

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — May 1887

Will Ireland is fixing up a nobby ice wagon.

Oberlin is soon to have a lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Oberlin Lodge No. 158, I.O.O.F., celebrated the 68th anniversary of the establishment of the order in America in grand style on Tuesday last, April 26th. Some of the officers of the Norton Lodge came on the morning train with speaker, Hon. G.A. Huron of Topeka.

The name of the Altory post office has been changed to Kanona.

Born, April 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dodge Litton, a son.

A regular northwest blizzard put in an appearance Friday last, but was of short duration.

A new solid glass front has been put in the Oberlin Loan and Trust Company building on the avenue.

H.G. Lathrop has sold his flour and feed store on Hall Street to H.C. Whitnah.

Geo. Colby has sold his residence property on the corner of Commercial Street and Rodehaver Avenue to Frank Bacon.

The Herald's Washington hand press which has done good service in the Herald office since '80 was taken to Ludell Wednesday of this week.

## 100 YEARS AGO — May 1912

Otis L. Benton and wife returned from their eastern trip Monday.

While returning through Illinois three robbers invaded their Pullman and relieved Mr. and Mrs. Benton of about \$400 in money and jewelry.

The debate and elocutionary contest between Franklin, Nebr., Academy and DCHS was an interesting affair; Decatur winning the debate handily and the visitors getting a 2-1 decision in the elocutionary contest.

The DCHS baseball team lost their first game of the season to Norton 9-4.

Prof. Light and Lawyer Thompson of Norton were in the city Friday to see the high school baseball game. They seemed to enjoy the game much better than we did.

The tennis club has their grounds west of the Metcalf residence fixed up in fine shape.

Editor Routhen and Glenn Jones were over from Dresden on Friday. "Smiling Ikey" is one of the best newspaper correspondents in the business.

## 75 YEARS AGO — May 1937

Former DCHS grid star here, Lowell "Alex" Francis has accepted a contract to return to his alma mater

to teach and coach. After graduating from DCHS in 1931 and from Fort Hays State Teachers College four years later, he has been a teacher and coach both at Mankato and Holton and it was with great reluctance that the Holton school board relinquished him to Oberlin. He will replace Principal Russell Anderson, who has been football coach for the past seven years, who will devote more of his time to classroom work as the increasing enrollment at DCHS has required another faculty member.

Elwood Brooks has received a letter from John P. O'Grady of Buenos Aires, Argentina, congratulating him on his appointment as state bank commissioner. Mr. O'Grady was head of the Farmer National Bank for a number of years and sold his interest in the bank to Mr. Brooks 16 years ago and the family moved to Argentina where they have lived and prospered in the cattle business.

Fairview-Summit: Summit School closed Friday with a big dinner at noon. Dale Johnson has taught three very successful terms of school at Summit and we are all sorry to see him go. He plans to attend school at Kansas State next year.

Jay Herzog, farmer living north of Oberlin, became the owner of Siegenthaler Electric Shop on South Penn Avenue. For the present Mr. Herzog plans to remain on the farm and care for his crops and the business will be operated by George Leitner who has been employed in the shop the past two years. Mr. Siegenthaler left Saturday for Tule Lake, Oregon, where he will farm and Mrs. Siegenthaler will join him in about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Betts have purchased the house at 107 S. East Street which belonged to Ed Helmskamp but has been occupied for several years by Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Jacobs and family. The Betts family has been living in the house belonging to Mrs. Lee Ora Benton on North Penn for most of the past two years.

A new car agency will open in the Griffith building north of the Chief Theatre according to an announcement made by Roy Wingfield of Norton who operates a Dodge-Plymouth agency there. George Wurm, who will be the manager of the local agency, has been associated with the J.C. Nitsch garage and implement business for the past several years.

Harlan: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wishon are the parents of a baby girl born Friday, April 23. Mrs. Wishon

was formerly Eva Smith.

## 50 YEARS AGO — May 1962

DCHS prom royalty Queen Jane Magers and King Steve Cathcart reigned over the junior-senior prom Saturday evening. Theme of this year's prom was "Arivederci Roma." Approximately 95 percent of the students who attended the prom also attended the American Legion-sponsored party and breakfast.

Allen White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren White, is the 1962 delegate from DCHS to the United Nations. He is a junior at DCHS.

Elmo Lund this week announced he will seek a second term as Decatur County attorney.

The new roadside park situated north of Oberlin on U.S. 36 offers 24-hour camping and cooking facilities.

