

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1886

Married, at the residence of John Painter in Grant precinct on April 14, 1886, Malen E. Croy to Miss Lulu E. Painter and Vance S. Sherrard to Miss Melinda Painter.

Quite a dust storm Sunday. J.B. Colt has the foundation laid for a mammoth warehouse.

C.E. Chandler has purchased H.S. Beardsley's interest in the Central drug store.

Prof. C. Borin, of the Eye, will commence the erection of an office building on the corner of Commercial Street and Rodehaver Avenue.

A new 2-story frame building now adorns Hall Street east of Penn Avenue. Wm. R. Carlton will occupy the ground floor with his stock of merchandise.

Ed Stillson lays claim to having been the first man to enroll his name on the Herald's subscription book and has taken the paper continuously since.

The county commissioners at their last session ordered the jail moved from its present location to ground owned by the county in the north part of town.

Dr. W. B. Mead has purchased of H.S. Beardsley the old Pioneer billiard hall building and lot on Penn Avenue and expects to have the post office in the new location by the first of the month.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1911

The monument to commemorate the Indian Raid of 1878 will be erected in the northwest corner of the cemetery. Commissioner Finn Penn is now overseeing the completion of the cement foundation which will be 16x16 feet and extended several feet into the ground and four feet above the surface. The formal dedication of the monument will take place Sept. 30 on the anniversary of the raid.

It is that the fruit is mostly killed in this county.

A fearful dust storm Wednesday night. H.O. Caster retired as a member of the school board at the meeting Friday and Ned Coldren was elected in his place.

A carload of Ford autos was unloaded by the Oberlin Mercantile Company Friday.

Rev. M.J. Coldren, a brother of the editor who has spent 32 years in India as a missionary, has been visiting the Coldren families in the city.

Mayor Morrish has named Will Landau as city clerk and R. D. Strain as city treasurer.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1936

Oberlin's own missionary, Millie Marvin, left Monday for San Francisco where she will sail on April 30 on a Japanese liner for Calcutta. From there she will return to the interior of northern India where she is superintendent of nurses at a Baptist Women's Hospital at Gauhati, Assam. Miss Marvin was honored by a silver tea and a dinner at the Federated Church before her departure at which time she was presented money with which to purchase a typewriter.

The oldest building in Oberlin, the former Baptist Church on West Maple Street is no more. W. H. McClaury has torn the building down and will erect a residence on the site. The building was erected in 1887 by

the Lutheran people but when their congregation failed to grow it was rented by the Baptists who made it their church home. In 1921 the Baptist and Christian congregations merged and in 1934 they purchased their present church home, the former Episcopal Church.

The regional meeting of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce brought 250 persons to Oberlin. A splendid banquet was prepared by the Ladies' Aid of the Federated Church and served at the Masonic Temple.

The wheat allotment checks for 1935 which have been expected for some time will arrive this week according to a telegram received by Mr. Emil Petracek from Sen. McGill and Congressman Carlson.

Harold Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dyer, was honored at the honors convention at the University of Kansas last week. He is a member of Sachment, the senior men's honor society.

Fairview-Summit: Henry Olson and Henrietta, Lena Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Way took advantage of the nice day Sunday and took a little spin to the Jennings Lake and ate ice cream in Jennings before returning home.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1961

Ira L. Laidig, principal for the past 31 years of Oberlin consolidated grade school, was guest of honor Saturday evening at a stag dinner at the Kent Hotel in Norton given by school, business and professional men from a wide area, in recognition of his many years of service in school, church and civic affairs. Andy Larsen, superintendent of Norton City Schools, had charge of plans for the gathering.

Construction is progressing rapidly on a 24x43 service station, being erected on US-36 west of Bryan's Cafe. N.E. Bryan is the owner of the service station and Vickers products will be handled. The station will be open for 24-hour service when completed.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will be host to a meeting of the Park Deanery of the Salina Council of Catholic Women on May 3 with approximately 140 women from the 18 parishes expected.

Funeral services were held for Ora Edwards, 91, who came to Decatur County in 1885 with his parents, brothers and sisters and lived the remainder of his life in or near Oberlin.

