

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1887
High winds and warm weather were the rule last week.
E.E. Stewart received \$5000 for this 240-acre tract of land.
H.S. Beardsely has painted his fence and now has the finest fence in the city.
Elmwood Post G.A. R. will observe decoration day at Shibboleth.
E.E. Stewart has sold his farm and crops to J. J. Boiles.
Bill Bebb, John Bebb, Ed Patchin, Ned May, Rush Swift, Mont Chapin, Ran Moulton, Frank Maston and Mr. Whitsey are members of one of our ball teams. They will lay out a diamond west of town on the Cole addition and settle down to some hard practice before testing the metal of foreign teams.
The people in the vicinity of Herndon have hopes of the B. & M. making that place an important point in their Beaver Valley extension.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1912
High School commencement was held at the Opera House May 16 with Dr. Charles H. Keyes of New York City giving the address. The list of graduates:
Classical: Fred Bremer, Faye Dean, Maye Heston, Ivis Moser, Angie McMullen, Rena Palmatier, Helen Parker, Helen Scott.
Commercial: Floyd Clark, Hugh Cramer, Edna Ireland, William McCalla, Orville Walton.
Normal Training: Maye Alstrom, Dorothy Bigelow, Bernice Blickenstaf, Effie Sage, Alma Tacha.
Charley Cook has a new motorcycle to use on his rural mail route.
The frosts of last week seemingly did not damage the fruit prospects.
Harvey Street and Ray Vernon left Saturday for the State of Washington to make their fortune.
Will McCalla has accepted a position in the Benton-Smith Abstract Company office.
Ray Yarnell of this city has been elected editor of the college paper, the Washburn Review.
Wednesday morning when we started work writing news items our Royal typewriter would not work and on investigating were startled to see a rat's tail swing out from under the machine. It gives just a

crawly feeling every time we think about it since.
75 YEARS AGO — May 1932
Attendance at the annual DCHS Alumni Banquet was down due to a dust storm Friday evening with places set for 284 persons at the City School gym. Alumni president J.R. Betts, Class of '15, presided over the business meeting at which the following officers were elected: N.W. Rogers, '07, president; Raymond Lippelmann, '37, vice-president; Velma Logan, '32, secretary and Nelle Railsback Baker, '17, treasurer.
Mr. and Mrs. James Ruzicka are the parents of a baby daughter, Beverly Carol, born last Thursday at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

Ed Helmkamp, prominent farmer of Liberty Township, became the first farmer in the county to own a tractor powered with a diesel motor. The J.C. Nitsch Implement Company delivered one of the large Caterpillar R-D4 diesel tractors Tuesday and Mr. Helmkamp put the machine to work at once.
John Laidig was one of 14 boys graduating from high schools in Kansas to receive a coveted Summerfield scholarship at the University of Kansas. He is the second student from DCHS in the past five years to receive the award, the other being Harold Dyer.
Few people probably realize that the number of graduates from DCHS this year, 78, is larger than many towns with larger populations.
Two new grade school teachers have been hired to replace Miss Berta Frickey who plans to be married and Mrs. Maye Banta who plans to attend college for advanced work. Miss Gladys Smith, who has taught five terms of rural school will replace Miss Frickey and Miss Joy McKee of Salina will replace Mrs. Banta.
Jennings: Nearly 600 members of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges were registered at the meeting Northwest Kansas IOOF Association meeting held May 6. Nearly 30 lodges were represented.
In order to interest the boys at Jennings in the game of golf, Ray Birdsall has been hired as instructor and 17 boys have started. A similar class has been started in Norcat. A last "get-together" in the form of

