

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1886

A night watchman has been appointed. Oberlin now has a first national bank.

The citizens of Hoxie have presented a petition to Judge Pratt to have the city incorporated as a city of the third class.

Colby is to have an \$8000 brick hotel building.

W.D. Street started for Ogallah on Wednesday for two carloads of Oregon horses that he had shipped there for him on the U. P.

Robert Miller, proprietor of the St. James, the new hotel on upper Penn Avenue, went east Monday morning for the purpose of purchasing furniture and fixtures.

The stage between Oberlin and Colby is doing an immense business.

Geo. M. Day of Norcatour is to add to the appearance of that thriving place by the erection of a \$1200 residence.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1911

Dresden: Albert Fulton and Pearl Fulton of our community were married last week.

Corn planting quite generally begun on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Griffith left Monday for Wichita to attend a state lodge meeting.

The Vernons, Ellsworth and his son Walter, have done a very thriving business the past year buying and shipping horses to an eastern market.

D.G. Way and wife who have been working at Kanorado during the winter have returned to their home west of the city.

Doctor Tilden tells us that in a recent trip to Dresden in his Ford auto he never changed from high speed going or coming.

J. Kulp went to Denver last week and underwent a second operation for appendicitis, to correct an earlier operation made several years ago for the same trouble.

The senior play, "A Busy Liar," will be given Friday, May 12, at the Opera House. The following class members have parts in the play: Tudor Stevenson, Opie Cody, Lisle Bacon, Burton Scott, Glenn Love, Guy Morrish, Byron Landau, Elsie Reed, Gertrude Haines, Laura Gierhart and Ursula McMullen.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1936

Several officials, representing different government agencies interested in the building of Sappa State Park, were in town Monday and Tuesday working with the Chamber of Commerce and inspecting the site of the dam. There has been considerable delay and local citizens are getting anxious to see the construction started.

Norcatour: The new postmaster is Ralph E. "Pete" New who was appointed to succeed C.C. Andrews whose term expired in February.

The DCHS Alumni Banquet was attended by 327 persons and officers elected for the coming year were: J.R. Betts '15, president; Harry Brown '36, vice president; Lucile Hahn '27, treasurer; Lucile Carper '24, secretary. Ralph Clark made a report on the Smick Loan Fund.

Graduation exercises were held for 140 eighth grade graduates at the Oberlin City School auditorium. Norcatour and Dresden had their own graduation exercises earlier in the week.

Tragedy stalked Highway 36 Friday morning and overtook the car being driven by Miss Therese Owens, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vinning Owen of six miles east of Oberlin. When the car hit a rough spot at the side of the road caused by recent rains, she apparently lost control and the car went into a ditch throwing her out and pinning her against a 10-foot embankment.

After serving long and faithfully the City of Oberlin, George Gardner last week turned in his resignation as town marshal and will return to his farm southeast of Oberlin as soon as his tenant can locate elsewhere.

Dan Wilson who graduated from DCHS with the Class of 1931 and attends Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, was recently given the highest honor awarded to college students by having his biography included in the 1936 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, formerly of Decatur County, but now of Fresno, Calif.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Sewell are the proud parents of a nine-pound baby boy named Leonard Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Foley are the parents of a son, Martin Lowell, born May 15.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1961

Commencement exercises for the 71 graduates of the DCHS Class of 1961 will be held at Smick Field the evening of May 18 providing the weather is suitable. Principal Francis Stanley said there will be no reserved seats but additional risers have been erected to take care of a crowd expected to be 1400 persons. Class valedictorian is Sue Mathews and salutatorian is Janet Hunter, both of whom have straight "A" averages for the four years. Other honor students who have earned at least an "A" average for the four years are: Linda Bremer, Dallas Caster, Sandra Cruver, Deloris Musgrave, Florence Rippe, Carol Schissler and Sharon Summers.

Wynn Horney of Oberlin Motor Company is the new president of Oberlin Lions Club.

A Boy Scout Mother's Day Court of Honor was held May 15 at which Max and Robert Bearley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Bearley, both received Life Scout awards.

Mrs. Edgar Simonsson was honored as the "1961 Mother of the Year" in a contest sponsored by the McCook Daily Gazette. Her name was chosen from among 66 entries in the McCook trade area by the McCook Ministerial Association.

According to Ben Miller of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Oberlin, the local plant will start bottling 10-ounce bottles of a new lemon-lime drink called "Teem." Kay Francis Paddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paddock, Oberlin, was married to Vernon Johnson of McCook, son of Mrs. Opal Buchanan of Manitou Springs, Colo., on May 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Oberlin with the Rev. G. Grey Dashen officiating.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Koerperich, Jennings, daughter, Rosella Delma, 5-19-61; Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hartzog, Jennings, son, 5-8-61.

