

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1883

We noticed Misses Blanche Rodehaver and Nellis Sparks out horseback riding last Monday. This is a healthy and pleasant exercise in which all our young ladies should indulge.

The managers of the Creamery Company requested all who intend to furnish cream to the Oberlin Creamery to prepare their cabinets or cooling boxes that they not be troubled with sour and curdled cream which is a great detriment to the manufacture of good butter.

A meeting was held last Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing the Oberlin Base Ball Club.

Metcalf and Sherrard have sheared their sheep, 3000 in number. The clip will average 4 and a half to 5 pounds which is considered pretty good for Mexican sheep.

The family of Rev. C.P. Stayton arrived from Maryland Wednesday evening and are now pleasantly domiciled in the Methodist Parsonage which has been nicely fixed up and was ready for their reception. The good people of Oberlin had a sumptuous repast prepared and gave them a hearty welcome.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1908

Eck Hitchcock has returned to Oberlin after working in an express office in Illinois for some time.

C.N. Page is having a commodious porch added to his residence.

H.O. Caster delivered the graduation addresses at Jennings and at Atwood.

M.R. Brooks, a traveling printer, was killed Sunday evening in a fall from a freight train near Dresden on which he was bumming his way west.

The alumni association held its annual meeting at the high school building Friday evening. An original poem by Martha Douglas was the feature of the program. Officers for the coming year are Ray Palmatier, president; Neil Rogers, vice president; Grace Douglass, secretary-treasurer.

Many had to stand at the high school commencement program at the opera house. Prof. Lawrence Fossler of Nebraska University was the speaker and members of the class were: Salome Bigelow, Bertha Drath, Carl Drath, Maggie Flanigan, Lena Fossler, Augusta Geisenhener, Shelly Keiser, Mamie Leist, Oran Milleson, Floyd D. Moser, Allynn Moser, Earl O'Toole, Ethel Sage, Maizie Scovel and William Street.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1933

The DCHS Alumni meeting broke all records with 357 in attendance. An additional 50 persons wanted to make reservations at the last minute but were refused because the extra meals could not be prepared in such a short time.

President Howard Banta presided over the business meeting at which a special report was made by Russell Anderson from the committee appointed to decide on a memorial for the late Caleb Smick. A student

loan fund for needy seniors is the plan which was approved and the board to administer the fund will include the alumni president and secretary plus three members from the membership at large. Those chosen were Ralph Clark, 1-year term; Marian Cathcart, 2-year term and Ned Coldren, 3-year term.

Officers elected for the coming year were president, E.W. (Pie) Winget; vice president, Nels Anderson; secretary, Edith Herzog and treasurer, Ralph Brown. President Banta had induced Loyd Miller to come from Hiawatha to act as toastmaster and he introduced the speaker Joseph Roberts, also Class of 1921, who had flown in a mail plane from Seattle to North Platte to be here. Since his graduation he has traveled around the world and last fall was elected to the legislature of the State of Washington.

Monday's windstorm was the worst of the season and at six o'clock there was so much southwestern Kansas dirt in the air that automobiles needed headlights. Never have we seen it darker in daylight hours.

Sam Francis, DCHS athletic star, took first in the state track meet held at Emporia with a shove of 51 feet, 7 inches with the 12-pound shot. Koehler failed to place in the hurdles and Brill of Norton took second in the broad jump.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkes have rented the furnished home of Mrs. G. D. Benton beginning the latter part of the summer. Mrs. Benton plans to go to Lincoln where Mary will attend the University of Nebraska.

Norcatour: We are very proud of our high school which won first place in the state scholarship contest in April. Our high school graduates are Jack Bell, LaVerne Bishop, Betty Bump, Vey Clark, Lois Eckhart, Anna Eubank, Louise Hasenyager, Agnes Johnson, Carol Leichter and John Reid.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1958

Dean Coughenour, managing editor of The Oberlin Herald for the past two years, will leave for Manhattan this week where he will assume complete management of the Ag Press in Manhattan which will be operated on a partnership basis with the Herald publisher Ernest Woodward.

