

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1881

Twelve lawyers and land agents in Oberlin and more coming. Hands on your pocketbook.

Hop Douglas sold a horse last week to L.C. Vannoy for \$120 cash, said to be the highest price ever paid for a horse in Decatur County.

At the April meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, an order was made fixing the width of all roads established at 60 feet, unless otherwise ordered.

George Miller has rented his livery barn to Campbell & Ayer.

The U.S. Senate in executive session has confirmed the appointment of Thos. H. Cavanaugh, as Registrar and C.E. Chandler as Receiver, for the land office at Oberlin. We can now look for the office to be opened soon.

On Monday evening last, the heaviest rain that has visited this county in 18 months was showered down upon the good people of Oberlin and surrounding country.

At 10 o'clock the water on Penn Avenue from the Oberlin House at the north end, to the printing office at the south, stood from 6 to 8 inches deep. By actual measurement it was ascertained that at least 3 inches fell during the shower.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1906

The listers are now running full blast and much of the corn will be planted this week.

J.W. Zimmerman, cashier of the Oberlin National Bank, has recently resigned. Later, H.O. Douglas was elected in his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mines of Logan Township report the arrival of another daughter Monday.

Marriages:

Arthur L. Hadley and Miss Melva E. Goodwin, Sunday, April 29, 1906.

A.H. McDougal and Miss Nellie Wootter, May 2, 1906.

The Oberlin high school baseball team defeated the Norton team 10-9 last Friday afternoon.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1931

Decatur Community High School will graduate 49 seniors this year, 22 girls and 27 boys. Announcement has been made that Evelyn Mines is valedictorian of the year's graduating class and Junior Howard is salutatorian. Other honor students are Marjorie Coldren-Nemeth, Dale Johnson and Earl Brown.

Dale Johnson of Oberlin won fourth place and a \$70 cash prize in the All-Kansas Scholarship contest for high school students.

As in four out of the past five years, the Oberlin musicians won the sweepstakes cup at the Hays music contest, placing first in mixed chorus, band and orchestra. The

musicanship of Prof. Julius Piller was highly complimented by the judges.

Miss Lola Banta is the only Decatur County student among the 900 graduates from Kansas University this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Counter are the parents of a baby boy born Monday morning. The little boy has been named Henry Ellis.

Graduates at Jennings High School are May Ferris, Helen Vacura, Bertha Carsten, Myron Skubal, Ervin Rodewald, Lavelle Carter, Wilbur Small, Harry Allen and Edwin Bartley.

Four seniors will graduate from Dresden High School: Louis Welter, Irene Foster, Berence Fortin and Libby Gottfried.

Graduates at Norcatour High School are: Jesse Bishop, Retha Bishop, Oral Brunk, Kenneth Clark, Ellen Collins, Ruth Davis, Esther Jackson, Celia Mavity, Gerald New, Joyce Tolle and Kenneth Ward.

At Clayton, graduating seniors are: Elmer Gugelman, Wayne Heany, Opal Guy, Dorothy Higgins, Josephine Norris and Lela Wonderlich.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1956

A third new teacher has been hired for next fall by the DCHS board. Miss Martha Yost, LaCrosse, who will graduate from Ft. Hays Kansas State College with a B.A. in business administration, will replace Mrs. Harry Wiesner who has resigned. Previously the board had hired Lon Richards as band instructor and Don Leuszler as head football coach.

Graduation for 23 rural school students will be held Friday afternoon at DCHS: Karen Anderson, Lund; Dale Miller, Lee Anthony and Larry Davis, Kanona; Ronald Carlson, Addleman; Jeanette Cook and Mary Martha Reeves, Vallonia; Ruth Cozad, Peggy Huff and Gerald Lawson, Spring Branch; Marvin Knopp, Vickers; Donald Macfee, Wayne Frickey and Bill Sater, Star; Jerry Miller and Margaret Ann Young, Bassettville; Avis Morton, Plainview; Betty May Perrin, Allison; Robert Turpin and Sharon Vernon, Cedar Bluffs; Carol Wade, Beaver Valley, Randy Weber and James Wesch, Traer.

