

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1887

Straw hats are in blossom. Clinton B. Sawyer has been appointed postmaster at Traer.

Oberlin has 36 members of the uniform rank Knights of Pythias.

Jack Butters has opened up an ice cream parlor at his place on Penn Avenue.

The Commercial Hotel has had a new Monitor windmill erected in place of the one wrecked by the wind last week.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Ludell Gazette has been received at this office. R.H. Chase, editor and George Hand, master mechanic.

County Health Officer Dr. A.W. Bariteau gives us the following statistics:

Nov. 1, 1885 to Oct. 31, 1886: 44 marriages; 98 births (58 males, 40 females) including 2 pairs of twins;

Oct. 31, 1886, to date: 53 births (27 males, 26 females)

According to the assessors returns, the population of Decatur County has increased from 6360 in 1885 to 8791 in 1886, an increase of 2531 in one year.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1912

At the Republican County convention last Saturday, the Teddy Roosevelt crowd just took about everything in sight.

The Senior Class at DCHS will present as their annual play, "The Cricket on the Hearth."

Married, May 8, Mr. Elmer Simpson and Miss Bessie Barr, both of Sappa Township.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Kulp are spending the week with their daughter. Mrs. Zena Shafer, in Colorado.

On Monday afternoon the high school baseball team defeated Jennings high school 5 to 1.

Sappa Items: The hard wind Friday night blew Frank Borthwick's buggy shed all to pieces.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1937

Frequent light rains during the past 10 days have improved the looks of the vegetation across the county.

The rain Monday night came so fast that much of it ran off, some of it finding its way into the dry lake north of town. The new dam out at Sappa State Park also hemmed in

quite a body of water offering just a little idea of what the lake could look like some day.

The Oberlin Rotary Club paid tribute to W.T. Stevenson at its regular Tuesday meeting when the president, Mr. Charles Hawkes, in behalf of the club, presented him with a gold lapel pin for 100 percent attendance for 13 consecutive years.

DCHS musicians received fine ratings at the annual music festival in Hays. Superior ratings went to Gertrude Morrish, flute; Aileen Wenger, girls low voice and Lloyd Reist, trombone. Excellent ratings went to Mary Banta, piano; Carol Stevenson, violin; Marguerite Roach, clarinet; Violet Henningson, girls high voice; Marjorie McGee, girls medium voice; Arris Johnson, tuba and the girls quartet consisting of Violet Henningson, Vivian Landau, Aileen Wenger and Marjorie McGee. The band took second in marching with Ellis taking first place.

Jennings: Miss Valeria Brooks was second in the contest to determine the beauty queen of Fort Hays Kansas State College.

The Custer correspondent, Mrs. W.R. Muirhead, is at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays being treated for an infection.

A recent shipment of steers owned by Waid Waldo were among the high selling cattle this past week at the Chicago stockyards. His consignment of three carloads of 1276 pound Herefords sold at \$15 per cwt.

Lund: Doris Wasson was the honored guest at a birthday dinner at her home Sunday. Those present were Edith Anderson, Bernice Lunquist, Louise Anderson, Birdie Marcuson, Dorothy and Esther Olson, Clarence and Delbert Johnson, Glen and Gail Marcuson, Lawrence Nelson, Dean Anderson, Raymond Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Magnuson and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Wasson, Doris, Daisy and Donald.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1962

The county and city show gains in population for the first four months of 1962: Decatur County population is now 6226 and the City of Oberlin, 2660 according to Lloyd Corcoran,

Decatur County clerk. The Oberlin figure represents an increase of 193 over last year and the county figure an increase of 217.

Commencement speaker at Norcatu High School will be Harold Stones of Fort Hays State College. Graduates are Janice Jackson, valedictorian; Kenneth Jackson, salutatorian; Alfred Van Sickle, Carolyn Poling, Marie Stielow, Sheryl Van Gundy and Jarod Rist.

