

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1884

White-top wagons are getting quite numerous.

M.E. Mix expects to fence about 400 acres this season.

We learn that the dam at the Kennison mills on the Beaver washed out last week.

A petition was being circulated in Oberlin Saturday to change the name of Vallonia post office to Abee and for the appointment of J.W. Howard as postmaster.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hayes, June 5, twin daughters, combined weight 15 pounds. This is the first birth of twins we have ever had the pleasure of recording.

Weather summary for May: mean temperature 57 degrees, high observed during month, 92; lowest, 32; number of days of snowfall, 1; of rainfall, 21; of frost, 3; amount of rainfall, 9.45 — John J. Cass, observer.

The new bell on the Presbyterian Church rang out its joyous peals for the first time Saturday calling the Baptists together for their covenant meeting.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1909

Oran Milleson, Neil Rogers and Will Landau got back from Washburn College last week. Millie Marvin and Emma Griffith are expected home from Ottawa University in a few days.

Oberlin went down to Norton Friday evening and on Saturday got licked to a 4-0 tune; Shimeal pitching for Norton, Barnes for Oberlin.

Misses Pearl, Goldie and Grace Love will go to New York Saturday evening with their uncle, R.H. Andrews.

Norcatut: The GAR placed a 60-foot steel pole above the grandstand on Main Street where Old Glory will float on Decoration Day.

J.R. Conquest was over from Dresden on Friday and was shaking hands with friends. Riley has been in this country a long time and when he comes to town the old fellows are all glad to see him.

Vallonia: Roy Maggard says there is going to be one of the worst storms Kansas has ever known.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1934

The fact might as well be faced right now that the chances for a crop in Decatur County are very poor. Timely rains in past years have worked miracles after the spring had started out badly, but most of the wheat is now past help; much of the planted corn is lying ungerminated

in the furrows, pastures are very bad for this time of year and rain is needed at once if feed crops are going to have any chance.

May 1934 was the hottest on record with nine days of temperatures 100 degrees or higher and only 1.45 inches of rainfall.

Ray Bobbitt, Atwood, won the championship flight of the golf tournament on the Oberlin course and carried away the prize, a dozen Spalding golf balls.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ritter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 3 at their home in Leoville with family members present including two daughters, Sisters of the Religious Order of St. Louis, arriving Saturday to be present for the occasion.

Members of Oberlin Rotary Club were privileged to hear Senator Simon Fishman of Tribune at their Tuesday noon meeting.

He is noted for having tied up legislation in the Kansas senate at the last session until that august body passed his bill for senatorial restricting of western Kansas.

Later he enjoyed a two-hour visit with our own honorable and respected Jewish citizen, Victor Lorig.

Neil Reeves, driving one of Archie Hamilton's gasoline trucks, was injured in an accident 14 miles south of Russell when he was crowded off the road.

Herndon: Kenneth Slocum, a 1929 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a recent graduate of the University of Kansas, has been awarded a scholarship to the Yale Law School.

Mrs. Goldie Scott and baby daughter are patients at the home of Verna Plotts. The baby's birthday is May 29 and she has been named Ina Marie.

Fairview-Summit: All the schools in the neighborhood have hired their teachers for another year: Dorothy Johnson will teach Fairview; Gladys Smith, Victory; Dale Johnson, Summit and Nellie Hoppas, Custer.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1959

Decatur County's population dropped below the 6,000 mark for the first time in history, to total 5,875. Greatest loss was in Oberlin down from 2,310 to 2,245.

Sharon Smith, a 1959 Decatur Community High School graduate, has replaced Roberta Wurm as society editor and reporter at The Oberlin Herald. Roberta is now employed at the Farmers National Bank.

Judy Magers, a 1958 graduate of DCHS, has replaced Mrs. Verle Walker at high school secretary. Mrs. Walker will become secretary to Principal Ira Laidig at the grade school.

Free Red Cross swim lessons at the Oberlin swimming pool will begin June 15 according to pool manager Rusty Addleman. Other employees are Jerry Baker, Sharon Polnow and Clara Ann Brown.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henningson, daughter, Gina Rae.

Decatur County delegates to the 4-H State music camp are Ruth Cozad, Star Valley, and David Reichert, Cloverleaf. Mrs. Wendell Frickey will accompany them.

Don Claussen, county engineer, has been elected commander of the Oberlin American Legion post for the coming year succeeding Rex Berry.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1984

George Barta, Ellsworth, 6th District American Legion commander, was the speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony held at Oberlin Cemetery.

Museum curator Sandy Russell said that the collection of newsletters to some 400 DCHS service men and women during World War II as well as copies of letters from servicemen are now on file and encapsulated for easy reading.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The month of May came and went so quickly I hardly had a chance to catch my breath. Graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, as well as celebrating the last day of school.

On May 15, Darrel Dible and Brandy Todd assisted 19 Golden Plains High School students in picking up trash throughout the City of Rexford.