School News: Charles Frickey and Ronnie Erickson, both seniors next year, will represent DCHS at Boys State during the week of June 4 sponsored by Oberlin American Legion.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1986

A freak hailstorm shelled parts of Oberlin Wednesday evening with most local insurance agencies receiving reports of damage to vehicle windshields and house windows. Two stained glass windows were broken out on the south side of the United Methodist Church. Downpours were reported in the east part of Decatur County with Clayton receiving as much as 5 inches. At Norcatour Bob Rapp, M-G-M-elevator operator, said two inches of hard rain fell and that both the wheat and pastures had been needing rain.

This week's issue of The Oberlin Herald contains a 36-page Norcatour Centennial Edition as a supplement. The Norcatour community will observe its 100th anniversary

with a big celebration on May 23, 24 and 25.

Hospital News: Victoria and Michael Bailey, Jennings, son, Grant Michael, 5-6-86; Karen and Larry Smith, Oberlin, son, Brent Louis, 5-8-86.

Jim Stanley, assistant vice-president of Columbia Savings, has announced the promotion of Cheryl Crawford to loan officer in Oberlin. Stanley and his wife, Margaret,

and their children, Gabe and Mary Elizabeth, plan to move to Colby in June but will continue to run both offices in Colby and Oberlin.

Both DCHS boys' and girls' track squads captured first place in a 10-team meet held at Atwood. According to Coach Duane Dorshorst the boys team edged Goodland by seven points while the girls team edged Colby by one.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Rebecca Reuther, daughter of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, and Rachel Grafel, daughter of Kyle and Cindi Grafel, were among those who graduated Sunday afternoon from Rawlins County High School. A barbecue honored the girls at the Kyle and Cindi Grafel home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kennedy of Ohio were weekend guests of the Reuthers and attended commencement exercises for her granddaughter.

Congratulations to Josiah and Mandi Jones on the birth of a daughter, Emma Grace, on May 11, 2011, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis. She weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. She has a brother, Ryan, to welcome her.

Daisy Schmidt accompanied Dennis and Pat Barnett of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Keith Barnett of Atwood to Colorado Springs on May 3. While there, they attended the Change of Command of Lt. Col. Colin Connor, husband of Sara Barnett Connor, and son-in-law of Dennis and Pat Barnett and grandson-in-law of Daisy Schmidt and Keith Barnett. Lt. Col. Connor took

command of the 21st OSS Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. While in Colorado Springs, Daisy also visited Kurt and Kathy Frisbie of Monument. They all returned home on May 9 and the Dennis Barnetts visited Daisy Schmidt and Keith Barnett until May 15 when they left for their home.

Galen and Lynn Olson have moved to the home they purchased recently just south of Oberlin from McKinney, Texas. He is the son of Edla Olson and brother of Arian Arnold.

Hana Page Withington received a Bachelor of Science in Education during the 107th spring commencement exercises at Pittsburg State University. She is the daughter of Dale and Debbie (Erickson) Withington of Chetopa. Her maternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Ann Erickson.

Edla Olson was honored with a birthday party on Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center. Guests, besides the residents, were Eunice Martin, Elden and Detta Anderson, Daisy Schmidt, Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauder, Galen and Lynn Olson and Steve and Arian Arnold.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The highlight of our week-long celebration of National Nursing Home Week was the open house held on Thursday afternoon on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Residents and staff members from throughout the facility enjoyed a picnic potluck dinner at noon on Wednesday. The dietary department provided the BBQ sandwiches and staff members donated the side dishes. The serving tables were loaded with salads and desserts. Everyone reported having a good time.

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

The baking group met on Friday to make doughnuts. The group went through five dozen doughnuts, with a little help from staff members.

Recent visitors: Patsy Marintzer, Colorado; Betty Miller, Salina; Kay and Doyle Brown, Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; Pam Wilson, Norcatour; Kimberly Waitman, Atwood; Lee Ann Goetz, Park; Julie Hafner, Herndon; Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Laine Van Vleet, Seattle, Wash.; Gene Van Vleet, San Diego; Richard Samson, Ludell; Mike, Rich, Kelly, and Elba Noble, Colorado Springs; Becky and Tara Fringer, Colby; Marin, Ellen, and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Norma Ward, Clayton.

Max and Veanna Carman, Robert Fringer, Lisa Paulson, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Gary Walter, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Dolores Koerperich, Ila Ray, Carol Kompus, Bobby Hill, Sam Max, Phil Erickson, Joan Larue, and Loretta McFee, Oberlin.

Those unable to attend the open house are welcome to call to schedule a private tour, afternoons only please.

We kicked off our special week with an ice cream sundae party held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon. Residents and staff enjoyed creating sundaes with a variety of toppings. Staff members from the hospital, business office, clinic, and all departments joined in on the fun.

