

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — May 1885**

John Morrison is building a 20x30 addition to his store building.

School commenced Monday with J.M. Murtland and Mrs. Mont Mason as teachers.

Peterson & (Geo) Robinson have moved their building to the northeast corner of the public square.

A new 6,000 pound safe was placed in position in the county treasurer's office this week.

Perry Fair has purchased a horse-power well drilling outfit and will soon be ready for work.

W.A. Burnett, H.D. Colvin and M.E. Mix have been appointed a committee to assess the right-of-way damages of the B&M railroad.

Married, April 20 by D.O. Banta, W.A. Mount and Miss Rose B. Fair.

April business at the land office: homestead entries, 609; timber entries, 408; final proof, 122; declaratory statements, 311; soldiers' declaratory statements, 28.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1910**

James C. Humphrey, the first owner of The Oberlin Herald, died at his home in Phillipsburg last week at the age of 65.

Page & Stevenson had a cement walk put down on the south side of the opera house last week. A much needed improvement.

Will Ater finished the last lap of ditches for the water mains on Commercial Street Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wear returned from their extensive trip to Ohio Tuesday.

Rev. W.H. VanCleave of the Baptist church was granted a three month's leave for the purpose of allowing him to take treatments for stomach trouble at a hospital at Salida, Colo.

Jennings Items: There is not a vacant house in Jennings.

A new man has succeeded Mr. Northrup as manager of the Chicago lumber yard.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1935**

The presentation of "The Holy City" at the city school auditorium was well attended and a fitting climax to Music Week. Professors Johnson and Hostinsky can well be proud of the series of musical events.

Court House News: Marriage licenses were issued the past week to: Louie White and Miss Nellie Hoppas, both of Oberlin, who were married April 28 by Rev. Fred Blanding; to Guy Strevey, Norcat, and Miss Leta McConnell, Clayton, who were married by Rev. J.D. Bowles and to Nels Anderson and Miss Willye Cook, both of Oberlin, with Rev. Nygren performing the ceremony.

Alex Francis, a senior at Fort Hays College, and former star athlete of Decatur High School, has been signed as head athletic

coach at Mankato High School next season.

Ten Decatur County young men left Monday for the Civilian Conservation Corps. camp at Atwood: Gerald Randall, Arthur Hockett, Morris Van Sickler and Roy Tyrell, all of Jennings; Gerald David, Norcat; Roy Spillman, Dresden; Wilbert Jording, Traer; William Holliday, Cedar Bluffs, and Miles Carver and Aaron Linn of Oberlin.

The last day of school at Logan and Square Top schools was a little different this year. Following a ball game between students of the two schools in the morning and a big dinner at noon prepared by the ladies, another ball game was held with almost every lady and man present playing. Mr. May was umpire and Carl Resch scorekeeper with Edith Anderson captain of one team and Birdie Marcuson of the other. The game ended with a score of 27 to 36.

Dresden: This writer saw the Jennings Lake Wednesday afternoon and it certainly was worth going to see. The rain Tuesday night had filled the lake until it was a large body of water with ducks swimming around on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strohwig of Selden were in town Sunday and attended the music concert.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1960**

Recent events would indicate that Oberlin may soon have a new post office building according to Postmaster Miesner.

Contact for construction of an intermediate wading pool here was let to Nichols Construction. The wading pool is expected to fill the needs of youngsters too old for the present wading pool and too small for the swimming pool.

Larry Nelson captured Oberlin's only first place at the NWKL track meet by winning the mile in 5:00.1. Bob DeMay was the only other Red Devil to register as he tied for fourth in the pole vault.

Three local families, members of the Presbyterian Church, were guests of honor at a potluck congregational dinner as each is moving from Oberlin. The Rev. and Mrs. Lee Huebert, Midge and Barry are moving to Socorro, N.M., where he has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Morrish, Tommie and Mary Beth are moving to Albuquerque, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lovejoy and Richard and Mrs. Loyd McGee are moving to Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carman have purchased the John Ward home at 111 S. York and will be moving in June and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Capps have purchased their home and plan to move in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saum have purchased the Doyle Fredrickson property at 206 North Wilson.

Mrs. Glen Schrock has joined the staff of *Herald* correspondents and will write news of the Rexford

community.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1985**

The 82nd annual commencement exercises for 55 graduating seniors at Decatur Community High School will be held May 20. Valedictorian is Renell Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Erickson. Salutatorian is Colleen Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Unger. Other honor students were Paige Arnoldy, Angela Bader, Scott Goltl, David Goscha, Ronald Juenemann, Julie Kelley, Sharlynn Lyon, Kelley Michael, Bonnie Sater, Becky Shirley and Becky Tally.

