

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1888

The B. & M. received at this station from April 1 to the 24th inclusive 82 carload lots besides the local freight. Heading the list were: coal, 28 cars; lumber, 18; flour, 5; agricultural implements, 3; corn, 3; brick, 2; salt, 2.

Work has commenced on the foundations for the new N. Liepold & Co. brick.

Town 1, Range 30, has been set apart as a municipal township to be known as Finley Township.

George Robinson is erecting a livery barn on Rodehaver Avenue opposite the Commercial Hotel.

Blakeman Democrat: Three children of Fred Lies were found dead on the prairie eight miles north of Brookville Wednesday. They had been herding cattle and were poisoned by eating wild turnips.

Whitnah's Restaurant has been undergoing extensive improvement this past week.

Dr. Pauley was exhibiting a two-headed calf in Oberlin last Thursday: two perfect heads attached to one perfect body.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1913

We note by the Topeka Journal that Dean Rogers will captain the Washburn College football team next year.

The plum trees are white with blossom and the peach and pear trees are also well loaded.

Two and one-half inches of rain between Tuesday evening and Wednesday noon.

Professor Smick has been retained as principal of the Decatur County High School. The following City School teachers have been employed for next year: Principal, E.M. Brooks of Clayton; Misses Pearl Love, Zada Beardsley, Josephine Heitmann, Ursula McMullen, Surrelda Bramblette, Laura Gier-

hart and Mae Bertram.

Married, April 23, 1913, Miss Effie Fair and Mr. William E. Rounsley, the latter of Smith County.

The town of Traer has employed A. Olin Wimer to teach their school next year.

Jennings Items: A grafter pulled a good one here this week. He bought 20 pounds of cement at the Chicago Yard for 30 cents, divided into one-pound packages and sold it over town at 65 cents a pound.

A.A. Smith is having a brick curb built around the bank property.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1938

The band marching contest at Colby Friday was well attended despite the wind and dust and it is estimated there were 10,000 spectators to view the 18 bands from Nebraska, Colorado and Northwest Kansas. Oberlin's high school band marching under the direction of Bert Hostinsky won the judges' decision for top honors in the Class A competition. Second place went to the 102-piece band from Ellis followed by Oakley and Norton. In Class B competition, McDonald was the winner, Atwood grade school took second, Selden High, third, Rexford fourth and Norton grade, fifth. The host band, Colby, did not enter the competition but dressed in their new uniforms gave an exhibition which was impressive.

Adensmore man, Elmer Loughry, 23, was killed on the railroad tracks near Dresden apparently run over by the Rock Island passenger train. He was returning to Rexford driving a car owned by Cy Stepper for whom he was employed after he had attended a dance at New Alamo. He was apparently dazed after the auto accident and left the car and was walking for help.

Arnold Anderson, now principal of the Clayton School, has been

employed as the principal of Hill City High School beginning with the opening of the school year this fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Anderson of Center Township, and a brother of Russell, principal of DCHS.

Hospital News: Michael Jackson Francis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Francis, has been dismissed following an operation last week.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herzog, Herndon, daughter, April 26.

Funeral services were held for Joseph C. Petracek who was born in 1869 near Prague, Czechoslovakia and came to the U.S. at the age of 5 and to Decatur County in 1888. He homesteaded land and lived there until his death at the age of 69. Burial was in Big Timber Cemetery.

---Fried chicken and hot biscuits — every night at the Hotel Oberlin. Their Sunday fried chicken dinner includes homemade ice cream and cake.---adv.

Jack Vernon is a guest this week at the home of Phil Woodward.

Members of Oberlin Rotary Club were treated to a program by Lt. Commander Atkins Nickerson, of the U.S. Naval Reserve who is in charge of the local CCC Camp, who told of some of the details of the life of a "sea-faring" man. Dr. Chester Nelson attended his first meeting as a new member and the only visitor was Harold Robison, DCHS senior, who is the Junior Rotarian this month.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1963

John Nettleton, who is working toward a doctorate at the University of Kansas, has agreed to come to Oberlin July 1 to assume the duties of superintendent of Oberlin schools.

Oberlin's population showed a gain of 86 in the past year, bringing the city's head count to 2646. Decatur County, meanwhile, lost 9 from its population and ended up with total of 6125. Outside Oberlin, Norcatour's population was 323; Jennings, 272 and Dresden, 134. Six "I" ratings went to DCHS

students at State speech festival; the one-act play, with cast members Karen Fredrickson, Christine Russ, Joyce McMains and Janet Bickett; Galene Metz and Nancy Kathka in oration; Helen Pelkey and Christine Russ, readings and Marilee Anderson, informative speech.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Lairy Gohl, son, April 18, Jeffrey Fred, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1988

Dr. Marguerite Palmer, family practice physician associated with the Oberlin Clinic, has announced that she is leaving June 1 to return to the mission field.

