

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — July 1903

H. A. Griffith went to the farm Sunday, returning Monday. Al said he counted 30 machines cutting grain on his way home and none of them were more than a mile from the road.

Mr. Millen, the stage driver, says there was a bad hailstorm at Dresden on Monday evening, breaking many window panes and destroying much of the standing grain. Many teams ran away and a number of horses were injured by running into wire fences.

Norcatur: There was an automobile in our city one day last week. Some of the ladies got a ride for the asking.

One farmer thinks the cheapest way out of his big wheat crop would be to turn it over to his hired help, as such enormous prices are being charged not much will be left for the farmer's family after expenses are paid.

Just as the storm was approaching on Saturday, there was a grand rush for the livery barns.

Frank Cathcart was in town Saturday. Frank has planted 10 acres of popcorn and expects to supply the whole county with pops this year.

A carload of telephone poles were unloaded here last week. We understand they are to be used to build a line from here to Hoxie, by a company of Oberlin capitalists. Selden Independent

75 YEARS AGO — July 1928

Two Oberlin young men were called in death this past week.

Milo Coldren died July 19 at the age of 22 of cancer, that dread enemy of human life. He had grown up in the Herald office and it was our dream that some day we might hand down the paper to Milo as our father did to us but those dreams have been swept away by his death. Funeral services were held at the Federated Church with the Rev. Wm. Heiskell officiating and his sermon was comforting and to our way of thinking, appropriate. Pallbearers were special friends of the deceased: Dr. A. J. Thomsen, Harold Metcalf, Loy and George McMullen, Russell Anderson and Elmer Carmen.

Funeral services were held July 24 at the Federated Church for Richard Dale Wilbur who died of complications following an operation for appendicitis at the age of 19. His schoolmates were pallbearers: Denzil Gill, Tommy McKay, Ward

Claar, Carl Nicodemus, Howard Edwards and Lee Reeves. The Boy Scouts had a special service at the grave.

An auto trip Sunday to Atwood, Trenton, McCook and back proves to us that Decatur County has better crops than the adjoining territory. Crops are immense all the way but we believe the finest piece of corn we saw is on the Smith place two miles north of Oberlin. While in Atwood we inspected their lake and must admit that Atwood has it on its neighboring towns in that particular area as it is an ideal pleasure spot for swimming and fishing in the summer and skating in the winter and is an attraction that Atwood can well be proud of.

A vaudeville troupe, Art Vance and Company of New York City, will appear at the opera house Friday and Saturday night in addition to the regular picture show, Zane Grey's "Open Range."

Allison News: Ben Bowman, wife and baby daughter spent Sunday at the Perrin home.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1953

At a meeting of the Forestry Fish and Game Commission of Kansas held recently, the Commission authorized the raising of the Sappa State Lake spillway. Many were in favor of dredging the lake but the Commission felt this would be a very costly project.

Dean Fringer has sold his grocery business located at 210 North Penn Avenue to Mrs. Clarence Bailey who has been employed part-time in the store. The Fringers have been assisted by Minnie Hitchcock and Miss Shirley Jones, both of whom will continue working.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison, a daughter, Susan Kay, July 16; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wenger, Selden, a son, Norbert Kent, July 21; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Macy, Spokane, Wash., a son, Gregory Marlo, June 29; Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Meixner, a son, Loyd Elmer, July 21.

Air-conditioned Buick Roadmasters have been delivered this past week by Nitsch & Nitsch to H. U. Leitner of Atwood and Jay Padcock of Oberlin

Mrs. Ernest Nemeth assisted by Dianne and by Mary Lou Woodward entertained Sunday afternoon July 12 in honor of Kathy Nemeth on her third birthday.

Miss Lois May Diederich,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Diederich of Cedar Bluffs and a graduate of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1951, was married June 20 to John Edward Jordan of New Canaan, Conn. The couple will make their home at Lake Kitchawan, N.Y.

Mrs. Henry Hahn and Mrs. Glynn Shaw entertained with a bridal shower honoring Miss Patsy Sanders who will become the bride of Don Ater on July 28.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson announce the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Kay, to Raymond Thompson Carpenter of Yates Center. Miss Simpson graduated this spring with a degree in music education from the University of Kansas. Her fiance is a junior at Kansas University majoring in engineering physics. The wedding date is Aug. 16

25 YEARS AGO — July 1978

Although the official recording was 106 degrees on Monday, main street observers saw the bank temperature sign blink a "109" shortly after 5 p.m.

Nadine Simpson, wife of Oberlin surgeon, Dr. Robert Simpson,

joined the staff of The Oberlin Herald this week as news writer and reporter, working on a part-time basis. She is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and Syracuse University School of Journalism. The Simpson family lives at 609 W. Sappa

Merle Snyder bowled a high of 267 in league competition at Centennial Bowl last week.

