Lorraine Love and Gerald VanVleet.

Dorothy Kelley, Class of 1925, acted as toastmaster for the DCHS Alumni meeting attended by 381 persons. Officers elected were: Denzil Gill, '28, president; Gerald VanVleet, '35, vice president; Dale Johnson, '31, treasurer and Winnifred Wiggins, '25, treasurer.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Ray Hitchcock, 51, who operated a farm and dairy just east of Oberlin in recent years.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1960**

Herndon: A crowd estimated at 4,000 consumed 1,214 pounds of choice beef and watched a parade of 85 units on Saturday at the traditional Ox-Roast. Natalie Hartman, a 1960 graduate of Herndon High School, was crowned queen and her attendants were Shirley Unger and Margaret Phillips.

Crowds draw politicians and Bob Dole of Russell, candidate for Congress from this district, was no exception at the Herndon Ox-Roast. Free pineapple juice was distributed from the Dole wagon by lasses from Russell who accompanied Dole.

The tempo of the Diamond Jubilee of Oberlin increased this week with various organizations agreeing to take part in the pageant "Proud Heritage." A Kangaroo Court session will be held Saturday night at 9 p.m. at the vacant lot between Clark's Clothing and Shields Implement to which six victims have been subpoenaed: Verle Walker, Lemoin Landau, Ward Claar, Roy Shobe, Ira Laidig and Ernest Woodward. His Dishonor Elmo Lund will preside as judge.

A Diamond Jubilee caravan will visit 17 towns with Brothers of the Brush and Jubilee Belles participating and entertainment by the Kanona Hot-Shots, the Jubilee Belles, a square dance group and a Dutch band. Several hundred persons attended the Memorial Day parade at Oberlin Cemetery at which Elmo Lund, Oberlin attorney, was keynote speaker.

Elaine Kyte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Barker, and Luther Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Morton were married May 21 at the Oberlin Methodist Church by the Rev. Ray Bressler. They will make their home on a farm in Bassettville Township.

Court House News: Marriage licenses were issued to: Jerry Fidele and Nancy Francis; Arthur Duncan and Mereta Cathcart; Jack Benton and Leila Krizek and Frank Golden and Elsie Beery, all of Oberlin.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1985**

The Oberlin Centennial float was entered in the Heritage Days parade in McCook last weekend for its first outing of the summer with Lemoin Landau and Gary Anderson in charge. Oberlin Centennial first lady Mable Allen and Grand Marshal Howard Banta rode on the float promoting the Sept. 28 Centennial

parade in Oberlin. Ticket sales have been brisk for the Day of Incorporation luncheon to be held June 13 at the American Legion under the sponsorship of Oberlin Rotary. Speaker at the luncheon which is open to the public is U.S. District Court Judge Richard Rogers, a native of Oberlin.

Jay and Barbara Smith left Oberlin this week to work as summer recreation supervisors with the City of Wichita. Jay is a student at Dodge City Community College and Barbara is a senior at Fort Hays State.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger of Selden and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiens of Oakley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Jacqueline and Michael. The bride-elect is employed at Simpson's Floral of Colby and her fiancé is an employee of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby. The wedding will take place Aug. 2, 1985, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

Lyle: The 11th annual Magers family reunion was held May 26 at the Lyle Community Building with 28 relatives and three guests attending. Don Goss, Norton, and Margaret Magers, Norcat, were re-elected president and secretary.

Students who will be traveling to Dallas, Texas, as band members for the International Lions convention June 19-22 are Kelli Pavlicek, Robyn Russell, Perrell Stanley, Cindy Michael and Scott Braden, all of Oberlin, and from Jennings, Sharla Trimmell and Susie Unrein.

Delegates from Oberlin to Sunflower Girls' State held on the campus of the University of Kansas are Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson; Terri Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harmon and Jill Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ren Whitaker.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Around 200 people stopped by the Museum over Memorial/Alumni Weekend. They toured the museum, looked through the yearbooks, enjoyed the newly expanded Alumni Room, reminisced over pictures, watched the history of Decatur Community High School through a picture presentation, bought a 2010 Alumni Directory and a Historical Oberlin calendar, and relaxed and visited with family and friends in the Parlor. We look forward to doing this again next year.

We ARE geared up for the 9th Annual Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show. The cruise-in, Friday, June 4, will be an exciting evening with cars, trucks, and motorcycles cruisin' the streets. In front of the museum there will be hot dogs, chips, and the Oberlin Business Alliance serving Root Beer floats. KFNH will be broadcasting live that evening with old-time Rock

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I hope you all had a safe and good weekend. For me, it was a very busy one, working at the LandMark and a class reunion also. It was sort of relaxing, just to come back to work on Tuesday.