Twelve or thirteen new families will be moving to Oberlin within a week or two, as the result of a large trucking concern locating one of its centers north of Oberlin. R.C. Williams Inc., has leased a plot of ground on the municipal airport fronting Highway 36 where a shop, office and several pieces of trucking equipment will be maintained.

Vergil McKinzie, football coach at Hill City High School the past two years has resigned his post to accept the football post at Great Bend High School.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1986

Farmers National Bank of Oberlin will be observing the 100th anniversary of its founding with a celebration on Saturday, May 3 which will include a community picnic at Oberlin City Park. Bank president is R. Dwayne Jones and directors are: Ralph Brown, Carl Frickey, Jones,

R.J. Metcalf, Don Fredrickson, John E. Bremer, Sidney Metcalf and Charles Frickey.

Friday, April 25 is the deadline for the sign-up for the 1986 wheat and feed grain programs according to Diane Barrett at the ASCS office.

Hospital News: Sheri and Karl Dougherty, Oberlin, son, Jacob Karl.

Selden: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duesberg will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house in their home the afternoon of May 5.

Becky Kay Tally and Ron Moyer

announce plans for a June 15, 1986, wedding at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

A May 31, 1986, wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon for Deb Thiele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thiele, Columbus, Neb., and David Escher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Escher, Herndon.

Both the DCHS boys and girls track teams brought back second place trophies from the Oakley track meet as the boys were edged by Ullysses and the girls by Scott City.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Donations are being accepted to place a cement bench on the southeast corner of the Herndon school playground near the colorful playground equipment. Contributions may be sent to Box 163, Herndon, Kan., 67739. Please call Dave Ketterl at 322-5302 for information on this project.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the tri-parish Holy Saturday Easter vigil Mass at St. John's Saturday evening. Easter Sunday was spent with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs in McCook before visiting Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living in Oberlin.

Crystal Jones, bride-elect of Jeremy Wahrman of Herndon, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, April 23. The shower, hosted by Angela Ketterl and Judy Ketterl, was held at the Herndon Senior Center. Each guest was asked to share their experience of how they met Crystal and Jeremy. Cake and pineapple punch were served. Crystal opened her many gifts and expressed her appreciation to the hostesses for the beautiful shower and to the guests for sharing the lovely afternoon and for their useful gifts.

Invited guests included the bride-elect, Crystal; Angela Ketterl, Judy Ketterl, Connie Jones, Mary Trussell, Patricia Jones, Bessie Camren, Darlene Wahrman, Kelsey Wahrman; Diana Allen; Heather Schneider; Kara Allen; Sharon Kummer; Donna Peterson, Annette Lowe, Mary Ortiz, Pat Guthrie, Rebecca Wasia, Andrea Biberstein, Kristi Waterman, Paula Corcoran, Krista Sabin, Shawna Stoney, Jodi Ashley, Lynetta Ketterl, Vera Banford, Sharon Black, Karen Nichols, Karen Yarian, Liane Martin, Phyllis Grafel, Marita Portschy, Arlene Bliss and Sarah White.

Phoebe Grace Marintzer, daughter of Jacob and Tara Marintzer and sister to Kade, was baptized after Easter Mass in Wamego. Those

attending from Herndon were all the Marintzers; Pete and Eileen Portschy and Gene Kleidosty. Others celebrating were Abe, Alex and Addisyn Marintzer of Emporia and the Schmitz family from Axtell. Easter dinner followed the baptism at the Jacob Marintzer home.

Marty and Tyler Rohm of Aurora, Colo., were Easter weekend guests of Kent and Chris Wood.

Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon; Chase, Dana, Payton and Paycie Juenemann, Hays; Rob Sattler, Oakley; and Brian, Mary, Kate and Colin Clark; Jayme and Eric Sattler, all of Atwood, enjoyed cream puffs and Easter snacks at Grandma Janice Sattler's home Sunday afternoon after they hunted Easter eggs, then the Sattlers and Juenemanns visited and had supper with John and Ardythe Cederberg of Oberlin.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Jasper Kendall Grafel who died April 21 in Denver, Colo., after struggling with medical issues and being hospitalized since birth. Jasper was born Feb. 20 in Denver to Ben and Mariah (Jones) Grafel and leaves a host of grandparents, great-grandparents and family in the area saddened by his passing.

