

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1903**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, Monday, Aug. 17, 1903, a 10-pound boy.

The Jennings baseball team won the Hoxie tournament defeating Hoxie by scores of 12-6 and 18-6 and Hill City by scores of 17-4 and 22-15.

Oscar J. Taylor purchased L. G. Trower's jewelry store this week and will continue the business at the same place. He has also purchased the Trower residence.

James Stinson of Kanona, the grain dealer, was in town Wednesday. He is having trouble to get a place to build an elevator, the railroad company having refused to let him build on their land. He is thinking of building near their sidetrack and spouting the grain into the cars. Corporations can act pesky mean sometimes when they try.

J. C. Emahizer was arrested recently at Topeka for selling goods on the installment plan without a license.

Rex Deupree and Link Gierhart rented the Central barn this week. They will take possession next week and W. E. Emahizer will return to his farm.

**75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1928**  
This issue features James S. Leake as the honored early-day resident of Decatur County who was born in England in 1846 and came to the U. S. in 1849 and settled in Illinois before coming to Center Township in 1883. Besides farming he was an ordained Methodist

preacher as was his father. He moved to Oberlin in 1898 and took up the real estate business also serving four terms as police judge. After selling his business in 1921 he traveled finally settling in San Diego but has returned to Oberlin this summer for a visit. For reasons best known to himself, J. S. Leake never married.

The Normal Institute for Decatur County will be held Aug. 27-31 and will be conducted in the chautauqua method popular in recent years with some extra good speakers engaged.

Mrs. A. J. Metcalf and son, Harold, will leave the last of the week for a short outing in Colorado. They will drive one of the Silver Anniversary Buicks which they have purchased from J. C. Nitsch.

Jennings: Mr. James Elder, 60, a blacksmith in our city for a number of years, died in Arizona and was brought back to Beaver City for burial. A number of Jennings Lodge IOOF members attended the service. He was one of a family of 13 children and had never married.

The band concert Friday evening was very good indeed. Ted Adleman directed in place of Professor Pillar who is in Ohio on his vacation.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rubendall on Monday, Aug. 13.

**50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1953**  
Residents of the county decided last week that the annual county fair is just about the best insurance they could have against dry weather — or to break a prolonged dry spell.

All farmers were happy to receive the moisture, although many were compelled to accept damaging hail with it, but the regularity of the early evening thunderstorms caused the county fair officials to scratch their heads and wonder how they could make both ends of the financial string meet.

Funeral services were held at Clayton for John Edwin Rule, 91, for whom the town of Ruleton was named and who was also the first postmaster of that town. He had been a citizen of Clayton for over 55 years coming there in 1898 from El Reno, Okla., where he had lived during the big land opening.

Delegates from the American Legion Post No. 70 who attended the state convention at Topeka were V. R. May, commander, Lawrence Urban, Donald Claussen, La Vern Ruzicka and Elmer Zodrow. The Atwood Drum and Bugle Corps made it three years in a row by winning the drum and bugle contest.

It is not unusual for breeders of good livestock to come to Decatur County for selection of herd stock, but it is not an everyday occurrence to have such purchasers fly here from Chicago. Last Saturday General M. L. Stockton, retired Army general, landed his plane at the local airport and proceeded to the farm of Forrest Carter & Sons near Norcatour where he purchased four registered Hereford cows to be shipped to his ranch in California. A month previously Gen. Stockton purchased 11 head of registered heifers from Carter and Sons.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Knutson, Norcatour, a boy, David Lynn, born July 29.

**25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1978**

A number of county families were packing their bags this week and leaving for a few days vacation following a most successful fair, carnival, parade and barbecue during the first five days of the month. It was the best week of weather the area had experienced all summer and it brought people out in droves for the grandstand shows and especially for the parade Saturday followed by the free barbecue. Parade chairman was Carolyn Wurm and Patty Brown, who was in charge of the cooking crew, said they prepared for 2,000 but estimated more than 200 persons had to be turned away.

Finishing up his 4-H days this year, Brent Anderson, 17, took home a number of honors including grand champion overall with his Simmental-Hereford crossbred steer.

Jean Ann Hess was crowned Miss Frontier 1978 at the pageant held at Norton. First runner-up was Regina Dellere.

Yvonne Carmon, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James Carmon and a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School, will conclude her duties as an intern at *The Oberlin Herald* in the coming week and will return to St. Paul Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., where she is a senior majoring in communications.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Weekend guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were Chris and Kimberly Kuntz, Abigail and Kaitlyn of Grandview, Mo.; Chad and Kim Kuntz and Madison of Junction City; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and MacKenzie of Estes Park, Colo.; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Katie and Zach of Hays; Kurt and Valerie Brown and Millicent of Quinter; Phil and Keli Kleidosty of

Wichita; and Mildred Tacha of Jennings.

