

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1888

A heavy rain Saturday and Sunday. No shortage of moisture this year.

The Bassettville Band furnished the music for Decoration Day and right nobly did they acquit themselves.

Prominent members of the Catholic Church are canvassing for subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a church building in Oberlin and are meeting with much encouragement.

Over \$800 had been subscribed up to Monday.

The \$30,000 hotel is a sure go. Work will commence immediately.

The B. & M. has decided to expend \$80,000 at McCook on machine shops.

McCook has organized a first-class ball team. The Kennedy brothers will be the battery.

Ed. Kindig has commenced the erection of a brick residence in the northeast part of the city.

C. Langmade and C.S. Pearson of Yorkshire Center, N.Y., are visiting the Langmades of Logan township.

Jennings Items: Miss Sallie Squires went to Oberlin the 22nd to prove up on her claim. A great deal of space in this issue will be found devoted to press comments on Oberlin, her hospitality, prosperity, etc.

John Brothers of Lyle marketed 70 bushels of potatoes here Monday receiving 95 cents per bushel. Quite a profitable trip.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1913

Annual commencement exercises of DCHS were held at the Opera House May 22nd. The address to the class was made by H.O. Caster. It is always a pleasure to hear him.

W.K. Curry presented the diplomas to the graduating class: Faye Ater, John Battin, Harwood Benton, Merle Cody, Carl Geiger, Flossie Milleson, Josef Moore, Frank Railsback, Bertha Steele, Bernice Lantis, Helen Morrish, Bessie Moss, Dora Acton, Henry Beardsley, William Crowley, Chris G. Jorn, Marguerite Laidig, Wayne Upton, Mabel Wolfe, George Carsens, Ivo Heitmann and Edward Keys.

Born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chilson, twins, boy and girl.

H.Q. Banta left Wednesday to attend commencement exercises at Ottawa University; he being chairman of the board of trustees his

presence was required.

Otis L. Benton and family returned from Washington, D.C., after having spent most of the winter there.

Our popular B.&M. agent, N.B. Bush, is contemplating a trip to the Pacific Coast in the near future.

The six-year-old son of Geo. Ames was drowned Monday in the creek near his home.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1938

An audience of more than 1,300 people filled every available seat and all standing room in the City School Auditorium to hear Kansas Governor Walter Huxman address the 66 graduating seniors of Decatur Community High School.

Ideal wheat growing weather with frequent intervals of rain has resulted in bringing the most promising wheat crop to Northwest Kansas in many years. Pastures, however, have little in them except pepper grass and taint weeds, but it is hoped that with the continuance of rain the buffalo sod will spread and in the course of time kill out the obnoxious weeds.

Decoration Day will be observed May 30 in Oberlin with most places of business closed. All ex-service men are asked to meet at the courthouse for the 10 o'clock parade to the cemetery. Legion men are urgently requested to wear their uniforms if they still possess one which fits. Ben Miller will be in charge of the firing squad and color guards.

In the afternoon there will be a baseball game between the CCC team and Walt Holmdahl's baseball nine at Smick Field for which there will be no charge.

Miss Anna Hackney arrived from Denver Wednesday where she has been employed in the Fitz-Hugh Sanatorium for the past seven months to help her triplet sisters celebrate their 18th birthdays. The triplets have always been together for their birthdays.

John Willcox of Oberlin is one of 135 seniors receiving bachelor's degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State College. He received a bachelor of arts degree in physics.

Miss Lois McMullen, who has been teaching English in the Ellsworth schools, arrived here Sunday. She plans to spend two weeks here and then will go to Lawrence to attend summer school at the University of Kansas. She will return

here in the fall to teach English in the high school.

Commencement exercises for about 100 eighth graders will be held here Saturday afternoon at the city school auditorium. These graduates will be from rural schools or others which have not held their own graduation exercises.

Mrs. Howard Eiler, and her youngest daughter, Phyllis, left Sunday evening for Los Angeles, Calif., where they plan to visit for several weeks. Miss Pauline Eiler, who has taught the past year at Fostoria, will be home during her mother's absence.

Norcatut: The eighth grade class is quite jubilant over the fact that every pupil taking the county examinations passed: Leora Wycoff, Bob Arehart, Ralph Pool, Bonnie Wickham, Robert Rapp, Bill Woods, Treva Rydquist, Donald Foley, Harry Gallentine, Carl Sayles, Charlotte Carter, Marie Rhonke, Anita Duvall, Cadet Harmon and Pattie Frewen.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1963

Linda Gay Rehm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rehm, is the valedictorian of the DCHS Class of 1963 and salutatorian is Cecilia Jeanne Pollara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollara.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon "Slim" Macy have sold their apartment house at 311 North York to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sloan. The Sloan family recently moved to Oberlin. He is retiring from the Air Force and is now working in the advertising field with a Colby firm.

