

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1886

The post office has been moved to new quarters in the old Pioneer billiard hall building.

Prof. C. Borin went to Kirwin this week to make arrangements for the removal of the power press in the Kirwin Chief office to the Eye office at this place.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Norcat Register has been received at this office.

A tri-weekly mail has been put on between Oberlin and Lenora.

The foundations for the Decatur County Bank and Foster's brick building on the avenue are nearly completed and ready for the brick layers.

Homer Colvin again occupies his old position in the land office.

A heavy hail storm swept the country south of this Monday afternoon.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1911

J.E. Love has erected a new cement block garage for his new Ford runabout.

Grover Marvin has started a store on the east side of house furnishing goods, consisting primarily of tinware.

On Sunday we had a little taste of winter. It rained and snowed and blowed until everything took on a winter appearance. A hard freeze Sunday night probably killed the fruit too dead to talk about.

H.J. Morrison and J.E. Kulp tried to save their cherry crop on Monday night by smudging.

The Decatur County Fair Association land was rented to D.C. Poole Tuesday for the crop year.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1936

The sudden death of Oberlin attorney V.D. Woodward at the age of 38 shocked the entire community as he had been in the courtroom on Tuesday morning and died early Wednesday morning despite receiving medical attention. He had always been of an extremely healthy and robust appearance. He came to Oberlin in 1921 after graduating from the law course at Kansas University and started his legal career under the tutelage of Judge Langmade and in the past eight years has maintained his own office. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Frances Top; three daughters and four sisters. E.R. Woodward, a fourth cousin, is the only other relative in this community.

Miss Laura Resch had been announced as the valedictorian of the 83-member DCHS Class of 1936. Miss Lorraine Carper is salutatorian. The nine new members of the National Honor Society are: Ruth Roberts, Harry Brown, Murrell Wilson, Douglas Jom, Lorene Harger,

Russell Rhodes, Donald Dyer and Miss Resch and Miss Carper.

Promotion exercises were held at the city school auditorium for 54 eighth graders.

The junior-senior promenade was held Saturday evening and afterwards a banquet was held at the Masonic Temple. Beginning this year the promenade will not go in and out the stores as in the past.

Beginning last Thursday one of those "million-dollar rains" began falling in Oberlin and across Decatur County and continued off and on for five days allowing it to soak in and giving new life to the wheat crop.

Nearly 50 women, members of the Keep Pace Club and guests, were present at a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. Art Steele on Friday afternoon.

Friends of Miss Eunice Rydquist planned and carried out a farewell party for her Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rydquist. Miss Rydquist left Monday for the State of Washington where she expects to remain for some time.

Norcat: All four of the Edgar Lockhart children who attend school district 103 with Miss Bell of Norcat has perfect attendance records this past year.

Miss Lillian Cederberg, head nurse at Benton Memorial Hospital, has returned from a week's vacation spent with her sister in Superior, Nebraska, and with classmates in the nursing profession in Salina and Lindsborg.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1961

Funeral services were held for well-known Oberlin resident, Mike Roach, 67, who was the apparent victim of a heart attack. After graduating from Decatur County High School with the Class of 1915, he was employed by Farmers National Bank, later Reserve Building & Loan Assn., and in 1925 became the agent for National Reserve Life Insurance Co.

Moisture, the finest in more than a year, covered every inch of ground in Decatur County last week and provided near assurance of a good wheat crop. To revert to an overworked phrase, it was truly a million-dollar rain.

County schools are spending the last few days of the school year in town. On Monday a large group of Jennings third and fourth graders toured The Oberlin Herald office and the Last Indian Raid Museum. On Tuesday morning, 15 students from grades one through four from the Dresden school with their teacher, Lois McGowne, toured the Herald office and in the afternoon Herbert Graves brought 15 students

from the Traer school.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1986

Local members of the Zeta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma who attended the state convention held in Hays were Fern Moore and Gertrude Railsback of Oberlin and Lois Scott, Jennings. The convention marked the 50th year of the founding of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Kansas.

The bowling team from Kelling's Grocery in Oberlin were the winners of the annual bowling tournament held for Boogaart employees which was held this year at Smith Center.

