

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1880
J.B. Colt is erecting a warehouse 26x40 on the north side of his hardware.

Syl L. Bishop, our county surveyor, was up to Atwood, Rawlins County, last week for the purpose of surveying and platting that town site.

R.O. Kindig, who went to Ohio last fall, has returned, bringing one of that state's fairest daughters to share his home in Decatur County. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. J.E. Kulp, who will probably remain here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Penson celebrated their crystal (15th) wedding anniversary Friday evening. Guests to the number of 60 helped them celebrate the event. Messrs. Frank Smith and L.E. Snyder and the Misses Bell Bariteau and Elle Stever furnished some excellent music and songs.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1905
Will Chapin has accepted a position in the Farmers National Bank. Married:

April 6, 1905, Newton F. Dayton and Miss Alma Nicodemus.

April 12, 1905, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Dale in southwest Oberlin, Mr. Claud H. Paddock and Miss Mamie Clarice Dale.

Methodist Church appointments for Oberlin and nearby points are: Oberlin, J.M. Miller; Cedar Bluffs, N.W. Beaucamp; Dresden, L.C. Hicks; Jennings, W.E. Caldwell; Kanona, W.H. Hampton; Norcat, N.S. Ragle; presiding elder, W.J. Merideth. The streets of Oberlin are again getting passable.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1930
After investigating several sites

for an airport, the city council leased a 25-acre tract just south of the Art Grindle place northwest of Oberlin. This will make a north and south runway, 800 feet of which will be buffalo grass.

Norcatur: Leslie Barnhart will pitch next season for New Orleans of the Southern League, though Cleveland of the American League retains an option on his services.

Jennings: The new home being built on the "section" by Joe Flaska is going up very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Richards of Harlan Township are the parents of a baby boy born March 17. They have named the young gentleman Roland Gene.

The Frank Ufford car was turned over Sunday afternoon on the Dresden road south of Oberlin. Luckily none of the family were seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw are the parents of a baby boy born March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ridpath of Sherman Township are the parents of a baby daughter born March 25.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1955

The long drought which had reached the stage of causing serious concern in this area was broken Tuesday with a total of 1.05 inches of rain, the most since last August.

The Oberlin Presbyterian Church will be host to a two-day session of the Osborne Presbytery, composed of the 15 counties of Northwest Kansas.

Musicians from Oberlin who will perform with the Maverick Band in a concert Sunday afternoon at the Decatur Community High School auditorium will be Arthur Dowling, Gordon Euhus, Philip Law, Vincent May, Billie McClure and Wallace Wolfe.

Brown Motor Company has

added International Harvester to their dealership in addition to the Case Implement line and Dodge and Plymouth automobiles.

Work began last week on a new addition to the Federated Church, which will include a fellowship hall on the south side.

Dr. Coffman, county health officer, has announced that the Salk Polio vaccine will be available in Oberlin by the last week in April and is considered 100 percent effective.

Lund: Seven children were baptized Easter Sunday at Lund Covenant Church: Leola, LeRay and Leann Muirhead, Jill Fredrickson, Bradley Marcuson, Joseph Schmidt and James Wasson.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1980

The Kansas Artists Postcard Series will be on display at Reserve Savings and Loan April 7-11, according to Oberlin Area Arts Council coordinator Pamm Wonsettler. Of special interest to Oberlin area viewers will be the entry by Dr. Joel

Moss of the Fort Hays State University art faculty, who began his teaching career in Oberlin in the 1930s.

Music lovers in the area will be treated to a concert Monday evening at the Decatur Community High School auditorium by the Wichita State University a cappella choir. The 40-member choir, which is on spring tour, will be sponsored locally by the Oberlin Music Club. Included among the choir members are two students from Oberlin, Dan Koerperich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Koerperich, and Pat Berkheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berkheimer.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castle, Oberlin, girl, Annie Beth, 4/5/80; Mr. and Mrs. John Schmoker, McCook, boy; 4/8/80.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Ann to Charles Daniel Miller, son of Mrs. Mary Haley and Charles F. Miller. A May 31 wedding is planned at the shelter house at Sappa State Park.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Only one full week into our 2005 season we have had guests from 11 states and one foreign country. The states represented were: Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Vermont, Wyoming, South Dakota, Texas, South Carolina, Missouri, Michigan, and California. Our foreign visitors were from Spain.

For those of you not able to attend the annual meeting you missed out on a wonderful exhibition by the Creative Movements gymnastics class. The girls in the gymnastics classes have worked hard this winter and have practiced in the hall

each Friday. They were a joy to watch.