The weather man cooperated to make the annual junior-senior promenade down Penn Avenue attractive and well attended. Theme for the occasion was "Outer Space," and during the intermission of the dance, Jeanette Wurm and Wesley Swanson were crowned queen and king.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. John Kump, 81, who had been a resident

of Decatur County for over 70 years. Burial was in Dresden Cemetery. Claudine Weitzel was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., and moved to Decatur County in 1886 after her father, George Weitzel, homesteaded a farm just south of Leoville. She attended Oberlin schools.

L. Harold Diehl, 62, Decatur County farmer and stockman living six miles south of Oberlin, died of a heart attack Sunday near his home while riding horseback. He is survived by his wife, the former Ada Arvid Hanson, and two children, Rex of Denver and Fern Diehl Moore of Cedar Bluffs.

The Oberlin Red Devils got clutch performances from several trackmen at Norton and came within a whisker of winning its first NWKL track championship since 1947. The Goodland Cowboys scored 45 and one-fourth points and edged Oberlin's 43 and one-half. The outcome of the meet held at Norton was not decided until the final event of the night, the mile relay. Probably the best mark in the meet was in the shot by Rusty Addleman with a throw of 52 feet, 2 inches, just 2 inches back of Sam Francis' throw in 1933, which is still the oldest league and school record.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1981

The wheat crop appears to be using the significant amount of rainfall the past three weeks to its advantage and the growth stage continues to be about two weeks ahead of the normal pace.

The future of the three rural health satellite clinics and the mental health program in Decatur County remains unclear when funding expires after the June 30 deadline.

A storm shelter for residents of Sappa Valley Manor low-rent hous-

ing units just east of the community room will be completed this week by Nichols Construction Company.

The evening of May 29, 1981, Christina Margaret Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neff, rural Dresden, and R. Kevin Rasure, son of Mrs. Millie Wright, Kanorado and Richard Rasure, Goodland, will be united in marriage at Sacred Heart Church, Selden. The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of DCHS and holds an associate's degree in retail floriculture from KSU. She is employed as a floral designer in Colby. Rasure is a graduate of Goodland High school and holds a degree in finance from KSU. He is manager of Rasure Lumber Company in Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rall announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to Ladimir Truetken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sulzman and the late John Truetken. Truetken is a 1976 graduate of Hoxie High School and is employed by Sauvage Gas Company in Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Golden Plains High School. A May 23 wedding is planned.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Alstrom, daughter, Nikki Jo, April 30; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Aten, son, Brett Steven, May 1; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Anderson, son, Jason Eugene, May 3.

Both the Northwest Kansas League track and golf meets will be held in Oberlin this coming Saturday.

Theme for the 1981 DCHS prom was "Dreamin'," and during the evening Jody Elwood was crowned queen and Kenny Black king. Following the dance, the movie "The Incredible Shrinking Woman" was shown at Sunflower Cinema and casino entertainment followed at Oberlin American Legion.

Let's go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

A BIG thank-you goes to those who helped at the Museum Community Workday. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Many things were accomplished and things look good for our visitors.

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum is in need of a person to fill a vacated spot on the board. The by-laws call for the Board of Directors to manage all the affairs, property, and business of the Decatur County Museum.

The museum is a great asset to our community and county. As a growing entity there is a lot of hard work involved to just keep the doors open and the grounds maintained.

Many people have worked hard

since 1958 to make this museum what it is today.

The community can take pride in what has been accomplished and now you have the opportunity to make a difference for future generations.

If you would like to get more involved with your museum please contact us at (785) 475-2712 or email lirm@sbcglobal.net.

The seven members now serving, whom you can also contact if interested in the position, are Dana Marintzer president; Chris Koeperich, vice president; Barbara Dehlinger, secretary; and Greg Fidele, Cheryl Votapka, Abby Hissong, and Megan Carter.

Mount Pleasant

By Dianne Bremer

Rory Wendelin competed in humorous solo acting and Jessica Bremer competed in extemporaneous speaking at State Speech in Wichita on Saturday. They left Friday afternoon and returned home late Saturday evening.

Wayne and Lois Larson, Joanne Wendelin, and Suzanne and Jay Cooper enjoyed watching some of the performers at the high school State Speech competition in Wichita on Saturday.

Saturday evening, Wayne and Lois Larson were honored on their 55th wedding anniversary as guests of Jay and Suzanne Cooper at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon in Benton. Other guests were Joanne Wendelin, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist.