a cooperative wiener roast was held at the home of Marguerite Roach the evening of May 18. After the supper the entire group went roller skating. Guests were Mary Smith, Eunice Anderson, Frieda Moore, Eileen Landau, Helene Wurm, Cletis Gilbert, Marian Pfrimmer, Lorene Sproul, Dorothy Sproul and Geraldine Paddock.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1962
An estimated 600 alumni attended the annual banquet held Friday evening at the DCHS gymnasium. Lynn Johnson, Class of '56, was elected president; Jerry Fidele, Class of '59, vice president; Mrs. Kay (Margaret Young) Martin, class of 1960, secretary and Mrs. Roger (Veanna VanVleet) Orr, class of 1952, treasurer.
Tuesday morning the Allen Wurm farm 8 miles north and east of Oberlin in Sherman Township received approximately four inches of hail.
The Rev. Ray Bressler, minister of the Oberlin Methodist Church for the past five years, will leave Oberlin to become minister of the Methodist Church at Harper. The Rev. Herman Feldman, 57, minister at the Halstead Methodist Church, has been appointed to the Oberlin church.
Janice Laidig, recent International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Chile, will speak at a public meeting at the DCHS auditorium the evening of June 4.
L.F. Cushenbery flew to Washington, D.C., and then on to New York City on business. While in New York City he will visit his daughter, Sally.

Bob DeMay, DCHS pole vaulter, tied for fourth place in his event at the State Class A track meet at Manhattan last week. DeMay's top vault was 11 feet, 6 inches.
Midway: The community was saddened last week to learn of the sudden passing of Gilbert Stean Olson as a result of a heart attack. We extend sympathy to his wife, Evelyn and his two children, Jerry and Janice.
Sunday evening May 6 at the Federated Church in Oberlin was the scene of the wedding of Karen Ann Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore, and Roger Ely, son of Mrs. Orin Ely of McCook. The Rev. Charles Scott officiated.

Allison; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hickert last week sold their half-section farm to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stephens.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1987
Nearly 500 DCHS alumni returned for the annual banquet which was served at the DCHS cafeteria. Dr. Gary Fredrickson presided over the business meeting and recognized those who had come the greatest distance: Marjorie (Rhodes) Myers, Class of 1937, Costa Rica; James Ater, 1947, and Crichton Roberts, 1962, Hawaii and Jim and Sandra (Bearley) Allen, 1962, Guam. The centerpiece was presented to Bob and Bertha Kelley who had ridden their bicycles from Wauconda, Ill., for the reunion of the Class of 1947.
Three members of the Class of 1917 were present: Clara (Tacha) Carper and Bertha (Tacha) Brock, Jennings, and Doris (Willard) Pool, Norcat.

New Arrivals: Angela and Melvin Lee Juenemann, Norton, son, Paul Daniel, 5-18-87; Theresa and Russell Cressler, Clayton, son, Preston Lee, 5-19-87; Judy and Glen Stragey, Oberlin, daughter, Ashley Dawn, 5-20-87; Evelyn and Chris McDiffett, Norton, daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, 5-22-87.
A team composed of Steve Aten, Dick Ahlberg and Kevin Brown of Oberlin and John Windscheffel of Smith Center took the top spot in the 36-hole golf tournament at the Oberlin Country Club Saturday and Sunday in which 24 teams were entered.
The Red Devil girls track team placed 7th in Class 3A at the State Track Meet in Wichita. The 4x100m relay team composed of Catherine Braden, Kristy Unger, Lauri O'Toole and Jeni Peter captured second place with a time of 50.9; Jody Gaskill placed third in the 3200-meter run and Laurie O'Toole was sixth in the high jump.
In boys events Darren Horn placed third in the 1600-meter run and fifth in the 3200 meters; Kent Winder took fourth in the shot put with a mark of 47'11" and sprinter Greg Unger placed sixth in the 100-meter dash.
A court of honor ceremony was held for Eagle Scout Trever Frickey, son of Willard and Jackie Frickey.