We have started taking items for the rummage sale and will continue doing so during regular Museum hours until Friday at 4:30 p.m. For those who are working and cannot bring your items down during regular hours, we will be open from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday (today).

Don't miss the fourth annual Rummage and Bake Sale this Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the sale will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information call (785) 475-2712.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served "spring fling" cake to residents, staff and guests. Later, many residents went outside to sit in the sun.

Freda Gamblin won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Hank Wolfram and Zola Brown.

Mary Ann Amack and Beth Sebaugh assisted with the sing-along on Wednesday morning.

The bowling group met on Wednesday afternoon. Charley Vavroch bowled four strikes in a row. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon. Roberta Petrack donated cherry nut ice cream for social hour on Thursday afternoon.

Freida Matheny celebrated her birthday on Thursday. Nora Belle Manning and Jan Matheny were her guests for lunch.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make doughnuts.

Freida Matheny was the guest of honor at a party held on the patio at noon on Saturday. Her family brought in dinner, and served cake to residents and staff.

The ZCBJ Lodge held their

monthly meeting on the patio.

The Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church presented Sunday service on April 10.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Delores Mumm who died at Cedar Living Center on April 11.

Recent visitors: Patt and Ray Tuller, Paul Matheny, Karen Matheny, Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Rose and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Julie Harold, Hays; Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; Carol Shaw, Bernard Ritter, Patricia Richmond, Victoria Rebarchet, Carl Mumm, Selden; Richard Samson, Ludell; Dawn M. Anderson, Great Bend; Carolyn Miller, Carmel, Steven and Mandy Summers, Mike McVay, Colby; Dale, Stacey, Connor and Alexandra Hazuka, Bird City; Diana, Dale and Avis Hazuka, McDonald; Al Schmaderer, Manhattan; Frank Cox, Herndon.

Butch Stanley, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Verna Mae Anderson, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Dolores Koerperich; Fern Wenger; Esther Carlson; Elaine Bryan; Marie Jean Vavroch; Earl Brown, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Eula Juenemann, Carrie and Teague Morford, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, April 4, Jan Badsy led morning devotions. Residents Bernice Brown, Leo Mooty, Eva Cuthbertson, and Eryline Nichols enjoyed a Frank Woehrle sing-along. Folding Fellowship was in the hands of Garrah Gaumer and Fern Anderson. Linda Hollowell led morning exercises. Special time was spent with Mamie Unger, Florence Jones, and David McGee. Margaret Magers and Kathy Van Meter, Good Sam volunteers, enjoyed a game of canasta with Garrah Gaumer and Eva Bryan. Jan Badsy served Social Hour and Fern Anderson enjoyed some front porch sunshine.

Janice Shobe gave Tuesday morning devotions. Jan Badsy sang "Morning Has Broken," accompanied by Cheryl Miller. Volunteer Gladys Geis visited with Kathryn Post, Ginny Ike, Alan Adleman, Everett Fisher and Ruby Shuler. Pool Sharks has a new contender, Jeanette Conway. She and Leo Mooty played a great game, with Fern Anderson as spectator.

The Welcoming Committee met later Tuesday to plan a party for later this week. Members are Fern Anderson, Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway, Marguerite Fullerton, Garrah Gaumer and Hilda McGee. Social Hour brought sunshine cake for staff and residents. Dennis Brown hosted the event by the Forget-Me-Nots.

The Girl Scouts presented cookies to Fern Anderson, David and Hilda McGee, and Dena Gillespie later on Tuesday. Troop leader Kelly Brown accompanied Brownies Ara Marine, Breanna Chambers, Leah Chambers, Emma Green, Kariah Castle, Kaitlynn Fisher, and Kelsey May.

Jeanette Diederich led Songs of Worship on Wednesday with piano accompaniment by Cheryl Miller. Bible study, entitled "Life is a Temporary Assignment," was attended by Eva Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Allan Adleman, Fern Anderson, Edla Olson, and Marilyn St. Clair.

Later Wednesday morning Don Farr led morning exercises. Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl assisted Garrah Gaumer, Edla Olson, and Jan Conway in a game of canasta.

At Social Hour Ellen Horn served ice cream floats. Bingo concluded the day's events.

A memorial service was held Thursday morning in honor of Erma Holt. Conducting the service was Pastor Kathleen Aeillo of Norcat. The Good Sam choir presented two musical pieces in Erma's honor. Art Class, led by Lisa Stacy, experimented with an assortment of colors.