There is no feature for my business of the week today as time just ran out, and I didn't think I could be that rushed on Tuesday, but next week I will do two to catch up.

Starting today, advertising is going out for the getruralkansas.org website that I have been working on. It is sponsored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation, which received a \$50,000 grant to teach one person in each small Kansas town to maintain this website for their town. I went to a two-day class to learn to be an Explorer and how to keep this site up to date.

The big push came last week, and Oberlin will be one of the towns to stay live on June 3, so take a look at what all you can see at www.getruralkansas.org. I will be adding to different parts as time allows and new events come up.

## Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Pfc. Kane Ware, grandson of Maralyn Courange, is serving in Afghanistan. His address is: Pfc. Kane Ware, 425th Transportation Co., 1st Platoon, APOAE09355. He is the son of Kirk Ware of Oberlin

and Valerie Holthus of Culbertson, Neb.

Maralyn Courange attended the high school graduation of her granddaughter, Lakin Brown, in Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:13*

Echoing "Taps" was played by Samantha Anderson and Nolan Henningson to mark the beginning of our 5th Annual Walkway of Flags. Pastor John Paulson offered prayer and Anita Hirsch led everyone in a devotion and singing. Tears were streaming down many faces as God Bless America ended the service. Anita took the residents to the front porch and read each placard on the 148 flags that were flown in memory of, or in honor of a loved one remembered. We recognized service men and women from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and a special section was reserved for those who have served, or are currently serving, in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Soft, beautiful patriotic songs played while people strolled the Walkway, reading each name and reflecting on the memories that flooded their thoughts. It's appropriate to pay tribute to those who have put their lives on the line to preserve our freedom, and to give thanks to those who have sacrificed their lives for our country. Certainly these men and women exemplified Jesus Christ who set the ultimate example in giving His life for all mankind. As we remember them, think also about Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and eternal resting place.

Our weekend really began on Friday. We had the pleasure of enjoying music provided by Michael Milbauer! We danced the night away! The residents love this, Chaz Janousek was found tappin' toes as he watched his sister, Doris Marintzer dance with Stuart Euhus. Edla Olson, Amy Rehm (with Olive), Eva Bryan, Marie McChesney, Bonnie Weskamp, Alice Shorbitt, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Hunt, Betty May and Evelyn Olson all took a whirl on the dance floor. Earl Brown, Eulaine Benda, Leona Helmkamp, Walter May, Emma Sanford and Faye Miller preferred to watch. Staff and visitors: Henry Edgett, Carol Morford, Jade, Brennan and Braylan Wunderly and Stuart Euhus danced the Electric Slide to everyone's delight.

Pastors Chris and Sharon Nelson of Oberlin Covenant Church brought members of their congregation for church on Sunday: Kathy Almquist, Joyce Hartzog, Esther Carlson, Cheryl Hartzog, Dorothy Jackson and Gladys Geis. It is such a special day when the residents can worship and fellowship with members of their home churches. Don't forget to go see the movie "To Save A Life," sponsored by the Ladies Bible Study, Ten Cent Evangelism and the Decatur County Ministerial Association. Admission is free. Wednesday, June 2, and Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6, all showings at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Cinema. Our family Potluck will be this Friday night at 6 p.m. Wear your farming duds and ladies a "moo moo" would be appropriate! It will be "Udderly" delicious and lots of fun! Please RSVP! Memorial Day visitors were Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**, Carol Duncan for **Myrtle Ross**, Kathy Porsch (Lawrence) for **Leone Porsch**, Sharon Slaybaugh for **Opal Bryan**, Cheryl Heisel, Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. John and Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Gene Morgan (Arvada, Colo.), for **Elden Long**, Les and Elinor Williams (Northglenn, Colo.) visited **Elden Long**, **Alan Addleman**, **Ethel Nemeth**, **Earl Brown** and **Evelyn Olson**. Barbara Custer (Salina) came for **Earl Brown** and **Amy Rehm**. Other visitors for **Earl Brown** were Bernice Sevier (Arvada, Colo.), Linda Schwab (Hays) and Eunice Richards. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Duane and Phyllis Berry (Grand Junction, Colo.) for **Eva Bryan** and **Edla Olson**. Dan Schissler and Carol Martin (Littleton, Colo.) for **Violet Schissler**. Francy Miller, Rita Schaller (Larned) and Jim Greer (Modesto, Calif.) for **Faye Miller**. **Doris Marintzer** enjoyed Damian and Joe Marintzer, Bud and Vicky Mumm, Devon and Jackie Bowers and Amy and Jeff Reid. Bud and Vicky also visited **Hubert Mumm** and **Francis Janousek**. Susan May, Erin and Ryan, and John May (Idaho) came to see **Walter and Betty May**. Janelle Morel visited Goldie Stapp. John and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Esther Ready (New York) and Wyatt and Owen Amlong for all.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were lots of winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Residents joining in on the fun included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet and Mary Votapka.