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dropped in for awhile to enjoy visiting with the group. Edith and Dianne are granddaughters of Lela (Lemman) Reznor who was a sister of Russell Lemman.
Karli Fredrickson was honored with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin, hosted by Norma Unger, Colleen Rittmann, Karen Bailey and daughters, and Heather Williams. Among those attending were Dianne Bremer, Jan Badsy, and Darci Unger.
Kelly Olson, Manhattan, was a weekend guest of her parents, Jerry and Connie Olson. Stean Olson, Hays, was a Sunday visitor at the Olson home.
Others from our community graduating from Decatur Community High School with anniversary year alumni celebrations were Ralph Unger (1962), Melvin Waterman (1967), Edith Carlson Tate (1967), Janice May Cundiff (1972), Richard May (1972), Roland May (1977), Lynette Mines Salvo (1977), Stephanie Unger Blau (1987), Jennifer Stallman Crawford (2002) and Regan Badsy (2007).

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Decatur Community High School music students came at noon last Monday for one last visit before the end of the school year. We really appreciate Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Tally for sharing these talented students with us each year.

The Reading Buddies came for one last time on Tuesday morning. These students from Mrs. Tacha's second grade class have been a charming addition to our schedule twice a month and we will miss them. We would encourage any of the children to stop by for a visit over the summer.

Valerie Albert and Fiona visited the residents recently. Fiona is a very loving and well-behaved toy poodle. She was a big hit with everyone.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon. Everyone had a great time singing all the old favorites. We ended our time by singing patriotic songs in honor of Memorial Day.

The bingo players had a lively game on Tuesday afternoon. Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray assisted.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon to try a game of bowling. The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to decorate bird houses. There was a game night on Thursday.

The baking group whipped up a batch of homemade sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. Warm cookies never stick around long enough to cool off.

Alumni events and the Memorial Day holiday brought in lots of extra visitors over the weekend and a few of the residents were able to get out to some of the area cemeteries and other events over the weekend.

Recent visitors: Carolyn and Ethan Cook, Bayfield, Colo.; Mike and Rich Noble, Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Kathy Shaffer, Jeanine Haag, Jim Helm, McCook; Kathy Brashears, Culbertson; Dolores Lawson, Hayes Center, Neb.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Bob and Audrey Law, Garden City; Ellen, Martin and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Julee Fisher, Marilyn Fisher, Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Arris and Virginia Johnson, Hays; Bailey Wolf, Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; Mike, Deb, Matthew, and Timothy Helm, Virgil and Joyce Price, Norcat; Juliann and Jaelynn Sis, Delpha Sis, Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Jalynn Shaw, Selden.

Carol Kompus, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Connie Olson, Jerry Baker, Mirium Fisher, Penny and Robert Fringer, Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

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Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Myrtle Ross and Violet Schissler enjoyed Coleen Rippe reading about the events of past alumni happenings. Some of them were mentioned by name in the article. From there they made their way to Town Square for Social Hour. The whole dining room smelled of fresh oranges.
Bible Study finished the "One Another" study, and are anxious to begin "Knowing God's Name." Walt and Betty May, Leona Helmkamp, Connie Cramer, Phil Erickson, Amy Rehm, Eva Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Violet Schissler and Leone Porsch come every week.
Memorial Day brings lots of visitors: Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**, Peggy Carman (Hoxie) and Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**, Connie and Johnnie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**, Carol Duncan and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**, Pam Gassmann and Dylan with Julia Otter (Hays) for **Leone Porsch**, Marvin and Sharon Sblabaugh and Andrea Southard, Brad and Colton Simonsson (Wamego) and Aris and Virginia Johnson (Hays) for **Opal Bryan**, Bernice Sevier (Denver), Ralph and Norma Unger, Linda Schwab (Hays), Darrell and Mary Landau for **Earl Brown**, Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**, Elda Youngs (McCook), Ralph and Norma Unger and Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**, Donna and Dick Kelley, Kirk Kelley (Davenport, Iowa) Paul and Debbie Babcock, Gwen and Garrett Pepper (Topeka) for **Eva Bryan**, Darrell and Mary Landau and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**, Cheryl Miller for **Lorene Schrock**, Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**, Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**, Jody Betts for **Phil Erickson** and **Margaret Vacura**.