Tuesday we relaxed with a tropical island day. The dining room was decorated with beach items and flowers. Residents received flowered leis to wear for the day. Pineapple appetizers were served before supper.

Wilma LaSalle won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mary Votapka won the blackout game. The hospital nursing staff treated residents and volunteers to nachos after the game.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I was hoping what I saw on my pickup Monday morning was just water, but with a closer look, it was frost. Probably a good thing I got up at 4:30 a.m. and covered some of my plants. I was anxious and risked getting some in the ground a bit early.

The last I heard from the Sappa Park committee, the playground equipment was scheduled to be installed starting on Monday, so hopefully by the time you read this, the work will be well underway.

There will a work day at 5:30 p.m. this evening (Wednesday) at Sappa Park for painting and more clean up. All volunteers are welcome.

I am finishing up the June-July table tents. If you have something that needs to be on there, I may be

able to add it, but call by Friday.

On Friday, May 27, the Last Indian Raid Museum invites all alumni to come in and reminisce. The Oberlin Business Alliance will be hosting a burger and brat fry in front of the museum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce is having a bake sale at the same site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Home Planning Center is having coffee hour all day in their store.

The monthly Country Music Dance will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion. This is a relaxing time to come enjoy the music and be with friends. It started out just for singles, but many couples enjoy country music, so organizers invite anyone to come and enjoy the evening for most dances.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Next to December, May is by far one of the busiest months here at the Good Sam. We have May Day, Prom, Mother's Day, Graduation, Memorial Day, Alumni Weekend and three birthdays to celebrate. Then to top it off we have National Nursing Home Week to recognize our beloved staff, volunteers, family, community and residents who together create the loving home environment that we have come to expect and to cherish. So in honor of National Nursing Home Week, we would once again like to say thank you to everyone who helps to make the Good Sam such a special place!

Inspired by May Day, the Head Start Kids came to "Join Hands" with the Residents in planting flowers on the front porch! The weather cooperated nicely and brightly colored Vinca and Petunias now adorn our planter! Then on Tuesday and Thursday two Daisy Troops came bearing gifts. Pretty handmade May Baskets were hung on every door. It is so much fun to watch the children of the community grow up. The Head Start kids will be next year's 1st Hand Friends...the Daisy girls were last year's...and on Saturday, six high school couples all grown up and fancy came to show the Residents their prom attire. They all work or belong to someone who works at the Good Sam. How great is that?!

Bessie Peterson got a special surprise this week. Her grandson brought his brand new pick-up to show Bessie. Bessie is blind, so to show her, he had to take her! He and the staff helped Bessie into the truck and they went for a lovely drive out to the lake. To hear her describe the smell of the new leather seats and the fresh air, the feel of the road with the occasional bumps was a delight. Her eyes may not see but they sure do sparkle!

Tuesday morning, all the First Hand Friends came with their favorite Teddy Bear in tow...for our Teddy Bear Picnic. This is the finale, celebrating a great year of reading. They were met by two Teddy Bears surrounding a basket of fruit spread on the Town Square

floor. After they ate their picnic treat, (Teddy Grahams donated by the Head Start kids) they and their Teddy Bears joined hands for a time of Teddy Bear Rhymes and a lively game of "Fruit Basket Upset." Then they all found their reading buddies to give a big "Bear Hug" before saying goodbye!

Club meetings this week were: History Buffs met to discuss Decatur County Ghost Towns: Kanona, Achilles, Shilboleth to name a few. Walt and Betty May, Bessie Peterson, Loren Schrock, Lucy Schissler and Mary Waldo all participated. Lucy brought an interesting article about a relative who drilled the first oil well in the county in 1880. Many had many interesting facts to share from her early work experience as a telephone operator.

Praying Mantis men played a game of washers: Ben Jorns, Phil Erickson and Glenn Martin. Glenn was the day's winner.

Bessie's Prayer Meeting took place in her home. Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm and Phil Erickson were her guests.

The In House Club met Friday in the Quiet Room to sing and to plan next week's meeting; Baking seems to be on the agenda...yum!

Don't forget the Annual Walkway of Flags will be displayed on Memorial Day. It is a beautiful sight to behold. Call Lisa Paulson if you would like a flag flown in honor of a loved one.

Guests included: Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Von Johnson and Carolyn Strevey for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Loyd Waldo for Mary Waldo. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for Charlene Meyer. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and gOllie h. Elden and Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Helen Brooks and Sharon Black for Ethel Nemeth. Gene Van Vleet (San Diego, Calif.) and Max and Veanna Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Susie Sabatka for Vera and Laddie Kacierek. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen and Lynn Olson for Edla Olson. Charolette Neff for Alice Bobbitt. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Lola Cook won high, Gail Mumm took second and Ann Hazlitt got low. Other members present included: Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spresser, Shirley Baker, Pat Wessel, Lillian Sulzman, Betty James, Royce Cook, Matt Finnesy, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel and Helen Karls.