Diplomas will be presented to the following graduates of rural Decatur County schools by Edith Anderson, county superintendent: Stephen Brown, Brenda Bryan, Jeanne Bryan, Verl Sauvage, #209; Richard Chambers, Patricia Macfee, #203; Joanne Cook, #204; Loy Hodson, Jerry Leitner, Royce Leitner, Ernest May, Marcia Schreiber, Joyce Wolfram, #207; Marilyn Cathcart, Jack Fortin, Marshal Holliday, #30; Earl Cheney, Delberta Nauer, #213 and Mildred Flanders and Randall Marcuson, #212.

Elmer J. "Dutch" Tacha of Pleasant Valley Township filed for the Democratic nomination for the office of Decatur County probate judge. A graduate of Jennings High School, he attended business college at Grand Island, Neb., and served two years in the U.S. Navy in the southwest Pacific during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Tacha have one daughter, Mrs. Gary Vaughn, Oberlin.

1962 graduates of Jennings High School are: Bob Morel, Dennis Walker, Jo Brooks, Dale Randolph, Judy Gillespie, Bob Mizell, Allan Kaspar, Carolyn Vecera, valedictorian and Carolyn Perrin, salutatorian.

Carlyne Simonson, a senior at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, was crowned "Miss Wesleyan 1962" at the 22nd annual Lilac Fete the evening of May 5. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Simonson, Selden. Miss Simonson was escorted to the stage by Gilford Mahaffy, a senior from Mankato.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1987

Members of USD 294 Board of Education accepted the resignation of Supt. Keith Adams and four teachers, Robin McLean, Carol

Ann Wasson, Duane Dunn and Ken Honas, at the regular board meeting on May 11.

Outgoing Oberlin Mayor Dave Nichols turned over his office to Idella Frickey at the Oberlin city council meeting. Newly elected board members are Phyllis Nelson and Kurt Vollertsen and Mayor Frickey appointed Gale Cook to fill her four-year term.

Leading the junior-senior promenade through Oberlin's central business district on Saturday evening was prom marshal Mark Frickey escorting Jody Whitaker.

New Arrivals: Susan and Steven Dallman, Oberlin, son, Mark Allen, 5-4-87; Judy and Daniel Elwood, Oberlin, daughter, Jamie Rae, 5-5-87; Wanda and Leroy Spresser, Selden, daughter, Darcie Marie, 5-8-87.

Graduates of Golden Plains High School included Leroy Acker, Vick Albers, Cheri Bainter, Tammy Bainter, Kristi Barnett, Shane Bowman, Debbie Carman, Ty Carman, Rhonda Carmen, Linda Dahl, Tim Dahl, Gary Dible, Staley Edmunds, Derek Fobes, Sharla Gilchrist, Connie Juenemann, Pat Koerperich, Tony Korte, Brian Marshall, Michael Raile, Tammy Robinson, Amy Rogers, Todd Schwarz, Donna Spresser, Jay Todd, Beatrice Trevino and Dan Wachendorfer.

Deanell Reece Tacha will deliver the commencement address at Prairie Heights High School, Jennings, on May 19. Graduates are Sammie Brooks, valedictorian; Keli Brown and Victoria Ritter, co-salutatorians; Stacy Hartzog, Jennifer Siegfried, Tracey Vacura and Cary Wahlmeier. Eighth grade graduates are Bobbi Brooks, Jennifer Carter and Teresa Ritter.

Diplomas at the Herndon High School commencement will be presented by Gregory Marintzer, board president, to Paula Bruning, Kevin Goodrich, Michael Pelkey, Terry Sattler, Jeannie Solko, Daniel Stone, Kendra Unger and Lexie Weishapl. Eighth graders include Jason Brook, Troy Ecker, Brian Franke, Debra Green, Victoria Green, Jude Kastens, Jason Potts and Bryan Reed.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Our rose garden is in full bloom right now. It is overflowing with pink, red and yellow flowers on the southwest end of the building. Be sure to stop by to take a look.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon to play dominos. The sing-along group met before supper to hear all the old-time favorites.

