

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1886
E.P. Eno, trustee; James Stinson, clerk; C.L. Bradbury, treasurer and S.L. Allen, constable.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1911

Miss Jennie McMullen left Thursday evening for Seymour, Ill., where she will likely teach the coming year.

J.R. Correll has started a new industry — making large cement tiling for culverts that need a small water drain.

Vince Larrick left for Kansas City Monday evening to hunt up a permanent position.

Val Griffith and wife and Rev. VanCleave and wife went last Thursday to the Prairie Dog duck hunting.

Will Kellogg traded his farm last week for the residence property of Cal Lake and has taken possession. This puts him much nearer to his work on Route 3 than when he lived on his farm.

The commissioners of Sherman County have appropriated \$10,000 to prospect for oil, gas or anything else of value that may be under the county.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1936

With the passing of Henry A Stowell, 93, Decatur County gives up the last of her Civil War veterans and one of her finest and most beloved citizens.

Although less than a half-inch rain came Saturday night in the county, it came slow and did immense good to the wheat.

The high school shop team coached by "Dad" Jorgensen and composed of Arthur May and Lloyd Woolley took first prize in the shop contest at Kansas State College, Manhattan. This is a state contest and covers forging, cement work, drafter cutting and engine timing and May was high point man.

The County Wheat Allotment office has been pretty busy the past week distributing some 1300 wheat allotment checks in the amount of \$105,490.15, the final payment on the 1935 wheat contracts.

Summer band classes will begin May 15 with Mr. Bert Hostinsky at special reduced rates. Mr. Hostinsky hopes to swell the ranks of the band from 75 to 100 students next fall and to build up an orchestra that can compete in music festivals. Violin students will be sent to Mr. Evan Hubbard, a graduate of the Denver Music College.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to Nick Kaus and Mary C. Schiltz, both of Selden, on April 24.

Funeral services were held for

David Kent Barclay, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay, who died from a brain concussion received in a fall from the bathing table.

Lyle: The schools in the vicinity closed last week and there was a big dinner at the Lyle school where Miss Hendricks taught for the entire district, also at Fairy Wickham's school two miles south of there. Miss Elva Bell in District 103 had a picnic on the creek for her pupils and parents. Everyone had a jolly time after they recovered from their fright when Mrs. Van Cozad attempted to show some of the youngsters how to ride the goat swing and fell into the creek, going completely under the water. Luckily, she wasn't hurt.

Mrs. Dale Bates entertained last Monday at a pretty bridge shower honoring Miss Fern Fisher whose marriage to Mr. Sam Shafer will take place soon.

In the 27th annual Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa last Saturday, Sam Francis gave the crowd of 9,000 spectators a real thrill by winning the discus and leading the qualifiers in the shot put.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1961

The Farmers National Bank will observe its 75th anniversary all next week. It was on May 7, 1886, that the First National Bank of Oberlin opened its doors and started serving the financial needs of the people of Oberlin and northwestern Kansas. It was incorporated with capital stock of \$50,000.

At the annual meeting of the Kansas Highway 36 organization which was held in Oberlin, Reed Groves of Hiawatha was elected president to succeed Milton Nitsch. Rain and mud. We should pause to smile about drouthy Kansas.

I.O. Wear has put up a frame awning in front of his hardware.

Two hundred guests registered at the Commercial House last week including Isaac Mulholland, the land king of Sheridan County.

The Eyelid on Commercial Street is nearly completed. It is within winking distance of the Herald office.

J.B. Hitchcock informs us that he has disposed of \$500 worth of residence lots in his addition to the City of Oberlin.

Two new townships were formed at the last session of the board of county commissioners, one to be known as Allison and the other as Harlan. Officers of Allison are H.L. Miller, trustee; William H. Bailey, constable; E. C. McGinley, clerk and J.F. Leonard, treasurer.

Dallas Caster, DCHS senior, has been awarded the \$250 college scholarship given by Mr. and Mrs.

L.F. Cushenbery. The other candidates were William Geisinger, Leoville; Delvin Randolph and Janice Bainter, Jennings; Rita Brown, Delores Musgrave and Dennis Scott, DCHS.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sage will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday with an open house at their home on East Ash Street.

The Cosmopolitan club entertained 123 members and guests of the nine federated clubs of Oberlin at the annual spring tea held in the club room of the American Legion.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1986

Patrons and friends of Farmers National Bank celebrated its 100th anniversary in a big way Saturday afternoon with a community picnic and barbecue and supervised children's games and music. Despite warm, windy weather, the crowd seemed to enjoy the event. Oldest person in attendance was Clarence Black, 95, Oberlin and youngest was Dane Anderson, four-year-old son of Kary and Jackie Anderson, Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. M.W. McClung of Seattle, Wash., came the

farthest distance She is the former Aileen Nitsch.

The OES second-grade classes of Chris Fall and Kathy Tacha were excited on May 1 when after 21 days of watching six dozen eggs in incubators they were rewarded when more than 50 percent of the eggs hatched successfully.