Kids softball will start on Wednesday, June 8. Ages 4 thru 6 will play from 6:30 to 7:15, ages 7 thru 10 will play from 7:15 to 8:15 and ages 10 and up will play from 8:15 to 9:30.

New books that have been shelved at the Library include: Chasing Fire, by Nora Roberts; I'll Walk Alone, by Mary Higgins Clark; The Knitting Diaries, by Debbie Macomber et. Al.; Once Upon a Time, There was You, by Elizabeth Berg; The Bone House, by Brian Freeman; The Bride's House, by Sandra Dallas; Heartache Falls, by Emily March; Southern Comfort, by Fern Michaels; Sing You Home, by Jodi Picoult; A Turn in the Road, by Debbie Macomber; Moonlight Cove, by Sherryl Woods; 10th Anniversary, by James Patterson. Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 14 - Micah Goscha, Mason Mumm.

May 16 - John and Marilyn Kaus; Tom and Diane Aumiller, Barry Walker. May 17 - Dan Mumm, Ryan Stevenson. May 18 - Dan Wachendorfer. May 19 - Frank Bouts, Leslie Wessel, Harold Murphy. May 20 - John Kaus. May 21 - Dennis and Marla Rogers. May 22 - Wade Zodrow, Karen Shaw. May 23 - Steve and Sarah Juenemann, Dylan Spresser. May 24 - Ashley Arnerberger, Jeffery Benoit. May 26 - Linda Schroer.

The 18th annual Antique Tractor and Car show will be Sunday, June 5, in downtown Selden. This will be great family entertainment. The Horse Shoe contest begins at 10 a.m.; Kiddie Tractor pull starts at 1 p.m.; Barrel Roll competition, 2:30 p.m.; Washer Drop competition, 3 p.m., and the parade will start at 3:30 p.m. The famous corn tank will be set up for the kids while the antique baler demonstrations will be provided at different times through out the day. Barrel train rides throughout the day, food and drink stands, live entertainment during and after lunch. Plaques will be awarded to the top exhibitors for antique and classic tractors, cars and small engines. Tractors and cars will begin registering early in the morning so bring your lawn chairs and we will see you all in downtown Selden on June 5.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Terri Dechant, LaSalle, Colo., and John Sattler, Derby, were recent visitors of their mother, Emma Lou Sattler.

Do not miss the Herndon Alumni Potluck Banquet, Saturday, May 28 at St. Mary's Hall beginning at 6 p.m. The hall will be open at 4 p.m. for visiting. This year they are trying something different and hoping for a good attendance. For further information call Dave at (785) 322-5302.

On Friday, Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer, along with Pete and Eileen Portschy, traveled to Emporia, to attend the graduation for Alex Marintzer. She received her Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences on Saturday. The ceremony was held outside and after a very windy and cold event, all went to Abe and Alex's home for a BBQ cooked by her parents, Roy and Paula Williams. Greg, Rita and Joe stayed until Sunday morning, and

then left for Wamego to attend Mass with Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer. All went out for lunch before heading home, returning late Sunday evening.

History of Rawlins County, Kansas sets, Volume III and Volume IV are available at the Atwood Library, the Atwood Museum, the Ol' Depot, the Reflections of Your Time Beauty Salon, Virgie Burk or Gertie Kastens. Contact one of these outlets when traveling to the area for alumni banquets or for further information.

Julie's Memory Joggers Herndon Nonpareil March, 1910 "Local Happenings"

Coffee, 2 pounds for 25 cents at Dull's.

Postmaster G.H. Cox made a business trip to Atwood Tuesday. John Demmer Jr and George Pollries left Tuesday for Kit Carson, Colo., where they expect to take claims.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sunflower Senior citizens enjoying carry-in potluck supper and social hour at the center Tuesday evening, May 10 were: Bob and Neoma Tacha, Agnes Wahlmeier, Rachel Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, and Wayne and Louise Cressler. The next carry-in potluck will be held June 14.

An exciting Children's Reading Program at the City Library Saturday morning, May 14 was well attended by: Candace, Sidney, Rayna and Abe Taylor, Malilah, Mason, Madilyn and Maddox Green, Taryn and Jordan Fleckenstein, Clayton and Anna Carter; Madison and

Abby DuBois and Jayden and Trent Fenner. The group will meet again at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, to finish their projects they have started. Part of the group went to the Senior Center after the reading program and practiced their songs for the Alumni program.

The Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 28 in the Sunflower Senior Center, not the City Hall. The center is in the basement of the Hall.

Jennings American Red Cross Blood Drive held Saturday, May 14 was a big success. Thanks to all who gave blood.