

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — May 1885**

The Oberlin Baseball Association was organized Saturday evening by the election of the following officers: W.A. Hollowell, president; N.H. Jones, vice president; F.A. Douglas, treasurer; C. Borin, secretary. Borin was also elected official umpire. The following players were selected to the first nine: Odell, Horne, Denius, Kennedy, C. Patchin, Brister, Jarvis, Liske and W.P. Bebb. We will be ready to meet all comers soon.

Clayton: There is going to be another store in Clayton soon, J.S. Salisbury, our genial landlord proprietor.

Seventy teams arrived on the grounds Tuesday and camped three miles northeast of town and dirt on the railroad has commenced to fly.

W.D. Street of the Kenneth Sentinel was in town Monday and Tuesday. He returned to Kenneth Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. Street and son Ray who will make their future residence there.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1910**

Earl O'Toole and Henry Bliss started for Palisade, Colo., Monday evening where they had an offer of \$60 a month to play baseball with that team.

Vince Caster and Mrs. Ina Ethridge were married Wednesday of last week.

Victor Morton won first prize, a gold medal and \$10 in cash in the county-wide spelling contest Wednesday.

L.M. Parker received a live alligator from Lew Colvin who is down in Florida.

The editor, E.M. Coldren, his wife, and daughter, Anna, left on the Monday evening train for Ohio. They may visit Washington, D.C., and Niagara Falls before returning home.

More electric light wires are being put up to accommodate more patrons who are wishing to use lights.

The Metcalf house has been completely dismantled and rock for the new house is being hauled.

Swede Home: Claus Anderson suffered a broken leg while loading a hog at the stockyards.

Jennings Items: Stanley J. Shook returned from Kansas City Saturday night. He heard part of the lawyers' pleas in the Hyde case.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1935**

A record-breaking class of 75 will graduate from Decatur Community High School. The commencement address will be delivered by J. Glen Logan of Topeka, state senator of the 17th district, ex-county attorney of Shawnee County, and a Decatur Community High School graduate of the Class of 1909.

Oberlin Elementary School ranked second in the state in the Emporia State Scholarship contest. Maxine Walker tied for second in 8th grade English and third in civics and Carol Stevenson was first in the state in civics. About 20,000 students take the Every Pupil contest.

All but the northwest corner of Decatur County has been covered by rains beginning Monday morning and commencing until afternoon Wednesday.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and children visited Mrs. Ward's parents at Wilson Sunday. They left their small daughter, Sondra, there so that she would not be exposed to the red measles epidemic in this community.

Elmer Hackney won first-place in the shotput in the regional track meet at Norton.

Traer: Marion Batterton is driving a new Ford V-8 Tudor sedan purchased from the Roberts Motor Company.

Miss Alice Aronson, county superintendent, has announced that a total of 204 students in Decatur County are graduating from the eighth grade. High school graduates total 129 with 75 at Decatur Community High School, 18 at Norcat High School, 16 at Jennings Consolidated High School, 8 at Leoville High School, 6 at Dresden High School and including 6 at Traer 2-year High School.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1960**

The only trouble with the annual Decatur Community High School Alumni banquet is that it has outgrown the confines of DCHS. For the second consecutive year a record crowd attended the event with an estimated 605 persons jammed into the gymnasium. A number of late registrants had to be turned away.

Ned Coldren, Oberlin, Class of 1897, was recognized as representing the oldest class.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vaughn, Jennings, daughter, Tonic Lynn, May 20, 1960.

McGraw: A double 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated

Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Tice were honored at a basket dinner held at the Tice home. An open house followed at the Bartlett home with a cake baked by Mrs. George Launchbaugh, a niece, centering the serving table. Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Tice are sisters.

Mrs. Effie Jorm went to Topeka Sunday to visit her new grandson, Kirk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jorm.

Joe Brown, owner of Brown Motor Company, will command the Oberlin American Legion for the coming year succeeding Don Claussen.