The Reading Buddies from Mrs. Tacha's second grade class visited on Tuesday morning. We will miss the children during summer vacation. We hope that a few will drop in for a visit over the summer.

There were lots of winners at the bingo game on Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on the patio before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

A facility-wide potluck dinner was held at noon in the Cedar Living Center dining room in honor of National Hospital Week. The dietary department provided the hot dogs and staff members brought salads and desserts. The Cedar residents were only required to bring a good appetite. Everyone reported having a great time.

A few residents tried to work off some of the big lunch by joining in on a game of bowling Wednesday afternoon.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to make bird feeders. Terri Henke provided the supplies for the project as well as lots of good help in making the feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed.

Dustin Nichols helped to hang the bird feeders on Friday.

The baking group met to bake and eat homemade cookies on Friday afternoon.

We were fortunate to have a few prom goers drop by on Saturday afternoon in their tuxedos and gowns.

The many mothers who reside at Cedar Living Center received cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts, and visitors in honor of their special day on Sunday. Pastors Chris and Sharon Nelson of the Oberlin Covenant Church gave the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon. A Mother's Day social hour with coffee and cookies followed the service.

We remind our family and friends that we will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week all this week. Please drop in anytime to join in on the fun.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatu; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Brandon, Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Bob Heller, Palco.

Marilyn Gamblin, Jim Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Marian Dempewolf, Catherine Neal, Elwood and Jeanie May, Wendy, Garrett, Gage and Wyatt Scott, Gary Walter, Mirium Fisher, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Herb and Carol Shirley, Esther Carlson, Joyce Hartzog, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Birthdays and Anniversaries: May 11, Jason Rall, Tom Aumiller, Madison Stanton. May 12, Jennifer Radovich, Brielle Grace Eatherly, Dan Shuler, Tom and Jan Juenemann, Ramona Shaw. May 14, Mason Mumm, Micah Goscha. May 15, Terry Preston. 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. May 21, Dennis and Marla Rogers. May 22, Karen Shaw, Wade Zodrow. May 23, Steve and Sara Juenemann, Dylan Spresser. May 24, Ashley Stevenson, Jeffery Benoit, Tom and Maureen Bruggeman.

School at Golden Plains schools finished the school year Tuesday. Hope everyone enjoys the summer vacation!

The 19th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show will be June 3 in downtown Selden. Events for the day include: a horse shoe pitching contest; barrel roll competition; stationary baler demonstrations; kiddie tractor pull; washer drop competition; parade; barbecue at lunch; live music; crafts in the Selden Community Center; and, of course, antique tractors and classic cars. Plan to come early and enjoy the day. Bring lawn chairs to ensure

you have a place to sit.

Watch the paper for more info on when the library's Summer Reading Program starts as well as the kids softball program.

On May 6 the American Legion Auxiliary held a tribute to the Vietnam Veterans and medals were given to over 30 veterans from the area. The program drew a full house as people came to pay tribute to the veterans. Refreshments followed the program.

On May 3, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Lillian Sulzman won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Gail Mumm got low and Edna Schiltz had the most Jacks. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Ralph Weis, Matt Finnesy, Betty James, Paulie Neff, Ann Hazlitt, Wilma Ritter, Carl Mumm, Helen Karls and Bernita Aumiller.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Cameron Nedland graduated Saturday morning, May 12, from Kansas State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in economics and a certificate of investment management. His parents, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, attended the commencement ceremonies held at Bramlage Coliseum, Manhattan.

Joanne Wendelin, Ladd Wendelin, and Rory Wendelin attended the University of Kansas 140th Annual Commencement doctoral hooding ceremony at the Lied Center in Lawrence on Saturday, May 12, in which Greta Wendelin was invested in her hood by her advisor, Dave Tell of the Communications Department, and received her doctorate in communication studies.