Previous to being the managing editor of the Herald, Coughenour taught five years at DCHS. In the past two years he has turned down offers from Jack Harris, publisher of the Hutchinsons Daily News, Salina Journal, Ottawa Herald and other daily papers. Mrs. Coughenour and their two children, Timmy, 5, and Susan, 2, will remain in Oberlin until suitable housing is found in Manhattan.

Filling the position vacated by Coughenour will be Lance Gilmore, Wichita, who will graduate from the school of journalism at Kansas State College on Sunday.

Observance of Memorial Day will be held at most of the county's

13 cemeteries. At Oberlin Cemetery the Oberlin American Legion will be in charge of the 10:30 a.m. service and the address will be given by the Rev. Rex Harmon of Norton who will also speak at the 1 p.m. service at Norcatour.

Jennings: Rev. Wilbur Hooper, former pastor of the Jennings and Lenora Methodist churches, died May 20 at a hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were held at Dighton on Saturday.

Thirteen members of the DCHS Class of 1918 and their principal, Neil Rogers, met for a reunion at the Green Lantern before attending the Alumni Banquet that evening. A class member told the Herald reporter that they felt slighted when they graduated due to the war, had no Baccalaureate, no caps and gowns and in fact, went to school six days a week in order to get out early so the boys could go to service or to the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Woodward entertained with a picnic at the shelter house Saturday evening as a farewell to Dean Coughenour who leaves this week for Manhattan, for Mrs. M.L. Kyte who leaves the first of July for Salina and for Mrs. Keith Olson, a former employee.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1983

Correction: In the 25 years ago items last week, it stated that Deidra Parker was valedictorian of the class and that Dana Young was salutatorian of the class of 1983. It should have been reversed, as Dana was valedictorian and Deidra, salutatorian.

A wet spring in which Decatur County has had 5.52 inches of rain during the month of May alone has put the grass and flowering shrubs at cemeteries in excellent condition for the observance of Memorial Day.

A yearling fawn made an unexpected entrance into the Applied Computer Technology office of Rusty Addleman on Penn Avenue last week landing on a vacuum

cleaner and triggering the switch which confused the young fawn even more. When local law enforcement officials tried to calmly lure the animal out, he opted not to go through the open door but went back out the way he came in. In his hasty exit the deer was seriously injured by the broken glass. The building is owned by John Ready.

Within the year the name Mobil Oil will disappear from service stations in Oberlin and Dresden according to word received by area distributors, Campbell Oil Company in Dresden operated by Larry Long and Hamilton Oil in Oberlin. According to Archie Hamilton who has sold Mobil for the last 44 years the company, which is the nation's second largest in terms of sales, has shut down its refinery in Augusta and is phasing out operations in other terminals in this state. He said he had already been contacted by several other suppliers.

New Arrival: Denise and Larry Pettera, Ludell, daughter, Erin Nicole, May 17.

Jennings: The 75th anniversary of Jennings #320, Order of the Eastern Star, was observed May 17 with a dinner at the Methodist Church followed by a meeting at the Masonic Hall attended by 81 persons representing 41 chapters.

Rainy weather, the nemesis of all track teams during the 1983 season, followed the teams to the state meet at Wichita. Senior DeDe Parker, making her fourth trip to state, placed fifth in both the 110-meter and 330-meter hurdles. The mile relay team of Dana Young, Brad Erickson, Paul Shields and Jamie Shirley also took fifth. Sophomore Jim Berkheimer fell as he crossed the first hurdle and lost out. The 3A team title went to Oakley in the girls' competition and to Sterling in the boys'.

A new beauty salon, "Hair Unique" will open at 132 S. Penn with stylists Judy Kogler and Kay Scott.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We are looking forward to the upcoming weekend, the 7th Annual Museum Summerfest Car Show. It all starts Friday evening at 7 p.m. with the Cruise-In in front of the Museum office. Grilled hot dogs and sodas will be served while the classic cars cruise the streets of Oberlin, then the events begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday and continue throughout the day.

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Rare Relic Collection, Buffalo Head Donated to Decatur County Museum

"Two notable additions have been donated recently to the Decatur County Museum in Oberlin and an increasing number of smaller historical items are coming in. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman have

given the Russell collection of rare guns and Indian relics to the Museum. The collection includes interesting weapons, arrowheads, and other pieces from all over the nation and many foreign countries.