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, hosted a dinner at their home on Sunday to honor her parents, Wayne and Lois Larson, on their 55th wedding anniversary. Invited guests were Craig and Karen Larson, the Norman Wendelin family, Brad Larson,

Kathy Almquist, Jay and Suzanne Cooper and Ian Crane, Wichita, and Eowyn Crane and Donna Condit, Winfield.

Gaylord and Shirley returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend in Omaha, visiting Mike and Nancy Shields.

The students of Cheryl Metcalf presented a spring piano recital Sunday afternoon at the Oberlin Gateway Center. Among those performing were Hannah May, Ryan May, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Britta, David, and Michael Noren, Caitlin Shields, and Jessica Bremer.

John O'Donnell met Jay Tate at Denver International Airport on Monday and accompanied him home that evening. John has just returned to the States after spending the past year studying in Hong Kong.

After his visit at the Tate home, he will be returning to Kansas University in Lawrence where he is a law student.

Rhonda May returned home Sun-

day after spending the weekend in Lawrence attending a Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board Meeting.

Thrivent members and the Stick-To-It 4-H Club will finish their

landscaping project at the Oberlin library on Saturday, May 13. This "Join Hands" program, funded by \$500 from Thrivent, has enabled them to do landscape plantings at the library.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The 13th annual Antique Tractor and Car show is coming up. This year's festivities will be held on June 4 on Kansas Ave. and Main St. Mark your calendar as the date is drawing near. Hopefully there will be more information available for next week's paper.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 11 - Jason Rall, Tom Aumiller, John Mosier; May 12 - Dan Shuler, Tom and Jan Juenemann; May 14 - Mason Mumm, Micah Goscha, Maxine Sulzman; May 15 - Dorman and Carol Hill; May 16 - Tom and Diane Aumiller, John and Marilyn Kaus; May 17 - Dan Mumm, Ryan Senensor.

On May 4 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Betty James took second, Leone Porsch got low and Edna Schiltz had the most queens.

Other members present included Lola Cook, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Carol Shaw, Jeanie Spesser, Ann Hazlitt, Julie Pope and Paulie Neff.

The Selden Community would like to welcome Aubrey Kathleen Scott.

She was born on April 6, 2006, at 7:49 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. Parents are Angela and Daniel Scott of Selden.

Cedar Living News

Tillie Diederich attended the funeral dinner and graveside services on Tuesday for her son, Gerald Diederich.

Zola Brown and Lora Linn Leichliter both celebrated birthdays last week.

The bowlers who met Monday afternoon for a game included Freda Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Frank and Velda Ward, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

The dietary department and activity department hosted a special meal at noon on Tuesday featuring sandwiches from A&W and root beer floats. This menu was selected by residents at the Resident's Council meeting.

Lora Linn Leichliter won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Mervin Babineaux won the black-out game. Bingo volunteers Ila Ray, Ann Martin, Alice Shirley, and Opal Huntley assisted with serving coffee and kolaches after the game. The kolaches were donated by Roberta Petracek.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Wednesday morning. Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players in the afternoon. Marie Jean Vavroch served coffee on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Wava Reames hosted the dice players Thursday afternoon.

The ZCJB Lodge entertained residents with a program on Friday morning in honor of Join Hands Day. The Lodge invited Penny Arnoldy and the students from the Head Start Program to visit at the center.

The children planted sunflower seeds in cups, which they took home with them. Cookies were

served to residents and children. Larry and Karen Smith assisted with the children.

The baking group met Friday afternoon to prepare chips and nachos in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

Lora Linn Leichliter was the guest of honor at a family birthday party held Friday evening.

The Royal Neighbors hosted a party Saturday in honor of Join Hands Day.

