

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1888

A 24-hour rain Sunday and Monday. The prairie is covered with miniature lakes.

The freshet Sunday took away the new frame bridge at the Bliss crossing. The water on the Sappa Monday rose to a point one foot above the highest water mark records.

Some 6.51 inches of rain fell between April 27 and May 5 inclusive.

Corn is selling in Oberlin at 60 cents per bushel.

The Rock Island forces are now laying track in Decatur County.

Peyt Goss has been appointed a clerk in the U.S. land office.

Hank Beardsley is closing out this stock of goods at Ludell. He is now looking heavenward, and as a starter will return to his handsome residence near the church in Oberlin.

The Chicago, Santa Fe and California Railway, being the extension of the Atchison road, is completed to Chicago and on April 20th began running through trains from Kansas City, Topeka, Atchison and St. Joseph to Chicago. The trains of the new line will be of the vestibule pattern.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1913

Read the letter in another column written by August Geisenhener March 11 at Calcutta, India.

Hayes & Son have put in a tank under their sidewalk and will now be in shape to furnish gas to autos at all times on short notice.

Mail carrier Wooden arrived in town on Thursday morning from Dresden before 8 o'clock and before the force at the post office had gotten down. He has a brand new auto and it is claimed he only hit the high places as he came over.

Chalmer Harger will be principal and Glenn Waterman, assistant principal, at the Norcatour schools the ensuing year.

The musical given by the high

school pupils last Friday evening was entirely successful. The following composed of the orchestra: Prof. Chas. L. Ellis, flute and director; Esther Hanson, Evald Rea, Otis Hughes, Ivo Heitmann and Cecil Hurst, violins; Virgil Acton, cornet; Byron Babb, trombone; Hazel Hurst, piano. The violin class was under the direction of Earl LaBore.

Cook Items: We had a fine rain Thursday night: 1.76 inches.

Samuel McCluster died April 15th at a hospital in Topeka.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1938

Oberlin is to be included on one of the Air Mail pickup flights to be made this week out of Kansas City. Pilot N.J. Rener will leave Goodland at 9 a.m. and stop in Colby, Atwood, Oberlin and Norton and on to Kansas City where he will make connections with a transcontinental eastbound plane that will arrive in New York in 9 hours and a westbound plane that will arrive in Los Angeles at 11:53 that same evening. All over the country feeder trips are being planned to make people in every community Air Mail conscious.

Work continues at Sappa Park where the bath house and dam are nearly completed and work will start soon on the caretaker's dwelling. Several thousand trees and shrubs have been planted and have benefited from the spring rains.

The WPA workers are laying false flooring in the new school building being constructed in Traer. In the basement they have drilled a well for water and the furnace is installed and ready for use.

Zola Maggard, drum major of the DCHS band, developed a case of measles on the night before the band's entry at the Hays Music Festival.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Reuben E. Diehl, 82, who resided on a farm

south of Oberlin from 1895 to 1924. He and his wife, Ida May (Etnier) celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1932 with their six children present. The deceased had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years.

Norcatour: The Elmer Kious home was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Miss Verleen Canfield and Paul Bishop were married by the Rev. D.W. Kesler of Quinter on Sunday morning. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Kious and a graduate of Norcatour Rural High School and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bishop of the Colony and is also a NRHS graduate.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1963

DCHS musicians rolled up an impressive string of 13 I's and II's last Saturday at the State Music Festival at Dodge City.

Funeral services were held for a former Oberlin businessman, Ray Bobbitt, 69, of Forest Grove, Ore., who died at Medicine Lodge while visiting the home of one of their daughters, Mrs. Allan Probst.

Linda Rehm, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rehm, has been awarded a scholarship at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

The DCHS prom will be held Saturday night, May 4 with a procession down Penn Avenue led by Russell Stanley, who was chosen last week by the DCHS seniors as prom marshal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pollnow announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to George Russell Adleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Adleman. An early August wedding is planned.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1988

Spring rains replaced frowns with smiles Monday morning after local residents had survived two consecutive days of wind with gusts of 55-miles per hour recorded at Oberlin Airport. Decatur County

Extension Agent Mick Glaze said the rains will give the wheat a big spurt. Mike Langdon, Area Crop Specialist for Servi-Tech said that the best looking wheat in Northwest Kansas can be found in Decatur County and added that some wheat in the Lenora area has been torn up due to mosaic disease.

In a public meeting held at the local boat plant it was learned that capital is lacking for day-to-day operation and that without additional financing in the next 45 days the company will fail.