The collection previously belonged to Mrs. Addleman's father, the late Charles Russell.

Another major contribution is a buffalo head that adorned the Farmers National Bank a number of years ago, donated by Mrs. Floyd Lotker, Sr. The head has been restored as nearly as possible.

Several glass display cases have been added to the Museum, according to Ward Claar, Decatur County Historical Society President. Claar said he did not know exactly when the Museum would open but thought it would be soon."

Cedar Living News

Tara Votapka started work on Monday in the activity department at Cedar Living Center. She will be assisting with activities this summer before returning to school in August. Tara has worked in the past as a nurse aide and in the dietary department. We are excited to have her taking on a new position.

Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Leopold, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler met with Tara on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards.

Mary Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and John Schuhart won the blackout game.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Frank Ward, Elsie Goodnight, and Ruth Leopold.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

There was a nice turnout of residents for the bowling on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The storm on Thursday night arrived during the supper hour. Some residents had a chance to eat part of their supper and others had not yet been served when the tornado warning hit and everyone had to be evacuated to the center hallway. Staff and residents made the best of a difficult situation. The dietary de-

partment quickly prepared a second meal of sandwiches and other finger foods and a picnic in the hallway followed. It was a long evening before everyone was able to safely return to their rooms. It is always amazing to see how quickly everyone rallies during a storm.

The baking group made peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Elsie Goodnight and Elwood Mines attended the luncheon at noon on Saturday for members of the class of 1938.

Recent visitors: Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Johnnie and Christine Richards, Olathe; Stan and Louise Blackburn, Amarillo, Texas; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Betty Rall, Colorado Springs; Nate, Jade and Brennan Wunderly, Olathe; Woody and Karla Morford, McCook; Gordon, Kara, Katie and Zach Kuntz, Hays; Ron and Nancy Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo.; Layne, Lynette, Kalie and Emalee Glendy, Callaway, Neb.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Carol and Herb Shirley, Dolores Koerperich, Father Henry Saw Lone, Lyle Gamba, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Mirium Fisher, Roxie Pomeroy, Ira Kolsky, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Sandy Counter, Donald Stapp, Carol Morford, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

One hundred and five flags were flown during our third annual Walkway of Flags. Memorial Day is an important celebration for the Good Sam. A lot of conversation and memories are attached to the men, husbands and brothers who served in World War II, children who fought in Korea and Vietnam and now, grandchildren are in harms way in Iraq. It's appropriate to take a moment to remember those who have put their lives on the line to preserve our freedom. The Walkway of Flags is our way of thanking and honoring those who have fought or given their lives for their country.

Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." Certainly these have set the example in service to our nation. But Jesus Christ set the ultimate example in giving His life for all mankind. *Romans 5:8* says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Through Him we have eternal life and will one day be reunited with our loved ones if they too had accepted His free gift of salvation.

Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller and Evelyn Olson took a ride out to the cemetery to see the flags and the decorated graves. As we slowly made our way, row by row, names and stories were shared about friends and relatives. Even seeing their own head stone waiting to have their date of death engraved did not unnerve them. They know by their faith that this is not their final resting place; it is the beginning of eternal life in heaven.