The Decatur County Amusement Authority has authorized the purchase of another cotton candy machine and a new snow-cone machine for the county-owned carnival. The Oberlin Chapter of Future Farmers of America has built six new benches for fairgoers according to Don Stapp and repairs are being made on the merry-go-round and the Bingo stand is being renovated.

Herndon: Ken and Gwen Sollko have announced the re-opening of the Herndon Cafe on May 2. They have rented the cafe owned by John Kleidosty and plan to be open weekdays from 9 to 3 and from 11 to 2 on Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodi Lee, to Ed Alan Rarick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rarick, Arriba, Colo. An August wedding is planned in Arriba.

New Arrival: Richard and Anna Shaw, Oberlin, are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Savannah, born April 22 at the Rawlins County Hospital.

Two local boys, Kelly Miller and Carl Meitl, have been selected for astronaut training to be held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson this summer. Kelly is the son of Devra and Steve Viney, Oberlin, and Steve Miller, Hays and has been accepted into an advanced session to be held July 17-22. Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meitl of Oberlin whose session will be June 19-24.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We will be celebrating National Volunteer Week at Cedar Living Center this week. We are very appreciative of the many volunteers who give of their time to make life a little brighter at the Center.

Some of our volunteers come every week, such as long time volunteer Ila Ray who has been helping to make our bingo game a success for many years. Some volunteers come when called in to help with an occasional game or party. Many volunteers come only once or twice a year to help with a birthday party or provide a musical entertainment.

We also salute those who make donations to Cedar Living Center at the benefit soup supper in November or through a memorial contribution. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who donate of their time or resources.

This past week was a busy one at Cedar Living Center. Jelly beans were on the menu Monday afternoon during the social hour. Residents enjoyed learning about the sweet treat and then sampling a few.

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

Marguerite Bailey had the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Juanita Eckhart won the blackout game. Everett Gerdes, Helen Helm and Vern Heller were the big winners of the second game.

Residents were busy on Wednesday with exercise group, crafts, social hour, and the reading of *The Oberlin Herald*.

A big crowd attended the coffee

group on Thursday morning in order to hear John Juenemann play the guitar and sing. Juanita Eckhart had asked John to provide a few tunes.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Several residents met after supper on Thursday evening to reminisce and share stories of times past.

The baking group made homemade bread to share on Friday afternoon. Several of the ladies did a little ironing while waiting for the bread to finish baking.

Helen Helm enjoyed going to watch the promenade on Saturday evening with her family.

Floyd Lotker had many stories to tell on Sunday after his ride through the countryside with family members.

The dietary department and the activity department teamed up on Sunday evening to make ice cream sundaes for dessert. Staff members piled ice cream and toppings up over the top of our best parfait dishes. The sundaes looked as good as they tasted.

Russell Rhodes had a pizza party in his room Sunday evening with family members.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Dale Blake, Bob and Marilyn Fossum, Danbury; John Rinehart, Colby; Pat and Kevin Fox, Cheyenne; Margaret Rhodes, Dresden; Rea and Dee Magers, Deb, Tim, Matthew and Mike Helm, Norcatour

Oberlin visitors: Robert Fringer, Sherri Shuler, Ray Kennedy, Connie Olson, Jeni Henningson.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Information on veterans who are buried at the Norcatour Cemetery is being sought by Deb Marshall and Bee Nelson. They would like to know the years they were in the service, the branch and company they served in as well as what war they were in and if they fought overseas or remained state side. They also would like obituaries on all veterans buried there to place in a book to be kept at the museum. Information may be sent to debmclerk@gmail.com or (785) 693-4461 or bbn25@yahoo.com or (785) 693-4569.

Senior Citizens will play pinochle at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts returned recently from a two-week mission trip to San Raimudo, Guatemala. They were flown to Guatemala by Casas por Cristo ministry so they could observe and learn the new building techniques for the type of houses the organization builds there. They plan to present a slide

show of their trip soon at the Norcatour Educational Building. They also visited their daughters, Halley and Kara, in Dallas, and Jennifer and Becky in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller spent last week caring for their granddaughters, Sophia and Emma DeDonder in Topeka while their parents took a brief vacation.

Starting April 24, outgoing mail needs to be at the Norcatour Post Office by 11:40 a.m., since the mail is now handled in Wichita.