Neil and Jackie Votapka, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janeil Ann, to Barry James Baxter, son of Jack and Ileta Baxter of Stockton. Both are students at Fort Hays State University. A May 27, 1989, wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin.

Students of Wanda Frickey presented a piano recital April 24 at Sappa Valley Manor. Those performing were Jessica and Jennie Hooper, Joanna Kelley, Summer Bryan, Bobbie and Lindsey Elwood, Stephanie Lippelmann and Dale MacKinney.

New Arrivals: Tracy and Monica Lincoln, Oberlin, daughter, Nikki Louise, May 2, 1988; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Gillespie, Jr., Jennings, daughter, Courtney Anne, April 19, 1988; Dale and Debra Withington, Oakley, daughter, Hana Page, April 21, 1988.

The Oberlin Rotary Club will be host to the District 567 Group Study Exchange on May 10-11 as a part of their tour through central and northwest Kansas. Four young women from Colombia, South America, and their team leader and his wife, Hugo and Eva Faillace, landed at Wichita airport on April 23. The team members represent various occupations, Myrna Bermudez is a lawyer; Claudia Cadena is a surgeon; Claudia Gonzalez is an auditor and Carmen Perez is in administration and finance.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The annual volunteer recognition party was held at noon on Wednesday on the Cedar Living Center patio. The dietary department prepared a lunch of homemade vegetable soup, fruit salad, bread, crackers, and fresh baked sweet rolls. Connie Miller and Teresa Shaughnessy served as hostesses for the event.

The annual event, held during National Volunteer Week, recognizes those who provide a variety of services at the center throughout the year. Volunteers attending the party included Myrna Jones, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Dolores Depperschmidt, Dewaine Stapp, Dolores Koerperich, Sherri Shuler, Eula Juenemann, Terri Hanke, Tom Votapka, Dori Pauls, Ila Ray, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler. Each received a small gift and our heartfelt thanks.

Anyone wishing to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Cedar Living Center may call us at 785-475-2276 and ask for Connie or Teresa.

Residents and staff have been working on plans for National Nursing Home Week which will be celebrated May 12 - 18. We will have as the theme, "Bon Appetit" in honor of a variety of changes being planned in our dining room. We are excited to be able to offer additional and expanded services, especially with the meal delivery.

Connie Miller has introduced an ironing activity and several of the ladies at Cedar Living Center have really enjoyed getting together to do their own ironing or have someone assist them in pressing a favorite outfit. We are looking for a donation of a lightweight ironing board in good condition.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis won high with a score of 739; Ann Hazlitt took second with a score of 686; Paul Neff got low with a score of 526; and Bob Wessel had the most Jacks. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spesser, Betty James, Lillian Sulzmann, Carl Mumm, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Helen Karls, Bernita Aumiller and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 3, April Hunziker, Harold and Eileen Murphy, Lance Stoll, Nicole Moore; May 4, Tim and Monica Svoboda, Shane Boultin-

house; May 5, Carson Ochs, Joe Lobato, Leta Meitl; May 6, Miriam Shaw, Ava Brantley; May 7, Debbie Shuler, Gwen Schultz; May 8, Kim Wessel, Darcie Spesser; May 9, Travis Ryan.

School calendar: May 3, high school track in Colby; May 6, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., junior high play; high school track in Hill City; May 7, 8 a.m., Teacher Appreciation Breakfast; 7 p.m., grade school music program; May 8, 7 p.m. baccalaureate services; May 9, 2 p.m. kindergarten graduation; 6:30 p.m., high school awards banquet.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary and Cathy Anthony went to Quinter with Toots Magers and Jane Engelhardt to hear the bell ringers. Judy Easton is one of the players.

I had a nice card and letter from Norman (Roger) Beachel, one of the first that I have received. Thanks to everyone who sent good wishes.

Dwight and Teresa Wood came Sunday afternoon and cleared out a lot of useless things to be sent to the landfill during Norcatour's city-wide clean-up. Dwight is to have surgery right after my birthday, so we appreciate everyone's prayers. His daughter, Chelsey Wood, is now in Taiwan. Her work sends her to different countries. She lives in Chicago, and has made trips to India, Mexico, Denmark and Taiwan.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the Houghtelling and Glenn wedding on Saturday at the Congregational Church in Cambridge. The reception, supper and dance took place at the Elks Center. Guests were from all over

the country, and some friends from Finland, where Christine played volleyball a few years ago. Kathy had a bad cold the last two weeks, but is better. Tim Nejd, Kathy's son, was a guest.

There was a wedding reception at the Lyle Community Building Saturday evening, a Miss Johnson and Jeff Allen were the bride and groom.

