

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1903

The Oberlin baseball team won first place at the tournament at Norton last week and a prize of \$75.

ball pitcher from Norcat, who has been playing with McCook in the State League, has been sold to the Cleveland American League team.

Custer: Clyde and Merle Bishop started to Colorado Springs on horseback Aug. 5. They intend to work on their way and be gone until September.

Dresden: Prof. Didlake, Perry Norris, Rhomine Smith and Leo Bainter all have new Chevrolet coaches.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1953

The 1953 Decatur County Fair opened Tuesday with a large crowd taking advantage of perfect fair weather to attend the Tommy Holden Motor Maniac show in the afternoon but weather put a damper on the evening activities.

Though the rains have hurt the fair attendance, it has benefited the fall crops.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Heilman, Jennings, a daughter, Starla Dee, July 31.

Funeral services were held for a longtime Decatur County resident, Mrs. Edson Dean, 80, who came to Decatur County in 1879 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amer Burnett.

Archie Furman, 83, pioneer newspaper editor and photographer of Red Willow and Decatur counties, died July 30 at his home in Danbury where he had lived the past 60 years.

Miss Patricia Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sanders, became the bride of Donald Ater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ater the evening of July 28 at the Federated Church in Oberlin.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wentz are the parents of a son born

July 29 at the Norton Hospital.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1978

Decatur County voters followed the state trend with one of the lightest voter turnouts in history and went with the winners Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Wichita, Republican, for U. S. Senate, 152 votes and Democrat Bill Roy, 165.

Governor candidates are Republican incumbent, Robert Bennett, Overland Park, and Democrat John Carlin. The light voter turnout here was blamed on no local contest to spur voter interest.

Six area girls will vie for the title of Miss Frontier at the 12th annual scholarship pageant at Norton including Regina Dellere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dellere, Selden, and Jean Ann Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hess, Oberlin.

Hospital news: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shuler, boy, Daron Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marcuson, boy, Gregory Erick.

Interest from area businesses is

mounting with an open house scheduled for next week by the Applied Computer Technology firm owned by Rusty Addleman.

Keith Rosin, pitcher for the Oberlin American Legion baseball team, was awarded a trophy as Best All-Around Sportsman in the 1978 Class B American Legion baseball tournament played here last weekend.

Two foreign students will attend Decatur Community High School during the 1978-79 school year. Teresa Hurtado, La Paz, Bolivia, an American Field Service student, will make her home with the John Bryant family, and Gaby Holz of Germany, will join the Evan Goldt family under the supervision of Youth for Understanding.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

A busy and exciting week is upon us. We will have a booth at the fair so stop by and get your tickets for our lovely quilt.

We will also have the Decatur County woven throws depicting historical sites, and some old pictures that we are hoping to get identified. With all of this going on around our booth we will also have our membership cards so you can renew your membership or join.

family and friends to tour the museum while in town shopping and taking in all the events.

Our research included the surnames of Pope and Marquart who lived in the Lund and Bassettville communities. The Traer area was a popular place for the surnames of Gardner and Symes. A lady was looking for the family of Lesley and we were not able to be much help to her.

This will be a great week to bring

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Word has been received by Rachel Carter that a former Jennings resident, Velma M. Conklin, died on July 10. She was a 1934 Jennings High School graduate.

Lance Mrstik and Silas of Wellington, grandson and great-grandson of Eugene and Dona Mrstik, were visitors of the Mrstiks for a few days last week.

The Rock Island Rockets 4-H Club held their annual club tour on Monday evening. They began the tour at Marcus McKenna's to see his steer project, then traveled to the Gillespie farm to see Courtney and Kaitlyn's market pigs, breeding gilts and poultry projects.

Those attending were: Pat, Shelley, Sarah and Marcus McKenna; Joan McKenna; Elly, Sonya, Courtney, Kaitlyn and Cassidy Gillespie; and Don, Tricia, David, Jade and Wyatt Cressler.

The monthly carry-in potluck dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Weekend guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were Bill and Linda Bywater and Charles Brown of Iowa City, Iowa; Bill and Janiece Dowell of Colby; Lea and Tyler Dowell of Hutchinson; Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary of Hays, and Mildred Tacha of Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings returned Thursday from a 10-day trip to Oregon and Washington.

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Brent Jennings and Brendan Chapman are visiting his parents, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, for a week.

