

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — June 1903

A carload of telephone poles came in last week for use on the phone system in town.

The old St. James Hotel which has been a noticeable landmark since 1886 is being torn down.

Blind Boone is around in this part of the state again.

George Courtney's family moved to Norcatut Wednesday taking charge of the Central Kansas switchboard at that place.

Operations are at a standstill for the present pending the arrival of a trimmer. The drillers are very sanguine of striking oil within a very few feet of where they are at now.

The Central Kansas Telephone Company has purchased the telephone system at Norton and J. H. Young has gone down to take charge.

The county high school board met and elected the following instructors: Prof. H. Q. Banta, principal, salary \$1,000; Harry Peters, instructor in history and literature, salary, \$540; Earnest VanGundy, instructor in business, \$540; one position to be filled later.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1928

Robert A. Marks is the subject of our historical sketch this week. Coming to Kansas from Ontario, Canada in 1878 he was in the general mercantile business, later a lumber yard and later his private bank was called The Bank of Oberlin and located in the brick building now owned by the telephone company. He withdrew from the business in 1888, the general collapse of real estate values having caused him to suffer severe financial loss.

Mrs. Marks died in 1896 and Mr. Marks was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Morrison who is at present is Oberlin's capable post-mistress. On coming to Oberlin the Marks family made their home on Rodehaver but later Mr. Marks traded three farms for the fine 2-story residence on Cass Avenue that had been erected by Art Allen and there the Marks family are ever glad to greet their friends.

The angel of death wielded his sickle this past week and several homes in Oberlin and the vicinity have lost loved ones: Mr. George Trometer, 77, of Dresden; Mrs. Bert Vernon, 30, of Kanona; Mrs. Oliver (Fannie June Pierce) Fringer, 27 and Mrs. Frank (Martha Ninette Vernon) Cathcart, 51.

Court House News: Mr. Oscar Fred Anderson and Miss Mable Fair, both of Oberlin, were granted

a marriage license and married by Rev. J. E. M. Chambers of the Olive Chapel Church.

Norcatut: Leslie Barnhart was over from McCook Saturday for a brief visit with relatives. We are told he was purchased by the Cleveland, Ohio, ball club from the McCook club for whom he had been pitching for several weeks.

The Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the American Legion will include: a parade; an afternoon band concert and baseball game; picture shows at the Opera House and Wigwam Theatre and boxing matches and fireworks to follow.

The following graduates of Decatur Community High School passed the state Normal Training exam: Edith Anderson, Muriel Barratt, Ivah Brown, Ethel Martin, Hazel Nelson, Genevieve Pittman, LaVelle Sears, Aleen Vernon and Mary Wade.

Prairie View: Lee Bell's little girl Laurene who was bitten by a dog afflicted with rabies is taking serum treatments administered by Dr. Smith of Norcatut.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1953

The recent Kansas Tax Journal shows that the Decatur Community High School school district has a valuation of \$10,000,000, an average daily attendance of 234 and an average cost per student at \$317.81 as compared to \$440.62 at Colby. The average tax levy among the 8 Northwest Kansas schools is 7.20 mills on a dollar while at Oberlin it is 3.29. Only Oberlin, St. Francis, Oakley and Hoxie have no bonded indebtedness.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville for Mrs. M. J. Karls, 50, who died at Norton after suffering from arthritis the past 17 years. She is survived by her husband, Mike, and three daughters.

County engineer Don Claussen speaking to Oberlin Rotary Tuesday noon reported that damage to county roads and bridges from the 8-10 inch rain which fell May 28 in the south part of the county mostly in the Prairie Dog Creek drainage area is estimated at \$100,000. Mr. Claussen added that the terracing of farm lands which holds back the water and silt run-off is very helpful in preventing road and bridge washouts.

Wilcie Robbins of Atwood won the local golf tournament Sunday finishing the 27 holes in 94, or 11 strokes under par. He was followed by Oberlin's Bobby Brown and LaVerne Denker of Nebraska, both

of whom turned in a 96.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Leitner, a daughter, Janice Marie, June 27; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eiler, a son, Ronald Charles, June 20; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Caster, a daughter, June 21; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gronewoller, a son, David Evan, June 23.

Donna Witt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witt of Cedar Bluffs, was united in marriage to Bill Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallentine of Englewood, Colo., at the Lyle Methodist Church on June 14.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1978

Farmers are counting the days until they can get into the harvest field to get what appears to be a fairly decent yield, somewhere around 30-bushels per acre.