Thank you, Darrel and Brandy and these students: Jacy Moss, Jessica Luna, Michelle Becker, Jeremy Hunter, Alyssa Babcock, Randi Cressler, Melissa Ritter, Avery Spesser, Brandy Gilbert, Laura Clapp, Marisa Mosier, Brady Ginther, McKayla Albertson, Tyler Stevenson, Ryan Ptashkin, Danielle Weed, Jordan Spesser, Shaun Gilbert, and Aisha Walter.

Dylan Wark celebrated his first birthday on May 25, but a big party was held in his honor on Saturday, May 23. Loretta Trevino celebrated a birthday May 27, and Gary Hibbs,

The letters were compiled by Marian Cathcart of Boulder, Colo., who served as school secretary from 1925-1944.

Hospital News: Raymie and David Zodrow, Leoville, son, Wade Anthony.

Dorothy Diehl Chambers was awarded a 50-year pin by Oberlin Chapter 106, Order of the Eastern Star.

Masonic honors were awarded to the family of Oscar Lohoefer as his son, Harold Lohoefer, was presented a 50-year membership pin while his grandson, Jerry Lohoefer, was awarded a 25-year pin.

Mr. Lohoefer has been a local Masonic member for 65 years. The awards were presented by Arris Johnson, Hays, Deputy Grand Master of Kansas and J. Steven Molstad, Colby, Kansas Area Deputy Grand Master.

Mark Meyer, a 1976 graduate of DCHS, recently graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and will begin a one-year residency in surgery at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn., in July.

Kerry Hullet has assumed duties as Oberlin Herald sportswriter for the summer months. He is a 1984 graduate of Decatur Community High School and makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Claussen.

June 3, and Rex and Betty Carswell will celebrate an anniversary June 6.

Thank you, Bill Scott, for assisting in the City-Wide Cleanup. We all appreciate your help in hauling off unused items and gathering tree limbs.

The city has purchased a used generator from Jennings.

Golden Plains last day of school was May 20. The district will be losing two elementary teachers: Jo Ann (Jody) Rogers and Margaret Stanley, who both have retired; Jody after giving 37 years and Margaret 33 years to the teaching profession.

Red Barn happenings: Monday - Barnswallows, 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday - 10 a.m., Ladies Bible study; Thursday - Come on Down, 1 to 5 p.m.; Fridays - Koffee Klatch, 9:30-11 p.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Allan and Sherry Carter, Kansas City; and Ann and Dick Graner, Bethany, Mo., spent Memorial Day weekend with Rachel Carter. They all attended the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening.

In the afternoon Rachel's cousin, Inez Carlton Barton, Port Angeles, Wash., spent the afternoon visiting. Her brother Clair Carlton, Kenosha, Ore., had come for his class reunion Sunday.

Rachel's niece, Katherine Treat Barton and Beth Treat Pasek, came for church, dinner and an afternoon of visiting.

On Monday after the cemetery services they were joined by Ken and Julie Carter, Ann and Wes Du

Bois, Madi and Abbie, and Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin, for a hot dog roast. They had to make a hasty cleanup as it started to rain.

Memorial weekend visitors at the Kay and Doyle Brown home were Dorothy Stealy, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Kent Brown, Jordan and McKencie, Estes Park, Colo.; John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence; Kurt Brown, Dashiell and Millicent, Quinter; and Kara and Gordon Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary, Hays.

Stan and Ramona Shaw spent several days last week at the home of Danny and Cindy Black. Logan and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M. On Tuesday, they attended Bowen's

play day at Puckett Elementary School and in the evening they watched him play baseball in the Carlsbad Little League. Logan accompanied his grandparents home for the summer.

Family members attending the wedding of Brandon Wagoner and Rosa Ward, Granby, Mo., on Saturday, May 30, included Stan and Ramona Shaw, Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Kyle and Lisa Bollers and Tyle, Lochbuie, Colo.;

Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Mark and Shelley Shaw, rural Logan; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier,

rural Clayton; Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier, Ellis; and Bob and Brenda Wagoner, Colby.

Wilfred Wagoner is improving after having a stroke on Saturday, May 23. He has been in the Oberlin hospital since then but will be moved to Hays sometime this week.

Sunflower Senior supper will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 9. Everyone is welcome to come.

Relay for Life Cancer Walk will be at The Gateway in Oberlin from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20.

If you wish to purchase luminaries to honor, or in memory of loved ones, contact Kay and Doyle Brown before June 8.

and annual dinner at the VFW building.

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday my rain gauge had three inches of rain and two June bugs, and it's still raining. I love it!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Memorial Day was a nice day at Cedar Living Center. A few residents went out with family members, but most just stayed home to rest up after the busy weekend. The dietary department served up hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch.

In the afternoon residents spent time sitting outside and enjoying the sunshine, but keeping watch on the clouds. Everyone got back inside just before the rain started. We had time to sing a few songs together before supper was served.

Delores Wheeler won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon and her sister, Darlene Fisher, won the black out game.

We are looking for one or two new volunteers to assist with Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Anyone interested should contact Charlotte Kurtz at 475-2208.

Ruth Leopold was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration with family members on the Cedar Living Center patio on Tuesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocchle players on Wednesday afternoon. The movie "Yours, Mine, and Ours" was also shown on Wednesday. Refreshments were served.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several residents attended the game night held on Thursday evening.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a big hit with residents and staff.