A \$500 donation has been received from Midwest Energy for the Roof Fund, which gets us closer to our goal.

The free movie at the Norcatour All-Purpose Room at 7 p.m. next Tuesday will be "Les Miserables." Cartoons start at 6:30 p.m.

Happy birthday to Shelby Thornton, April 17; Anthony Marshall, Ethel Hansen, April 19; Conner McVay, April 20; and Gary Anthony, April 23.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gracie Tate, a student of Nichole's School of Dance in Colby, performed in a Flash Mob Dance at the ArtFest Friday night in Oberlin.

Seniors Cassidy Shields, Kaylee May, Elizabeth Nedland, Zach May and Ryan May, and junior Hannah May, and their escorts were among those in the Decatur Community High School promenade down main

street Saturday evening in Oberlin. After the promenade, the youth enjoyed dinner and after prom activities at The Gateway. Caitlin Shields, a sophomore, was a prom server.

Mike and Nancy Shields of Omaha were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields and also watched the promenade Saturday evening.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon senior residents met last Wednesday at the Senior Center for their monthly dinner. Eileen Unger won the black-out and Sharon Vogel's name was drawn for the door prize.

Theresa Rippe and Michelle Stevens hosted the "All-Together-Gals" club on Saturday at Michelle's home in Atwood. They held a noon luncheon serving chili, cheese, potato, and chicken soups, turkey, egg salad and ham salad sandwiches, relishes, and chocolate cake. Michelle used beautiful china soup bowls and plates which were handed down from her grandmother, and she made a centerpiece of lit candles set in various sized candleholders arranged in a brown basket.

Those attending were Beth Chartier, Eileen Unger, Jacque Riener, Lexie Basgall, Sandy Green, Sharon Frick and Stacey Chartier. Special guest was Carol Hesterman, Michelle's mother. Next month's get

together will be at the home of Beth Chartier.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent Sunday afternoon in Stratton, Colo., with the Dave Foxhoven family of Parker, Colo. They enjoyed dinner, games and "Nothing Bundt Cake", celebrating Julie's birthday. The family visited the Our Lady of the Plains Prayer Park with the meditative gardens, statues and gazebo. Dave and Caleb then left for Washington, D.C. for the week with Caleb's Ave Marie eighth grade class.

Aurelia Marintzer Escher, Herndon St. Mary's graduate of 1939, says "Hi." to all of her Herndon friends. Aurelia lives in Topeka, where she is close to family but keeps in contact with Herndon family and friends and always enjoys visiting about growing up in Herndon. It's always a treat to hear from former Herndon residents and thank you for keeping in touch.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen visited with Toots Magers on Friday. On Sunday, Jane Engelhardt and Judy and Charlie Easton were there. She was also visited by Sherri and Susan Browning, children and grandchildren of Ona Scrivner.

June Jolly attended the Humane Society's garage sale and went to a "fun day" at Indianola, Neb. She was given a picture of the school she started in, showing her brother, Lee Aller, Lee Eckhart, Verle Leichliter and Ethel (Smith) Miller. She felt that it was taken the year before she started to school.

We who were at Lyle on Sunday were happy to see Larry and Neal

Van Otterloo, who had made it back for the weekend. Larry has taken a job in Iowa, and while we hate to see him move away, we were glad for his getting the good job.

Kathy Van Meter reported that it was pouring rain Monday morning. Apparently a few miles to the north they are getting a good soaking. June Jolly also said it was raining hard in McCook. Norcatour is getting a good shower, but not that much moisture yet.

Joyce Sumner went to "babysit" her grandchildren while their mother, Melanie, went for more training. Melanie has been a teacher, and now will be counseling.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Olive Bergling, 91, who died Saturday at Gove County Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Quinter. Survivors include two sons, Dave (Sherry) Bergling, Oberlin; and Richard (Susan) Bergling, Quinter; and a daughter, Jeri Ann (Mac) McPheeters, Colby, and their families. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Atwood with the Rev. Connie Wooldridge officiating. Inurnment will be in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery. Memorials were established to the church.

Pastor Gene and Julie Layne will be honored by their children and families with a reception for 60 years of ministry from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the

Super 8 Motel Conference Room in Holdrege, Neb. He is a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church. Greetings may be sent to them at 503 Blaine St., Holdrege, Neb., 68949.

Sally Olson is recuperating at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita from broken ribs which she suffered in a recent fall. Mail will reach her in care of Larry Marks, 1713 Blue Ridge Court, Mulvane, Kan., 67110. Bob Olson and his grandson, Scott, visited her last week. En route home, they visited Keith and Mary Lou Olson on Thursday.



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