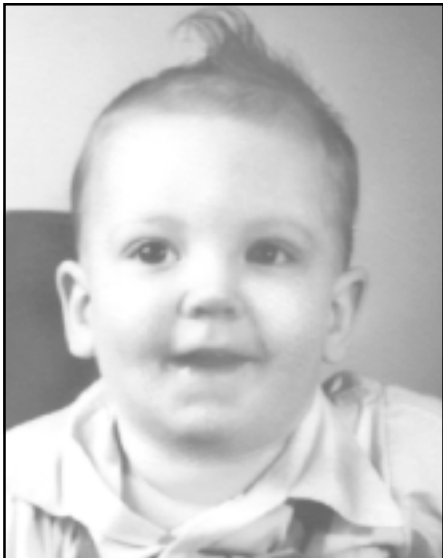




Rod Steinmetz



Richard Anderson



Larry Bearley



Lee Don Scott



Larry Van Vleet

‘Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy’

Five boys born within three days kept doctors busy

By MARY LOU OLSON

“Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy” was the big news in *The Oberlin Herald* 50 years ago, when five boys were delivered in three days by Dr. Donald McCoy or Dr. Jim Coffman at the Decatur County Hospital.

First to arrive was Lee Don Scott, who was born March 26, 1955, and tipped the scales at 6 pounds, to Don and Alene Scott of Oberlin.

The next three shared March 28 birthdays: Larry Bearley, son of John and Nora Bearley of Oberlin, at 7 pounds; Richard Anderson, son of Elden and Detta Anderson of rural Oberlin, 6 pounds, 10 ounces; and Larry Van Vleet, son of Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet of rural Lebanon, Neb., who tipped the scale at 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

The last of the five was Rod Steinmetz, son of Samme and Delpha Steinmetz, who arrived on March 29 to take his place in the nursery.

Fathers of all the boys were farmers at the time, with the exception of Larry Bearley, whose dad was principal at Oberlin Elementary School. They all continued to live in the area and all graduated from Decatur Community High School.

Lee Don Scott was reared on a farm northwest of Oberlin and helped his father with farm work, as well as caring for livestock.

After finishing high school, he attended junior college in Liberal. He and Melanie Sis of McCook, were married on Aug. 13, 1982, at the St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in McCook.

Being the son of a farmer, Lee Don said, he chose a job in agriculture. First he worked with his parents on the farm, then became a technician for the Soil Conservation District, a job he still holds.

The Scotts still live in Oberlin with their five children, Danielle, Britton, Chanelle, Bronson and Rachelle.

Larry was the third son in the **Bearley** family. He has two brothers, Robert and Max, and two sisters, Sandra Allen and Montine Alstrom.

He said he learned at an early age to listen to his elders, and may have listened a little too well at times. On his first day of kindergarten, his mother walked him to and from school. On the second day, she allowed him to go by himself. She told him after school to “wait for the cars before you cross the street.”

When he was late getting home, his mother went to look for him. She found him at the cross walk and asked him why he was just standing there. He explained that he was waiting for the cars and no cars had come by.

He started working for the state when he was a senior, then after high school, Kirk Brown offered him a produce job at Rave’s Grocery. After

five years, he was offered a job by Mike Jones at Halliburton, his first experience driving a truck in the oil field business. He said he wound up working 24 hours a day, however, and because of that decided to apply for a job with Koch Industries. The last 10 years, he has been driving for National Cooperative Refinery Association.

He and his wife Judy live at Oakley. He said that he has come to recognize how God looks after you as you go through life. Looking back, he sees that any time he needed a change, God provided an opportunity for him to make it.

Richard Anderson attended Plainview, a one-room school near his farm home in Sappa Township, then Decatur Community High School. After earning a degree in farm and ranch management at Colby Community College, he began farming with his father. He operates some 4,000 acres and he and his father together run a cow/calf operation.

He said he married Maureen McNulty from the Denver area, the “love of his life,” and they recently started a new venture — running a hunting lodge, called the Sappa Creek Lodge. He is active in the community and Herndon Covenant Church and recently was named “Outstanding Ag Builder of the Year” by the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Andersons have four children, Nicholas, 23, who will be married soon to Stephanie Reed; Samantha, 11; Christopher 9; and Gabriel 8. He has a brother, Gary Anderson, who owns and operates the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Larry Van Vleet attended the Star school, and after graduating from high school, he attended the University of Kansas, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in biology in 1977. He was accepted into the KU School of Medicine and received his medical doctorate degree in 1980.