Three seniors at Jennings High School shared the co-valedictorian honors: Steve Brooks, Phillip Kirk and Tefani Muirhead. Salutatorian was Mary Krizek. Other graduates were Julie and Jennifer Juenemann, John Gilgenbach, Robert Bieker, Rick Foster, Theron Krizek, Christopher Giebler, Stacy Wolf, Phillip Ritter and Leif Heiseth.

Graduation was held at Golden Plains High School in Rexford on May 11 for 20 seniors: Greg Baalman, Alan Spresser, DeAnn Dible, Joe Kennedy, Chris Bainter, Tom Benson, Scott Bruggeman, Brad Baalman, Norbert Korte, Joe Geisinger, Jerry Morgan, Shelly Gillum, Robert Korte, Dave Wachendorfer, Melanie Schultz, Parker Christensen, Karl Wessel, Chris Koerperich, Stacy Brown and Lance Lunsway.

Commencement exercises were held at Herndon for seven seniors: Valerie Jo Unger, Jeanne Renee

Green, Michael Brown, Mary Ann Kompus, Michelle Unger, Roseann Cox and Teresa Stony.

Ward Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, rural Selden, and Kurt Fredrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fredrickson, Oberlin, will receive Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Kansas State University.

Others from the area to receive degrees from KSU include Eric Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore; Phil Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Shields; Craig Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Smith and Phyllis Smith; bachelor of science in agriculture; Jeanette Gawith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gawith, Dresden, BS and Ward Wurm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wurm, BS in mechanical engineering.

Three Red Devils qualified for State Track at the regional meet held at WaKeeney. Jim Berkeheimer in the 110 high hurdles; Jodi Votapka in the 100 meter intermediate hurdles and Laurie O'Toole in the high jump. Coach Chris Steimel said competition was tough at the regional meet in all events, especially in the sprints.

In a ceremony held at the Masonic Temple May 7, 50-year membership pins were presented to Blanche Moody of Norton and to Roy Campbell of Oberlin. Campbell's pin was presented by Arris Johnson, formerly of Oberlin but now of Hays, who serves as grand master of Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Kansas.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The new 2010 Alumni Directories are here! They will be available for sale during regular Museum hours: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

We would like to express our appreciation to all those that helped gather information to update the 2010 Decatur Community High School Alumni Directory. Regrettably some of the information is already outdated because of deaths and other situations since the time the directory went for publication.

I appreciate the chance to have been able to help with this project even if I am not a DCHS alumnus, but a spouse from the Class of 1970. You can thank the Alumni Directory Committee for a job well done: Dick Carman (Class of 1957) Chairman, Jody Betts (Class of 1947), Mary Lou Olson (Class of 1951), Arian Arnold (Class of 1959), Sharon Addleman (Class of 1959), Joy Votapka (Class of 1951), and Connie Simonsson (Class of 1962). Thank you also to Elisha Jones (Class of 2009) for the graphic artwork on the cover, and Janice Shobe (Class of 1968) president of the DCHS Alumni Association for all of her work.

Alumni memorabilia is on display in a newly expanded section at the Museum. Be sure to stop in and browse. If you have items of DCHS history, the museum would appreciate the donation.

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will host Alumni Weekend on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29. We invite all alumni and the public to make this a place to come and socialize. We will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. There will be snacks and coffee, tea, and water. Dick Carman (Class of 1957) will be showing a DCHS picture presentation throughout the two-day party. The two-day event, along with museum tours will be free, but donations will be appreciated. The Oberlin Business Alliance will be grilling up hamburgers and polish sausages in front of the Museum on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a free will donation.

The museum is the place to be on Alumni Weekend.

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.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

May is one of the busiest months of the year. All the end of school activities, seniors that are graduating, alumni activities, and if you are a gardener, you are super busy in the yard. I guess we would be bored if we didn't have something to do. I like a little TV, but I don't think I could handle it all the time, so I am happy with all the events going on this time of year.

A big event that took place on May 1 and 2 was the Kansas Sampler Festival which was held in Leavenworth, this year and also will be there again next year. It was held in Ray Miller Park along one of the busiest streets in Leavenworth. I have sent the official news release from Marci Penner, organizer of the Sampler Festival.

Being at the Festival was a very enlightening experience in learning more about Kansas. I thought I knew a lot, but found out I still have a lot more to learn. I would like to join the Kansas Explorer's Club and make a few weekend trips to go exploring. Kansas has so much to offer, whether you are a resident or an explorer out looking around.