Lynn R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Johnson, and John Richard (Dick) Sater, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sater, have been named to the state 4-H Club Chorus and will attend the 4-H Club Round-Up at Kansas State University.

## 25 YEARS AGO — May 1987

Some 350 persons attended the 34th annual meeting of the Decatur Co-op Association held Saturday night at the DCHS cafeteria. During the meeting a special presentation was made to general manager John Juenemann in recognition of his leadership and dedication to the local cooperative during his 20 years as general manager.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The Professional Assistants Luncheon, held last Wednesday at The Gateway, drew 54 secretaries and other office professionals.

The Gateway staff prepared a taco salad and strawberry shortcake for the meal. It was excellent, as usual. Everyone enjoyed the DCHS Singers. Door prizes given away included the small table flower arrangements donated by the Chamber and Prairie Petals flower shop. Laurie Wasson and her staff did an outstanding job on the centerpieces.

The Oberlin Business Alliance was to meet at noon today at the LandMark Inn. The Burger and Brat Fry on Alumni weekend will be one topic of discussion. All Oberlin Business Alliance members are encouraged to attend.

The Chamber board members will meet at 5 p.m. the same day in

The City of Oberlin was recently named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Gov. Mike Hayden attended the designation made in Topeka with 120th District Rep. Fred Gatlin, Atwood, observing the ceremony at which Oberlin was represented by city council member Dick Ahlberg.

DCHS senior Mark Frickey has been advised that he will be a participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange program during the 1987-88 school year. He will go to Copenhagen, Denmark by July 15 for a two-week orientation course and his first host family lives in Slagelse which is on the same island as Copenhagen but on the west coast. Frickey is the son of Charles Frickey, Oberlin and Linda Starkey, Wichita.

A former resident of Oberlin, Susie Gallentine, observed her 101st birthday at the Andbe Home in Norton on April 6.

Jerry Lohoeferer recently graduated from a two-year ranch management course in Rexburg, Idaho. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lohoeferer who have spent the winter in Yuma, Ariz., attended the graduation ceremony before returning to Oberlin.

L. Annette Miller, distribution clerk for the Colby Post Office, has been appointed postmaster at Selden. She and her husband Gary live in Oberlin where he is postmaster.

The DCHS girls track team coached by Duane Dorshorst has captured first place in three recent track meets.

the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building. Members are looking for new fund-raising ideas and community-service projects. Any Chamber member is welcome to come to these meetings if you have ideas or concerns that need to come to the board.

I will be out of the office on Friday and Monday to attend the Kansas Sampler Festival in Liberal, helping to promote Oberlin in the Northwest Kansas Travel Council tent. It is a long three days, but I am looking forward to exploring a town I have never had the opportunity to see. I will get the Chamber news in for next week with an update on the festival.

Don't forget to attend the auction at Stanley Hardware on Saturday.

Have a great week!

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky following the death of her sister, Phyllis Axtell, 70, of Ravenna, Neb., on Sunday. Immediate survivors include her husband, Richard, and two sons, Lonnie and Larry Zeller.

Covenant Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday for a Mother's Day luncheon at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley joined their sisters, Helen Jaderborg of Longmont, Colo.; Janice Sauvage of Las Vegas, and Cheryl Stull of Solomon last week to visit relatives in Topeka.

Elden Anderson, Dick Kelley and Wane Stull joined them on Saturday in Salina and they all attended the state music contest at Kansas Wes-

leyan University to hear Samantha Anderson, who received a I rating on her French horn solo, and other groups from Oberlin. Others who attended were Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Bryan and Cole, Lawrence, and Richard and Maureen Anderson and Gabe, Oberlin.

Sunday dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and Vince Carlson. Afternoon callers were Lila Thorson and Todd Thorson of Seattle, Wash.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will attend morning worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Lund Covenant Church when the Rev. Roy Matthewson will be installed as new pastor of the church. A potluck dinner will follow.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We had a good rain last week, over one-half inch. All growing crops and flowers are ahead of schedule; so, barring late freeze and hail, the good Lord willing; the farmers should have an early harvest. We also had 90 degree weather a couple of days. Tracey, my granddaughter in Wyoming, had 87 degrees one day and a light snow the next.

June Jolly is swimming, and feels it is helping healthwise, and I know it's fun besides. She said it rained some during the night, Sunday.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen were at Lyle and visited Toots Magers. They are busy, as usual.

Charles and Inez Keller were at Lyle Sunday morning, he filling the pulpit and giving us an interesting history lesson on the community. He

told us more about the Pistol Packin' Circuit Preacher, Jack Langly, who would lay his six guns on each side of his Bible in case the remnants of a rustler gang, which he had helped capture and hang, should burst in on the service.