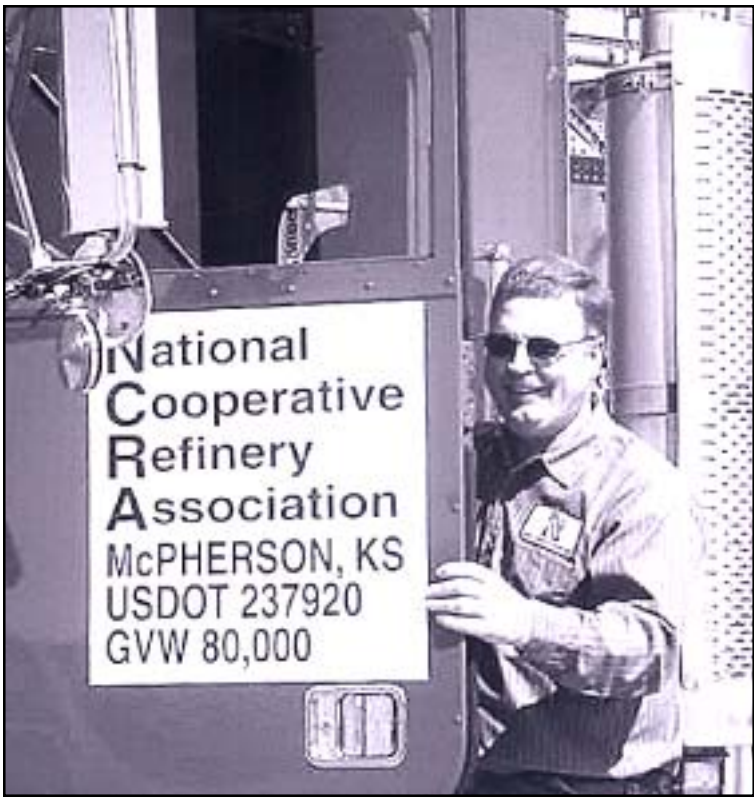
After his marriage that September, he and his wife Lucinda worked at the Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center in Goodland, where he completed an externship in family practice. He said that after some harrowing experiences delivering babies, he decided on a career in internal medicine.

He completed his residency with the University of California in Bakersfield, Calif., then returned to Kansas to work in underserved counties to fulfill his Kansas scholarship requirements.

He has worked for Kaiser Permanente in Denver since 1987, lately at Kaiser’s new hospital in Lafayette, Colo., as a hospitalist. They have two daughters, Lydia, 16, and Mary, 14. Larry serves as head elder and small group coordinator. (See FIVE on Page 10B)



CHECKING A FIELD was Lee Don Scott, a soil conservation technician for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.



A TRUCK DRIVER, Larry Bearley (above) of Oakley works for National Cooperative Refinery Association of McPherson. Richard Anderson, (right) is shown on his combine with his son, Chris.





FEATURED IN U.S. NEWS magazine in the July 27, 1998, issue, Dr. Larry Van Vleet is shown caring for a patient.

*Five boys born in three days 50 years ago at hospital here

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nator for North Metro Church near their home in Thornton, Colo. He enjoys landscaping both at home and church, skiing, medical missions and traveling in his spare time. He has two sisters, Pat Franz and Shirley McGee.
Rod Steinmetz grew up in Oberlin. After graduating from high school, he worked for Nichols Construction, then Koch Oil until he was married to Patty Shirley in July of 1977. He then worked for Moore Brothers Farms until the family moved to Norton, where he worked with his brother, Bill, at Kelling Fine Foods.
After returning to Oberlin in 1980, he purchased the Alibi and also worked for Koch Oil Co., Reinhardt Oil Tool Co.,



R. Steinmetz

and Halliburton. He sold the Alibi in 1986 and moved to Two Buttes, Colo., where he farmed and ranched for KFF Farms until 1997. He has worked for Drosselmeyer Farms since that time.
The couple's children are Ryan, 25, who lives in Fort Collins, Colo., and is a service writer for Gallegos Sanitation, and Kellie, 19, a junior at Colorado State University at Fort Collins. He has three brothers, Bill, Sam and Terry, and a sister, Diane.
Rod also serves as mayor of Two Buttes and since 1994 has been the water systems manager. His hobbies include fishing, sports of all kind, hunting, rebuilding motors, and watching television.
He said he has many memories of the Oberlin area and remembers fishing in the creeks and at Sappa Lake, playing sports in high school and all of his friends here.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Weather forecast offers needed rain