Marion Wenger was installed as president of Oberlin Lions Club at the Thursday evening meeting held at the Downtowner. He has had a perfect attendance at Lions semi-monthly meetings since he joined in 1973.

The handbell choir of 12 girls which meets at the United Church of Oberlin under the direction of Cheryl Votapka will leave July 17 for a 10-day tour in which they will play eight concerts. Members are Kim Grose, Kelly Brown, Amy Anderson, Mary Dark, Melissa

Perrin, Patty Bryant, Merlou Lohofener, Shelley Amack, Cheri Anderson, Gay Robertson and Lynda Votapka.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Helm of Indianola, Neb., announce the engagement of their daughter, LeAnna, to Michael Dempewolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dempewolf of Oberlin. An August wedding is planned.

A ceremony May 20 at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook united in marriage Nadia Jean Schmoker and Michael Dean Schoup.

Norcatut: Mr. and Mrs. William Roe will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception June 25 at the Norcatut school.

In an errorless game with McCook Monday night the Oberlin American Legion team won 7-1 with Bryan Glenn pitching all seven innings.

Connie Jimenez and three members of the Decatur Community High School Spanish Club, Peggy Gawith, Brad Euhus and Pam Manning, returned last week from a 10-day tour of Mexico.

Funeral services were held June 17 for Kermit Hackney, 66. He was the son of George and Hattie (Ginther) Hackney and grew up in the Bassettville neighborhood. After his marriage to Bette Lorimer in 1941 the couple lived on a farm west of Oberlin.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

With harvest about ready and the weather hot and windy, Myrna and I have been enjoying our visitors. Last week we had three couples from foreign countries, as well as people from six states.

On two occasions we had guests from two parts of Germany. The German couples were touring the United States and saw our "outhouse" signs, as was the case of our visitors from South Africa.

While Myrna is reading and indexing the *Norcatut Dispatch* and *Register*, she has been finding some real interesting tidbits. These were taken from the *Norcatut Dispatch* of Jan. 9, 1919. "In order to keep her husband safe in bed until fully well of the flu, a lady took all of her husband's clothes to a neighbor for safekeeping." Some loving wife!

Also found in the same *Norcatut* paper: "The Presbyterians dropped a good many of their barriers lately, and they are not so widely divided

from many of the other popular churches now as they were a few years ago."

Another tidbit: "A preacher went at a newspaper man in this way. 'You editors do not tell the truth, if you did you could not live; the newspapers would all be failures'. The editor replied: 'You are right, and the minister who will at all times tell the whole truth about his members, dead or alive, will not occupy the pulpit more than one Sunday, and would have to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with white-wash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are the great salute making triumvirate.' And the minister turned away thinking, and the editor turned to his work and told of the surpassing beauty of the bride, when, in fact, she was as homely as a mud fence."

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Mrs. Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., and Brent and J.D. Harris, Loveland, Colo., were last weekend guests of Lila and Lawrence Jennings. They also visited at the homes of Mildred Tacha, Galen and Meme Carper, Dona and Eugene Mrstik, and Doyle and Kay Brown. Before returning to Colorado, they visited Daisy Stratton, and Bub and Dorothy Johnston, at Glen Elder.

Guests at the home of William and Rachel Carter last weekend were Ann and Dick Graner of Bethany, Mo., and Allan and Sherry Carter of Overland Park.

They came to attend the wedding of Mary Beth Stanley and Quentin Flanagan in Colby. Mary Beth is a great-niece of Rachel and William. On Sunday Ken, Julie and Becky Carter and Jesse, Megan, Clayton and Anna Carter joined them for dinner. Rachel and William were also celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ryan Musgrave, Ong, Neb., is visiting at the homes of Lawrence, Lila and Brett Jennings. Michele Jennings, Jordyn and Brendan of Chapman, were last Thursday and Friday night guests at the Jennings home.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Frank and Jean Huss were honored with a surprise supper on June 7 to help them celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. Those attending included: Ann and Bud Jensen, Carolyn and Don Warner, Omaha; Marolyn Hoffman, Gretna, Neb.; Jeff, Deb and Justin Huss, Culbertson; Bob and Linda Huss, Herndon; Greg, Brenda, Ashleigh and James Peterson, Ludell; Kent, Beth, Morgan and Travis Huss, Hays; and Gary and Donna Olson, McCook.

Those who enjoyed a cookout at the home of Damian and John Marintzer on Father's Day were

Doris Marintzer, Doug Bobinmyer, Carol and Dick Kompus, Danny Joe Leitner, the Karol Riener and Alan Solko families, and Greg Pennington, Del Solko, Don Solko and Chris and Kent Wood.