Greta's doctoral dissertation was entitled, "The Genealogy of the Prostitute: Defining and Disciplining Prostitution Through Journalism in Victorian England, 1809-1886." Also attending were Igor Perel and his mother, Rita Perel, Overland Park; Bruce Wendelin, Herndon; and Greta and Igor's friends, Jeff and Jan Jenkins, Olathe, formerly teachers in Jennings.

Norman Wendelin spent the weekend with Pat and Elvera Wendelin of Lindsborg and made the acquaintance of his new great-niece, Anna Christina Erickson.

Nolan May graduated Sunday morning, May 13, from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business management and leadership in the School of Business with

a concentration in entrepreneurship. He was honored Sunday afternoon with a reception at the home of his parents, Richard and Delayne May.

Anna Seeber Shaw and her dog, Beast, ran in the 15 1/2 mile Half Marathon race Saturday, May 5, in Larkspur, Colo.

Erin May won three gold medals at the Norton track meet Saturday. She set a personal record in the mile running it at 6:57 and also won the 200 meter and long jump events.

Among those in the annual Decatur Community High School Junior-Senior Promenade Saturday evening were senior Tyler Shields, juniors Kaylee May, Cassidy Shields, Elizabeth Nedland, Ryan May, Zach May, and their dates.

Mitch and Roxanne Bartels, Phillipsburg, were Saturday evening supper guests of Roland and Pam May after watching Zach May and Regan Bartels and the other youths promenade down main street. Hannah May is a sophomore and was a server at the Junior Senior Prom.

Walter and Betty May, Robert May, Cole May, Roland and Pam May and Hannah, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Roger and Susan May and Erin, and Hunter and Rhianon Nedland and Liam celebrated Mother's Day at an area restaurant Sunday noon.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, Jessica Bremer, and John and Dianne Bremer enjoyed a Mother's Day brunch at the LandMark Inn Sunday morning after church services.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Outreach Clinic schedule is as follows: Tuesday afternoons May 22, Dr. Albert will see patients; June 5, Sean Conroy will be here, and June 19, Lynnette Ward will be at Jennings. Dorothy Vacura is at the Jennings Clinic on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. taking blood pressure readings.

The Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday May 26 at 6:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations were to be made by May 15. Several locations are available for class reunions. Much of the school history is in the museum and is available for viewing. The museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 26, and after the banquet. To schedule other hours, contact Neoma Tacha, (785) 678-2470.

Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day services are held at 10 a.m. at the Big Timber Cemetery. At 12:30 p.m. a potluck dinner is held at the senior center. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the meal. On Monday, May 28, Memorial Day services will be held at the Jennings Cemetery.

Rudo Dozva from Zimbabwe was guest speaker Sunday, Mother's Day, at the United Methodist churches in Dresden and Jennings. Kathy and Paul Nauer were the host family. On Saturday, they took Rudo to the farm. She was excited about riding the tractor with the Nauers. Each mother at church Sunday was given a flowering plant.

The Jennings City Council met Thursday evening, May 10, at the Senior Center. Three council members, Rick Foster, Pat Hall and Louise Cressler; City Clerk Paula Krizek and Mayor Marge Hartzog were present.

Among the concerns discussed were dogs at large. The City Ordinance states dogs are to be in a pen or on a leash at all times, including when you are walking with your dog. Owners are to keep their dogs out of people's yards. It was brought to the council's attention that some dogs are being let out at night and getting into people's trash. Yards which have not been mowed was also discussed. Some owners will be contacted to mow or hire someone to mow these yards.

"The Children" entertaining at the Sunflower Senior Center after the potluck supper Tuesday evening was enjoyed by the seniors, the other children and their parents. Children singing several songs were; Candace, Sidney, Rayna and Quinnley Taylor; Jayden Fenner; Abby and Madison DuBois, and Jordan and Taryn Fleckenstein. Diane Carter is the director of the singing group.

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

Children's Reading Program was held May 12 at the Jennings City Library. A good time was had making kites and reading stories.