We have had lot of wind this past week and then they promise some rain. I sure wouldn't like to be in the weatherman's shoes. They have a hard time forecasting each day. We need the moisture and no one is grumbling about the rain.
The Chamber would like to thank Economic Development Corp. for the financial assistance they have provided to us through the years.
The second annual Home & Garden Show is over for another year. The attendance was good and the vendors' response was very good. The crowd came from all around the area, judging from the different license tags. We need to extend a huge thanks to The Gateway staff for all the work it takes to put an event of this size on and prepare the food. Thanks to all the vendors for spending the weekend in Oberlin.
Friday will be the Oberlin Business Alliance yearly Fish and Burger Fry. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the former The Bank drive-through. Stop by and have a sandwich on your way to the Good Friday services.
Congratulations to Miss Davis and her students on their successful production of the all school play Friday and Saturday night. This shows the dedication of the teachers, students and parents that we have in our district.
Oberlin Business Alliance will be holding their "Final 4 Contest" again this year. You will be hearing more on this next week. The forms will be available in the Chamber office and Addleman Drug Store.
Again this year, the Oberlin Business Alliance members will be holding a "No Tax" Day on items in their stores. This will take place April 15. More information on this later.
The winner of the St. Pat's Day contest was Peg Smith. All of the businesses on the form had been visited and signed. Congratulations.
The Chamber wishes you a Happy Easter.
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TRACTORS

1466 IHC, 3 pt, dual hyd; 2590 Case, 3 pt, duals, 4800 hrs; 2870 Case 4WD; 2470 Case 4WD, 3 pt; W6 McCormick IH, standard; W9 McCormick IH; Case 900, propane; IHC H tractor w/Farmhand F11 loader; Case SC w/loader #5302374SC; IHC Farmall M, FKBM221069; IHC Farmall M, FBK107010 w/single front; MF Industrial w/EzeeOn loader; Case 900; TW30 Ford, 3 pt, duals, triple hyd, 7500 hrs.

COMBINES, HEADERS & GRAIN CART

IHC 1480 axial flow, 2300 hrs w/27 ft Shelbourne stripper head; 510 MF w/wheathead; 510 MF w/16 ft wheathead; 410 MF; L2 Gleaner corn plus w/24 ft wheathead (repairs); JD 6600 w/20 ft wheathead; 510 MF w/18 ft head; 16 ft MF wheathead; 18 ft JD wheathead; 24 ft IHC wheathead; 2-#44 4-row MF cornheads; Phares Wilkens Grain Cart.

MACHINERY

Flex-King 6x5 w/new hard-surf blades; 18' Schaffer; 3x5 Triflex w/Flex-King pickers; 3x6 Triflex w/Flex-King pickers; 3x6 Flex-King, good blades; 3x5 Flex-King; 3x5 Krause;

TRUCKS

'49 Ford w/Farmhand manure spreader; '40's Dodge w/fender lights; '48 Chevrolet; Ford C600 Cabover; '55 Chevrolet 5700 Cabover, 13' B&H; '48 Chevrolet, 13' B&H; '67 Ford truck frame; Dodge truck w/fender lights; Jeep FC170 Cabover 4WD w/Blair feedbox, forward control; '63 Dodge, 16' steel B&H; Ford Cabover; IHC BC180; '71 Ford 750 w/24' implement bed, hyd tilt & winch; '72 Ford 800 Cabover w/18' B&H; IHC winch truck, old; IHC KB-5 truck, old; '58 Chevrolet w/15' B&H; '69 IHC loadman 1600 w/16' steel B&H; '63 Dodge 500 w/16' steel B&H; '67 IHC loadstar 1700 Cabover w/B&H.

TRACTORS

Cockshutt 560; 1175 Case 451 turbo; 2470 Case 4WD, 3 pt.; MMM 602 on propane 3 pt., mdl 20 American Econolift loader; Farmall 404 on propane w/narrow front (#1693J); IHC H, tricycle front (FBH29917); IHC 806, propane, 2 pt. w/Farmhand F27 loader; IHC Farmall 300, 2 pt. w/loader & grapple; IHC Farmall H w/belly sickle mower (#FVH23631); IHC Farmall 826, 3 pt. (#2510148U014101); IHC 806 Wheatland tractor (#5304Y); Ford w/single front; 2470 Case, 4WD; IHC Farmall 300.

VEHICLES

Dodge Tradesman 200 van; '83 Dodge Aries car; Plymouth Colt E; AMC Eagle; Plymouth Horizon TC3; '92 Dodge ES car; '84 Chrysler Laser car; '62 Ford Galaxy; '81 Chevy Metro car; '91 Chevy Metro car; Dodge Aries car; Dodge Dakota car; '89 Dodge Dynasty car; 58-59 Dodge Royal car, 4dr.; '59 Ford sedan, 4dr.; Ford Falcon station wagon, good body (#2H22U238959); AMC Eagle station wagon; '83 Dodge Rampage 2.2 pickup, 5-sp.; '50-60 IHC L110 pickup; '89 Dodge pickup, 4-sp.; Studebaker pickup; Studebaker champ pickup (#F12-6109).