Those gathering at the Doris Marintzer farm home to help her celebrate her 87th birthday and Easter were: Damian Marintzer, Jackie Bowers, Joe Marintzer, Amy Reid, Cork and Jacque Riener, John and Keri Riener, Jim and Amy Riener, Jeff Riener and Megan Cahoj, Jessica Riener, Calvin and Kayla Hughes, Connie Walker, Stan and Becky Faimon, Heather and Muriel, Bud and Vicky Mumm, Anita Mumm and friend, Sara Schoentgen; Greg Mumm and Lina Hakola; John Marintzer; Steve and Lydia Bryan, Chris Halling and Luke Marintzer. Others stopping by to wish Doris birthday blessings were Sam Solko, Carol Kompus and Gabe Skolout.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Tuesday I begged off helping at the paper so I could help clean at the Lyle Community Building for the Easter service. Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen and I started and soon saw that the roads were muddier than we had realized, so Joyce managed to turn around and go back.

It seemed to be a busy week. Between rainy periods I went to Oberlin for groceries, a doctor visit, pills and driver's license, helped clean the Community Building, helped fix food for Sunday morning, and then, woe is me, I slept through the Sunday service. That was embarrassing! Carol and John noticed I wasn't there and came after me, so we were in time for breakfast. It was a very good breakfast and we were thankful that so many people came. We didn't see the sun, but I know it was there.

Kathy Van Meter was taking some good-natured kidding about a fall which had scratched her face. Hope it heals fast, Kathy.

Toots Magers' grandson, J.T. Guy and his family from Abilene were her guests over the weekend and, were lots of help with food, etc. Jane, Mike and Pam Engelhardt and

Judy and Charlie Easton came in the afternoon as Judy was playing bells with her group in the morning.

Forty members of the Jolly/Carter family had their Easter dinner at the American Legion building in Lebanon, Neb.

Linda and Dennis McFarland, Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Darren Jolly, Jennifer, Mike and Jack, and Carroll and Kathy Jolly attended the funeral in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the son-in-law of Ron Weish, the friend of Carroll Jolly who has visited June's family several times. The young man lost his life in Afghanistan. Of course, the nuts (excuse me) the demonstrators were there, but were not very effective as there were supporters lined along the route for five miles. God bless America!

My sister, Dixie Wood, called to say that Elvin had fallen and has been bedfast for the past week. They have not had any severe weather, only lots of rain.

Merlin Wood sent a picture of their son, Micael, who is an Afghanistan returnee and is still in training. He could not be home, but was sharing Easter with some cousins.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Preparing our hearts for Easter was a major activity theme this week. During Social Hour on Monday, Frannie opened a carton of Resurrection Eggs to discuss over coffee. Each egg held a tiny piece of the Resurrection story to be handled and discussed.

STAR committee hosted an Easter Bunny Social where the Residents dyed eggs for the staff's children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Eighteen children came to find the eggs that Phil Erickson hid all around the center. They then heard the story of Benjamin's Box telling about Jesus and the empty tomb. Jo Henderson brought cupcakes for the kids to enjoy.

Our club meetings have taken off with much success! The "History Buffs" met with Anita in the Quiet Room on Tuesday. Barb Biesner brought her DCHS Alumni Book and the group was off and running. Barb, Amy Rehm, Loren Schrock, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Waldo, Charlene Meyer, Lucy Schissler and Phil Erickson delighted in reminiscing and sharing family stories.

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Friday evening, Pastor John Paulson brought the Good Friday message. Our pony, "Butterscotch" posed as the donkey colt, as the events leading to the crucifixion were recounted. Town Square was filled with ears eager to hear and

hearts ready to receive the gospel message.

The Easter service was officiated by Pastor Linda Willey of the United Methodist Church, bringing to completion, a week of anticipation of the celebration of our Risen Lord.

Doris Marintzer celebrated Easter and her birthday with lots of family over lunch in the Quiet Room.

More work has been done in the Lora Marietta Memorial Garden. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all who helped this weekend to make it a beautiful place for our Residents to enjoy.

