

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1888

A grand rain Monday night. The city council has retained Geo. M. Keys as clerk. The town of Sheridan is moving a few miles north to the Rock Island.

Victor Lorig is happy over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Sol Rees, the Jackson PM, says the track was laid four miles west of the new Rock Island town of Jackson and that two trains a day are running to that point. The new town is two miles south and two miles west of the old town of Jackson. Sol is confident that the Rock Island will be running trains into Oberlin before snowfall.

L.A. Beers will move his store from Jackson to Jennings on the Rock Island.

Lathrop & Salisbury will erect a 2-story brick adjoining the Liepold block this season.

A.W. Allen has decided to veneer with brick the building now occupied by N. Liepold & Co.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1913

The prospect for a big crop was never better.

Married, Wednesday, May 21, Mr. Newton Bryan and Miss Margaret Patterson, both of Traer.

Probate Judge Weir issued a license Tuesday to Mr. S.R. Willcox and Miss Bernice Barr.

Class Day exercises were held at the Opera House Tuesday evening.

The rivalry between the senior and junior classes of the high school resulted in a class scrap on Tuesday afternoon in which several were slightly bruised and one student quite badly hurt. Class spirit is all right, but it is wrong when it results in serious injury.

G.W. Gilkinson attended the state Sunday School convention at Wichita last week.

Allison Items: Whooping cough up the river, pinkeye down the river, measles north and diphtheria south, what can a man with a family do but

stay home?

75 YEARS AGO — May 1938

Walter Huxman, Governor of the State of Kansas, will speak at the commencement exercises for 66 students at Decatur Community High School to be held at the city school auditorium. Supt. Charles Hawkes will present awards to the class valedictorian Effie Orr and the salutatorian Lorene Wymore.

The National Honor Society presented pins to six new members at a school assembly: Mary Jane Peterson, Vern Kirkendall, Marian Pfirmin, Eunice Anderson, Helene Wurm and Delbert Townsend.

Ken Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norton of Harlan Township, and a 1934 graduate of DCHS, who will finish his college work at Kansas State College, will be the wrestling coach at Colby High School next year. He was always a good student, a leader and of high type character.

Norcatour: The 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be celebrated next Sunday. Of the 26 charter members, only one, N.B. Nelson, now resides at Norcatour.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Jeffus are the parents of a baby boy born Saturday, May 14 at Benton Memorial Hospital. Mr. Jeffus is the new mail carrier here, having traded routes with Austin Dodd. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffus have three small daughters.

Dorothy Marvin has just recovered from a siege of measles.

Vacation has begun for students and teachers. Among the teachers planning to attend summer school are: Paul Sandy, in Colorado; Alex Francis at the University of Missouri in Columbia; Mrs. Kidd at the College of Education in Greeley; Edith Herzog at Madison, Wisconsin; Jack Cronk in Hays and Wendell Kellogg in Hays and at Boulder.

Lund: There was no service at the church Sunday evening because of baccalaureate services at Selden

and Oberlin. Doris Wasson is in the senior class at Selden. Goldie Anderson and Raymond Linn are graduating with the class in Oberlin.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1963

Area wheat growers will vote one the referendum May 21.

Valedictorian of the 1963 graduating class at Norcatour High School is Douglas New, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald New. Salutatorian is Phyllis Foust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foust, Clayton.

Clyde Vernon has purchased half-interest in the store building, stock and fixtures of the Western Auto Associate Store. Keith Nicodemus, who has been owner-manager for the past four years, said the partnership is to go into effect June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bearley, with the help of assistant Mrs. James Coffman and den chief Dallas Richards, took Boy Scout groups, den 3 and the Webelos on a hike and cookout at Sappa Lake.

One of Nebraska's best-known personalities, Dr. Frank A. Brewster, will be profiled on a Nebraska television program which traces the doctor's historic 1919 flight to Herndon in which he used the airplane for the very first time in connection with the practice of medicine.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1988

Graduation for 48 DCHS seniors will be held May 16. Valedictorian is Bridgette Ostmeyer, daughter of Randy and Judy Ostmeyer, with a GPA of 3.99 and salutatorian is Barbara Juenemann, daughter of John and Henrietta Juenemann with a GPA of 3.98. Class officers have been: Stan McEvoy, president; Dea Macfee, vice president; Jade Morford, secretary and Darren Horn, treasurer.