Another wonderful thing about Memorial Day is we have lots and

lots of visitors. Ron Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**, Carolyn Sue Hayes (Colby), Chris and Pam McGrove (Hays), Randy and Chris Fisher (Benton) for **Alice Bobbitt**, Corey Randolph and Piper Haskins (Cayman Islands), Donovan and Lora Randolph (Hutchinson), Carol Rehm Sloan (Lawrence), Connie and Johnnie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**, Lee and Jackie Schissler (Houston, Texas), Terry Schissler (Florida), Vi and Mark Darby (Sterling, Colo.), Mert McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) for **Lucy Schissler**, Kim Hall (Warrenburg, Mo.), Ernie and Janice Mehl (North Platte) for **Ruth Laidig**, Stephen Gaskill and Brent Simonsson (Wamego), Sharon Slabaugh, Johnnie and Christine Richards (Olathe) for **Opal Bryan**, Kelsey Escher and Rich McCullough (Reno, Nev.) for **Loren Escher**, Gerald and Charlene Karnes (Salina) and Myrna Lacina (Westminster) for **Kathryn Post** and staff, Doris Fringer for **Lora Zwickle** and **Kathryn Post**, Dorothy Shimek (Jennings) for **Emma Sanford**, MJ and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatour), Ralph and Lynn Streit (Larned) for **RD Thornton**, Johnnie and Christine Richards (Olathe) for **Faye Miller**, **Lucy Schissler**, **Evelyn Olson** and others, Rob Campbell (Portland, Ore.) and Esther Ready (New York City) for **John and Muriel Ready**, Daisy Rhein and Torre Wyatt (St. Francis) for **Jeanette Conway**, Dorothy Sproul Stephens (Selma, Calif.), Lorene Sproul Anderson (Lakewood, Colo.), and Vern S. Kirkendall (Chico, Calif.) for **Evelyn Olson** and **Eileen Laird**.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Paul and Meaghan May, Ruskin, Fla., are the proud parents of their first child, Austen Amelia, who was born Wednesday, May 21. Her paternal grandfather is Ernest May, Tonganoxie, and her paternal great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May.

Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, and Elizabeth attended an awards assembly at Duke University in Durham, N.C., on Monday where Elizabeth received a national award for academic excellence. Elizabeth qualified for this award by scoring high in sections of the ACT test she took this year while in seventh grade. They returned home on Tuesday.

Wilma May and Connie Olson returned home Sunday from Perry, Ga. They were guests of John and Eunice (May) Andrews and attended the high school graduation of their granddaughter and niece, Jennifer Andrews, who graduated with honors from the Westfield School on Friday, May 16.

Gordon Euhus, Ballinger, Texas, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days with his brother, Dennis Euhus, and attend his 55th Decatur Community High School alumni celebration with his class of 1953, returning home Sunday morning.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Bruce Wendelin attended a retirement supper in Gothenburg, Neb., Saturday evening for Law-

rence Wendelin who recently retired after 40 years of teaching.

Norman Wendelin attended his 40th high school class reunion in Herndon on Saturday with his class of 1968.

Ralph and Violet Shaw hosted a brunch at their home Sunday morning for members of Ralph's high school class of 1948 who were in town celebrating their 60th alumni reunion.

Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace returned home Sunday from Tescott, after spending a few days visiting her mother, Linda Ryan; grandmother, Lois Kepple, and other relatives and friends.

Those attending a family gathering hosted by Gaylord and Shirley Shields at their home on Sunday were Steve and Carol Sloan, Lawrence; John and Suzanne Sloan, Taryn and Cameron, Goddard; Susan McCarthy, Gordon, Neb.; Janet Waddell and David Penn, Victoria; Josh and Tina Waddell, Ethan, Madeline, and Wyatt, Hays; Joyce and Tom Misiang, Albuquerque, N.M.; Kris and Annabeth Marintzer, Kansas City; Dana and Robert Morton, Coffeyville; Mike Shields, Omaha, Neb.; Deanie and Stan Moore, Florissant, Colo.; Pat and Forrest Junod, Sacramento, Calif.; Camille Applegate, Littleton, Colo.; and Luella Sloan, Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauder, Stuart Euhus, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and

Caitlin, all of Oberlin.

Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis, and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, spent the day Sunday visiting at the home of Ralph and Norma Unger as well as enjoying lunch and supper together.

Dianne Bremer and Jessica visited Sunday evening with Esther Ready, New York City, and Rob Campbell, Portland, Ore., who was back for his 40th alumni with the class of 1968. Esther spent the Memorial Day weekend visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

David Bremer, Newton, and

Lyndon and Linda Tomasch and Riley Frasure, Olathe, arrived Friday evening to spend the Memorial weekend with John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica. David attended his 40th high school alumni with the class of 1968 and returned home Sunday afternoon. Lyn, Linda, and Riley returned home Monday afternoon.

Janeil Jensen, grandchildren Jordan and Caiden Lawn, Kearney, Neb., and Mildred Holmdahl were additional Saturday morning guests at the John Bremer home and Kristen Bremer, Colby, was an additional Sunday evening guest.

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