Hospital news: Theresa and Russell Cressler, Clayton, son, Robert Alexander, May 1, 1986; Bonnie and Rex Schamberger, Oberlin, son, Justin Rex, May 3, 1986.

Both the boys and girls track teams at DCHS placed second behind Goodland in the Tri-State relays held at Colby. Others teams entered were Scott City, Colby, Hoxie and Ogallala, Neb.

Lisa Clare, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Clare, Scott City, but formerly of Oberlin, will receive her degree in veterinary medicine on May 16 at Kansas State University.

Scott Goltl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lairy Goltl, Oberlin, will be performing with the Concordia Teachers College a cappella choir in a sacred concert to be presented May 11 at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Is it May already? My Grandma used to say, "The older we get, the faster time goes." That seems to be true.

I made my visits to the greenhouses, and am in a bit of a dilemma as usual as to just what and where I want to plant stuff. I missed getting peppers planted last year, so guess what?

I have every color available this year ready to be planted.

I said earlier that I was planting okra, and I have that seed purchased also. It will probably go in the ground one day later this week. Happy gardening to all of you; hope to see you at the Farmers Market this summer.

The Oberlin Business Alliance-sponsored Community/Business Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. today (Wednesday) in the parlor at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice will be available.

Please come and see your neighbors and business people to see what is going on in town.

The alliance will also have its monthly meeting at noon today the LandMark Inn.

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce board will be preparing a Cinco De Mayo supper

at the American Legion at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

The board decided to hold this event inside in case of unruly weather. Nachos, tacos and fry bread will be served, and donations accepted.

I also heard there might be margarita specials at the Legion bar.

The playground installation at Sappa Park has been delayed until the week of May 16 due to weather at the company's locations.

Members of the Sappa Park Committee have been working hard to get volunteers and get clean-up done.

Another work evening is being planned for Wednesday, May 18.

Don't forget Mother's Day this Sunday.

The flower arrangements for the Main Street planters are ready at Mona's Market again this year. She has designed a little different idea in hopes the plants will grow a bit more evenly than they did last year.

The alliance helps arrange this, and the businesses that have a planter in front of their building buy the arrangements.

The Garden Club has offered to help and will be planting them next week as weather allows.

Have a great week!

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Last week, we mixed the routine with splashes of celebrations to keep things lively. Remember the saying, "Routines sustain us and celebrations refresh us?" We all should live by that!

Monday started with our daily Devotions brought by Barbara Dehlinger, followed by our routine chores: Folding Fellowship and Exercises. Folding Fellowship ladies met to fold clothing protectors. These ladies meet every Monday and Friday to fold and enjoy a cup coffee, before heading for Exercise. Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Doris Marintzer, Mary Waldo, Amy Rehm, Charlene Meyer, Myrtle Ross and Betty May are faithful participants. Cheryl Miller and Loren Schrock added a "splash" of fun for the afternoon. Cheryl's fingers were dancing on the piano keys while Loren's harmonica was hummin' along and his spoons were keeping everyone's feet and faces happy!

Tuesday, the "Stage Hams" met to produce their first production. Lucy Schissler, Betty May, Phil Erickson and Earl Brown starred in "A Colorful Capert." Three friends concoct a scheme to play the perfect April Fool's joke on the "king of pranksters" in this two-scene skit performed during Social Hour.

"Praying Mantis" club members Glenn Martin, Ben Jorns and Phil Erickson showed their competitive edge during a game of "Washers." Rob Mcfee made and donated the game and we were excited to put it to use!

The "In House" club met in the Quiet Room for an afternoon sing-along. Phil Erickson, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt and Myrtle Ross are members.

May will be a busy month: The Teddy Bear Picnic for the First

Hand Friends, Prom, Graduations, Mother's Day and Memorial Day! Our club meetings are up and running and we are looking forward to the warm, sunny weather!

Although, this is only a glimpse of all that goes on here, hopefully you can see that this is a wonderful place to live and serve and be a part of an extended family who love each other. All the staff participate in the lives of your loved ones helping them to reach their highest level of participation and enjoyment of life. We are so grateful that you have entrusted them to us.

Our recent visitors: Martin and Evelyn May for Leona Helmkamp. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Cheryl Miller for Lore Schrock. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Mert McEvoy and Elda Youngs (McCook) for Lucy Schissler. Gladys Geis and Edie, Dakota, Mollie and Grace Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Von Johnson and Carolyn Strey for Crystal Moore. Greg and Mary Long and Marilou Long for Elden Long. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Loyd Waldo and Gail and Kay Marcuson for Mary Waldo. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler. Earl Brown, Alice Bobbitt and Walt and Betty May. Dave Meyer and Sable for Charlene Meyer. Mary Long for Phil Erickson. Shelby Hackney, Helen Brooks and Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson for Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Stuart and Mary Henzel for Amy Rehm. Chris Dean (Herndon) for Don Gilbert.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Aubrey, age 5, stays with me a night a week and maybe two. I have twin beds, and pushed them together so I could read to her and she could see the pictures. She would like to sleep in my bed, as I can raise the head; but I like my fuzzy blanket clear to my chin, and she is an active kid who likes it cool, and one kick from her sends all the covers to the foot. So that wouldn't work.