Team members were John Stanley, Derry Bishop, Mike Berry, Ron Carlson and Bobby Bishop.

Hospital News: Lee Don and Melanie Scott, Oberlin, daughter, Chanelle Marie, April 23, 1986; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Dougherty, Oberlin, son, Jacob Karl, April 14, 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams will leave this week for Estes Park, Colo., where both will be employed at National Park Village North from May 5 to Oct. 8. Mrs. Adams has resigned her position at the office of the Decatur County Engineer and replacing her is Mrs. Greg (Linda) Fidele.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Community will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at the Jennings United Methodist Church from 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The Red Cross has requested this special drive because of the dwindling amount of blood available for emergency use. Please contact Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-2664 or 678-3010 if you are able to participate.

Mother's Day weekend company of Lila Jennings were Marcia Casey and Marlene Hounshell, Denver; Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Shelley Whitefield, Trout Lake, Wash.; Tammy Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; Brian Jennings, Solomon, and Brett Jennings. Lots of visiting and yard work was on the agenda for the weekend.

A large crowd attended the Mother's Day dinner Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center, sponsored by

the Jennings Lions Club.

The community welcomes Nancy Lovin and Doug Cressler. They are renting the Don and Tricia Cressler house.

Jennings City Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening, May 12, at the Senior Center.

Jennings community was busy Saturday with city-wide clean-up. Many loads were hauled to the Oberlin and the Jennings landfills. A load will be hauled to Norton Iron at a later date. We thank everyone who helped make this a success.

Anyone who would like to help with putting poppies together to decorate veterans graves can come to the R.N.A. Hall at 2 p.m. on Tuesday May 17.

City water meters will be read on Saturday, May 21. If your meter is inside yet, please post your reading as close to this date as possible.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jackie Votapka, Oberlin and Julie Hafner enjoyed lunch Thursday in downtown Oberlin.

Richard and Theresa Rippe and Wyatt spent Wednesday and Thursday in Minneola with Brenda and Aaron Schilde and Addison helping celebrate Addison's first birthday. Addison's Godparents and their daughter, Jeff and Barb Yolanda Blatner and Rachelle, and some neighbors joined the family for supper, cake and ice cream. On Sunday afternoon, Theresa attended Lilly Rippe's dance recital at Colby High School.

Students from Nicole's School of Dance presented dances to the theme of "Jamm'n' Jungle" including Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, and Creative Movement. Lilly was part of the Tap group.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner attended the graduation ceremony of Hannah Marie Lark at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo., with the class of 2011 on Friday. Hannah received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech, Language and Hearing Science with a Minor in Linguistics.

A reception was held for family and friends at the Tantra Lake Clubhouse, Boulder. Hannah is a granddaughter to Marlene Cook of Littleton, Colo. Bob, Julie and Janice spent the weekend with Marlene, Deanna Cook and the Dave Foxhoven family.

A number of ladies donned their large hats and enjoyed the Kentucky Derby at the Herndon Pool Hall Saturday afternoon.

Installation of Herndon City Mayor, Kenny Chartier, took place Tuesday evening, May 3, 2011, for his recently elected four-year term. Mr. Chartier will work closely with council members and will bring new

ideas to the community. The same evening, two newly-elected council members, Lewis Stoney and Sue Frick, took their oath of office for their four-year terms. City Clerk Deanna Williams at the Herndon city office, administered the oath of office.

Congratulations Herndon Rawlins County graduates: Audrey Basgall, daughter of Tom and Lexie Basgall; Tyler Martin, son of Henry and Lorri Martin; Jessica Riener, daughter of Cork Riener and the late Patricia Riener; Rachel Grafel, daughter of Kyle and Cindi Grafel and eighth grade graduate, Neil Portschy, son of Dean and Deb Portschy. Commencement will be Sunday, May 15 in the Rawlins County School Gym at 3 p.m. and the Herndon graduates will be recognized at a breakfast reception following the 8:30 St. Mary's Mass on Sunday, May 22, at St. Mary's hall.