Teresa Shaughnessy led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Mary Votapka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Darlene Fisher won the blackout game.

Residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Family members helped Ruth Leopold celebrate her birthday on Wednesday.

Charlotte Kurtz and Teresa Shaughnessy hosted the May birthday party in the dining room on Thursday afternoon. Those being honored with May birthdays included Zola Brown, Francis Ritter, Jim Plotts and Ruth Leopold. Everyone attending the party feasted on root beer floats.

Several residents tried their hand at a game of blackjack on Thursday evening.

The dining room smelled wonderful on Friday afternoon when the baking group met to make peanut butter cookies. The cookies were served warm from the oven.

Nola Carlson, a cousin of the late June Harold, donated several beautiful handmade afghans. She was in town visiting over the holiday

weekend. The dining room tables were decorated with vases of peonies over the weekend. These were donated by Dianne Bremer.

Saturday afternoon residents shared stories about class reunions during a social hour held in the dining room. Cookies and coffee were served.

Several residents attended the alumni banquet on Saturday evening. They included Zola Brown, Jim Plotts and Edna Mott.

Mary Votapka attended the alumni festivities in Jennings.

Recent visitors: Shirley Williams, Gary and Jayme Sattler, Tammi Engel, Atwood; Alysha Tadlock, Jean Hallagin, Goodland; Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Norma Lewis, Hoxie; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; Ann Middleton, Goodland; Josh, Michele, Brooklan and Ailiana Ivans, Spring Hill; Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Glenn, Tonya, Andrew, Madison and Carl Sayer, Gothenburg, Neb.; Jim and Judy Bliss, Grand Island, Neb.; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; George Sayer and Rita Ogg, Lexington, Neb.; Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.; Evan and Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Fusing and Ed Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Connie Olson, Marian Demplewolf, Opal Huntley, Eunice Richards, Max and Veanna Carman, and Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin.

## Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Schiessler, 95, of Littleton, Colo., who died May 4, 2010, at the Little Manor Nursing Home. He was a native of this community and a son of Mathias and Susanna (Stix) Schiessler. Funeral services and burial were held May 13 at Chapel Hill Cemetery at Littleton. Survivors include a brother, Rudolph and his wife, Lucy, and a sister, Julia (Carolyn). He was a brother-in-law of Violet Schiessler.

John and Ardythe Cederberg traveled to Pierre, S.D., last weekend to attend the party and the graduation of their granddaughter, Christa Wolf, on May 23, from Stanley County High School. They were weekend guests of Jim and Renae Wolf and returned to Oberlin last Monday. Christa plans to attend

Chadron State College in the fall. Richard and Susan Bergling, Quinter; Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby, and Dave Bergling spent Saturday with their mother, Olive Bergling, in Atwood and did some painting on her house.

Bill and Maxine Peebles of Denver attended her Decatur Community High School class reunion. They also visited Bob and Sally Olson and Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley were Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Fredricksburg, Colo. The two couples attended the alumni banquet in Oberlin.

Bob and Annette Frenzl, Salina; Lewis and Ava Perkins, Wichita; and Scott Olson, Celina, Texas, were weekend guests of Bob and Sally Olson. Scott remained for a

## Decatur Health Systems

By Carolyn Hackney

The Decatur Health Systems Radiology Department recently completed the final steps for a three-year term of accreditation in mammography with a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

Two technicians, Judeen Cornelsen and Leslie Jones, are registered to do mammography, or breast X-rays.

Mammography is offered Monday through Friday and can be scheduled through your doctor. The American College of Radiology and the American Cancer Society recommend a baseline, or first time, mammogram, between the ages of 35 and 40 and yearly tests for every


woman 40 and older. This can help detect subtle changes in breast tissue at treatable stages.

The Community Walk on Thursday drew more than 50 participants who walked the trails at Sappa Park along with their family and friends. Hot dogs were furnished by Decatur Health Systems and grilled by emergency medical technicians.

Drawings for various prizes were held throughout the afternoon. Several took part in the Boot Camp exercises gauged according to ability, and adults and children enjoyed playing some games. This annual spring event encourages exercise and physical fitness.

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