MISCELLANEOUS

Old pull-type county road grader; 9' hyd. adj. blade, Super HO Rink; Pull-type rotary mower; 2-machinery trailers; Misc. dump rakes, sickle mowers, tractor loaders; Double drill hitch; Lots of crossover toolboxes, utility pickup boxes; Lots of Wisconsin, B & S engines for salvage; Num. fuel tanks & propane tanks; Misc. 3 pt. equip. of all kinds; 2-500 gal. propane tanks on wheels; Irrigation motors & sm. engines; Misc. pickup stockracks & pickup boxes; Misc. tires, rims (car & pickup); 2-Fairbury windmill heads;

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church. An Easter sunrise service is scheduled at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery with breakfast to follow at the church. Sunday School will begin at 8:30 a.m. with morning worship to follow at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Erickson and Gavin of Manhattan and Delbert Erickson were Saturday callers at the home of Elma Lee Erickson.

Shirley Benda, Jenna and Tim of Nekoma spent from last Monday to Wednesday with her parents, Wesley and Eulaine Benda, during spring break. Additional Monday supper guests to honor Shirley on her birthday were Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary.

Nora Bearley and Jerry and Montine Bearley of Oberlin, Don and Em Threlkel, Karla Mosteller and Elma Lee Erickson enjoyed the fish fry in Atwood.

Mary Lou Olson took her granddaughters, Keely, Ashley and Whitney Witt out for supper in McCook on Wednesday to honor Whitney on her eighth birthday. Keely was home on spring break from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Dawn Beckman and Ethan of Grinnell were weekend guests of her parents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Elma Lee Erickson joined other family members at the home of Don and Emma Threlkel for a birthday dinner on Sunday to honor Neva Lou Threlkel and Karla Mosteller.

Sarah Olson came to spend spring break from Kansas State University with the Mark Olson family. Wesley and Eulaine Benda were additional Sunday dinner guests.

Covenant Women Ministries will entertain guests with a salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Zane Geis and Karen Larson surprised Gladys Geis with a birthday party at her home on Tuesday in honor of her 75th birthday.

Elwood and Jeanie May, Jerry and Connie Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Wilma May, and Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles gathered at the Pizza Hut Wednesday for a birthday party to help Elwood celebrate his birthday. Brandon May and Stephanie May called to wish him a Happy Birthday since they were unable to attend.

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, en route to Colorado, were Friday overnight guests of the Norman Wendelin family.

Lindsay Martin was honored Saturday morning with a bridal shower and brunch at the home of Delayne May, hosted by Delayne and Jeanie Gawith, Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg, Lois Carlson, Edith Tate, Dianne Bremer and Jessica, Esther Noren, and Connie Noren were among guests attending. Alice May was unable to attend.

Kelly Olson, Danica May, Rory Wendelin, and Jessica Bremer were among the cast of the high school

play "Get Smart" held Friday and Saturday evening at the Decatur Community High School.

Kimberly Wickersham, Lincoln, Neb., was a weekend guest at the home of Craig and Karen Larson.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Evelyn Olson, and Stean Olson, Salina, met Bob and Janice Baer, Topeka, at Hays on Sunday for lunch and to celebrate Evelyn's 85th birthday.

Monica Larson and friend, Trey, Silverton, Texas were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Craig Larson home.

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7x5 Miller w/Flex-King pickers; 3x5 Nobel sweep; 24' Miller rod; 20' Miller rod; Caulokins rod; 24' Flex-King rod; 18' Miller offset disc w/hyd fold; 14' CrustBuster disc., hyd fold; K&M 6-row cultivator, 3 pt.; JD rotary hoe, 3 pt.; IHC rotary hoe; Rotary hoe; 7-shank ripper, 3 pt.; 16' dbl toolbar w/shanks; 4-bottom plow, 3 pt.; IHC 360 springtooth, 3 bar; Springtooth; 4 Oneways; 8+ misc drills; 2-IHC hoe drills, 12x10, on hyd.; IHC 400 6-row air planter; IHC 92 4-row air planter; 6-row 3 pt. planter; 4-row buffalo planter; Sev. Stock shredders; Double drill hitch.