Community Vacation Bible School opened Monday with an enrollment of 178 pupils.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1985**

Rains are greeting the area with unusual frequency this spring giving the fast approaching wheat crop the climatic conditions for a binbuster.

After a 37-year stint with the Kansas Department of Transportation, Val Beneda, maintenance supervisor, will retire on June 1. Beneda went to work for the highway de-

partment in 1948 and considering that winter is considered one of the worst on record it's a wonder he stayed with it. He recalls that the first big snow came in November and that it just kept coming until spring. He remembered that it was one-way traffic between Oberlin and Atwood much of the time.

Memorial day services at Oberlin Cemetery featured 251 flags placed by Oberlin American Legion members.

Graduates of Norcat High School gathered Saturday for a reunion which is held every five years with more than 500 persons attending the evening banquet. Hop Lockhart was overseer of the barbecue beef which was served. Ruth Cleland of the Class of 1919 represented the first class to graduate from the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Lund attended the Kansas Bar Association annual convention at Colorado Springs May 20-23. Evelyn Zabel, a recent Washburn Law School graduate, accompanied the Lunds to the convention. A native of Smith Center, Miss Zabel will be joining the Lund Law Firm as an associate on Aug. 5.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The museum is the place to be on Alumni Weekend.

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 Decatur Community High School 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 Decatur Community High School 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 Mu-

seum on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a free-will donation.

We are also gearing up for the 9th Annual Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show. The cruise-in on Friday, June 4, will be an exciting evening with cars and motorcycles cruisin' the streets.

In front of the museum there will be hot dogs, chips, and the Oberlin Business Alliance serving root beer floats. KFNF will be broadcasting live that evening with old-time Rock 'N Roll music.

The events start at 7 p.m. There might even be some dancin' in the street.

Then on Saturday, June 5, the day starts with breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Bohemian Hall. The rest of the day's activities will be held in downtown Oberlin on the brick streets.

Lunch of hot beef sandwiches, chips, and sodas will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The final event is the trophy presentation at 4 p.m.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I believe summer did arrive on Saturday. We just couldn't have a graduation without hot weather and having to use the programs as a fan!! I think everyone was ready for some warm weather, but not those storms that were going around last night. It also seemed like the garden stuff grew a few inches just in a day's time when it warmed up.

Another big weekend is coming up starting on Friday, May 28. First thing is Coffee Hour at Home Planning Center beginning at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

An Alumni Social will be held at the Last Indian Raid Museum on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, during the hour's 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sharleen Wurm will have snacks and drinks (coffee, tea, and water). A history of Decatur Community High School will be appearing on a

slide show, tours will be available, and the Alumni Room with pictures is open. Come relax with family and friends in the new front Parlor.

The Oberlin Business Alliance will be serving hamburgers and brats in front of the Museum on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a free-will donation. Also at the same time, the Oberlin Swim Team will be offering desserts to go with the OBA burgers in front of the Museum. This will also be a free-will offering to the Swim Team.

Oberlin Business Alliance will also be doing their clean-up along main street today after work hours to get the town spruced up for all the visitors coming in for the weekend. Please help them out by bringing whatever sidewalk and window supplies needed for sweeping and cleaning.

My "business of the week" is Two Mikes Custom, which is located along Highway 36 at 106 E. Frontier Pkwy. A quote from dad, "Now a man, Mike was a 12 year old student at Decatur Community High School when he started "TWO MIKES CUSTOM" on East Hwy. 36 in Oberlin. Now in his 13th year as a dealer for all makes and models of motorcycles, Mike is quite pleased with this location. Customers from the surrounding area have blessed the business. Life is Great. He encourages all to enjoy the sport of motorcycling."

This is a hot spot for motorcycle enthusiasts during the warm times of the year as Two Mikes carries many products for cycling lovers. As I browsed through the store, I found the softest feeling "Lady Rider" tee shirt ever among all the leather

jackets, pants, vests and chaps. He also carries numerous accessories, such as helmets, sunglasses, headscarves, and bike accessories like mirrors, lights, handles, etc. He is ready for the traveler that may have a break-down and need certain parts or a bit of mechanic work done to get him on the way again.