June Jolly did her usual card playing at the club Monday and Friday, played cards at a friend's on Thursday, and went to the Humane Society on Saturday, where they had a "Sackfull for \$5" sale, so she bought books. On Saturday night, she went to Charlotte Thielbar's birthday party.

As you probably know, my family is having a potluck at the Norcatour Educational building for my 90th birthday and we would like to see you all. Come for the dinner at noon if you like, and for cake at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

"Bee Happy" is our theme for the month of May. What better way to kick-off the summer than to be happy! Abe Lincoln said, "People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." We agree.

We have been busy as bees with activity. We are working to expand our horticulture therapy and musical therapy programming repertoire and have had fun doing it. Last week Woody May, Galen Tacha, Olive Arnold and Alice Bobbitt planted watermelon, green peppers and banana peppers indoors. We also watered our herb garden and have enjoyed watching them come to life.

We are also working hard to beef up activities that interest our male residents. We have been playing Wii sports to include bowling and golf so far. It's great exercise and good for a few laughs. We also played hillbilly horseshoes this weekend in the courtyard. Sixteen residents sat outside with me. We listened to Hawaiian music, made homestyle lemonade and ate old-fashioned bomb pops. We got a little sun, lots of laughs and friendly competition on the horseshoes. What could be better?

Early this week we celebrated "National Blah Day." Kim Williams hosted crafts and told jokes. There was nothing blah about all the laughter we had. Karlie Black led devotions on Monday morning and corralled residents for an intense

game of indoor kickball and then took residents outside after lunch to enjoy the beautiful weather.

We also met for a set of rhythm band. We played along to various musical tracks. Loren Schrock played his harmonica, Woody May gave the maracas a lesson in shaking and Betty May our most enthusiastic vocalist. As you can probably imagine it was a heck of a jam session. We decided that rocking and rolling is one of those things that get better with age. Later that day the ladies met for a ladies' luncheon. We had a Mexican fiesta complete with enchiladas, chips and salsa, sombreros, mariachi music and a lesson in Spanish.

As always we thank our visitors and volunteers for their time and all their gifts.

Visitors included: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Wendy and Gage Scott and Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson; Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Tami Cook, Sarah and Bailey Wolf for Dorothy Hunt; Pastor Jim and Darlene for Vivian Mock; Bud and Vicky Mumm for Marcella Leitner; Cheri Kastens for Marcella Leitner and Marilou Long; Donna Fortin for Lillie Corpice; Wane and Cheryl Stull for Will Stull; Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo; Rita and Brenna Edman for Lee Foley; Marvin and Sharon Slabough for Opal Bryan; Joan Betts for Margaret Vacura; and Breckyn Jensen for Violet Schissler.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Senior citizens met April 19 at the Methodist Educational Building with 19 card players present. Winners were Bob Strevey, Margaret Magers and Phyllis Yeater. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the same location.

Dewaine Stapp has a new great-granddaughter, Lillia, daughter of granddaughter Kimberly and Mathew Tetric of Dayton, Ohio. She was born April 15, 2013, and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Randy and Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ohio, are grandparents.

Those helping Dee Francis celebrate her 88th birthday on April 1 were Shannon Thornton Erb and Megan, Bison; Ted and Shawna North, Clay and Dalton, McCracken; Patrick Jennings, Hays; Shelby Thornton, WaKeeney; Shon, Karen, Kori and Kale Thornton, Garden City; Dean and Eloise Thornton, Ingalls; Leland and Lois Francis, Wilson, and daughter, Lindsey and Kirby Steinle, Skylar and Trevor, Russell.

Happy Birthday to Greg Sumner, April 24; Yvonne Sumner, April 25; Gerald Jackson, April 26; Ted Hansen, April 27. Happy Anniversary to Les and Lynn Ward, April 26, and Rodney and Janice O'Hare,

April 30.

Joyce Price had a great day after church on Sunday, April 21, when her brother and his wife, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar and daughter, Pam Messinger, McCook, brought a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings to her house. She hadn't seen them since August due to illness and they had a lot of catching up to do.

Evy Lyon, a resident of the Andbe Home, 201 West Crane, in Norton, will celebrate her 97th birthday on May 11.

"Lord of the Rings, the Fellowship of the Ring," will be the free movie shown at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the all-purpose room in the grade school building. Cartoons start at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and water are available for a donation.

The carpet is in at the museum and Curator Andrea Spanier is working on getting things sorted and organized and ready to make the move to the school section of the museum. It should be all ready to go by Memorial Day. Donations to help with the carpet may be sent to Norcatour Museum, P.O. Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 6753 or use the Citizens Alliance.

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