The Rev. Fred Lawson and family will have a leave of absence from the Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin for three months. He will be manager for the Covenant Heights Bible Camp at Estes Park, Colo.

Alan Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Scott, is the Jennings High School valedictorian and Thomas Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright, is the salutatorian.

A long series of money-making projects and many months of planning were climaxed Saturday for the 10 seniors at Herndon Rural High School as they left by train for New York City.

Twelve Norcatut seniors left by chartered bus early Saturday for the Lake of the Ozarks for their annual senior trip.

After 26 years of teaching Mildred Butler will retire from the Oberlin City School faculty.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1988

Dresden will be the first of three area communities to host Centennial celebrations when they hold the 100th birthday of the community on Saturday, May 21, with a parade scheduled for 10 a.m. A free pork roast will be served at noon followed by a program on hats presented by Arian Arnold, Herndon, and her mother, Edla Olson, Oberlin. An auction of Centennial items and games will be held during the afternoon. Members of the Centennial committee are Helen Derby, Mildred Welter, Kenneth Foster, Teresa Meitl, Ramona Amlog, Kathy Brainard, Al J. Depperschmidt, Jeannie Spresser and Lawrence and Lila Jennings.

At Selden, the Centennial celebration will begin at 8:55 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 when Jim Bert and Gayle Bainter fire their Civil War Cannon on Main Street. A free barbecue will be served during the noon hour and during the afternoon rides on a stagecoach, buggy and buckboard will be given by Kenneth and Virgil Price, Leo Kleinsorge and Reynold Moellering. Gov. Mike Hayden is expected to be present for the 3 p.m. parade. Members of the Centennial committee have been Gail Smith, Janice Kruse, Rick Siegert, Vesta Shea, Joline Fuhr, Jacque Boultinghouse, Kenny Orn, Les Paulson, Helen Karls and Betty Hickert.

At Jennings, the Centennial celebration is scheduled to begin on Saturday evening, May 28 with the Jennings High School alumni banquet. On Sunday there will be a memorial service at Big Timber Cemetery followed by a church services in front of the Czech Museum in Jennings. A plate lunch will be served at the American Legion Hall. In the evening a variety show with local talent entitled "Glimpses of the Past" will be held at the Jennings School directed by Jan Jenkins.

More than 500 persons attended the Alumni Banquet held at the DCHS cafeteria the evening of Saturday, May 14. Alumni president Janet Pollnow Myers presided over the business meeting. New officers elected were Janice May, '72, president; Eileen Landau, Laird '38, vice president; Nancy Witt Chaffin, '67, secretary and Janice Cochran Bricker, '63, treasurer. The DCHS alma mater was led by Ted Addleman accompanied by Mary Jo Witt Lohoefer on the piano.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

What a week it's been! National Nursing Home Week wrapped up with a barbecue for staff and residents; a wheelchair relay; and a field trip to the museum's brown bag event. Residents raved about our kick-off. Staff brought side dishes and our administrator flipped burgers. The rain held off just long enough for all of us to sit outside in our courtyard. Penny Smith and Karlie Black won our wheelchair relay on Thursday and Amy Rehm, Marilou Long and Marylu Brown attended the brown bag presentation at the museum. All of the old pictures of Oberlin brought back a lot of memories. We also took a drive in the country. We picked a few roads we were unfamiliar with but figured we had a full tank of gas, full bellies, a credit card and lots of daylight so why not be adventurous. We also celebrated Alice Bobbitt, Will Stull, Dorothy Hunt and Lee Foley's birthdays this week.

Sunday was a super nice day so we kicked back in our courtyard and made strawberry limeades from scratch and talked about pick-up lines from the past. We voted on the winner and drum roll please... "Hey baby, wanna see my fallout shelter?" It made me think about how much had changed in the whole courting process these days.

We played trivia on Monday, had

Bible study and art therapy where we painted with watercolors. We also had a water balloon toss in our courtyard and got funky with some chair salsa. Wheel of Fortune was fun to play and Phil Erickson, Loren Schrock, Connie Cramer and Margaret Vacura met at the Re-Load for Taco Tuesday!

Later this week, we will transplant our watermelon and sweet peppers to our outside garden, play horse shoes, fly kites and take a ride out into the country. We will also have a welcome party for our newest residents: Faye Meitl and Russell Rhodes.

Visitors included: Gary Erickson for Phil Erickson; Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson; Mildred, Lyman and Sharon Black, Bailey Wolf, Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt; John and Helen Sakale and Virgil Mock for Vivian Mock; Linda Wade for Marilou Long; Michael and Alexis Graham for Faye Meitl; Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo; Tom and Jennifer Phillips, Karmel Huffles for Marylu Brown; Ralph and Norma Unger for Earl Brown; Margaret Vacura and Walt and Betty May; Bob and Neoma Tacha for Galen Tacha; Ann Mines for Leona Helmkamp.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Jennings High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday at the Jennings Senior Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with the banquet to be served at 6:30 p.m. by Leanna Sloan of Hoxie.

