

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — July 1903

Norcatour News: Everyone is rejoicing over the prospect of the biggest wheat crop that Decatur County has ever known.

Allison Items: W. T. Brooks' new residence looms up. Mr. Brooks has lived in a soddy many years and deserves a new frame house.

The Editor of the Herald writes home from Rome City and Brimfield, Ind., that he is having a fine time and enjoying the trip.

Clayton Chatter: We were up to the ball game at Jennings Saturday and while the foul balls were flying through the crowd, John Nelson, Clayton Langer and Clark Copeland took shelter behind the Clayton Fat Woman.

The school board for District I met and elected the following teachers for the ensuing term: Miss Etta Stowell, principal and second grammar room; Miss Anna Branstool, first grammar room; Miss May Weir, second intermediate room; Miss Vadie Bennett, first intermediate room; Miss Ellen Johnson, second primary room; Miss Anna Anderson, first primary room. Charles Bayes was elected janitor.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1928

This week's featured Decatur County resident is W. A. Burnett who came to the county in March 1879 and took land on Prairie Dog Creek and engaged in the general merchandising business there before being elected county commissioner. He was later elected county treasurer, register of deeds and served as clerk of the court. The family homesteaded the quarter section of land just southwest of Oberlin and lived there until 1907. He has achieved a higher degree in Masonry than any other man in the county.

The month of June has been extremely kind to Oberlin and Decatur County in the matter of rainfall with 6.08 inches recorded in Oberlin.

The five-year-old son of Albert Marcuson of Summit was bitten by a rattlesnake last Thursday and was a mighty sick boy for a while.

Funeral services were held for Samuel R. McKague, 70, who came to Decatur County from Ontario, Canada, at the age of 21 with his parents and three sisters. He is survived by a sister, Theresa McKague. The Rev. Bartholomew of the Presbyterian Church preached the sermon at the funeral held at the McKague home and burial was at Vallonia Cemetery.

Marriages: Mr. Carl Barnhart, 23, and Miss Frances Stastney, 20,

were married June 30 at the Presbyterian parsonage. Mr. Barnhart is the radio man at the J. C. Nitsch establishment and the bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and a wide-awake young lady.

Allison: Mr. Perrin planned a surprise for his wife's birthday Sunday with a picnic at the Williams grove. A barrel of lemonade and lots of ice cream was enjoyed besides the usual picnic fare. Mrs. Perrin received a number of gifts among which was a set of dishes from her husband.

Traer: A social given by the Epworth League Society was held Friday evening at the A. L. Carlisle home.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1953

All of the local grain dealers expect to be filled to capacity by today as wheat yields are better than had been expected with 30 to 35 bushels per acre not unusual. As predicted, there is some rust in every field but it appears to be red rust and little damage is evident.

Norcatour: Verl Crabill, who farms the S. W. Betts land, harvested a 35 acre field last week that made 37 bushels per acre. This was Wichita variety.

Court House News: Dennis Vernon and Jerridee Manning, both of Oberlin, were issued a marriage license June 29.

At a meeting of the American Legion Post No. 70 it was decided that the Legion would sponsor the opening of the local swimming pool and Miss Dianne Nemeth, who has assisted with the operation of the pool for the past two years, will be in charge. The city will provide the water and electricity free of charge and Legion members are doing the clean-up work to get the pool ready to open. There is some discussion concerning the building of a new pool.

Confirmation classes were held June 14 at Lund Covenant Church for 10 youth: Lowell Holmberg, Carlene Simonsson, Robert Young, Joyce Carlson, Harold Foster, Dickie Carman, Larry Laird, Linda Ayers, Helen Brainard and Marlene Anderson. The Rev. Algot Sporrang was their teacher.

Danbury: The Danbury Hardware, owned and operated by Lester Cathcart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cathcart, was robbed of an estimated \$600 to \$1,000 Monday night. This is the second time the store has been entered and robbed this year. Break-ins were also reported at Wilsonville and Lebanon.

Wedding vows were solemnized June 14 for Miss Miriam Marsh of

Pittsburg, Kan., and Mr. Eddy Webb of Denver. The bride, who is a member of the faculty of Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, taught English, Spanish and dramatics at Decatur Community High School for five years. Mr. Webb is director of teacher welfare of the Colorado Education Society and the couple will make their home in Denver.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1978

Continued hot, dry weather has apparently taken a toll on the 1978 wheat crop as spotted reports of cutting indicate that the grain has shriveled.

A long-awaited community effort is now in the final stages as the addition to the Oberlin City Library nears completion. On Penn Avenue, Goltl Construction Company has been renovating the area above the canopy over both the Home Planning Center and Ray Jewelry.

Art Hamilton took over the reins of Oberlin Rotary Club this week at the noon meeting held at the Downtowner. He succeeds Chuck Frickey.