Perry's wonderful address.
David Wood, of Stroud, Okla., came Thursday evening and left Sunday morning. He brought a trailer, did some work at the farm, hauled a few implements back with him, and visited as many as he could in the time he had.
Toots Magers was visited by Keith Anthony, Keith's nephew, George and Camilla Anthony and their daughter, Valerie, all of San Antonio, Texas; David Wood, Charlie and Judy Easton and Jane Engelhardt. On Monday, Rea and Dee Magers took her to the Memorial Services at Lebanon, Neb.
June Jolly attended the Norcat Memorial and the get-together at the Methodist Church Educational Building. Joyce Sumner went to both the Lyle and Norcat festivities.
Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen came to the Norcat Memorial Service and visited at the Methodist Educational Building. They visited with Donna Knutson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, David Knutson of Omaha, and Sarah Knutson, agriculture teacher from McCook.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin Shields and Zach May competed at State Track Friday and Saturday at Wichita State University. Tyler and Zach were on the 4x800 relay team that took first place. They also set a new school record and for the second year in a row they took the State championship in this event. Tyler and Zach were also on the 4x400 relay team that took fourth place. Tyler placed 10th in the 2 mile and 14th in the mile; Cassidy placed sixteenth in the 300 hurdles and her 4x400 relay team took seventh place. Caitlin's 4x800 relay team took fifth place and she placed 14th in the mile. Those in the top seven places in their events medaled at State.
Elizabeth Nedland, Hannah May, Cassidy Shields, Ryan May and Zach May were among the DCHS Singers singing the National Anthem at State Track.
Gaylord and Shirley Shields spent Friday and Saturday at State Track to watch their grandchildren compete. Meeting there were Stan and Deanie Moore who also watched their grandson, Brady Moore, compete. Following State Track, the Moores were Memorial Day visitors of Gaylord and

Shirley.
Jennifer (Shaw) Harshman and Isaac, Cedar Point, arrived Thursday to spend a few days visiting her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw; grandparents, Ralph and Violet Shaw; the Joel Shaw family; other relatives and friends. They returned home Tuesday morning.
Martin and Evelyn (Reith) May, both from the class of 1942, attended their 70th alumni class reunion festivities over the Memorial Day weekend in Oberlin.
Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, were Memorial Day weekend guests of her parents, Ralph and Norma Unger.
Allen and Neta (Wurm) Jeffus were Memorial weekend visitors of her sister, Wilma May, and attended her 55th class reunion with the Decatur Community High School class of 1957.
Pastor Rick Langness, Larned, was a Friday visitor of Norman and Joanne Wendelin; and Pat and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg, were Saturday visitors of Norman and Joanne on their way to their class reunions in Herndon.
Saturday evening dinner guests of Ken and Jan Badsy were their children Paula Gnad, Christopher

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Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Over the summer, the Decatur Health Systems board will be forming a strategic planning committee to help guide the direction the operation wants to move.
Board member Ruth Wolfram made the proposal at a board meeting on Monday, May 21, in response to changing numbers in health care here, statewide and across the nation.
Inpatient care is less popular, and those numbers are down. Patients prefer to stay at home whenever possible. At the same time, the use of specialists is increasing. Right now, Decatur Health has three cardiologists, a surgeon, a urologist, an oncologist and magnetic resonance

imaging (MRI) and sonogram providers who come here to serve our patients. Two more oncologists from North Platte will be added to the roster shortly, once they are licensed to practice in Kansas.
The committee will be looking into seeing whether expanding the specialist coverage would be warranted, and which areas need expansion first. The hospital here has the updated equipment, such as the new computerized tomography (CT) scanner, as well as the qualified support staff that specialists need. Decatur Health is equipped with an interactive television system, which is basically a high-quality camera setup. Patients can consult with

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Right now, the use of this system is being expanded to include patients who need pain management. Instead of having to drive to Kearney each month, they now can come to the hospital and use the television system for a consult, saving them both time and fuel costs. The committee will be looking at the resources such as these that are already in place, and then look for the areas that will need to be filled in as needs change to ensure that we're ready for the future.
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