TRUCKS, PICKUPS & CARS

'58-60 Diamond Reo truck, 18' steel B&H, cabover, tandem; '40-45 Chevy truck; '40s Dodge truck w/Blair feedwagon; '57 Ford truck F500, B&H, (F50J7K16617); '67 Ford truck w/18' steel B&H; MC90 Dodge 1000 truck, tandem, 18' steel B&H; '67 Chevy 60 truck (CE6375169778DD) B&H; '42-47' Ford truck; '71 Dodge truck, 4 sp., 16' B&H; '76 Ford F250 pickup, 4x4, 4-sp.; '90 Chevy pickup, 4WD, auto; '90 Dodge pickup, 4WD, 4-sp.; '76 Chevy pickup, 4x4; '76 Dodge pickup, propane, 4WD, 4-sp.; '90 Lincoln Continental car; '95 Plymouth Acclaim car; '73 Ford Galaxy 500, 2-dr. hardtop car; '93 Geo Rio Luna car; '88 Dodge Ramraider, 5-sp., 4WD; '88 Subaru stationwgn, 5-sp., 4WD, turbo; '92 Geo Metro LSI car, 5-sp.; '86 Toyota Celica car; '59 IHC w/van box; '79 Volkswagon Rabbit car, diesel; '93 Geo Storm car.

LIVESTOCK RELATED

NH 269 sq. square baler; IHC Silage cutter; 16x6 WW bumper stocktrailer; Bearcat 1850 grinder/mixer; 2-3 pt. Bale movers; Round bale feeders; 620 Hesston swather; Gehl 1500 rd baler; Ant. IHC manure spreader; Ant. horsedrawn disc.

Saturday, April 2 • 10:00 a.m.

SALE SITE SATURDAY: From McCook, NE - go S 13 mi on Hwy 83 to DR 703, W 1 mi, S 1/2 mi, W 2.5 mi. From Oberlin, KS - go N 14 mi on Hwy 83 to DR 703, W 1 mi, S 1/2 mi, W 2.5 mi. **SIGNS WILL BE POSTED.**

Misc. tractor dual tires; Lots of tool bar equip.; Misc. motor bikes, 3 wheelers; Polaris 250 R/ES 4-wheeler; Old bicycles; 2 Yamaha motorcycles; Old Allstate motorcycle; Cherry picker; Lincoln welder; 30T press; Oil barrels 30 & 50 gal.; Misc. shop tools too num.; Acytelene welder; Onan electric plant; Riding lawn mowers; SnowCo seed cleaner.

MACHINERY

48' Flex-King rod; 23' Walz Flex rod; 24' Krause rod; 36' Miller rod; 30' JD rod; 3x6 JD sweep w/harrows; 4x6 Noble sweep; 3x6 Noble sweep; 3x6 Triflex sweep; Triflex sweep; 4x7 Noble sweep; 3x6 Flex-King sweep; 5x5 Richardson sweep w/pickers; 4x5 Richardson sweep w/pickers; IHC 5100 disc. drill; IHC 150 hoe drill; IHC disc. drill; JD 8200 disc. drill; IHC 400 planter, 4-row, Gandy boxes; 3 pt. 6-row Buffalo planter; IHC 400 4-row air planter; IHC rotary hoe, 3 pt.; 15' JD rotary hoe; 18' Sunflower offset disc.; 12' JD tandem disc.; 20' 3-bar springtooth; 20' Hutchmaster HD tandem disc.; 20' Sunflower offset disc.; IHC 50 insilage cutter; 3 pt. heavy-duty cultivator; Stalkchopper; IHC silage cutter; 24' pull-type sprayer w/300 gal. fiber-glass tank; Farmhand grinder w/Cat engine; 6x20 Travelong gooseneck trlr; 6x20 gooseneck trailer; 5x14 bumper stocktrlr; Pull-type Hesston P10 swather; Hesston 500 swather; Hesston 5500 round baler; Round bale carrier; 596 OMC round baler; Num. feedwagons; Cattle chutes, oilers, panels & misc. hog feeders.

COMBINES

410 MF; NH 20' wheathead; NH TR70, 24' wheathead; JD 95; NH TR95, 20' wheathead; 760 MF; 1480 IHC, 30' wheathead; 750 MF, 20' wheathead; 410 M; 1480 IHC, 24' wheathead; 510 MF; 915 IHC, hydrostat, 18' wheathead; NH, 18' Sunflower head; Gleaner L2; 750 M, 24' wheathead; 24' MF wheathead; JD 612 6-row cornhead; JD 334 3-row cornhead; NH 4-row cornhead; 20' pickup reel; Grain cart.

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