Club members were assisted by the Russ children in serving doughnuts and coffee to residents and staff.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Atwood; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Gary and Cathy Anthony, Norcatour; Lois Jordan, Boulder, Colo.; Larry and Bernice Kompus, Thornton, Colo.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Merlin Leichliter, Cape Coral, Fla.; Valerie Mitford, Tom Espinosa, Frederick, Md.; Laci Leichliter, Topeka; Rodney Leichliter, Seibert, Colo.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Freda Hosik, Stockville, Neb.; Rachel Gallatin, Cambridge, Neb.; Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, John Geisinger, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Theresa Rippe, Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Kyle and Leah Wolfram, Manhattan; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Leo Diederich, Catherine and Varlan Neal, Barbara Solko, Dolores Koeperich, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Bernice and Othelia Vacura, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Nadean Stoney, Edna Mott, Lois Lamb, Millie Lippelmann, Vivian Russ and children, Butch Diederich, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

"Happy May Day! Happy May Day!" Monday morning those words could be heard all up and down the hallways. Eight sweet little faces from Kids First Daycare, peeped their heads in and out of rooms while chirping their cheery message to all that they met. They also brought carefully decorated May baskets, filled them with flowers and candy, to place on each table. Thank you, Becky Ayers, for sharing your little ones with us!

Barbara Dehlinger brought the morning devotion followed by Poetry Class. This has become a favorite activity. It allows the residents an important opportunity to express themselves through creative writing, stretching their minds while creating something really beautiful. I have put together some "poetry potpourri." I have taken one line from each author and combined them to create a new sample poem for you to enjoy. The original poems in their entirety are on display. Please come and read them yourselves, I think you'll be quite impressed.

The color of dreams is dove gray, like waves hitting the shore.... — Jan Conway

The sound of laughter with blue eyes, that's the love I see.... — Edla Olson

The touch of love is red, like a Valentine's heart.... — Ruby Shuler
The taste of memory is black because I can't remember.... — Irel Lohofener

The aroma of happiness is purple, like sweet lilacs blooming in Spring.... — Eva Bryan

Happiness is everything I touch! — Ruth Laidig

Star Valley 4-H Club came to Social Hour, Monday afternoon, sharing snacks, conversation and hand-made May baskets to be hung on every door. Beautifully crafted cone-shaped baskets filled with silk flowers will bring joy to last the entire month.

On Tuesday morning, Garden Club met for the first time this season to plan the vegetable garden that

will be planted May 16. Later that afternoon, Edla Olson and Myrna Jones led us in a game of "Name That Tune." Fourteen residents gathered around the piano and organ to guess the old-time tunes and sing along!

On Thursday, we replaced Bible study with a prayer service in recognition of National Day of Prayer. Ethan Merrill blessed us with special music to end our time together.

When you come to visit, you will be amazed. The pond has been transformed into a fanciful secret garden to welcome May. It will literally "set the stage" for next Tuesday's Teddy Bear Picnic with the First Hand Friends, and then the Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Stroll Down Memory Lane on Saturday.

Other dates to mark on your calendars include Wednesday, May 17. We will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week and hosting a Coffee Hour Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 29, will be our first annual Walkway of Flags. If you would like to purchase a flag to be displayed in memory of or in honor of a loved one, call Lisa Stacy for more information.

We seem to stay pretty busy around here. It is a wonderful place to live, laugh, learn, play, create, work and worship together. Jesus said He came that we might have life, and have it abundantly...Amen!

Guests have included: **Lucy Schissler** - Jan Skiles, Vicki Garcia, Ralph Krem, Atwood; **Sandra Douglass**, Silverthorne, Colo.; **Gene and Marcella Leitner**; **Doris Marintzer** - Larry and Bernice Kompus, Thornton, Colo.; **Pooch Portschy** - Gene and Marcella Leitner, Larry and Bernice Kompus; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Jennings; **Earl and Pat Hartzog**; **Hoxie**; **Louise Pollnow** - Jody Betts, Gene and Marcella Leitner; **Muriel Ready** - Judy Fritz, Hinesburg, Vt. Also visiting was Laverne Nemeth of Herndon.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Dinner guests last Saturday of Don and Joan Grafel and Todd Nelson were Kathryn and Don Sousek, and Karolyn Grafel of Lincoln, Neb., and Sarah Grafel.

Regis Kogl of Lakewood, Colo.; Michelle Kogl of Phoenix; and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., visited last Friday with Helen Marintzer. Monday callers were Myrna Pettera and Chris Wood.

Bob and Liane Martin were 25th

wedding anniversary guests of Robert and Margie Grimm at the Chief Motel Club Room in McCook last Saturday.

Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., were visitors of Kent and Chris Wood last Sunday evening.

On Monday Mrs. Pettera and Mrs. Wood made May baskets and delivered them to Helen Marintzer and Esther Pennington.

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