Our recent visitors: Smith Family (North Platte) and Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Max and Veanna Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Cheryl Miller, Pat Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Sharon Slabaugh, for **Opal Bryan**. Jerry Hill and Bret for **Myrtle Waldo**. Myrtle Waldo, Charlene Meyer, Lucy Schissler and Phil Erickson delighted in reminiscing and sharing family stories. Pastor Charlotte came to offer Communion to her parishioners. Leona Helmkamp, Elden Long, Violet Schissler and Evelyn Olson. We put together our first "Club Buffet," an effort to create a special time of fellowship between our two neighborhoods, Country Reflections and Angel Lane and to foster new friendships. We have three new Residents who have come to join our Good Sam family. Laddie and Vera Kacirek, and Donald Gilbert. We hope to make them feel right at home! The "In Home Club" met with Coleen, Friday afternoon for a sing-a-long. Alice Bobbitt, Phil Erickson, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross and Leone Porsch are all members. Friday evening, Pastor John Paulson brought the Good Friday message. Our pony, "Butterscotch" posed as the donkey colt, as the events leading to the crucifixion were recounted. Town Square was filled with ears eager to hear and

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The ZCBJ Lodge met for its monthly meeting on the Cedar Living Center patio at noon on Sunday, April 17. The Lodge donated \$10 for supplies for the Easter egg hunt.

There were several high rollers at the dice game played in the dining room on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Ira Kolosky, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Joan Noble won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Darlene Fisher and Wilma May.

Several residents met before supper on Tuesday to help prepare for the Easter egg hunt held on Tuesday evening. Candy, toys, and money were placed inside of plastic eggs. The children gathered at 7 p.m. for the hunt which was held in the dining room. It was a fun time for the children and the residents. Some of the little ones even went around the room to shake hands with the residents after the hunt.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make Easter bunny

decorations. More crafters met on Thursday morning to dye eggs. Both groups did a great job and everyone was very creative.

Easter eggs were on the menu when residents met for snacks on Thursday afternoon. The peels were removed from the beautiful dyed eggs and served with a little salt and pepper.

The baking group met on Friday to make pineapple cookies.

Recent visitors: Eugene Kleidosty, Linda Bosler, Doug Bobinyer, Herndon; Roberta Petracek, Jennings; Norma Ward, David Ward, Clayton; Julie and Ken Carter, Jennings; Susie Youngblood, Linda Files, Atwood; Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Tom Votapka, Terri Henke, Chris McKenna, Pat and Shelley McKenna, Jennings; Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Becky Fringer and Tara Larson, Colby.

Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Mirium Fisher, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Veanna Carman, D. Lambrow, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

As the old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers", we should have lots of May flowers. Now we need some warm weather to help everything grow.

As usual, the wind blew for the Oberlin Business Alliance Fish Fry on Friday, but not as hard as last year. Even with the wind, there was a nice crowd.

The next event sponsored by Oberlin Business Alliance is the Community/Business Breakfast (home-made cinnamon rolls and coffee) in the parlor at the Museum on Wednesday morning, May 4, starting at 7 a.m. This is being started to have a time to share what is going on around town. Quite often we hear of something after it has happened, so just come and meet your friends and business partners to help make people aware of what is happening in our community. There will also be an Oberlin Business Alliance monthly meeting the same day at the LandMark Inn at noon for any Oberlin Business Alliance member that wishes to attend.

Also happening next week will be the Cinco De Mayo supper, which will be held at the American Legion

beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. Several "South of the Border" dishes will be served. Freewill donations accepted.

I have been talking with several people about supporting our Farmers Market. It has been kind of slim the past couple years. I grew up eating and enjoying fresh vegetables, but I know a lot of people have not had that opportunity. There is a world of information on the internet to help get you started if you have the desire to plant a small garden.

There are also many in our community who would be glad to give their advice about growing also. I remember when one vendor used to come to our market with a little of several kinds of vegetables in the bed of his pickup. The people would flock around the pickup to be sure of getting what they wanted. Keep thinking, it is time for planting the early cool weather veggies, and time is coming up for the warm weather varieties. There is also a roto-tiller available for rent at Stanley hardware. Just call 475-2331 to reserve a time.

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