Esther Pennington received Mother's Day calls from family on Sunday. Those calling were Jim Farrell, Hawaii; Michael Rushing, California.; Mathias Anderson, Texas; Valentine Solko, Hays; Mary Rushing, California; and Mark Pennington, Colorado. Ann and John Solko were dinner guests and Mary Ann Padgett, McCook, and Rachelle Solko were afternoon visitors. Mary Ann was visiting family in Herndon before attending the Rawlins County High School Consort Dinner Show later in Atwood.

Rachel Grafel, John Solko, Kassandra Williams, Tyler Sattler, Jake Williams and Nicolette Nemeth were Herndon participants in the Consort Show Choir and Dinner Show, doing a wonderful job entertaining the crowd through the program Sunday evening.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Confirmation was held during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Confirmands were Michael Noren, son of Steve and Connie Noren; Beth Reuther, daughter of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, and Mandi Jones, wife of Josiah Jones. Bibles from the church were presented by Orrin Holle, chairman of the church.

Congratulations to Stan and Tamara (Sporn) McEvoy, who were married on Saturday afternoon in the back yard of their home in Oberlin.

A reception and dance followed at the Oberlin American Legion. He is the son of Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

J.R. Ginther attended the graduation of their grandson, Brady Ginther, at Golden Plains High School in Rexford on Sunday afternoon. His wife, Carrol, attended the dance recital of their granddaughter, Sophia Ginther, at the Colby High School.

That evening they both attended the Rawlins County High School dinner and music performance at the grade school gym in Atwood.

Dave and Ida Marie Erickson visited last week with her sister, Esther Noren, and her sister-in-law, Dolores Benda, and families.

They were en route to Montana from Green Valley, Ariz., to spend the summer months.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. *Philippians 4:4-5*

Joy and gentleness were words used in the Memorial Service given in honor of Elden Long. After finishing our Bible study on the fruits of the Spirit, the character qualities we saw in Elden provided perfect application. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control were evident in his life right until the Lord called him home. Elden's quick smile and gentle eyes will be missed.

Since the magazine racks are brimming with pictures of fanciful hats worn at the Royal Wedding, it seemed only fitting that we should don our hats too, but we wore them in honor of Mother's Day! The STAR Committee hosted a Mother's Day Hat Parade. Linda Hollowell supplied many wonderful hats to be worn for the day. Lots of talk could be heard over pie and ice cream about wearing hats to church every Sunday years ago, and speculations that the Royal Wedding may spark a new interest in hats returning to the fashion scene. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Earlier the "Artsy Crafts" club created pretty "Fancy Fans" that were in keeping with the Royal theme. Members are Amy Rehm, Myrtle Ross, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Betty May and Evelyn Olson. While the ladies glued lace and sparkles to their fans, Loren Schrock and Phil Erickson painted their wooden Train banks.

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter brought homemade treats to sweeten the pinocle game at "Card Club" on Monday. Walt and Betty May, Phil Erickson, Leone Porsch and Opal Bryan enjoyed their time together in the Quiet Room.

The "Praying Mantis" men's club met with Pastor Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy for coffee and lively conversation on Friday. Attending were Phil Erickson, Walt May, and Laddie Kacirek

The "Club" meetings have done exactly what we had hoped. They have given the Residents a sense of belonging, independence and ownership over their daily routines and activity. Phil Erickson and Loren

Schrock headed to the Frontier Restaurant for a roll and coffee. Bessie Peterson hosted a prayer meeting in her home and Amy Rehm and Phil Erickson led Devotions Saturday morning. The "In House Club" gathered to sing "Whimsical Melodies" on Friday afternoon. Many of our gardener friends, Vera Kacirek, Emma Sanford, Leona Helmkamp, Lois Carlson, Olive Arnold and Dorothy Pryor have delighted in watching Lora's Memorial Garden blossom under the tender loving care given by Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

The Lions Club hosted the monthly Birthday Party in honor of our May babies. Edla Olson, Alice Bobbitt and Dorothy Hunt were celebrated on Saturday!

On Sunday, Dorothy Hunt's family all came for a private party in the Quiet Room to celebrate Mother's Day.

