

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1885
District Court convened last Monday, Hon. W.H. Pratt presiding and adjourned the same day. Twelve persons were naturalized.

CYCLONE: Monday evening about 7 o'clock this place was visited by a cyclone of small dimensions. The following properties were damaged: residence of Wm. S. Jackson was demolished; roof was torn from J.J. Jackson sod house; A.H. Hollister building turned half-around; one half of roof torn from I.O. Wear home; A.W. Allen fine new building leveled with ground; Geo. Colby residence badly shaken up.

The new skating rink, the finest building of its kind in Northwest Kansas was blown flat, damage estimated at \$800. Other residences damaged were those of J.C. Wilson, Dr. Cameron, J.B. Colt and J.W. Allen. The John Tracy home six miles up the Sappa and the Krider home near Hooker schoolhouse were damaged.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1910
W.O. Ater has the contract for digging the ditches for the new water mains.

The wind that we ought to have had in March appears to be just getting in good working order.

The Baptists sold their gasoline lights to the Jennings Baptist Church and will install electric lights that are a little handier.

High School Notes: Rell Landau, while swinging in the gymnasium, fell and injured his shoulder, but no bones were broken.

Allison Items: The frosts Sunday and Monday nights blasted all our hopes for eating peaches and cream.

Methodist Conference appointments: Dresden, E. Monroe; Jennings, F.D. Funk; Kanona, H. Steele; Norcatour, E.V. Allen; Oberlin, W.E. Scott; Oberlin circuit, J.V. Brown.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1935

Governor Landon accompanied by the assistant secretary of agriculture from Washington and two men from the Kansas State Agricultural College toured the area from Garden City to Colby on an inspection tour of the dust bowl area and got a real picture of the conditions. Gov. Landon has requested federal funds to combat soil erosion. Listing of the blowing land continues in Decatur County.

The condition of the 129,000 acres of winter wheat in Decatur County is rated 29 percent of normal while Norton is rated 12 percent, Sheridan 6 percent, Thomas 5 percent and Graham, 0 percent.

Oberlin's annual "Music Week" begins Monday, April 22, and will conclude on Sunday evening with the oratorio "The Holy City." Soloists will be Mrs. Charles Hawkes, soprano; Mrs. Peterson of Palco,

contralto; Mr. Ted Addleman, tenor and Mr. Rainesford of Hays, bass.

Dresden: Dean Hutchins is back in school after a two-week illness.

The photo printed in the April 11 issue of *The Herald* of John E. Love and his Indian friend Red Horse taken on July 4, 1884, near the Pine Ridge agency has sparked considerable interest among readers.

John was dressed in his best cowboy finery and Red Horse was also celebrating the nation's holiday by dressing his best to attend a Sun Dance by the Sioux Indians. John worked as a cowpuncher on the Ox Yoke ranch 35 miles from the agency for several summers before settling down to the life of a farmer here in Decatur County. He was one of 12 or 15 cowboys handling 5 to 6 thousand cattle which were driven to Ogallala, Nebr. for shipment. One of the cowboys was Bob Ford who, that same fall, killed Jesse James.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1960

Some 500 women from six counties are expected in Oberlin on May 3 for the district meeting in conjunction with National Home Demonstration Week. Coffee hour and registration will be held at the American Legion beginning at 9:15 a.m. with the remainder of the day's events scheduled at the Decatur Community High School auditorium. Women who have made reservations will be served lunch at St. John's Lutheran or the United Methodist churches. Guest speaker will be Lester Weatherwax, director of public relations for Radio Station KFBI in Wichita, whose topic will be "Mother Wore A Bustle." A fashion show will conclude the day's activities.

DCHS students receiving I's at the State Music festival held at Hays were: ensembles, the sax and clarinet quartets; girls' sextet, chorale and drum trio and soloists: Frank Southard, trombone; Robyn Urban and Pam Banta, clarinets; Nancy Nemeth, bass clarinet; Mary Reeves, marimba; Connie Cody, baritone and Nancy Nemeth, piano.

Funeral services were held for Ernest Roberts, 77, who moved to Oberlin 1924 and was the Ford dealer for over 23 years.

An FBI agent was in Oberlin last week in connection with the disappearance of Adolph Coors of Denver, beer scion. He questioned Mrs. Otto Pollnow about a Royalite typewriter she owns which has type similar to that used to type a ransom note in the Coors case. The agent left apparently satisfied that her typewriter was not the one in question.

The Rev. Charles Scott of Kansas City had accepted a call to fill the pulpit of the Oberlin Federated Church replacing the Rev. Robert

Clingan who has accepted a call to the Community Church near Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Petracek of Jennings announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia, to Richard Wiltfong, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wiltfong of Norton. The bride-to-be is a graduate of DCHS and Kansas State University where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and the university marching and concert bands. She is associated with the Topeka public schools. Wiltfong is a graduate of Norton High School and is a junior in the school of veterinary medicine. An August wedding is planned.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1985

Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel said the moisture this past week was badly needed for the wheat crops as well as for the pastures and will provide a good seedbed for spring planted crops. Amounts ranged from 2.75 in Oberlin and in Jennings and 3 inches at Traer.

Centennial activities scheduled this week include an old-fashioned box supper Saturday evening sponsored by the PEO Sisterhood with John Simonsson as auctioneer and

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

On Monday, May 3, the kick-off event for Oberlin's 125th Anniversary will be held at the City Park with an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social and will feature the Community Band in concert in the high school. The activity will be held from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. with ice cream, followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m.

The Museum Quilters have made a quilt just for the anniversary with proceeds going to support activities for the year-long celebration. It will be on display and raffle tickets available for a donation.