An open house will be held July 29 at Sappa Valley Manor to honor Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orr on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Construction of the concrete block facility which will house the new Coast-to-Coast store has been completed according to Rex Lohoefer, owner and builder.

Don Harrier Jr., this week purchased the Hayward Oil Co., Inc., which operates bulk plants from AMOCO in Oberlin and Herndon. Harrier has been associated with the firm since March, 1976, and has purchased the interest of L. L. Hayward who has operated the Oberlin site since 1949, both as Standard agent and jobber.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gawith, a son, Matthew Mike, July 14, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Let's go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

It has been an interesting week at the museum. We had quite a few guests coming in from the states of Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado, and from our own great state of Kansas. They were impressed with what they had seen after touring all the buildings on the grounds.

For research this week we have worked on Fees, Silvers, Dixon, and Bryant. We found that Frank Fees lived in Olive township for 34 years from 1911-1945; Silvers came to Decatur County in 1881 and homesteaded in Logan township near Traer; Dixon lived in the Norcatur area and J.W. Dixon tended the Farmers Telephone Company switchboard for over 16 years and died in March of 1922; and Bowater Bryant and family moved to the Norcatur area in 1887. In March of 1916 he died and no funeral service was held on account of there being scarlet fever in his home, but being a Civil War vet the old soldiers had charge of the burial

in the Norcatur Cemetery.

Gary Guinn came in and took time to go through our unidentified pictures and gave some of them names. Jim Bryan was in and shared information on the Traer Cemetery. He told us that there were 91 infants buried in the two cemeteries with many of them unmarked.

With the help of Suzanne Kannarr and Joy Votapka, I have been adding to the Decatur County web site some of Marian Cathcart's newsletters that she compiled and typed during World War II that were sent to the men and women serving our country from Decatur County. This is wonderful information about what was happening in the county and about the men and women serving during wartime. You can read these online by going to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/decatur/index.html>, then click on the link to the newsletters. We have most of the originals in our files at the museum.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Earnest Huff had to return to the hospital on Sunday evening, July 13, then was taken by ambulance to North Platte, Neb., for some further tests. He was returned to the Decatur County Hospital and remains a patient there.

Aaron Helm had been doing some grass mowing for him, and Mr. Huff brought him to the home of John and Helen Helm and spent some time visiting. Aaron visited Mr. Huff in the hospital on Tuesday.

John and Helen Helm met their daughter, Kathy Brashears of Curtis, Neb., at church services in Indianola, Neb., Sunday and they had dinner together at a McCook cafe. By chance they got to share a table with Helen's cousin, Gladys Calvin, Bette Jo Tompkins and a friend. Kathy helped her parents with grocery shopping before returning home.

The visit of Mrs. Pat Ault-Duell, the United Methodist District Superintendent, prompted an informal meeting of the Lyle United Methodist Women at the Community Building on Tuesday afternoon. Present were Pastor Charles Keller and his wife, Inez; Mrs. Joyce Sumner, Mrs. Margaret Magers, Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, and Mrs. Veda Wood.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. June Jolly visited Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb. The nieces of Mr. Cozad and Mrs. Magers, Shirley May of Colorado and Shanna Netzel of California, had walked to the Cozad home for a visit. Cards were played later at the Senior Center.

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday for their regular meeting with Mrs. Veda Wood as hostess. Mrs. Margaret Magers gave the lesson, "Restorative Justice." Others present were Pastor Keller and Inez, Mrs. Pat Schwab, Mrs. Joyce Sumner, Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, and Mrs. June Jolly. The lesson caused a lively conversation.

Mrs. Veda Wood accompanied her daughter, Carol Moye, to Grinnell on Thursday to visit Larry and Sandra McNames in their new home.

On Thursday, the Lyle United

Methodist Women were in charge of the birthday party at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Mrs. Schwab had baked special cakes in ice cream cups, and ice cream was also served. Pastor and Mrs. Keller brought the hymn books from church and they had a sing-a-long with the residents with Mrs. Schwab at the piano. Several visited Audrey Lyon in his room and Mrs. Schwab had a nice visit with her uncle, Harold Frickey. Other ladies present were Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Fullerton. Some called on Earnest Huff at the hospital.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers returned to Cedar Living for the dance, with music provided by the Vic Mowry Band. After having supper with John and Carol Moye, Mrs. Wood joined the ladies at Cedar Living Center.

Mrs. Magers was a guest of Mrs. Schwab on Wednesday for chicken dinner at the Fence Post Cafe in Lebanon, Neb., and shared their table with John and Helen Helm.

On Friday, July 11, Jaime Helm and the foster children, Brandon and Maurice, brought fresh vegetables from their garden and stayed for a hamburger with Grandpa and Grandma Helm. On Wednesday Deb Helm, Timothy and Jacob brought more vegetables and spent the morning at the farm. Early that evening Mike Helm and Jacob returned to finish a water project in the yard that they had begun on Tuesday evening.

Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, and her granddaughter, Carolyn Cook, were overnight guests of the Helms on Thursday evening.

The Mike Helm family picked up John and Helen Helm Friday evening and took them to Indianola, Neb., for the wedding rehearsal for Maria Helm and Derek Downer. John and Helen Helm and Aaron and Jacob Helm were among the guests at the rehearsal dinner, hosted by Derek's parents at a McCook cafe.

Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo., arrived at the John Helm home Friday evening especially for the wedding of Maria and Derek on Saturday evening.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went to Hays on Friday evening, July 11, for the installation of Charles Reese as the new Rotary International district governor.

Over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter, Wes and Weston Bainter, Norma Tice, and Judy Gaumer went to Cheyenne, Wyo., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Bainter and their daughter, Donelle.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Tanner Schmidt, son of Joe and Vicky Schmidt, who was among those selected to play on the West team at the Kansas Shrine Bowl on Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The team will also visit Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, participate in a parade and hear Frank Broyles, coach at the University of Arkansas, at a banquet on Friday evening. Tanner is a 2003 graduate of Atwood High School. His grandparents are LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt and Irene Vap of Atwood.

The Rev. Gene Shoemaker will

speak at the 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Recent visitors of Francis and Florine Hurst were Fred Morgan and friend, Nancy, of Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Hurst was a guest recently of Marlene Erickson for tea in her new sun room.

Detta Anderson was honored, belatedly, with a birthday supper at the home of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe on Thursday in observance of her 70th birthday. Her cake was baked by Samantha and Gabe An-

derson. Invited guests were Jerry and Montine Alstrom, Eva Bryan, Gary Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, and Elden and Detta Anderson.

Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson took Mrs. Anderson for lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn.

Visitors of Wesley and Eulaine Benda from last Monday to Wednesday were Stacy, Mitchell and Marshall Pike of Stelzenberg, Germany, and Losson and Leanne Pike of Ashland. Capt. David Pike is stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. Additional supper guests on Tuesday were the Mark Olson

family and Gerald and Patti Benda.

Tyler Witt, Kurt Olson and Mary Lou Olson went out for supper on Wednesday in McCook to celebrate Tyler's 16th birthday.

Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth were weekend visitors of Willard and Esther Noren and the Steve and Connie Noren family.

Dick and Donna Kelley visited Sheldon and Brenda Kelley and girls of Frederick, Colo., and Helen Jaderborg and family of Longmont, Colo., over the weekend. All attended the annual "Breakfast in the Mountains" on Sunday.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Wheat harvest is over but with the extremely hot weather our dryland crops are drying up. To be a farmer, you have to be a gambler. They don't hit the jackpot until the crop is harvested.

The Social Hour Club met Wednesday at the Barn with Deb Stepper as hostess. There were 12 present with two guests, Ruth Luna and Peg Greenwood. Robber bingo winners were Hulda Wark, Eileen Dible, Vesta Roth and Marg Leh. The hostess prize was won by Clea Moeder.

Denny and Marla Rogers, Selden; Mindy and Taryn Rogers, Hays; Mary Lambing, and Adam Adrian Austin, McCook; and Doris Jean Oliver attended the wedding of Jonathan Sorens and Laura Hampton July 12, in Independence, Mo.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Devesa (Dible) Hampton, and granddaughter of the late Jimmie and Eula Dible. Bill and Donna Dible also attended the wedding. Doris Jean stayed and visited the Hamptons, returning to Rexford on Wednesday afternoon.

David Fields, a 1999 Golden Plains High School graduate, has accepted a \$500 Transfer Student

scholarship to attend Fort Hays State University for the 2003-2004 academic year. He is the son of Richard and Dixie Fields, Menlo, and plans to major in web page design.

Rexford PRIDE will hold their Farmers/Flea Market at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, in the Rexford Park. A lunch stand will be provided. For details, contact Evelyn Johnson at (785) 687-3925.

On Tuesday, Rick Roth of Stockton, son of Vesta Roth, visited his mother and two of her grandsons, Jason and Eric, of Smith Center, who were also visitors.

The Barnswallows had 12 players on Monday. On Thursday there were 10 that played pinocle with the "Come on Down" group.

PRIDE had a meeting at the Rexford Park to vote on a windbreak for the flea market held at the park on the first Saturday of every month. Plans were made for the windbreak.

Creative Arts camp was held in Rexford last week at the Shepherd's staff and those attending came from as far away as Pennsylvania, Florida, and California, as well as Hays and Garden City. Our little town was buzzing for the week they were

here.

Lane and Patty Purcell attended the wedding of their daughter, Julia, in Florida. Lane's sister-in-

law died while the Purcells were in Florida. They returned to Gothenburg, Neb., to attend the funeral.

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