John Tacha of Lawrence spent last week with his mother, Mildred Tacha, and they spent time at the farm of Doyle and Kay Brown.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1928

Less than 50% of the voters of Decatur County went to the polls in the primary. Dispatches last night indicate the nomination of Clyde Reed for Governor on the Republican ticket by a 35,000 plurality.

In county offices Leo Bendon won the nomination for sheriff on the Democratic ticket and Phil Wallack was nominated for commissioner third district over W.E. Brainard. Gilbert Stephens was the successful Republican candidate for sheriff.

For the fourth successive time the Oberlin golfers have shown themselves superior to those of McCook, Danbury, Cambridge and McCook though the margin was mighty close this time, only one point between the Oberlin team and McCook.

John W. Railsback of Oberlin was the oldest Railsback family member present from Kansas at the Railsback clan picnic held at the Leonard Railsback home in Grant Township on Sunday.

Cedar Bluffs: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Macy are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Sunday, Aug. 5.

Norcat: Leslie Barnhart, young

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Perk Barnett of Peoria, Ariz., visited Doris Jean Oliver Wednesday and left Thursday morning for Denver. The women attended the Thomas County Fair Wednesday evening.

The Koffee Klatch is growing. More people are attending and enjoying the fellowship with friends. Those who came last Friday were Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Doris Jean Oliver, Sandra Barnett, Hulda Wark, Deb Stepper, Karen Hodson, Eileen Dible and Lula Thielor.

Cleda Moeder took her granddaughter, Collette, to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson in the Logan Manor. Collette is Greg Moeder's daughter. He was a favorite of

Hazel's when he was growing up in Rexford.

Patty Ann Casey of Wichita is visiting her parents, Lawrence and Zula Horinek.

On Monday the Barnswallows pinochle group had 14 present. On Thursday the "Come on Down" group had nine players. This is a blessing for those of us who enjoy the game. We really invite any of you to join us.

We had a nice surprise last Sunday when Jimmy McAfoos and family stopped in for a short visit. They were en route to Colorado on vacation. Jimmy is the youngest son of Gordon McAfoos and is Zula's nephew. He is the grandson of the late Whittie and Bea McAfoos.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Justin and Brittany Lynn Espenson, who were married on Saturday, July 26, in Windom, Minn. The bride is the former Brittany Lynn Stevens, daughter of Kevin and Lynel Stevens. The bridegroom is the son of Bob and Marsha Espenson of Bingham Lake, and a grandson of Genevieve Henningsen.

Among those attending the wedding were Mrs. Henningsen, Tony and Trish Henningsen, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, and Dawn Beckman and Ethan of Grinnell.

Brady Ginthor of Rexford was a weekend guest of his grandparents, J.R. and Carrol Ginthor.

Ashley Witt was honored with a birthday supper in McCook last Tuesday for her eighth birthday.

Others present were Mary Lou Olson, Whitney Witt and Mary

Rachel Olson.

Congratulations to Seth Kelley, son of Kevin and Debbie Kelley of Silver Lake, who, with Derek Kooser of Bonner Springs, tied for third out of 25 participants recently in the 13-14 division with 79s during the Sunflower State Games golf championship in Topeka.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson visited over the weekend with the Rex Olson family in Boulder, Colo. They were all Saturday evening guests for a cookout at the home of Dr. Beth Kanavy. Seth, Sam and Abbie Olson accompanied them home on Sunday and are spending Decatur County Fair week with their grandparents, and the Mark Olson and James Witt families.

Larry Gilbert of Omaha, Neb., had lunch in Oberlin on Friday with Dave Bergling.

NOTICE OF HEARING 2003-2004 BUDGET
The governing body of Unified School District 294 will meet on the 15th day of August, 2003 at 7:30 A.M., at 131 East Commercial for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

The Amount of 2003 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2003-2004 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Table with 9 columns: Code 99 Line, Actual Expenditures (1), Actual Tax Rate* (2), Actual Expenditures (3), Actual Tax Rate* (4), Expenditures (5), Amount of 2003 Tax to be Levied (6), Est. Tax Rate* (7). Rows include OPERATING, SPECIAL REVENUE, and various fund categories.

Table with 9 columns: Fund—Continued, Code 99 Line, Actual Expenditures (1), Actual Tax Rate* (2), Actual Expenditures (3), Actual Tax Rate* (4), Expenditures (5), Amount of 2003 Tax to be Levied (6), Est. Tax Rate* (7). Rows include Contingency Reserve, DEBT SERVICE, COOPERATIVES**, OTHER, and various bond categories.

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
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