One-to-one time was shared later Thursday with many of the residents, and Social Hour was served. Garrah Gaumer, Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, and Jan Conway played a competitive game of Scrabble with Lisa Stacy and Jan Badsy. LuVerne May enjoyed an afternoon stroll with Jan Badsy.

Garrah Gaumer, assisted by Doyle Richardson and Jeanette Diederich, filled the center with yummy smells while making cinnamon rolls for the welcome party to be held Friday.

A memorial service was held Friday morning in memory of Neva Campbell. Leading the service was Loretta McFee, and Phil Erickson shared music. Folding Fellowship was held with Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, and Fern Anderson. Volunteer Carol Duncan led current events. The Welcome Committee served homemade cinnamon rolls, prepared by Garrah Gaumer, at a gathering in honor of new resident, Lucy Schissler.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

Oberlin Covenant Church led Sunday church services. Florence Vavroch, volunteer, served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie, Janice and Kim Mehl; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Jon Smith; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer. Also visiting recently were Donna Metcalf of Palco, Pam Normandin, Damar, John Metcalf, Norton, Sam and Peggy Metcalf, Hill City; Sue Whiteman, Alex Kerr, Nicola Kerr, and Ellen and Ileene Rhoades, Lakewood, Colo., and Catherine Neal.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

I love it! I love it! I love it! These beautiful spring days.

Like I've always heard about this area: "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes and it will change." The opposite is also true: "If you do like the weather, hold your breath. It's likely to change in a few minutes."

Social Hour was held at the home of hostess, Sondra Barnett, last week. Guests were Velma Barnett and Evelyn Johnson. Members present were Vesta Roth, Clea Moeder, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Hulda Wark and Sondra. Bingo prizes were given to Jean, Evelyn, Ruth and Clea. The hostess prize was won by Velma.

The attendees at Coffee were Eunice Sanford, Berneda Zoberst, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Fran Leach, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, Clea Moeder, Frances Bange and Sondra Barnett. Lawrence Horinek had left some old pictures of Zula and the family, and Delores also brought some old pictures for us to enjoy.

Robert Moeder of Hutchinson stayed overnight with his mother, Clea Moeder.

Rick and Jason Roth, Stockton, were in Rexford for the weekend visiting Rick's mother, Vesta Roth.

Some of Sondra Barnett's children spent the weekend. Shalom and Kevin Kruse, Gabriel and Kaleb from Pretty Prairie came on Friday and left on Sunday. Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua from Tyrone, Okla., came for lunch on Saturday and then Bryan and Lori traveled on to Denver to pick up Mitchel and Matthew from the airport.

Elijah and Joshua Barnett were able to spend Saturday in Rexford, playing with their cousins. In the late afternoon, Hulda Wark joined them and the group went to Colby where a birthday party was held for Sondra's 18-year-old grandson, Kerry Barnett, from Garden City.

We were sorry to hear that Rex Shaw died last week. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

Rexford has two new residents. Deborah and Polo Gamboa have moved here from Amarillo, Texas. Deborah will be employed part-time by Hulda Wark. Many of you know Deborah from when she worked for Hulda in the past. She and her husband are excited to become a part of the Rexford community. Welcome, Deborah and Polo.

Edna Colson was a guest on Saturday of her son, Charles and Cheryl Colson, Marcus and Brady,

in Colby. Edna's daughter, Roberta Colson of Goodland, came later and brought Edna back to Rexford after supper. On Sunday another daughter, Kathryn Richard and son, Chris, of Norton picked Edna up and they all went to Colby again to visit the Charles Colson family. In the afternoon, Grace Kauk came over to visit.

Fifteen seniors met at the Barn on Saturday night to play fruit and candy bingo.

The Rexford Community Church had a very successful Missions Conference last week. On Friday night nearly 40 people attended the Philippine meal, made and served by missionaries Lance and Debbie Sprick. On Saturday morning, 18 men gathered for breakfast and fellowship with Lance Sprick and in the afternoon 17 women met for a tea with Debbie Sprick. The carry-in dinner after the Sunday morning worship service was well attended.

Pastor Lane Purcell went to Nebraska to help his father and brother with some work on the farm.

Betty Nichols is back in town after nearly a month in Colorado Springs recuperating from back surgery at the home of her brother, Bob and Opal Keefer.

