

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1881

George M. Miller is erecting an addition to his already commodious livery and feed stable.

"On to Oberlin" is the boom all along the line, and by next fall Oberlin will be the best town west of Beloit.

Thursday last our banker, R.A. Marks, was favored by a deposit more valuable than gold, in the shape of a bouncing boy, presented by Mrs. Marks. Mother and babe are doing well, and Marks set up the cigars to the boys right royally.

The young men in and around Vallonia have organized a baseball club and call themselves the "Muscles" which would imply that they are slightly on their muscle.

Ed Martin, long time in the U.S. Land Office in this city, has accepted a situation in the U.S. Land Office and will shortly move to Oberlin. Ed is an efficient clerk and we congratulate Mr. Cavanaugh in securing his services.— Kirwin Chief

Married: Tuesday, March 29, 1881, Selby T. Myers and Miss Sarah L. Worley.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1906

The snow and rain has handicapped the cement walk men and put them back in their work quite a bit.

Married: Miss Myrtle Diehl and Mr. Clinton D. Lenon, Wednesday, March 28, 1906, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Diehl.

The Republican Convention: After a spirited contest between the Benton and anti-Benton factions, the former were victorious and were all named the delegates to state, congressional and judicial conventions as well as winning in the only contest for county office—that for county treasurer, where D.G. Whitney of Altory defeated D.G. Addleman of Oberlin on the fourth ballot.

The Republicans now in county office were all renominated as follows: representative, W.E. Wilson; county clerk, L.F. Campbell; register of deeds, John Lizberg; clerk of the court, Chas. H. Brewer; county attorney; L.M. Parker; county superintendent, A.C. Banta; probate judge, A.L. Patchin; sheriff, J.W. Railsback; county surveyor, G. Gilkison.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1931

After near record-breaking fine weather in January and February and most of March, the weather reversed and gave us a real taste of winter with a "one above" reading on March 31.

The roads are heavily drifted with

snow following the big blizzard and some have resorted to "Old Dobbin" to get to town. Rev. Roy Frey, pastor of the Olive Chapel Church, and five neighboring farmers took a team and wagon and plowed through fields and side roads into town to restock with food supplies and necessities.

A letter from Harold Hamilton of Lamar, Colo., tells of the tragedy of a school bus driver south of Towner who attempted to return children to their homes when school was canceled because of the coming storm and became stranded.

Five children and the bus driver died. The survivors are being cared for at the hospital in Lamar.

Mr. and Mrs. "Cy" Wolfe left for Laramie, Wyo., where they will make their future home. He will assist his father in the publication of the *Laramie Leader*.

Fred Rehm of Olive Township was in town Saturday and Monday but said it was a tough job. He claims the drifts in the cut at the southeast corner of the golf course are unbelievably large.

Denzil Gill started working in the bookkeeping department of Oberlin Motor Company and is taking the place of Mrs. Eryline Nichols, who is resigning in a few weeks.

Knute Rockne, famous Notre Dame football coach, was killed in an airplane crash near Bazaar, Kan., Tuesday morning shortly after taking off from Kansas City enroute to Los Angeles. The two pilots and the other five passengers also perished.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1956

A moisture-laden snow began falling shortly before midnight on Monday and by Tuesday morning, residents of Decatur County were surprised to find about 7 inches of snow blanketing the ground. In places it was 10-15 inches deep as a result of the wind and many a car driver abandoned his car in the middle of the street.

Jack Hague, who has guided two football teams to Northwest Kansas League titles in five years, resigned Monday to accept the head football coaching job at Hays High School.

Ernest McRae, junior member of the law firm of Cushman & McRae, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for county attorney.

Oberlin will be host to the Sixth District postmasters on Saturday. Mrs. Gladys Miesner is host postmaster and the reception committee includes Ralph New, Norcat; Paul Welter, Dresden; Marget Kaus, Leoville; Allyn Beers, Jennings; Kathleen Malone,

Herndon; Hugh Bomgardener, Palco; and Mrs. Ruth Hopson, Phillipsburg. The welcome will be given by E.W. Coldren, mayor and retired postmaster, and some 100 guests are expected to attend the get-acquainted party Friday evening at Oberlin American Legion.

DCHS News: After several years in which the senior class has presented its own commencement speakers, the 1956 class has voted to revert back to the traditional speaker and Amos W. Glad, Pratt, a native of this area, has accepted the invitation to speak. James Cederberg, a nephew of Mr. Glad, is a member of this senior class.

Funeral services were held for Carl Hatch, 40, who suffered a fatal heart attack at his home south of Oberlin. He is survived by his wife, the former Evalynn Cullison, and five children.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chambers, daughter, Janette Marie, March 22; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson, daughter, Connie Jolene, March 31.