Oberlin Quasiquicentennial Tidbits:

Taken from the first edition of The Oberlin Herald June 17, 1879
The Most Prosperous and Thriving Town in Northwestern Kansas.

Its Rapid Progress. — The Different Branches of Business and the Business Men.

"Next of the pioneers of last fall is the firm of Bariteau Bros., who at once erected a drug store which they filled with a complete new stock, including school books stationery, paints, oils, etc. and in which they have treated their customers, having secured a lasting and profitable trade. Dr. A.W. Bariteau being the leading physician of the county, and much absent in practice, they have recently procured the services

of Mr. Frank Douglass, a courteous and energetic young man of over four years' experience, who is fast gaining the friendship and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

This is about all that existed of Oberlin until some three months ago, since which time the following valuable additions have been made, of which we will make more explicit mention when time and space will permit:

Messrs. Hitchcock & Latham, a new and complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Tobaccos, Cigars, Flour, Feed, etc. Also Oranges, Lemons and other Fruits in season.

Messrs. Beckwith & McCall, a full stock of general merchandises, including Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, in fact everything kept in a first-class general store. Their long experience and method of doing business insures them success."

To be continued.

Museum hours: April 1 to Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 per family or \$10 per individual. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Fern Wenger was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family on Monday afternoon. Residents, staff and invited guests joined in on the fun.

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

Aleen Van Vleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Dale Butler won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

The craft group gathered for an afternoon of work and fun on Wednesday. The group included Dale Bulter, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Wilma May, Marian Miller, Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler, Fern Wenger and Delores Wheeler. Charlotte Kurtz read The Oberlin Herald for an appreciative audience of residents before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning on the patio.

The Eastern Star hosted the April birthday party on Thursday after-

noon in the dining room. The group served ice cream and cookies to the residents and their guests. Those being honored with April birthdays were Ira Kolsky, Dee Anna Krizek and Fern Wenger. Jim and Carolyn Plotts provided the musical entertainment.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made cookies with M&M candies on Friday afternoon.

Donna Kent and Wilma May went with Connie Olson to the open house held at the Golden Age Senior Center on Sunday afternoon. The ladies enjoyed seeing some old friends at the center. They reported being very impressed by the new facility.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Evan and Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas.

Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ted and Kay Moon, Max and Veanna Carman, Marilyn Gambelin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

When one learns that their loved one has been diagnosed with a debilitating illness, it is usually not a surprise, for they have been noticing changes for quite some time. But to actually hear a doctor confirm what they already knew can still bring a cascade of varying emotions. Relief: in knowing that there is a reason that explains the changing behaviors and inability to care for themselves. Fear: in not knowing the full implication of what this change will mean for their mom/dad and the entire family. Anger: either directed at the disease itself or toward the person who has the symptoms ... sometimes even God. Grief: grieving the loss of the one you once knew and loved so much. Helplessness: Not knowing how to best care for, comfort or love this special person especially knowing that they too are experiencing these same, sometimes overwhelming emotions. Loneliness: feeling as if no one understands what you are facing.

God understands ... and that is why He laid the mission of the Good Samaritan Society on the heart of our founder, the Rev. August (Dad) Hoeger. We understand ... and that is why we try our very best to carry out Dad's heart mission to provide a home-like environment where the loved ones that God entrusts to us will live life to the fullest despite the physical and mental challenges that arise. We rely heavily on the love and support of their families and friends, the community, volunteers and the churches to provide a well-rounded abundant life experience. Our goal is that they have peace, pleasure and purpose, focusing on the strengths and giving them love and encouragement.

This week, Myrna Jones came to lead the ever popular Ol' Time Music Sing-a-Long. Residents enjoy her zeal and enthusiasm that is contagious; everyone catches it and in turn passes it on! Thank you, Myrna!

Tuesday during Art Class, "Spring Wreaths" were made as our "green" recycled craft theme. They were made out of egg cartons that hatched some really beautiful, creative pieces of art. You can see them on display across from the front porch. Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Betty May and Faye Miller would love for you to see their project!

Wednesday is our 3-B day ... Bible Study, Buffet and Bingo! Our thanks to Marilyn Horn filling in for Mert McEvoy for Wednesday morning Bible study. Fourteen residents cozy up to God's Word twice a week in the Quiet Room.

On Buffet Day, everyone eats together in Town Square, giving friends from both dining rooms an opportunity to share a meal together! Bingo, what can I say ...

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Theresa Rippe, along with Wyatt Rippe, attended her granddaughter's dance recital in Colby on Sunday afternoon. Lilly was part of "Fire and Ice," a presentation by students of Nicole's School of Dance.

Girls and boys, ages three through high school, performed 28 different renditions of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop, and Creative Movement.

Kyle Grafel enjoyed dinner with Don and Joan Grafel on Monday.

Bob and Julie Hafner met Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs in North Platte, Neb., on Thursday, then they traveled to Scottsbluff, Neb., to spend the weekend with the Joe Hafner family and Jeff Hafner. Jeff,

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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On April 22 at Senior Citizens, Pat Wessel won high, Ralph took second, Anna Albers got low and Helen Karls had the most Aces. Other members present included Bernita Aumiller, Jeanie Spresser, Alfred Albers, Bob Wessel, Matt Finney, Paulie Neff, Betty James, Edna Schiltz, Shirley Emigh, Carl Mumm, Ann Hazlitt and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 23 - Mekayla Bainter, Jeremy Kruse. April 24 - Davis and Terra Rath, Deanna Sulzman. April 25 - Robert and Laura Ritter, Lance and Lisa Stoll. April 26 - Roger Emigh, Tracey Bruggeman, Dena Dellere, Jerry and Paula Schiltz. April 27 - Tricia Bullock Carney. April 28 - Erin Rogers, Betty Hickert. April 29 - Ann Hazlitt, Russ Aumiller,

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