At the business, they do customizing and detailing, and are active in helping other bike owners to get ready for showing or just pleasure riding. By the time I was finished visiting with Mike, I had the fever to get my old bike fixed up and running again.

They are also the area dealer for the Carport covers. Come see their model setting next to the store, and stop in and say hello to Mike.

Have a great week!!

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

May is by far one of the busiest months here at the Good Sam. We have already celebrated May Day, prom, Mother's Day, graduation and three birthdays.

Memorial Day, Alumni Weekend, the Walkway of Flags, and a dance this Friday night, all are yet to celebrate. Then to top it off, we had National Nursing Home Week, so in its honor we would once again like to say thank you to everyone who helps to make the Good Sam such a special place!

We had a fun week! Hillbilly Horseshoes was a hoot! Faye Miller, Walt and Betty May, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm, Dorothy Hunt and Olive Arnold gave it a go. Shirley Hayward, Paul Miesner, Goldie Stapp and Eulaine Benda were in the cheering section. Alice and Betty tied for first.

On Wednesday, the DCHS Singers came for the last time this year. Susan Nelson brought her students to give a rockin' farewell performance.

This mini-concert began with "This Joint is Jumpin'" and ended with "Great Balls of Fire."

Robyn Wessel and her students came on Friday for a panel discussion on the Dirty Thirties. Amy Rehm, Don Thomas, Pooch Portschy, Goldie Stapp and Edla Olson gave first hand accounts of watching the dust storms blow in and what their families did to survive! We love partnering with the schools and influencing the younger generations.

The Walkway of Flags is quickly approaching. If you would like a flag flown in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, forms can be picked up at Raye's Grocery or here at the Good Sam. Call Lisa Paulson for more information at 475-2245.

Our Spring Dance will be Friday night at 6:30 p.m. Michael Mel-

bauer will be our one man band, so put on your dancing shoes and come join us.

On Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 2, 4, 5 and 6, the Ladies Bible Study has helped sponsor the movie, "To Save a Life." This is an outreach film for the Teens of our community. Admission is free! Make sure the young people in your life and their parents see this movie; it just may save a life!

Dorothy Hunt takes the cake for having the most visitors this week, as she should because they all came to celebrate her 90th birthday! Robert and Penny Fringer, Jim and Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Tami Cook (Norcat), Madison, Charles and Julie Schlinder (Cawker City), Eric Kuhlman and Bri Cook (Perkins, Okla.), Leanna Bryan, Katie Meitl, Mildred Black and Helen Brooks helped her celebrate.

Other visitors were Audrey and Murry Pavlicek and Jerald and Elaine Leitner for **Mary Lemman**. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Gerald Olson, Mildred Holmdahl and Gage Scott for **Evelyn Olson**. Francy and Dale Miller for **Faye Miller**. Clem and Ken Mumm (Colby/Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Marilyn Horn visited **Myrtle Ross**. Edie Tate, Gladys Geis and Mildred Holmdahl visited **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin, for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Jerald and Elaine Leitner for **Shirley Hayward**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Jerald and Elaine Leitner and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Galen and Lynn Olson (McKinney, Texas) and Mildred Holmdahl for **Edla Olson**. Sue, Ryan and Erin May for **Walt and Betty May**. Connor and Logan Garrell (Bland, Mo.) for **Leo Mooty**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Monday was a beautiful spring day at Cedar Living Center, so we rescheduled the card game planned for the afternoon and residents went outside to soak up the sunshine instead. Those enjoying sitting outside included Dale Butler, Lillie Corpiere, Gene Files, Darlene Fisher, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Joan Noble, Edie Pettera, Agnes Pruitt, Aileen VanVleet, and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-long time on Monday afternoon. We brought out the hymnals and spent the hour singing all the old favorites.

Darlene Fisher won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma May won the blackout game.