Officers include the Class of 1959: Judy Tacha Vaughn, George Jones, Geraldine Fleckenstein Lampe, and Roberta Mizell McAllister. The Czech Museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. and also following the banquet.

No blood pressure checks at the Jennings Clinic on Thursday May 23. Lynnetta Ward APRN-BC from the Family Practice Satellite Clinic, Oberlin, will be at the Jennings Clinic at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, to see patients. Appointments are made by calling (785) 475-2015.

The coffee held Monday evening at the Sunflower Senior Center for outgoing Mayor Marge Hartzog and incoming Mayor Bob Jones was attended by many from the area. The Jennings City Council met following the coffee where newly-elected mayor, Bob Jones, took the oath and council members, Robert Papps and Louise Cressler were sworn in. Councilman Rick Foster was also present. Pat Hall and Stann Hartzog were absent.

It was decided to hire Todd Cook and his crew to do the summer mowing. Most of the remodeling of the city library is finished. The air conditioner/heater has been installed in the north wall. Some work will be

done on the interior door. The front doors of the Community Hall have not been repaired yet.

Joann Taylor, Hoxie, was speaker Sunday at the Jennings United Methodist Church. An inspiring service included "Communion Using Water." The closing song was, "Rain Down." We thank Joann for coming to our church Sunday.

The Jennings community extends sympathy to Ruth Chance and her family. Ruth's granddaughter, Carrie Simmon, daughter of Helen and Steve Broadbrooks, of Oklahoma died Monday, May 13.

Marcus McKenna graduated from Wichita State University on May 17, with a Masters Degree in the Physician Assistant program. He was also inducted into the Alpha Eta National Honor Society for Allied Health Professionals. Among those attending the graduation were his parents, Pat and Shelley McKenna, Jennings; Sarah and Jacque McKenna, Topeka; Chris McKenna, Scott City; and Kelsey Hladek, Hays.

Many people enjoyed the free barbecue customer appreciation luncheon furnished by Nex-Tech Wednesday at the Community Hall.

Playing cards at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler and Diane Carter.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A large group of members of Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin, as well as other interested people, spent Sunday afternoon working at the Swedish Lutheran Cemetery south of Midway getting it ready for Memorial Day and for the summer. Much was accomplished. Before they began, the group enjoyed a meal together at the home of Randy and Sharon Olson.

Among those assisting were Randy and Sharon Olson, Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Kevin and Mary Holle, John and Jan Sater, Mick and Linda Glaze, Travis and Abby Hissong and Gatlin, Steve and Arian Arnold, Galen Olson, Robbie and Jeni Henningson and Ganon, John and Ardythe Cederberg, Andy Hanson, Rod and Kem Bryan, and Gary and Sarah Orr.

Connie Noren, who was pinned in nursing ceremonies at Colby Community College, works at the Good Samaritan Centers in Oberlin and Atwood, not Hoxie as reported last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kennedy of Akron, Ohio, came to visit her son and family, Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family and attend the graduation for Bob Reuther at the Rawlins County High School on

Sunday afternoon. Renae Wolf of Pierre, S.D., and Christa Wolf of Chadron, Neb., were Mother's Day weekend guests at the home of John and Ardythe Cederberg. They all attended the high school graduation and reception for Megan Ruppert in McCook on Sunday afternoon. She plans to attend McCook Community College in the fall, where she has a softball scholarship.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Ginther and family.

Dave and Ida Marie Erikson visited last week with her sister, Esther Noren; also Gerald Benda, Eulaine Benda and other relatives. They were en route to Montana after spending the winter in Arizona.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship to follow at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 2 with no Sunday School and morning worship at 10 a.m. On Sunday, June 9, worship will begin at 10 a.m. at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center with the Sunday School picnic to follow at Lake Atwood.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Kaylee Robyn May, Ryan Henry May, Zachary Benjamin May, Elizabeth Margaret May Nedland, and Cassidy Marie Shields, were among the 27 Decatur Community High School seniors graduating Saturday afternoon at the high school. The class colors were red, silver and white, and their chosen flower was the iris.

Congratulations to Zach May and Miki Dorshorst, co-valedictorians, and Kade Brown, salutatorian, of the 2013 Decatur Community High School graduating class.

Dakota Tate was a member of the sax ensemble playing "El Relicario" preceding the processional at the Decatur Community High School graduation Saturday afternoon.

Alexandra Waterman has been accepted into the DCHS Singers for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ryan and Zach May are members of the Decatur Community High School golf team winning the 2013 Kansas 2A Regional Championship title at Regional Golf competition last Monday at Ellis and are headed to State Golf competition.