Miss Judith Hitchcock, daughter of Mrs. Edwin Hitchcock of Great Bend, and Darrel Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Wyatt of Norton, were united in marriage on March 27 at the Presbyterian Church in Oberlin with the Rev. Luther Kurtz reading the double-ring ceremony.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1881

The flight operations engineer at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver has advised city officials that the present 2,600-foot paved runway at

Oberlin Airport is not adequate for the Beechcraft Model 90 ambulance plane to land in certain weather conditions in summer months. The proposed \$185,000 bond issue to be voted upon next Tuesday provides for airport improvements.

Oberlin PRIDE members were told that wheelchair ramps have been completed at the intersection of Penn and Commercial near the Western Auto Store and near Oberlin Library.

A handicapped parking space has also been installed on Hall Street assuring a handicapped driver of access to the courthouse.

The Oberlin junior high wrestlers coached by Tom Alstrom scored 250 points to win the tournament held Saturday at DCHS.

The Alpha Kappa Club celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner meeting at the Oberlin American Legion dining room. Gertrude Marietta, president, welcomed guests and recognized the three charter members present, Leonabelle Ridgway, Bird City; Neva Page; and Genola Ridgway. Mary Francis read the history of the club. Edla Olson was a guest and entertained the group with a medley of piano selections and songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murry, LaSalle, Colo., have purchased Fritz's Market from Connie Lauber.

Funeral services were held in Hoxie for Dwane Tice, 51, who died at his home south of Dresden on March 29. He was service manager at Hoxie Motor Company for 30 years and also farmed.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Our first guests of the season came from Fall City, Neb. They had relatives that homesteaded in Decatur County and were here during the time of the Indian Raid. It is always interesting to hear family stories about the raid. Some might be a little like the story of the "fish that got away."

Our hours until Dec. 1 will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with Sunday and Monday by appointment only for a group of 10 or more. You will want to make this the year you say, "Let's GO to the Museum."

Our first event is Thursday, April 6. This is the annual meeting for museum members, but with the special speaker we are hosting we invite the public to attend. Our speaker this year is author Douglas

Yocum. His book, "A Matter of Chastity," has local ties to Norton and Decatur counties. There are several family members still living in the area to make this a book of interest.

Mr. Yocum will be available for visiting and book signing in the Museum office from 3 to 4:30 p.m. He will have books available for sale at that time, but if you have already purchased a book, bring it that afternoon and he will autograph it.

At 5 p.m. there will be a short business meeting in the Bohemian Hall for members, after which Doug will give a presentation about his book and other events happening throughout our county, state, and country in the early 1890s.

For more information about this exciting event call the museum at (785) 475-2712.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Erika and Haydyn Best recently flew to Seattle, Wash., where they were guests of their uncle and aunt, Wayne and Suzanne, and uncle, Brad. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting world-renowned physicist, Dr. Bill Baum, and wife, Esther. They were guests of the Baums at a farewell dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

The Public Market, aquarium, science center, zoo, the Space Needle, and Puget Sound were among sights featured in the hundreds of photographs taken (and they will be happy to share them). Haydyn enjoyed being a guest baker at Great Harvest Bakery where he was invited to knead and form loaves and bake them. Erika is an eighth grader and Haydyn, a fifth grader, at Golden Plains. They are the children of Nea Gamez, and grandchildren of Jackie and Ray Johnson.

Buck Harper and Cleda Moeder spent two weeks in Houston, Texas, visiting her son, Greg, and family. They all had a wonderful time camping, golfing, shopping and

spending time with friends Cleda had met during previous trips to Houston. They returned home March 25.

Sondra Barnett went to the Stitchin' Sisters meeting in Hill City, where pieces they created were sewn into a baby quilt.

Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett had the pleasure of meeting a young couple from Minnesota at the Country Store at lunch time the other day. Jill and Todd Nesvolt had left their children with her parents in Nebraska and had stopped their car in Hoxie for the day.

They then proceeded to ride bicycles east on Highway 24 to U.S. 83 and back to Rexford. This is the way they like to spend their vacation time.

The City would like to remind everyone that this is the time of year to begin watering young trees. They are especially asking those who had trees transplanted by the city to residents' property, to keep them watered.

The Fitness Center is ready to go with some nice equipment and resi-

dents are encouraged to join. The annual fee for a family membership is \$120 and \$60 for a single person.

At the Red Barn: Recipes can still be submitted until April 15 for the cookbook that will be published. More contributors (new names) would be greatly appreciated.

The county transportation van will be serving Rexford once a week on Tuesdays, beginning in May.

Bingo for those 50 and older will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, then a break will be taken. Plans are to resume in September.

Those in for Barnswallows on Monday were Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Betty and Rex Carswell, Grace Cheney, Pat and Chuck Williams, Dick Sanford, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper and Lawrence Horinek.

Friday at Koffee Klatch were Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Velma Barnett, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Darla Dible, Cleda Moeder, Eunice Sanford, Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Sondra Barnett and Elizabeth Rall.