Susan Lee Waldo and Michael Allison Wright were united in marriage on June 10 at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Dale Clare. Both

attended the University of Kansas and will make their home in Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mines announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sheri, to Patrick Coon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coon of Norwich. Miss Mines is a graduate of the Wesley School of Nursing in Wichita and her fiancé is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in engineering. An autumn wedding is planned.

The old Presbyterian Church at York and Commercial in Oberlin has been converted to a facility for the teaching of various arts and crafts. The non-profit corporation will be called New Roads, Inc.

Thirteen members of the Oberlin swim team and their coach, Shirley Nemecek, participated in the A. A. U. swimming competition held last Saturday at Colby which included teams from Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. Individuals placing were Kevin Bennett, Julie Poe, Tamie Vaughn and Rohm Whitaker.

Clayton: Funeral services were held for a longtime resident, John K. Gallentine, 86, who came to the Clayton community at the age of two. Survivors include a son, Norman and Julie Gallentine and a daughter, Lora and Lee Arnold.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

With the wheat trucks steadily going by the museum, we still have been busy with out-of-town visitors. Our guests have been from Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, and Louisiana.

On Thursday we had people from Oberlin stop in and tour our buildings, and on Saturday I had a gentleman from Yorkshire, England. After he toured the other buildings he came in and pointed out an English driver's license that we have displayed in the General Store area. It still amazes me what all we really have here in the museum. I see something new about every day.

I have been working on Civil War veterans that either lived here in Decatur County at some period of time or are buried here. The last Civil War veteran in the county died April 28, 1936, according to *The Oberlin Times* of April 30, 1936: *With the passing of Henry A. Stowell, Decatur County gives up the last of her Civil War veterans, and one of the finest and greatly beloved citizens. It was but a few weeks ago that the family helped*

Mr. Stowell celebrate his ninety-third birthday. But on the next day, while choring about his yard as he always liked to do, he fell and fractured a hipbone. Due to his age it seemed unwise to set it and place the limb and hip in a cast. He was married to Maria Wilson with whom four children were born: William Reuben, Sarah Esther, Samuel Orr, and Albert Pearle. His wife preceded him in death July 17, 1900, age 50 years. William; his oldest son, died March 13, 1902, and Esther; his only daughter passed away Feb. 7, 1923. In 1905, he married Mary Gilbert who preceded him in death April 7, 1931.

H.A. Stowell served his country during the Civil War, entering the service at the age of 18 years. He served over three years in Battery A, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery and was gunner in the siege of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. Death came quietly and peacefully ending a long and useful life.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July. We will be closed on the Fourth, but will be open July 5, so bring your weekend guests down for a tour.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The monthly carry-in potluck dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8. A program will be presented by Carolyn and Jim Plotts of Norcatour starting at 7 p.m.

The Jennings City Library has added a few new titles and video selections, so be sure to stop by. We also have the latest book club selection, "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf, available on Interlibrary Loan. Hours for the library are: Monday 3-6 p.m.; Wednesday 9-11 a.m. and Saturday 9-11 a.m.

Dustin Tacha of Oakley, a sophomore at Fort Hays State University, was among more than 40 students who were honored at a recent spring initiation and banquet of Phi Eta Sigma at Fort Hays State University. To be eligible for membership, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. He is the son of Roger and Peggy Tacha. Bob and Neoma Tacha, Jennings; Rosalia O'Leary, Pretty Prairie, and the late Harold O'Leary, are his grandparents.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Al and Kay Cassel, Nathaniel and Nicole, Redding, Calif., were Monday overnight guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Additional Monday evening dinner guests were Hildegard Euhus, Stuart and Martha Euhus, and the Paul Shields family. Evening callers were Kent and Diana Euhus and Dorothy Moore.

Wilma May and Darlene Fisher were Thursday evening dinner guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles.

Stan and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo., were guests at the Gaylord Shields home from Thursday to Tuesday.

Karyn Jordan was a weekend guest of her aunt, Wilma May. On Saturday, they attended a writers retreat that was held at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica accompanied John and Muriel Ready to Hays on Saturday, where they attended the 50th wedding anniversary open house for Elmo and Margaret Lund, held at the Lund home. Ann Mines was also among those from Oberlin attending.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields to help Hildegard Euhus celebrate her 95th birthday were Hildegard Euhus, Stuart and Martha Euhus, Stan and Deanie Moore, Pat Junod of Sacramento, Calif., Jesse and Teri Alfred, Hannah and Zack, of Conroe, Texas; Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin, and Kent and Diana Euhus. Also in honor of Hildegard's 95th birthday, Cassidy Shields sang a song entitled, "Someone Special" dedicated to her great-grandmother during morning church services at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Thursday through Saturday overnight guests of Bill and Bonnie Condit in Winfield. Joanne attended meetings in Hays on Thursday en route to Winfield, and on Saturday attended her 30th class reunion from St. John's College in Winfield. They also visited Eowyn Crane in Winfield, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper in Wichita, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Stean Olson was a weekend guest at the Jerry Olson home.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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Watch out for ticks, mosquitos this year

No northwest Kansan should celebrate the Fourth or vacation outdoors without a good insect repellent. Even the experts can't predict with certainty what insect-related diseases we're facing. Odds are, we'd better take precautions.