Commencement exercises at USD 295, Jennings, will be held May 17 with Dr. Lee Droge Mueller, Kansas Commissioner of Educa-

tion, as speaker. Seniors are Shayne Anderson, Michelle Carter, Beverly Cressler, Angela Krizek, Michael Shimek, Sherri Unrein and Blake Vacura.

At Herndon High School commencement exercises were scheduled for May 13 with awards and diplomas presented by Henry R. Potts, superintendent, and Karen Bruning, school board president. Seniors are Dean Franke, Mary Jo Green, Stephanie Green McEvoy, John Kompus, Patricia Solko and Tamara Unger, Eighth graders are Mark Beims, Darla Dewey and Terry Steier.

Golden Plains USD 316 commencement exercises were held May 8 with David Grover as commencement speaker. Supt. Mike Wilson presented the seniors and diplomas were awarded by Robert Koeperich and Roy Rogers. Seniors are: Allen Cheney, Chad Burger, Michelle Schaben, Travis Rogers, Melinda Jo Brown, Robin Smith, Penny Rogers, JaLancy Crouse, Greg Bruggeman, Robbie Koeperich, Lisa Shaw, Jennifer Cousins, Michael Baalman, Lance Darling and Brian Brown.

Nila Wesch, bus driver for USD 294, will complete 24 years of service to Decatur County schools when the last trip is made next Friday afternoon. She and her husband, Carl, are retiring from driving the two routes in the northwest part of the county.

The DCHS track teams competed in Oakley Saturday in the Northwest Kansas League track meet. Scott City walked away with both the boys and girls honors with Goodland finishing second in the boys' division and Oberlin third. In the girls' division Oberlin placed second. The only league champions for the boys' and girls' teams came in the 3200 meters were Darren Horn finished in first with a 10:19.6 and Jody Gaskill topped all other girls with a 12:34.0.



FINLEY CONSTRUCTION OF ATWOOD finished covering all the windows of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with Plexiglas. The church hopes that this will prevent further paint damage to the interior walls. Workers were Rod Carroll, Chris Lamb and Doug Merz.

—Herald photo by Julie Hafner

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week from May 12-18. Stop by for a visit this week and catch up on all of the latest happenings. There is always someone home and ready for a visitor at Cedar Living Center.

Several residents enjoyed the sing-along time on Monday afternoon with Myrna Jones. Everett Gerdes assisted on Monday afternoon with getting the flower box outside the front door ready to plant. Nora Bell Manning planted the box full of brightly colored flowers later in the week. She was assisted by Linda Manning. Mrs. Manning has been tending to the box for many years in honor of her mother-in-law, Babe Manning, who was a resident at the Center.

The Reading Buddies from the second grade classes visited on Tuesday morning. They do a wonderful job of reading stories to the residents. It is exciting to see how their reading skills have progressed during the school year.

Marguerite Bailey won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and LaVern Heller and Juanita Eckhart won the blackout games.

The men of Cedar Living Center were invited to a special lunch Wednesday at noon on the patio. The guys enjoyed fried chicken, deviled eggs, and an assortment of special treats.

Several residents enjoyed sipping colas along with chips and dip at the social hour held on Wednesday

afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several ladies gathered on Thursday afternoon to do their ironing. We had a big crowd at Bible study before supper. The lesson was on mothers of the Bible.

Bingo is such a hit on Tuesday, that once in awhile we throw in an extra game. Friday afternoon we had a big crowd for the bonus bingo game. We had plenty of candy to go around for all of the winners.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday we were busy with flower deliveries and keeping up with the stream of Mother's Day cards, gifts, and visitors.

Helen Helm attended the senior recital held at the Gateway on Saturday afternoon. Her grandson, Matthew Helm, was one of the performers.

Mother's Day was on the agenda Sunday afternoon when residents gathered for a social hour featuring ice cream and cookies.

Recent visitors: Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Rebecca and Tara Fringer, Colby; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatour; Mike Bailey, Jennings.