We have had several beautiful bouquets of peonies and iris brought in by family and friends this past week. We also received a donation of two potted plants for the outside patio area. We always appreciate being remembered with these donations.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Deanna, Brooke, and Brady Summer, Norcatut; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Alex Erickson, Wichita.

Paula Tadlock, Max and Veanna Carman, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Brown, Earl Brown, John and Dianne Bremer, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The 16th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show will be this weekend on Sunday, June 7, in downtown Selden.

The Selden Community Foundation will be helping the Legion this year but all the events will remain the same as in prior years.

There will be a horseshoe throwing contest, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Barrel Roll competition, Washer Drop competition, Antique Baler demonstrations throughout the day, small kids barrel rides throughout the day, Corn Tank for the kids, live entertainment, and the meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (or somewhere in there). Good Family Fun!

Bring your lawn chairs and plan to spend the day. Parade at 3:30 p.m. Lots and lots of antique tractors and cars.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 29 - Joe Geisinger, Robert Wessel, Jan Juenemann, May 30 - Dick Stevenson, Devin Spesser, Anna Lee Bouts, Amy Rogers Hurdle. June 1 - Tamara Vasbinder, Gary Gillum, Tyler Baker. June 2 - Charles Focke, Jared Schreiner. June 3 - Greg Bruggeman, Charlene Shaw, Abbie Miller, Roger and Cyndie Aumiller, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Juenemann, Kendra Manis.

June 4 - Robert and Pat Wessel. June 5 - Mindy Rogers Fleckenstein, Steve and Judy Rogers, Chris and Robynn Wessel. June 6 - Tammy Robinson, Gerald and Arvilla Juenemann, Mark and Sue Ann Hill. June 7 - Gary and Shirley Emigh, Teegan Turnbull. June 8 - Randy Sulzman, Jalyn Shaw, Melissa Lobato. June 9th - Helen Juenemann, Marci Shaw, Rick and Betty Hickert, Christine Schreiner,

Joyce Juenemann, Barbara Nelson. June 10 - Don Spesser, Vic and Annette Goeken, Scout Washington. June 11 - Tony Juenemann, Juanita Smith.

Summer Reading program started at 10 a.m. Monday at the Selden Public Library and will run each Monday morning through June.

On May 21 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Lola Cook took second, Carol Shaw got low and Edna Schiltz had the most aces. Other members present included Jeanie Spesser, Betty James, Shirley Emigh, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers and Ann Hazlitt.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Ralph Weis won high, Janice Kruse took second, Betty James got low and Jeanie Spesser had the most tens. Other members present included Ann Hazlitt, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Lola Cook, Paulie Neff and Bernita Aumiller.

Everyone should take notice of the "Welcome To Selden" banners that hang along the highway and in the three business blocks downtown. These were provided to the city by the Sheridan County Economic Development. Thank you, Sheridan County Development. They are appreciated and look very nice.

The green recycle trailer downtown will accept books, magazines, loose paper (junk mail), plastic, tin cans, small amounts of cardboard, newspapers, glass and batteries.

Please discard these items in the trailer rather than throw them in with your regular trash.

This weekend during the tractor show the trailer will be moved, but it will be moved back on Sunday evening.

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- 2002 NH 688 Bale Command Twine-Laced belts.....\$15,000
- 2 NH 1475 14' Swather.....Choice \$18,500
- 2007 NH BR780 Bale Command-Net Wrap Wide pickup, 1400 Bales.. \$29,500
-\$10,000
- Hesston 565A - Automatic tie-twine.....\$10,000
- 1998 JD 566 Twine Gathering wheels.....\$12,500
- 2005 Haybuster 2650 Bale processor.....\$12,500
- Haybuster 256plusII Bale processoor.....\$7,500
- Kosch Double Mower 9' Bar and 7' Bar.....\$1,500
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The weather man had been keeping us in suspense — was it going to be nice for Memorial Day or would it be rainy?

In this part of the country we always welcome rain — well nearly always.

The day was beautiful for Bob Rapp's memorial, and it was so nice to see Bonnie Rapp and her sister, Genevieve Brunk.

Aubrey High paid me a visit while her mother mowed for me. She helped me make the cookies for Sunday.

She found a small toad and carried it around in a gallon sized coffee can. Don't worry, not at the same time as the cookie making.

After several attempts to escape (the toad, not us), he almost got lost in the kitchen one time.

After a few dips in the birdbath, she finally decided — probably with a little urging from her mother — it would be best to free it. We agreed, of course.

Sunday was such a nice morning for the Memorial services at Lyle.

Other Memorial services in the past have been cold, rainy and windy, making it hard to hear, but it was calm, warm and very pleasant.

The Helm family did a good job of bringing the program, and we appreciate the Lebanon Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in their cooperative effort to do the military part.

Afterward came the potluck dinner at the Community Building and visiting.

I made it home in time to go to the Norcatut services, where home town boy, Lt. Col. David Johnson, gave a good address. Gary Anthony did a good job of directing the ceremonies.

The cemetery looked beautiful — the Avenue of Flags adds so much. Thanks to all who worked to make it a great day.

I saw friends and old school-