I hope you "mother's" all had a good day on Sunday. I had a very busy one, but it was good. I had to work for a bit at the LandMark Inn, and that is one of the busy spots on Mother's Day. Don't forget the dads when Father's Day comes around next month. Find something that he likes to make him feel special also. A few events coming up are the Oberlin Business Alliance's Burger

and Brat Fry on Friday, May 28. This will be held in front of the Museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with the Museum's social hour on Friday, and also on Saturday, May 29, during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The new alumni directories will be on sale at that time in the museum.

The high school prom will be on main street this Saturday, May 15. The following weekend on Saturday, May 22 is graduation at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

My business of the week is Prairie Petals, which is owned and operated by Laurie Wasson. I visited Laurie's business and found many interesting items. Laurie wants you to know that she and her staff are committed to providing her customers with the best service possible and the best quality product for both genders from birth throughout life. She strives to bring a variety of products with new and different things to make her business "not just a flower shop." Laurie wants to bring happiness to all who visit her business.

As I was walking through her store, I saw an angel collection, an assortment of beautiful baskets of various sizes, body wash and accessories, a child's gift section, various sizes of sunflower dishes, and assorted wall hangings. One of the sayings on a plaque was "Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day." This was something I thought might help each of us go through our day a bit easier.

As I continued through the store

I saw many flower arrangements and beautiful wreaths that look real and smell real, various candle assortments and sizes, food and snack items such as pasta gift sacks, dessert mixes, cheeseball mixes, jams and jellies, popcorn, flavored syrups, toppings, sauce mixes, dip mixes and various gift basket assortments for all ages. Laurie strives to please all customers and all ages. Come in to visit and say hello to Laurie and her staff.

One of the 125th committee sale items will be a miniature baseball bat with a centennial inscription.

Those will soon be available in my office and with Connie Grafel at the Economic Development Corp. office.

The Garden Club will be picking up the flower arrangements at Mona's Market and planting in the flower boxes along main street this Friday, May 14. The garden club volunteers will be starting that project at 5 p.m. Please contact your fellow members to make a plan. Kim and I will be sure the flowers are available at the right time. Have a great week!!

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Anna Albers got low and Gail Mumm had the most tens. Other members present included Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Alfred Albers, Ralph Weis, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Ann Hazlitt, Janice Kruse, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller and

Helen Karls. Birthdays and anniversaries: May 14 - Micah Goscha, Mason Mumm. May 16 - Tom and Diane Aumiller, John and Marilyn Kaus, Barry Walker. May 17 - Dan Mumm, Ryan Stevenson. May 18 - Dan Wachendorfer. May 19 - Frank Bouts, Leslie Wessel, Harold Murphy. May 20 - John Kaus.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Did you notice the flowers that were planted on the front patio? Seventeen sweet little things from Head Start came to plant the front flower box with bright colored Vinca flowers on Tuesday, in conjunction with Lodge Cesti Vlasenci in honor of Join Hands Day. Sponsors included Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Lillian Sulzman and Roberta Petracek. It was perfect timing for all of our Mother's Day visitors! Alice Bobbitt and Leone Porsch grabbed their sweaters and headed out to watch. The Lodge also provides Teddy Grahams for our upcoming Teddy Bear Picnic.

We blended two themes for this week's activities; May Flowers and Mother's Day. The quote on the monthly calendar reads: A Mother is a gardener planting the seeds of faith, truth and love that develop into the fairest flowers of character, virtue and happiness in the lives of her children. *J. Harold Gurnyne*.

So, when the kids left we had our first Garden Club meeting of spring. Staff and residents donned beautiful spring timely hats which were worn all day until the afternoon Mother's Day Hat Parade, sponsored by the STAR's Committee. There were many daughters who came to enjoy pie and ice cream with their moms, including Faye Miller and Franci Miller; Eva Bryan and Donna Kelley; Dorothy Hunt and Reva Marshall; Amy Rehm and Connie Simonsson; Violet Schissler and son Dan Schissler; and Opal Bryan and Sharon Slabaugh. Myrna Jones came to play the piano to make this a festive celebration!

Other notable activities were the Lyle Gals monthly pinochle party. Kathy Van Meter, and Toots Magers always fill the Quiet Room with laughter, good cookies and unbeatable fun. Walter May, Leone Porsch and Floyd Edgett couldn't resist and played cards for nearly two hours on Monday. On Friday, Coleen hosted a Spelling Bee which ended in a four-way tie: Walter May, Betty May, Opal Bryan and Amy Rehm.