Adam Ketterl, son of David and Judy Ketterl, is one of 10 Kansas City Division students chosen to receive a scholarship from Midwest Dairy Association. A 2002 graduate of Herndon High School, he is currently attending Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland and was named to the honor roll for the spring semester in the auto tech department.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John and Edith Tate spent Wednesday and Thursday in Topeka, where John attended retirement planning meetings. They then drove to Hot Springs, Ark., to spend a few days visiting Jaron and Tara Tate before returning home on Sunday. Jay and Becky Tate left Wednesday for Wichita where Jay attended United Methodist Youthville meetings Thursday and Friday. While their parents were in Wichita, Dakota and Mollie Marie were guests of their grandmother, Linda Ryan, in Tescott. They all returned home on Saturday.

Kelly Olson played in the Mid-

America Basketball Tournament in Beloit over the weekend and returned home on Sunday.

Wayne and Lois Larson accompanied Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory to Pratt Sunday afternoon where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Larson's brother, Robert Haas, on Monday. Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, also attended the funeral. Sympathy is extended to Wayne and Lois Larson and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter May visited Wilbur and LuVerne May Sunday afternoon.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Emerick and Tanner were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and family.

Sunday after church Mr. and Mrs. David Herrmann and Sarah visited

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann.

Judy Gaumer and Ruth Bainter spent Saturday in Norton shopping.

Dan Lewis and Bill Jones of Garden City went to the regional Studebaker meeting at Grand Island.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

This community continues to have rainy weather and the roads are muddy. United Methodist Women, usually held on Wednesday, was postponed because of the roads. On Thursday, an oil semi-truck slipped off the road south of Dean Jolly's and held up traffic until they found equipment large enough to pull it out.

High school friends of Maria Helm, Sarah Jolly and Danette Sughroue, were hostesses at a bridal shower for her Saturday at the Bartley City Park. Attending from Lyle were Margaret Magers, Marguerite Fullerton, June Jolly, Helen Helm, Rhonda and Sarah Jolly, also Deb and Rebecca Helm, from Norcatut. Deb Helm was the chauffeur for some of the ladies.

Kathy Van Meter and her sister, Margaret Wilson, Parachute, Colo., who has been a houseguest, drove to Indianola, Neb., Saturday for sauerkraut pizza. Mrs. Wilson had heard so much about the pizza, she was anxious to try it. On Friday they visited the Red Roof Peddler, in Norcatut, and also met the dogs who make their home with Rea and Dee Magers.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Wilson's son, Bud and Julie and children, Cobalt and Tiffany, Westminster, Colo., arrived at the Van Meter home. They had been at a family reunion at the Lake of the Ozarks. They stayed and left Wednesday morning to return home, and to take Mrs. Wilson to her home in Parachute. Mrs. Veda Wood accompanied

Teresa Reves on June 13 to the home of Teresa's parents at Havensville. On Saturday they drove into Topeka to visit Dwight Wood, who is a student at the School for the Blind. Dwight has severely limited vision. While there, Tina and David Wood, of Omaha, came to visit Dwight and took Mrs. Wood with them to Stroud, Okla., where they have purchased acreage with a small log cabin and plan to build a home there later. Mrs. Wood pleased them by making some jam from the blackberries on their property.

David and Tina took Mrs. Wood to Canadian, Okla., to visit her sisters, Sheryl and Richard Patterson, and Dixie and Elvin Wood. She returned home to Omaha with David

and Tina, then David brought her back to Lyle Sunday.

Mrs. June Jolly drove to Norton Sunday. She and Karen Brown played cards at the Eagles Lodge in McCook, Monday. On Tuesday she attended a meeting in Norton on safety. A noon lunch was provided.

Margaret Magers played cards at the Decatur County Good Samaritan in Oberlin on Tuesday. Those playing with her were resident, Ivah Alexander, and volunteers, Ann Mines and Dewaine Stapp.

Larry Van Otterloo, Oberlin, took Marguerite Fullerton to church services at Lyle Sunday. He returned to the Fullerton home on Monday and took care of some fallen trees for her. Kathy Van Meter called on her Thursday.

Cedar Living Center

The ZCJB Lodge held their monthly meeting on the patio on Sunday afternoon, June 15.

A social hour was held on Monday afternoon to honor all of the fathers here. Ice cream was served and stories were read and told about fathers.

Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Don and Marie Thomas were supper guests on Monday at the home of Dennis and Kaylene Thomas.

Darlene Stanley won the black-out game at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Louise Nauer won the first bingo.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Resident's Council met on the patio Thursday afternoon. Plans for the Decatur County Fair in August were discussed.