Threats include the mosquito-carried West Nile virus as well as a whole menu of tick-transmitted diseases. In most cases, the infections cause mild flu or allergy-like symptoms. But the diseases can become severe and even life-threatening.

West Nile virus has been found on the Missouri border. The mosquito season usually peaks in July and August.

Puddles can cause a worse-than-usual mosquito season. Because we've had wet season, homeowners should drain or replace all standing water at least weekly.

The same weather that promotes mosquitos often helps ticks too.

Ticks transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis.

For protection against both pests wear a sturdy long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Then apply repellent to everything that is exposed, using a product that contains either DEET (for skin and/or clothing) or permethrin (clothing only).

Keep in mind that if you apply sunscreen and a DEET-based repellent to your skin at the same time, it will reduce the sun screen's effectiveness by as much as one-third.

Adults should use products that contain no more than 33 percent DEET. The percentage only relates to how long the product will be effective. A bigger percentage isn't better protection. For example, a 20 percent DEET gives adults four to five hours of protection.

Parents should use care in selecting products for children because they are more sensitive to repellents. Check labels and follow label directions.

Where ticks are likely (grassy areas, particularly in partial shade). Pull socks up over pant legs, wear shirts tucked in and keep every button fastened. This will provide protection from chiggers also.

Those at risk should avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active.

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Don and Diana Solko, following the death of her mother, Denelda Hamill, 70, who died June 25 at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin, Tom and Patrick Solko were Saturday dinner guests of their mother, Monica Solko.

Marian and Ronnie Tongish of Denver were recent Wednesday dinner and overnight guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish. In the evening, they all attended the parish vigil and rosary for their aunt, Rose Marintzer. On Thursday they attended the funeral Mass and dinner. Marion and Ronnie left on Thursday for South Dakota to visit her mother and other relatives.

Melvin and Regis Kogl of Lakewood, Colo., and Dan and Jo Marintzer of Hastings, Neb., visited Helen Marintzer and attended the funeral of Rose Marintzer.

Pat Scheve of Reno, Nev., and Esther Pennington were last Friday visitors of Helen Marintzer.

Recent visitors of Monica Solko were Tom and Tim Solko, Rodney Solko of Oberlin, and Judy Solko of Larned.

Nicholas Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb., was a last weekend guest of his grandmother, Mildred Kleidosty. John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., was a recent guest there.

Goldie Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on June 11 and helped Dorothy Engleman celebrate her

birthday. Others present were Helen Marintzer, Lillian Wahrman, Anna Mae Ketterl, Wilma Bobinmyer, Margaret Riener, Edie Pettera and Ann Martin.

Guests of Edie Pettera from last Tuesday to Thursday were Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Keith, Matthew and Alyssa Pettera, Lakewood, Colo., and Collette Kramer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Don and Clea Riepl and Lucille Barenberg of Aurora, Colo., and Mary Cady, Robert and Rabago of Lakewood, Colo., came to attend the funeral of their aunt and godmother, Rose Marintzer.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a potluck on June 18 at the Senior Center. Sherry Horinek, Rawlins County health nurse, took blood

pressures. Bingo was played and Edie Pettera won the blackout. Doris Marintzer won the door prize.

Herndon PRIDE reports that there will be no story hour at the library until July 9 due to wheat harvest. Donations are still being accepted at The Bank for the new restroom facility at Herndon City Park. Bob Martin, Ann Martin, Cecilia Lehman of Tribune, and Erma Jones of Scottsdale, Ariz., attended the Scottsdale family reunion held at Richland, Mo., recently.

Lucy Evans of McCook and Joe Haller of Cedar City, Utah, were recent visitors of Ann Martin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Young people who are attending the Cornerstone Christian Youth Rally near Chicago this week include: Matt Cisneros, Adam Spanier, Sarah and Kurt Olson, John and Lillie Benda, Laura Leebrick, Bruce Maeltzer, Rob Downing, Bryan Richards, and Ryan Bergling. Lori Seaman, youth sponsor, and Mark Olson took the group.

Chris Anderson was guest of honor for a supper on Saturday at the home of his parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha and Gabe, to celebrate his eighth birthday. Invited guests were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley. Pastor Keith Reuther attended the

annual conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Chicago last week.

Deb Hadacek, Tim and Jeff of Cuba were weekend guests of Gerald and Patti Benda. Mrs. Hadacek attended the Writers' Retreat on Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Annette Frenzl and Whitney of Salina, Rennie Olson of Irving, Texas, and Amalia Marks are helping Bob and Sally Olson with harvest this week. David Olson of Swisher, Iowa, was an additional visitor last week.

Gabe Anderson was honored by his parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha and Chris with a breakfast on Monday to cel-

brate his seventh birthday. Invited guests were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, and Tony and Trish Henningsen.

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