This week's friends and family who visited; Cheryl Miller for Loren 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. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Connie and Gerald Olson and Wendy, Gage and Wyatt Scott for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Von Johnson and Carolyn Strevey for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Rea and Dee Magers (Norcat), Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler. Walt and Betty May. Dave Meyer and Sable for Charlene Meyer. Chris Dean for Dean Gilbert. Connie Bryan (Scott City) for Leone Porsch. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and gOllie. h Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) Stan and Becky Faimon and Luke Marintzer for Doris Marintzer. Donna Kelley and Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Diana Alstrom with Daisy, Amy Carman with Pickles and Jodee and Cash Stillman (Hoxie) and Max and Veanna Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Susie Sabatka for Vera and Laddie Kacirek.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week all week. You are invited to attend the open house on Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Stop by for a tour of our new bathing spa room, enjoy cookies and punch, and visit with residents and staff.

The flower box by the front entrance is in full bloom. Nora Bell Manning and Patty Brown planted the box on Friday afternoon.

They have been filling the box for many years now in honor of the late Babe Manning, a former resident of Cedar Living Center.

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

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Zola Brown was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family at noon on Tuesday. Family members present included Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, and Ella Betts.

Wilma LaSalle won both the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and the blackout game.

Mother's Day trivia was on the agenda at the social hour held on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Tara Votapka hosted a party in honor of Cinco de Mayo on Thursday afternoon. She served a variety

of Mexican inspired treats.

The baking group made snickerdoodle cookies on Friday afternoon. We reminisced about gardening, Mother's Day, snakes, and much more while we waited for the cookies to get out of the oven.

Flowers, cards, and gifts started arriving at Cedar Living Center on Friday in honor of Mother's Day. By Sunday there were flowers, balloons, candies, and cards all over the place.

Many residents received special calls and visitors on Sunday.

The Lund Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday services on Mother's Day.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson represented the church. They brought petunias for all of the ladies. We will plant these in pots on the patio to remind us all summer of how special Mothers are.

The residents of Cedar Living Center would enjoy having prom goers stop by before promenade time.

Recent visitors: Eugene Kleidosty, Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon; Mary Verla Rath, St. Francis; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.

Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Eileen Portschy, Mirium Fisher, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Wendy, Gage, and Wyatt Scott.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The competition has been set to keep our yards looking neat and clean in the community. The City of Rexford will be recognizing one resident per month, beginning in May, who has kept their yard looking nice. Recommendations can be dropped off in the box out front of the City Building, contacting any of the council members, or calling Jolene at 687-2220.

Golden Plains High School graduated 27 students on Sunday. The 8th Grade graduation which included 13 students, and Middle School

awards, was scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. It doesn't seem possible the school year comes to an end on this Thursday.

I hope all the mothers were treated as royalty on Mother's Day, like the queens they are, with flowers, cards, hugs and gifts.

It is very nice to feel loved and appreciated by our children.

Condolences are extended to the family of Irma Hibbs, whose funeral service was held at the Rexford Community Church on Saturday.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played pinocle on Monday, May 2, with the residents of Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Also, Monday was my birthday. Daughters Carol Moyer and Sandy McNames visited and brought me cookies and flowers. All my sisters and kids called or sent cards, so it was a "Happy Birthday" I also had calls from several grandkids, and Tracey Pershing sent pictures of her granddaughter. (my great-great-granddaughter).

We finally had our lunch for Toots Magers for her birthday at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Besides the guest of honor, well-wishers were Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Jackie Porter and Veda Wood. After a good lunch, we went to the Senior Citizens pitch game at the Educational Building.

Jim Plotts has his hand in a cast after his surgery on Tuesday from the saw accident. We pray that it will

heal to the point that he can play the guitar again. He was playing well after the injury to his left hand, and now this is his "pickin'" hand.

Judy and Charlie Easton and Jane Engelhardt had dinner with Toots Magers on Mother's day. Later they went to Rexford to the high school graduation of Laura Clapp, then went to her home for a hog roast.

June Jolly had dinner with Dennis, Linda and Megan McFarland, and Louis and LaVeta McFarland. She has been garage-sale-ing.

Carol Moyer worked on my flowers for my Mother's Day present, and had dinner with son, Dennis and me.

Teresa and Dwight Wood came by Sunday evening on their way home from visiting her mother. May God bless all who honored their mother; I know it was appreciated.

And bless Carolyn Plotts and the men who hauled my trash on Saturday.

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