Melody and Bob Leach were temporary sponsors to five middle schoolers that are seeking Big Brothers and Big Sisters and took them bowling. The young people included Chava, Eli and Lupa Garcia; Jesus Garcia; and Maria Garcia. If you can help with this project, contact the office in Colby or Bob Leach in Rexford.

Scoop on the School

There was an Eighth Grade Day at Oakley last week in which Golden Plains students were involved, along with 100 students from area schools.

Some of our high school students attended a speech and forensics meet at Weskan last week. Kristin Wark took third place in her serious solo; Darci Spresser and Kristin Wark performed a duet; Sean McCurdy and Dan Johnson gave an improvised duet act; and Brandy Bussen recited prose.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to Kristin Wark, who unselfishly has given of her time to help someone computer illiterate (well, almost) in sending certain things via e-mail. Thank you, Kristin, for your generosity.

Paula McDaniel and Jennifer Scott entertained Paula's cousin, Louise Holt of Austin, Texas, for four days in the mountains above Divide, Colo. They rented a cabin that was part of the original home-

stead of Heaven View Ranch, north of Divide.

Dick and Eunice Sanford were among those who enjoyed Easter Sunday at the home of the Paul Wagoner family.

Ruth Luna and granddaughter, Jessica Luna, went to Milliken, Colo., to visit Ruth's daughter, Patty Luna, and family for a week. When she returned to Rexford she brought two more of her granddaughters, Chantee and Alexis

Luna, to spend spring break. Over the weekend Patty Luna, Robert Buttrum and Brandon came and spent the night, then the girls accompanied them home.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to Ann Colling, who has taken over as president of the Rexford PRIDE. Even though she's relatively a newcomer to Rexford, she has put forth the effort to become a part of the community and shows excellent leadership skills.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

United Methodist Women met April 6. Claudine Bennett, Kathy Nauer, Naomi Carter, Ruth Chance, Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Glenda Johnson and Joan McKenna attended. Lesson topic was "Maintaining God's Temple, Our Physical Bodies" given by Brenda Peterson, physical therapist for Decatur County. Quiet Moments was offered by Kathy Nauer.

Hostesses were Lila Jennings and Ruth Chance.

Jennings City council met April 7 with Mayor Bob Jones; council members Stann Hartzog, Rick Foster, Bill Gawith, Don Bolt, and Louise Cressler; City Clerk Sue Long; and guest Raymond Yahne present. Council discussed nuisance properties and dogs running loose, and letters were sent to owners. Bids were reviewed on filling cracks in the streets. Council voted to have B&H Paving, Scott City, do the work. Warren Tacha and Kathy Nauer's terms on the library board expired. Names presented and approved for the vacancies were Violet Krizek and Becky Carter. A long

list of maintenance in the city was on the agenda. Some possible solutions were discussed. Monthly budget update was reviewed.

William and Rachel Carter hosted a dinner at the Town and Country Cafe in Norton honoring their daughter, Jane's birthday. In addition to the Carters, those present were Jane and Jim Wahlmeier, Phillipsburg; Sally Wahlmeier, Norton; Jesse and Megan Carter and daughters Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; and Ken and Julie Carter.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received word of a new great-grandson. Grant Walker was born April 5 to Todd and Kim Gaston, Sattellite Beach, Fla. Grandparents are Mike and Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa.

Christina Coiner of Jennings was named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.25-3.74) at Kansas Wesleyan University for the fall semester.

Jody Brooks, a senior at Prairie Heights High School, has received a \$500 Award of Excellence in art at Fort Hays State University. The daughter of Jim and Shanna Brooks of Clayton, she plans to major in art.

Lawrence from June 5-10. Others chosen were Olivia Davenport, daughter of John and Dora Davenport of Atwood, and Bethany Holste, daughter of Harlan and Ruth Holste of Atwood.

On Sunday, Don and Joan Grafel entertained with a birthday dinner for Todd Nelson. Other guests were Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, Oberlin.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were last Sunday dinner guests of Monica Solko. Other callers were Tom, Patrick and Tim Solko.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Don and Joan Grafel treated Thelma Spiers to dinner in Oberlin on Wednesday. Kyle Grafel was a Friday dinner guest at the Grafel home. Saturday guests of the Grafels were Kristyn Clapp and Kent Grafel of Culbertson.

Andy Green of Herndon was re-elected to the Rawlins County school board last week.

Janelle Solko, daughter of Don and Dianna Solko of Herndon, was chosen by the Atwood American Legion Auxiliary to attend the 63rd annual session of Sunflower Girls State at the University of Kansas in