Mary Uehlin attended a birthday party for her great-grandson, Chance Uehlin, on Thursday evening at the home of Mike and Jackie Elwood.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

Larry Lyon, Norcatut, and Evelyn Lyon ate lunch with A.W. Lyon on Saturday in honor of his birthday. Terry and Barbara Lyon of Wichita were guests for a pizza supper on the patio.

Monte and Marlene Rogers of McCook gave an inspirational mu-

sic program on Saturday afternoon.

Father Mathew of Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the worship service on Sunday.

Recent visitors: Curtis, Connie and Kim Meixner, Arkansas City; Glema Macy, Lebanon; Tom and Deb Ferriter, Denver; Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Jerry Temple, Larry Sumner, Larry Lyon, Norcatut; Paul and Kathy Nauer, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings; Carl Mumm, Don Ashley, Selden; Gary Matheny, McCook; Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury, Neb.;

Faye Miller, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Elaine Bryan, Duane Jording, Juanita Williby, Eula Juenemann, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dolores Koerperich, Don Stapp, Danny Uehlin, Vivian Bishop, Bernie and Othelia Vaccura, Irene Fringer, Nadean Stoney, Oberlin.

Maralyn and Rocky Courage, and Dan and Kelly Brown, Lakin, Kaitlin and Taylor of Oberlin, and Shawn and Ryan Wheelbarger of McCook, attended the wedding of Becky Courage and David Wolcott at Bolles Canyon in McCook on Saturday.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olsen

Congratulations to Fran and Violet Holle, who celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 20. Mrs. Holle is the former Violet Anderson, a native of this community. They live at Rt. 1, Box 14A, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Those who helped Elden Anderson celebrate his 75th birthday on Sunday were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe; Gary Anderson; Gordon and Norma Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, Clay and Kendra Anderson and Jennie Swart.

Matt Cisneros of San Juan, Texas, is visiting friends in the area. His father, Pastor Noel Cisneros, a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church, is serving in Iraq.

Rennie Olson of Irving, Texas, and Amalia Marks of Mulvane have been visiting Bob and Sally Olson. Young people from the Herndon Covenant Church who are attend-

ing Trailblazer Camp this week at Covenant Heights Bible Camp near Estes Park, Colo., are Rachel Grafel, Jill and Blake Bergling, Britta Noren, Noah and Mariah Jones, and Becca Reuther. Mark and Gail Bergling, and Cindi and Kyle Grafel and family took them out on Sunday.

Congratulations to Frank and Margaret McEvoy, who were honored by their children and families with a reception on Sunday at Golden Age Center in Oberlin in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary. Those who assisted were Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane; Stan and Lisa McEvoy, and Dawn and Brian Beckman and Ethan. Evan McEvoy of Grand Junction, Colo., spent the previous weekend with his parents to help them celebrate the occasion early, since he was unable to be here for the reception.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Father's Day weekend guests of Darrel and Margie Leh were their daughter, Sandra Olsson, of Amarillo, Texas.

Nine members of the Social Hour Club met on Wednesday at the Red Barn with Grace Cheney as hostess. Vesta Roth received a birthday gift from her secret pal. Bingo winners were Hulda Wark, Zula Horinek, Marg Leh and Jean Hawkins.

Rex and Betty Carswell and Eula Juenemann went to Alton on June 8 to attend the 50th anniversary celebration honoring Rex and Eula's cousins, Daryl and Wilda Carswell.

The Rexford Bridge Club met with Val Wark in Colby. Prizes were won by Joy Davis, Jo Ann Vaughn and Berneda Zoberst. Guests were Helen Karls, Selden, and Doris Oliver, Rexford. The next meeting will be with Berneda Zoberst on July 9.

Guests of Vesta Roth over the weekend to help her celebrate her birthday were her son, Rich, and grandsons, Jason and Eric. They took her out for dinner.

Lawrence and Zula Horinek enjoyed a trip to California. They went to Sea World and saw Shamu. Leland and Linda, her daughter and son-in-law, took them for rides to see San Diego. They visited her grandson, Lance Lunsway and granddaughter, Lynette Perez, and families. They also attended Lisa's graduation. Her daughter, Patty Ann Casey, went with me. Gary Delzeit and Lawrence drove them to Denver and met us on the return trip. They enjoyed a lot of sea food down by the ocean front, which was a treat.

Marg Leh brought Lula Thieler and Eileen Dible to Rexford so they could attend the Social Hour Club. We enjoyed having them.

Decision Weather Meteorologist

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