Oberlin visitors: Marilyn Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Bill and Carol Duncan, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ray Kennedy, Sherri Shuler.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Dwight Wood is in Lincoln, Neb., hospital where he had a five-hour surgery last Thursday to relieve pain from pressure on nerves in his upper back. It is too early to tell how much it helped, but we are hoping it will be much better. He called Sunday to say "Happy Mother's Day" to his mom, Veda Wood.

Toots Magers had a busy week. She and Coleen Rippe had lunch at the LandMark Inn on Monday with a cousin, Leonard and Mrs. Powell of Seattle, Wash., who were on their way to Ohio. Mr. Powell was the one who did a lot of work on their family tree. Toots found that he has had open heart surgeries, but seems to be doing well. She had an eye appointment on Tuesday, went to Liberty-Star Club at Carol Moye's on Wednesday, and to Betty Reid's

funeral on Thursday. Sunday, Jane Engelhardt, Norton, and Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter, came to visit and mow.

The Liberty-Star Club held their May meeting, last Wednesday at the Oberlin home of Carol Moye. We did a rerun of our plant sale, as it was so cold last month. Carolyn Plotts gave a program on old time outhouses.

Carol Moye and Tracey Pershing and her granddaughters visited Veda Wood on Mother's Day. Skylar had an earache and was not feeling well. She seemed to be better before they left.

Merlin Wood enjoyed his visit to her mother's for her 90th birthday party. He was hindered by dizziness while here which was caused by an inner ear infection.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Dan Nedland, returned home Friday evening after attending funeral services last Wednesday at The River Church, Minong, Wis., celebrating the life of his mother, Elizabeth Irene (Howard) Nedland McConnell, 92. She was preceded in death by husbands, Victor Nedland and Karl McConnell, and is survived by six sons, Dan, Jack, Fred, Paul, Sam and Joe Nedland, their wives and families.

Joe Nedland, Anchorage, Alaska; Paul and Fawn Nedland, Minong, Wis., and Rhonda's cousin, Janice Jordan, Fallbrook, Calif., and daughter Jana Jordan, a student at Kent State University, were weekend guests at the home of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May. Joe, Paul and Fawn arrived Friday evening and returned home Monday.

The Decatur Community High School golf team won the Northwest Kansas League championship Friday in Atwood and are on their way to Regional Golf. Ryan and Zach May are among members of the team.

Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields, Zach May, Darbi Rouse, Matthew Helm, Cassandra Canto, and Miki Dorshorst presented their 2013 senior recital Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin Gateway Center, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Council.

Martin and Evelyn May were guests of Greg and Janice Cundiff Saturday evening at an area restaurant to celebrate Mother's Day.

Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Wyatt honored Gage Scott on his 10th birthday Saturday evening with a dinner and party at their home. Guests enjoying the outdoor party and beautiful weather were Kelly Olson, Manhattan, and Jerry and Connie Olson.

Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace spent Mother's Day weekend with Becky's mother, Linda Ryan, and grandmother, Lois Kepple, in Tescott. While there, they enjoyed a barbecue celebrating the 40th birthday of her cousin, Jason Stelter. Jay Tate was a Mother's Day guest of his parents, John and Edith Tate.

Cameron Nedland, Hays, and Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam, Manhattan, were Mother's Day guests of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May.

Graduating seniors Kaylee Robyn May, daughter of Chris and Casey May; Ryan Henry May, son of Roger and Susan May; Zachary Benjamin May, son of Roland and Pam May; Elizabeth Margaret May Nedland, daughter of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May; and Cassidy Marie Shields, daughter of Paul and Kelly Shields, were honored Sunday morning during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, and John and Dianne Bremer were Mother's Day dinner guests at the home of Jessica Bremer where Jessica and Kristen prepared the dinner.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Connie Noren, who was received her nursing pin during pinning ceremonies for graduates on Saturday morning at Colby Community College. She works at Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin and Hoxie.

A dinner in her honor followed at the home of Esther Noren. Among others present were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Alice Robson, Ellsworth; David Noren, McPherson; Steve Noren and Michael, Jimmy and Britta Spitzer, and John and Edie Tate.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson attended graduation ceremonies at Southwestern College in Winfield on Sunday, May 5, during which their granddaughter, Hana Withington, received her Master's Degree in Special Education. She is a teacher at Wellington and was named winner of the Golden Apple Award for the district this year. Among others

attending were her parents, Dale and Debbie Withington, Ellie and Chloe of Chetopka.