Then she has her "Babies"; six or eight stuffed bunnies, bears, and what-not, which have to be smuggled in beside us. And she always needs a back-rub, which may not be the only thing that will put her to sleep, but it's the quickest.

So far, so good, right? Anyway, next comes the family cat, who likes to sleep by my feet, so we are fairly snug. Last night I dreamed my blanket was sectioned off into lots, with

about six families living there. Now, why would I dream a thing like that? Dreams are strange—mine anyway. She is a delight, as are all children.

We had another delicious dinner at Lyle on Sunday, May Day 2011.

Jim Plotts feels that his hand which was injured is healing and he thanks everyone for prayers and good wishes. Carolyn's brother, Bob Kelley, is doing well after lung surgery.

June Jolly and Toots Magers played pitch at Norton on Sunday evening.

Dixie Wood said Elvin is improving since his fall, and has been up some. He visited with me on the telephone and wished me a happy birthday. I have had calls from all my kids, and both daughters plan to be at my home today.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The dance scheduled for Thursday evening had to be cancelled due to the wild weather. We will reschedule as soon as possible.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon. We sang many of our favorite old songs. Everyone joined in on singing Happy Birthday to Ira Kolsky.

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

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler gave the monthly Communion service on the patio before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

Teresa Shaughnessy and Tara Votapka hosted the annual Volunteer Tea in the dining room on

Wednesday morning. The dietary department prepared a delicious brunch for the group. Volunteers attending the event included Stuart Euhus, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Dolores Koerperich, Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, Juanita Williby, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

A group of residents met on Wednesday afternoon to watch Johnny Carson shows on DVD. Homemade bread was served warm from the bread machine with plenty of butter.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The first annual pie baking contest was held at Cedar Living Center on Thursday afternoon. Staff members brought the pies which were judged and then later eaten by an appreciative audience of residents and staff. Pies were donated by Lisa

Votapka, Roberta Blake, Teresa Ely, Natasha Weishapl, Tara Votapka, and Teresa Shaughnessy. The pies were judged by a panel consisting of resident Wilma May and staff members Vicky Sylvester and John Lister. Roberta Blake won the best overall pie for her peach pie. Additional prizes were won by Lisa Votapka and Tara Votapka. Tara was especially proud of winning the award for the prettiest pie as it was her first homemade pie.

The baking group made a fabulous batch of monster cookies on Friday afternoon. They were a big success.

Norma Ward ate supper with Max Ward on Friday evening.

Recent visitors: Susie Morford, Linda Files, Atwood; Bee Nelson, Norcatur; Linda Bosler, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday for a Mother's Day breakfast at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Donna Kelley accompanied Elden and Delta Anderson to Solomon on Friday, where they and Debbie Kelley of Brookville were overnight guests of Wane and Cheryl Stull. On Saturday, the Andersons and the women attended the state music festival in Salina to especially hear Samantha Anderson perform as a vocal soloist and on her French horn.

Britta Noren, Omaha; Chris Cochran, McPherson, and Lori Seaman, Salina, visited over the weekend with Steve and Connie Noren, David and Michael, and Esther Noren.

Michael and Erin Kittson and Noah of Denver were weekend guests of her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. The Kittsons will be moving soon to Montana to make their home.

Steve and Arian Arnold received word of the death of his brother-in-law, Don Hill, 82, of Norcatur at the Decatur County Hospital.

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Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

With the month of April having come to an end, we have seen several activities at the Museum: grand opening of the 2011 season on April 1 along with hosting the Oberlin Business Alliance Coffee Hour, annual meeting, a birthday party, DPW meeting and tour, the annual rummage sale, and a group of ladies who meet in the parlor to do beading and knitting.

The month of May is already looking at a host of events. Wednesday, May 4 at 7 a.m. in the parlor is a get-together for representatives of clubs, organizations, business groups, and anyone interested to discuss upcoming events and to communicate problems and con-

cerns sponsored by Oberlin Business Alliance; May 7 knitting and crafting in the parlor for anyone who would like to come; May 21 a graduation party; May 28 the Class of 1951 is holding their reunion in the Bohemian Hall.

As you are making those Memorial and Alumni weekend plans, remember the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will host Alumni Weekend on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. We invite all alumni and the public to make this a place to come and socialize. We will be open from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. both days. There will be snacks and drinks (coffee, tea, and water). Dick Carman (Class of 1957) will

be showing a DCHS picture presentation throughout the two-day party. The two-day event along with museum tours will be free, but donations will be appreciated. The Oberlin Business Alliance will be grilling up hamburgers and polish sausages in front of the Museum on Friday from 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. for a free will donation.

The museum is the place to be on Alumni Weekend.

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

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