The Norcatat United Methodist Church had a wonderful potluck get-together for the area churches and friends on Sunday.

Judy and Charlie Easton came to the dinner (and brought their scrumptious okra dill pickles). After dinner, they went on to the home of Toots Magers, mowed and weed-whipped and spruced things up.

Dixie Wood called the other day. Her hands, especially, have been swelling and painful, but she says she can still do most of the things she needs to.

## Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The turtles have returned to the Cedar Living Center courtyard. They have crawled out from their winter hiding places and are once again living the good life. They manage quite nicely on their own, but they do get pampered with bananas, grapes and other treats brought out by residents and staff. Of course, they have to put up with being on display, especially for all of the visiting children.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. There were lots of winners and everyone had a good time. Snacks were served following the game. Donna Fortin assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with the sing-along time before supper.

The Reading Buddies from Mrs. Tacha's second grade class at Oberlin Elementary visited on Tuesday morning. The dining room is always full of energy and plenty of noise when our reading friends drop by.

Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Residents joining in on the game included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvin Gamblin, Wanda Heller, Dottie Lotker, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Several residents spent some time outside enjoying the warm weather before supper on Tuesday.

We were in for a special treat on Wednesday afternoon when Susan Nelson brought several students for a program. The students were all preparing their vocal solos for the State Music Contest. They did

a wonderful job and we were well entertained.

The dining room was buzzing with activity on Thursday afternoon when several residents met to work on crafts. The group made table decorations, put together a bulletin board and worked on other assorted projects.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon for an appreciative group of residents and staff.

Teresa Shaughnessy and Earla Connell hosted the annual Volunteer Recognition on the Cedar Living Center patio Friday evening. The dietary department served up a lovely supper which included chicken salad, fruit and Boston cream pie. Volunteers attending the event were Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, Mike Helm, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Sherri Shuler, Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray.

Several residents met on Saturday morning for a game of dominos and again in the afternoon for bowling. St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the services on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Brent and Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Marty and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Fr. Alvin Werth, Hays.

Robert and Penny Fringer, Carol Kompus, Dolores Koerperich and Connie Olson, Oberlin.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the first birthday party of their granddaughter, Lenzy Golemboski, Saturday at the home of her parents and sister, Zach and Katie Golemboski and Lexy of Colby. Great-grandparents, Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb., were also in attendance.

Members of the Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church April 24 holding a short business meeting before traveling to Atwood. Those attending were: Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Lila Jennings, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Roberta McAllister, Louise Cressler, Rachel Carter and Paula Krizek.

In Atwood the group ate lunch at the Park Hill Restaurant. A wonderful program provided by Sonia Domsch on creating Czech bobbin lace was held at the Midwest Energy meeting room. Sonia demonstrated the art of making bobbin lace using a special pillow, an intricate pattern, thin thread and 28 Czech bobbins. The stitching process was fascinating and quite time consuming. She had many beautiful lace creations on display and shared her family history of passing the lace-making skill from one generation to the next. The resulting lace was delicate and

beautiful. The program heightened club members' appreciation for handmade lacy things. Roll call was answered by members showing lacy things they had brought with them.

"Dancing at the Rascal Fair," a historical fiction by Ivan Doig, was reviewed by the Jennings Book Club on April 25 at the home of Lila Jennings. Strawberry cake, lemon bars, cheese and crackers, grapes and peanuts were served by the hostess. Book Club members enjoying the wonderful treats and discussion questions were: Kay Brown, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Terri Hanke, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha and Lila Jennings.

The annual Lions Meeting's Day Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 13, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Donations would be appreciated. More on this in next week's news.

The Senior Citizens Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the meal and social hour.

Those playing cards Wednesday at the Senior Center were: Eleanor Morel, Alice Wagoner, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Carol Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler.

## Norcatat News

By the Norcatat News Committee

Norcatat is planning a city-wide cleanup now through Saturday.

The Memorial Weekend celebration in Norcatat will be Sunday, May 27. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the City building. The menu will include barbecued beef sandwiches, potato salad, chips, cookies and iced tea.

Remember donations may be made to the Norcatat Citizens Alliance and designated to various funds. Send checks to Dennis Leichter, 1001 Rd. O, Clayton, Kan. 67629.

Dewaine Stapp recently met his cousin, Dod Bailey, Oregon, at the home of their cousin, tressie Rogers in Selden. Also present were Shirley Emigh and Dod's son from Wichita. On Friday, April 13, Dewaine Stapp met with another cousin, Geraldine Packer, for lunch in Norton.