Activities at Golden Plains: Saturday was the Junior-Senior Prom and this year's theme was "Frozen in Time." Prom King was Scott Johnston and Prom Queen was Valerie Broeckelman. Delores Juenemann prepared a delicious meal of beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner rolls and strawberry shortcake for dessert. There were 80 students and faculty members served. At 12:15 a.m. the activities continued with post prom, sponsored by the Booster Club at the Colby Bowling Alley.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes had an organizational meeting Sunday evening with 23 students attending. Fort Hays State University Athletes helped to assist in chartering the Golden Plains FCA Huddle. Officers elected were Katelyn Spesser, president; Brandy Bussen, vice-president; and Stephanie Juenemann, secretary. A sandwich buffet preceded the meeting. Superintendent Doc Baskerville, the Rev. Lane Purcell, and Shepherd's Staff Director, Ron Boller, were also present.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday, March 23, at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high and had the most aces, Cecelia Ottley took second and Julie Pope got low. Other members present included Lola Cook, Jeanie Spesser, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff and Alfred Albers. The Selden Senior Citizens play pinochle every Thursday and the first Thursday of the month is potluck at noon. Anyone wanting to participate should show up or call one of the members.

The Community Center is coming along. Volunteers show up every week and donate their time to help put up the building. Anyone wanting to help should contact Darrel Bruggeman. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of tables and chairs contact Jacque Boultinghouse or Jackie Schulte.

The Weather Spotter Training for Sheridan County was canceled due to the snow last week. The new date has been set for April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie. There will be a drawing for two

weather radios, so please plan to attend.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Anna Albers won high, Paulie Neff took second, Julie Pope got low and Lola Cook had the most tens. Other members present included Cecelia Ottley, Edna Schiltz, Carol Shaw, Alfred Albers, Leone Porsch, Betty James, Shirley Emigh and Jeanie Spesser.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: March 30 - Wyatt Ashley; March 31 - Kyle Emigh, Bruce Ot-

ter; April 1 - Nikki Campbell; April 2 - Tenna Ashley, Doug Shaw, Mathew Juenemann; April 3 - Tex Shaw; April 4 - Kalena Zodrow, Donna Wessel Irwin, Ben Albers; April 5 - Dick Pauls, Gloria Walker; April 6 - Fred and Theda McKee, Dennis Urban; April 8 - Devinn Ritter, Clarence and Dagmar Becker; April 9 - Scotty Hunziker; April 10 - Bob Rogers, Joe and Carol Lobato; April 11 - Gary Emigh; April 12 - Wayne Brantley, Mike and Tammy Miller.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis Vavroch who passed away on Thursday.

Residents and staff are preparing for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cedar Living Center. It will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. All children are welcome to attend. Each child should bring a small basket.

Ron Temple and his group, Faith, Hope, and Charity, will perform in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 9.

Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those joining in included Nettie Britton, Freda Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, June Harold, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Velda Ward, Mathilda Bollig, Kenneth Sattler, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Lora Linn Lechlitter won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Kenny Sattler won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Nettie Britton, Zola Brown, Elsie Goodnight, and Don Shaw.

The craft group met on Wednes-

day afternoon to start flower seeds in small cups.

The children from the KICK program at St. John's Lutheran Church gave a musical program Wednesday afternoon. They sang and played hand bells.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The bowlers met for a game on Thursday afternoon, with several residents bowling strikes.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; McKenzie and Jordan Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Ann Martin, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry and Ron Temple, Gary Anthony, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Beth Johnson, Wava Reames, Lynn and Leslie Ward, Norcat; Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Christina Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Earl Brown, Selden;

Florence Vavroch, Nadean Stoney, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Butch Diederich, Lyle Gamblin, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead, Mike Jensen, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Eric and Susan (Bell) Flavin of Dalkey, Dublin, Ireland, on the birth of a daughter, Una Fae Kathleen, born March 29, 2006. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has a sister, Belle, 20 months. Grandparents are Roger and Melinda Carlson, Atwood; Dennis and Adda Bell, Phillipsburg, Mont.; and Ann Marie and Tony Flavin, Waterford, Ireland. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Ada Fae Bell, and Tony and Ruth Tucker, Atwood. Mail will reach the Flavins at 19 Carysforv Villas, Dalkey County, Dublin, Ireland.

Tom J. Solko, and Bill and Jeannie Ellis of Lebanon, Neb., had dinner in McCook Saturday evening.

Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe enter-

tained with a supper on Monday to honor Gary Anderson on his birthday. Other guests were Elden and Detta Anderson.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson have returned home after visiting their daughter and family, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe, at Chetopa. Hana earned a 1 rating on her vocal number at music contest.

Scott Olson drove to Lincoln, Neb., last Tuesday and Chris Rolls accompanied him home for a three-week visit with Bob and Sally Olson.

Ethan and Jordyn Beckman of Grinnell spent several days with their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, while their parents, Brian and Dawn Beckman, were attending the Kansas State Locker Association meeting.

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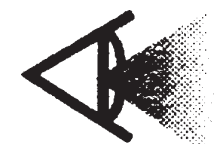
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