The 5th Annual Walkway of Flags will be held on Memorial Day from 8 a.m. to sunset. Flags will be displayed in memory of, or in honor of a loved one for a donation of any amount. Forms can be found at Good Sam or Raye's Grocery. Proceeds will benefit the Activities Department. Contact Lisa Paulson for more information.

We were so blessed with visitors this week: Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited **Dorothy Hunt**. Audrey and Murry Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Francy and Dale Miller for Faye Miller. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) spent time with **Doris Marintzer**, **Hubert Mumm** and **Chas. Janousek**. Ken Mumm (Selden) visited **Hubert Mumm**. Becky and Muriel Faimon for **Doris Marintzer**. Marilyn Horn visited **Myrtle Ross**. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis visited **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Jeff and Penny Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Max Carman, Jodie Stillman, Peggy and Kenzie Carman, Cindy Ostmeyer, Diana Alstrom and Deb Campbell, all of Hoxie, for **Myrtle Waldo**. Kathryn Van Meter and Margaret Magers (Lyle), Vicky Hampton (Lakewood, Colo.) and Gladys Geis for **Edda Olson**. Roberta Petracek (Jennings) for **Don Thomas**. **Goldie Stapp** enjoyed the company of Rodney Stapp (Norton) and Jody Betts. Pete and Eileen Portschy and Cheri Kastens visited **Pooch Portschy**. Cheri also visited **Frank (Chas) Janousek** and **Don Thomas**. Ralph and Norma Unger visited **Leo Mooty**, **Lucy Schissler**, **Walt** and **Betty May** and **Earl Brown**. Doris Auken and Sandi Gade (Norcat) were visitors. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center are celebrating both National Nursing Home Week and Hospital Week, May 9-15. We have special activities planned for each day, including parties, music, and a potluck dinner. The week will end with an auction on Friday afternoon.

Residents have been earning points for attending activities and for participating in special events such as a crazy hat day. These points will be traded in on Friday for scrip money that may be used to purchase donated items from the auction. Visitors are welcome to stop by this week and join in on the celebration.

Nora Belle Manning and Patty Brown planted the flower box by the front entrance at Cedar Living Center this past week. These are planted each year in honor of the late Babe Manning, a former resident of the Center.

The residents received a donation of a rose bush from Dennis Brown and the Forget-Me-Nots in honor of Mother's Day.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Party was held on Friday evening at Wheat Ridge Terrace. Cedar Living Center volunteers attending included Stuart Euhus, Sam Mack, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Marian Dempewolf, Judy Jackson, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Mary Long, Mary Ann Amack, and Myrna Jones. Charlotte Kurtz and Teresa Shaughnessy hosted the party.

Zola Brown was the guest of honor at a family birthday celebration at noon on Monday. Those attending included Earl Brown, Ella Betts, and Barb and Steve Brown.

Francis Ritter also celebrated a birthday on May 3.

Wilma May won the first bingo at the game played on Tuesday afternoon in the dining room. Darlene Fisher won the blackout game.

The baking group made a large batch of chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a hit with residents, staff and visitors.

The Royal Neighbors met on the patio for their monthly meeting on Friday afternoon.

Fingers were flying when the Closely Knitted Friends met for a meeting on the patio on Saturday afternoon.

The ladies of Cedar Living Center were well remembered over the Mother's Day weekend. The mail bag was heavy with cards and packages. The rooms were scented by beautiful bouquets of flowers. There were also extra visitors and countless phone calls.

Recent visitors: Ann Gallentine, Clayton; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Eugene Kleidosty, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Alysha N. Tadlock, Goodland; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.

Eunice Richards, Ella Betts, Opal Huntley, Marian Dempewolf, Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stony, Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Dolores Koerperich, Max and Veanna Carman, Theresea Reeves, Judy Jordan, Gladys Geis, Martin and Evelyn May, Leon and Connie Miller, Mirium Fisher, and Jon and Karina Fisher, Oberlin.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Another shower, about .10 inch of rain fell Sunday night. It was still drizzling Monday morning. Landscape is green and pretty.

A good sized crowd attended Mother's Day dinner Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center, sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club.

Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. on Satur-

day, May 29, in the Sunflower Senior Center. Price per person \$15.

Have you mailed in your reservation for the Alumni banquet? Reservations are to be mailed to Stacey Hartzog, 14626 South Brogham, Olathe, Kan., 66062, by May 17. Following the banquet, the band, Clueless, will be playing for a street dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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