Bonnie Rapp had surgery to repair a bone fracture. She is undergoing physical therapy in preparation for her return to her home. Get well wishes will reach her at Bramble House No. 107, Meadowlark Retirement Community, 2221 Meadowlark Circle, Manhattan, Kan. 66502.

Carol Miller and Gail Brooks attended the Women in Agriculture conference in Norton on April 20.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm for lunch on April 21 were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle and Jade, Norcatat and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter. Stopping in for an afternoon visit were Mr. and Mrs. Mark

Ogorzodka, Kearney, Neb.

Happy birthday wishes to: Yvonne Sumner, April 25 and Gerald Jackson, April 26.

Happy anniversary to: Les and Lynn Ward, April 26, and Rodney and Janice O'Hare, April 30.

Senior Citizens met April 20 with 20 players present. Winners were: Jodi Lyon, Eleanor Jensen and Mary Sedlmayer. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m., Friday at the Methodist Church Educational Building.

Repairs have been completed on the railroad track west of the grain elevator and traffic may once again travel that road.

Jerry and Ron Temple went to Grand Island, Neb., on April 21 to attend a dog show where their daughter and her husband, Marcy and Ric Wyrens, were showing their Papillions. The Wyrens won their show.

Jerry Temple recently had surgery on one of her legs and was ordered to stay off it for a few days. On April 22, her daughters brought in Sunday dinner, mowed the lawn, tilled the garden and used the weed whip all around the house.

Dorothy Ward accompanied Bee Nelson to Norton after church Sunday. They ate at the Hidden Dragon.

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., there will be Story Time in the Children's Library room at Norcatat Public Library. The Library is open from 8 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Herndon, attended a one-act play in which their daughter, Sarah, was a character. They also attended a choir concert in which their daughter, Rachel, sang. Sarah and Rachel Grafel attend Sterling College in Sterling.

Paul Versch, Omaha, called Jerry Niemeth recently. Paul was a 1942 Herndon High graduate so will be celebrating his 70th anniversary at the Herndon Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 26 at St. Mary's Hall.

Cork and Jacque Riener of Herndon report the seismograph crews have finally left the area, moving north into Nebraska. For weeks, the crews had laid electric power cords and battery packs across miles of wheat fields, stubble fields, pastures and roads at the north divide near Highway 117. The men walked the fields laying cords by hand to set off charges. They also used small diesel powered Kubota

four-wheelers to carry equipment. Apparently, the charges had to be set off on calm days so atmospheric conditions would not interfere with the delicate seismic readings. The county maintenance crew had some challenges when they tried to grade roads. They had to raise the blade to go over the many power cords strung across the road. Finally, wheat farmers were complaining about wooden stakes in the fields.

Cattle could not be put to pasture until the cords were gone. So, as quietly as they came, the crews, the Kubotas, the survey stakes and power cords disappeared. Jacque learned that three oil development companies worked together to pay for the seismic survey. The survey is not believed to be associated with the firms involved in recent mineral leasing activity in the area.

Get well wishes may be sent to

Kim Niemeth at 1496 Hwy, No. 117, Herndon, Kan., 67739. Kim has been dealing with medical issues for eight weeks and would enjoy hearing from friends.

Marlene Cook and Tommy Cook, Littleton, Colo., were weekend guests of Janice Sattler of Atwood and visitors of Bob and Julie Hafner and area family. They enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill on Friday evening with Ron and Cindy Sattler and Brian and Mary Clark. Saturday they visited St. Mary's cemetery and toured the Walsh School house where Alice Kompus Hutfles attended all but one of her elementary years from 1917 to 1924. Before returning home, they raided the rhubarb patch and left smiling with canned veggies from the Jake Sattler and Kat Mullen pantry.

Alan Hartner and Gina Fantini of Arvada, Colo., were Saturday morning breakfast guests at the home of Kent and Chris Wood.

Kent Brown and his Night Owls Band from Colorado will be performing at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 26 on Main Street. Kent is a 1977 graduate of Herndon High School. The dance is being sponsored by Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Herndon residents met April 18 at the senior center for their monthly dinner. Vera Vanford of Oberlin won the blackout for entertainment and Karen Yarin of Herndon won the door prize. The next potluck dinner meeting will be Wednesday, May 16 at noon at the Herndon Senior Center.

Happy May! May Day may be best known for delivering treat baskets in secret and also the tradition of dancing around the maypole. St. Mary's will have Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Mass, Sunday, in her honor as Queen of May.