Mother's Day weekend guests of Lila Jennings were Marcia Casey and Marlene Hounshell, Denver, and Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo. Other visitors were Frances Bader, Hays; and Brett Jennings, Bobby Klingenstein and Rhonda Jennings, Oberlin.

Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum regular meeting was held May 3 at the Royal Neighbor Hall. Neoma Tacha, presided with directors Mike Tacha, Doyle Brown, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith present. The tax reports were sent in to the state. The insurance premiums were paid on the museum and Heritage Park. The group had prepared the wood trim on the Shimmick building for repainting before the regular meeting. The board will have a work session soon to finish cataloging items.

The museum will be open during Memorial weekend from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday and after the Alumni Banquet. Our next regular meeting will be at 2 p.m. on June 7.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary held a meeting on May 1. President Neoma Tacha led the flag salute. Chaplain Rachel Carter gave the prayer. Others present were Lila Jennings, Dona Mrstik and Ann Szeweistis. Neoma and Lila reported on the 6th District Convention they had attended at Norton on April 21. Next year's convention will be in Colby. The group prepared poppy arrangements for the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Mother's Day weekend guests of Esther Noren and Steve and Connie Noren and family were Larry and Judy Thelander and Lori Seaman, Salina; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; and Doyle Seaman, Abilene.

Clara Kindi Grafel, infant daughter of Ben and Mariah Grafel, was dedicated during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther. Grandparents attending were Kyle and Cindi Grafel and Greg and Gwen Jones. Great-grandparents were Don and Joan Grafel and Melinda Carlson. Ruth Tucker, her great-great-grandmother, was also present.

Samantha Anderson will present her senior recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin on her French horn. She will also sing with the senior trio. She is the daughter of Richard and Maureen Anderson.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy attended the kindergarten graduation for their granddaughter, Jordyn

Beckman, at the Grinnell Grade School last Tuesday. They were Mother's Day supper guests of Stan and Tammy McEvoy on Wednesday. Others present were Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan, Jordyn, Spencer and Griffin, and Lonnie and Mary McEvoy and Shane.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields were last Monday supper guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Mother's Day brunch guests of Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will, Sophia and Josie in Atwood. They attended graduation receptions in the afternoon for Jason Sis at the Atwood American Legion and for Alex Helms at the Prairie Development Center.

Rex Olson of Boulder, Colo., was a weekend guest of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. They joined Brandon and Sarah White of Gardner, Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, and Spencer Rose of Hoxie for Mother's Day dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Joyce Sumner reported that her son Larry is in a hospital in Florida for treatment of blood clots. We pray his situation will be better the next time we hear. Joyce says she got her share of cards, calls, gifts and flowers for Mother's Day. Greg and Von took her to dinner.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the high school graduation for her great-niece, Sierra Ulrich, Sylvan Grove. The reception and party were in the home of her parents, Malcom and Sally Ulrich. Other guests were Tim, Jolene and Clinton of Quinter, Kip, Danielle and Colton of Glen Elder, Al and Charlotte Snyder of Jewell, and Tom Chestnut of Alabama. All attended the graduation and had a mini-family reunion. On Kathy and Lloyd's way home they hit a deer south of Dean Jolly's place; not too much damage done.

June Jolly, Louis and Laveda McFarland and Megan were the guests of Linda McFarland. June made

a May basket for her neighbors, and they had never heard of May baskets. Most moms have made them, I'm sure. June has gone to sales, played cards, and is making a baby quilt.

Gary Anthony took Cathy out for Mother's Day dinner on Sunday. He has an appointment with his heart doctor on Wednesday.

Liberty-Star Club met at the home of Veda Wood last Wednesday with Carolyn Plotts, Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers, Joyce Price, Babe Hawkins, Sandy Gade, Carol Moye and guest, Brandi Cohart. Carolyn gave the program on the origins of Mother's Day and Joyce had the activity.

It's time for proms and graduations. I went to Oberlin and watched great-granddaughter, Emily Bader, promenade.

Thank you for the flowers, cards, calls, gifts and loving thoughts for my birthday and Mother's Day.