Residents and staff enjoyed a special concert before lunch on Wednesday given by the DCHS Singers, Men in Black, and Chanté. They were wonderful. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Susan Nelson for making the time in the busy school schedule to have the students perform for us.

Residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland had services for the Catholic residents on Thursday

morning.

There were lots of laughs and cheers when residents met for a game of bowling on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served after the game.

A big crowd of residents gathered on Friday afternoon for our first watermelon party of the summer season. Several residents ate seconds and a couple had a third dish.

During the watermelon party we discussed high school graduation. Residents were asked what advice they would give to the students graduating on Saturday. The sage advice included "Don't buy anything on credit," "Don't be in a hurry to get married," "Work hard and keep your nose clean," and "Enjoy everything you do."

Recent Visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Chris Edwards, Shirley Williams, Jan Sattler, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Don Ritter, John E. Ritter, Dresden; Marilyn Fisher, Julee Fisher, Topeka; Susan McKenna, Eugene, Ore.; Terri Clymer, Boise, Idaho.

Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Dolores Koerperich, Max and Veanna Carman, Gladys Geis, Royal Fisher, Donovan Baunann, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert Fringer, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's parishioners, family and guests, following Mass on Sunday, May 23, honored Rawlins County Herndon graduates Valentine Solko, Charles Solko, Brandi Williams and Brittany Swart with rolls, coffee and juice.

Recent visitors of Edie Pettera, Oberlin, to celebrate Mother's Day were Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Bud and Pat Bosler, Albany, Ore.; and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon. They also enjoyed ice cream with Hattie Toth, Joan Noble and other residents at Cedar Living for the birthday party on Monday.

Gisela Fisher, Traer, attended the pinning ceremonies of friend, Lindy Lister, at Colby Community College last weekend, who graduated as a Registered Nurse.

Rev. Stephen Folorunso celebrated his 10th year anniversary to the Priesthood on Wednesday, May 19, at Sacred Heart in Atwood. Special guest was Bishop Paul Coakley of

Salina. Tri-parishioners gathered for Mass and reception dinner following in the church basement. Father's mother, Patricia Folorunso, Nigeria, sister, Florence Obawole of London, England, and brother priests were able to attend.

Herndon VFW Post 1368 will conduct Memorial Day services Monday, May 31, at 2 p.m. on the south side of the VFW hall. A social gathering will follow and all are invited to attend. For further information, contact Chris Niermeier at 626-1477.

Kent and Chris Wood attended the graduate reception party Saturday at the home of Marty and Michelle Rohm of Aurora, Colo., in honor of daughter, Alisha. Alisha graduated from college with a BA in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Kent and Chris returned home on Sunday to attend the high-school graduation reception of Charles Solko and Valentine Solko in the evening.

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## Big Timber Memorial Services

Sunday, May 30 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Jennings. Drinks will be furnished. Please bring your own table service.

### WAR DEAD Foreign Service

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| Joseph Cilek     | Fred Wentz     | Frank Pachner   |
| John Fiala, Sr.  | James Janousek | Gustave Steffen |
| Albert Janousek  | Joseph Urban   | Joseph Tucek    |
| Matt Kaspar, Sr. |                | Joseph Vacura   |

### Civil War

- Bartholomew Henry

### Spanish American War

- Anthony Kolsky

### World War I

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| Henry W. Heilman | Anthony Kaspar  |
| William Krizek   | Joseph Petracek |

### World War II

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| Edward Cilek      | Anton Vacura        | Raymond Pavlicek |
| Vollie Kathka     | Carl Kasper         | Myron Skubal     |
| Raymond Matousek  | Bernard Ehrlich     | John Petracek    |
| Alfred W. Heilman | Frederick A. Flaska | Stanley Mazanek  |
| Lys Carey         | Lumir Jesse Skubal  | Donald Shaw      |

### Vietnam

- Wayne Buchanan

### Korea

- Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek  
Harwood Chandler  
Bennie Krizek  
Charles Votapka

### Peacetime

- Elmer Petracek