Elaine Samuelson and Pat Plorkis, Denver, friends of Ralph and Violet Shaw, were Wednesday and Thursday overnight guests at the Shaw home, returning home Friday afternoon.

At Regional Track Friday in Sublette, Cassidy Shields qualified for State Track competition in the 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay, and Caitlin Shields qualified for State Track in the 4x800 relay.

Erin May placed first in the long jump, second in the 100 meter dash, and third in the mile at an elementary track meet held in Norton May 4.

Erin May performed Sunday afternoon in a dance recital at Ashley's Dance Center in Colby.

Kaylee May was honored with a graduation reception Saturday afternoon at the home of Andy and Kelley May and Lauren and Kaylen Townsend, co-hosted by the Chris May family. Kaylee plans on going to school to become a nurse.

Cassidy Shields was honored with a graduation reception Saturday afternoon at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields, hosted by her parents and grandparents. Out-of-town relatives attending were Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha; and Brett and Ali Shields, Sam, Levi, and Halli, Harlan, Iowa, weekend guests at the Gaylord Shields home. Cassidy plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in elementary education.

Elizabeth Nedland and A.J. Stoll were honored Saturday afternoon with a combined graduation reception at the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland home. Elizabeth plans on attending St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Ryan May was honored with a graduation reception Saturday afternoon at the St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall, hosted by his parents and Erin. Out-of-town relatives attending were his grandmother, Darlene Schaffer, Hoxie; Steven and Laura Schaffer and Kate, Denver; Charles and Marge Moos and Dennis and Charla Moos, Grinnell; and friends, Robyn and Jordan Brown, Estes Park, Colo. Ryan plans on attending Kansas State University majoring in agriculture.

Zach May and Kade Brown were honored with a combined graduation reception Saturday afternoon at the Patty Brown home, hosted by their parents and families. Out-of-town guests included Zach's uncle and cousins, Phil Jorns, Logan and Julia, Norman Okla, Saturday overnight guests at the Roland May home. Zach plans on attending Kansas State University majoring in computer engineering with a triple minor in business, leadership and computer science.

Richard and Delayne May, Brianna Steckline, and Danica May, Lawrence, were weekend guests in Oberlin to visit his parents, Walter and Betty May, and attend the graduation and parties for Elizabeth Nedland, Zach May and Ryan May.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

What a wonderful time we had in the Old Bohemian Hall on Friday for the "Blast From the Past" pictures that Dick Carman showed.

It was our first in a series of Brown Bag and Learn programs. About 40 people came to enjoy the noon hour with us. Next month, on Friday, June 20, our program will feature Gail Marcuson and Dick for a show-and-tell about "Farming the Hard Way." Plan to join us and see how farming has changed.

This weekend, the museum will have a social for Alumni and friends of Decatur Community High. Come and enjoy with us free admission to tour our 15 historical buildings, coffee and snacks, reminisce in our Alumni Room, watch a presentation for all the honor classes and visit and socialize in our beautiful parlor. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Our sympathies go out to the Rea Magers family for the loss of Rea, a longtime good friend. He was truly one of the "good guys."

Toots Magers went to her daughter, Judy Easton's, Friday evening and they went on to Abilene on Saturday. They saw Kurstin Guy graduate from high school as co-valedictorian. All of Kursten's sisters were there which made it more wonderful. Toots found that there had been an inch of rain while she was gone.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen helped his sister, Ruth Frandsen celebrate her birthday at the Beaver City Nursing Home on Friday. On Saturday they attended the Armed Forces Recognition day and barbecue at Cambridge, Neb.

June Jolly dressed up in white gloves and a flowered hat and attended a tea party at her housing place on Wednesday. On Thursday

You will not want to miss a chance for a great lunch on Friday. In front of the museum, the Oberlin Business Alliance and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will be grilling up hamburgers and brats. The proceeds from will go into a tax-exempt Decatur Area Development account for new downtown banners. The banners add so much to the appearance of the town but are quite expensive.

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary will have poppies available so that we can show our American pride and appreciation for those who have served in keeping our country free. You kind donation will be greatly appreciated here also.

We hope that classes having reunions will take time to come and enjoy history with us. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

she went to KT Club, and Friday she went with her son, Dean's family to Omaha, where great-grandson, Austin Blume was competing in the track meet. Austin was very happy to receive gold in the 800 meter race and placed high in two more events. They came home Sunday and she played Bingo in Norton Sunday evening. She said she was tired. (I wonder why?)

Carol and John Moye, Adrienne Vacura and daughters, Kylie and Skylar, (one of the graduates) and I went to the "Kids First" Preschool Spring program and graduation at the Museum in Oberlin Thursday evening. Besides having to run through a downpour, we thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children recite the Pledge of Allegiance, sing and dance the "Hokey Pokey." It was so cute to see them "do-si-do", then get their diplomas.

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