Congratulations to Bob Reuther, who will graduate from Rawlins County High School during commencement exercises on Sunday. He is the son of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther.

Elden and Detta Anderson and Gary Anderson attended the orchestra concert at Bethany College in Lindsborg on Thursday, where Samantha Anderson played her French horn. They were joined by Wane and Cheryl Stull of Solomon.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were among Mother's Day dinner guests of Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary of Hoxie after attending worship services at Christ Community Church. Tyler and Tiffany Witt, Trevor and Tessa were afternoon callers at the Keith Olson home.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

What a great time we had with Deb Bisel and her husband last Monday. She is such a history enthusiast and can make stories just come alive. She really enjoyed Oberlin and hopes to return soon.

This Friday will be our first Brown Bag and Learn Program. Dick Carman will be showing over 30 pictures of Oberlin before 1910, so these will be the really old ones. This will take place in the Bohemian Hall on the big screen. The presentation will start about 12:15 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy the Blast from the Past.

The museum will have different hours on Saturday, May 18, due to graduation exercises. We will open at 9 a.m. but will be closing at 1 p.m. If you have family and friends in for graduation be sure to note the time change. Opening one hour

earlier but closing at 1 p.m.

The next weekend brings a wonderful time as alumni start returning to reunions and the banquet. The museum once again will be hosting the Social on Friday, May 24 and Saturday May 25. Dick Carman is preparing a wonderful presentation of the five and 10-year honorary classes. On Friday, we will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Oberlin Business Alliance will be grilling up hamburgers and brats for lunch out in front of the museum. Legion Auxiliary will be there so you can get your poppies for Memorial Day and there may be several other things going on all at the Museum. On Saturday, May 25, we will be opening at 10 a.m. but will stay late so folks will have a place to gather and visit.

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

There was a large crowd attending the Mother's Day dinner sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center. This is a great social time as well.

Saturday overnight guests of Bob and Neoma Tacha was their grandson, Dustin Tacha, Pretty Prairie. Additional Sunday guests were: Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley; Gayle and Royal Tacha, Hoxie; and Neola Hoover, Lenora.

Jennings High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 25, at the Senior Center with registration beginning at 6 p.m. The banquet will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations were to be mailed to Roberta McAllister, Clayton, Kan. by today, May 15. The museum, where much of the school's history is on display, will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. and after the banquet.

Henry Edgett of Oberlin, but formerly of Jennings, will be honored on his 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday May 19 at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin.

Enjoying card playing at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Linda Spresser, Stan and Ramona Shaw, and Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Janeil Dilling, Goodland, attended church Sunday with her mother, Imogene Keenan.

Mother's Day weekend company of Lila Jennings were Shelley Whitefield, Trout Lake, Wash.:

Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Damon Cook, Dallas, Texas; Marlene Hounshell and Marcia Casey, Denver; and Tammy Musgrave, Ong, Neb. On Saturday they were joined by Judy Ploussard, Brett Jennings, and Robert Hessenflow for supper.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary met at the Czech Museum at 2 p.m. on May 6. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Neoma Tacha. Chaplain Rachel Carter gave devotions. Officers elected for the coming year are: Neoma Tacha, president; Alice Mizer, vice president; Lila Jennings, secretary; Darlene LaRue, treasurer and Poppy chairman; and Rachel Carter, chaplain. Also present was Dona Mrstik.

A report of the District 6 Legion and Auxiliary meeting held recently in Colby was given. Those attending were Lila Jennings, Neoma and Bob Tacha, and Dona and Eugene Mrstik. Next year the meeting will be in Oberlin. We voted to sponsor Sarah Hamm for Girls State at Topeka this summer.

The Jennings Legion Hall is being cleaned and readied for meetings, family gatherings, etc. Our fallen military men's graves in Europe were described by their sisters, Alice Mizer and Rachel Carter. Neoma Tacha read an interesting report about our military cemetery, Arlington Cemetery, where her brother is buried.

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