The annual Fireman's Fun Day will be held in Jennings on Saturday, Aug. 23. Part of the entertainment for that day will be Rex Getz, a nationally-known magician, who is originally from the Hoxie area. He will be here at 4 p.m. and will then present a show in the community building at 8:30 p.m.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Birdene Lippold, 78, who died Aug. 1 at the Columbine Care Center West in Fort Collins. She was a native of Herndon and the daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Henningson) Goeltl. She moved to Colorado after the death of her husband, Virgil S. Lippold, in February 1948 in Herndon. She was a sister of Doris Lippold, formerly of Herndon, who now lives in McCook.

Congratulations to Harlan and Norma Grafel, who were chosen by Herndon PRIDE as winners of the June Yard of the Month.

Members of the family of Ann Martin met for lunch on Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Down Home Cafe. Those present were Bob, Liane, Nik and Anikka Martin, Herndon; Julie and John Geisinger, Selden; Johnna Weins, Colby; Dick and Betty Mar-

tin, Wilsonville, Neb.; Ron and Cecilia Lehman, Tribune; Lucy Evans, McCook; Tonia Johnson, Raulston, Neb., and Hank and Lorr Martin and boys, Herndon.

Guests of Edie Pettera for lunch last Sunday at the Down Home Care were Julie and Bob Hafner and Kent and Chris Wood.

Judy Solko of Larned and Pat Marrs and Carol Solko of Hays spent last weekend with their mother, Monica Solko. Ron Solko, Oberlin, was a Sunday dinner guest and Tom and Tim Solko were Sunday callers.

Jim Hartner of Denver and Alan Hartner of Wheat Ridge, Colo., visited at the home of Kent and Chris Wood Sunday evening.

Tony Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb., visited recently with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ron and Nancy (Mines) Baumfalk and Chuck and Carol VanErt, Sandy and Steven, Aurora, Colo.; Craig and Vickie Baumfalk, Denver; and Connie (Mines) Gosler, Kelly and Carman Dutcher, Gabriel and Carson, David Acuna, Dawn Zimbal and Hannah, Mesa, Ariz., were guests of Elwood and Elaine Mines Wednesday through Sunday, and attended the Decatur County Fair. Since the family was all together, they threw a surprise party for Elwood and Elaine at the Mines farm home Saturday afternoon for an early celebration of Elaine's 80th birthday and Elwood and Elaine's 60th wedding anniversary.

Additional guests for the celebration were Chris and Beth Sluder, Matthew and Kelly, Texhoma, Okla.; Luanne Rupe, Joshua and Jonathan, Hays; Odene Kahlor, Dale and Cheryl Votapka, Don and Ann Mines, Millard and Sherri Kyte, Austin and Sarah. Everyone returned home on Sunday except Connie Gosler and Dawn Zimbal and Hannah, who returned home on Monday.

Ernest and Nancy May and Ashley Jordan, Tonganoxie, and Rebecca and Stephen May, Lawrence, were guests of Martin and Evelyn May, arriving Wednesday and returning home Friday. While here, they enjoyed attending the Decatur County Fair. Additional Thursday noon lunch guests at the May home were Janice Cundiff and Quintin.

Pastor and Mrs. Paul Kaldahl and family, Spencer, Iowa, were Friday dinner and overnight guests at the Roland May home.

Those attending the reunion for the descendants of Garrett Fredrick Reznor Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Fellowship hall were Myra (Carlson) Sater, Holcomb; Aaron and Rachel Carlson, Loveland, Colo.; and Elvera (Carlson) Wendelin, Lindsborg, children of Lee Ora (Reznor) Carlson; Arthur and Alice (Reznor) May, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica; Lois (Reznor) Carlson, John and Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie; Bill and Janice Hartman, Kristen and Shelby, Grand Prairie, Texas; and Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeanette, Phillip, and Brianna, Fort Morgan, Colo., children of Maurine Kay (Reznor) Hartman; Cindy (Sater) Holden, Britney and Brandi and a friend, Garden City; Ron and Shara Sater, Madisen, Reid, and Bailey, Holcomb; and Darlene (Sater) Linds-

kog, Valerie, Jennifer, and Bethany, Council Grove. Additional guests attending that were not Reznor descendants were Lyndon and Linda Tomasch, Olathe. Doris (Reznor) Staack and Maurine Kay (Reznor) Hartman were unable to attend due to health reasons. A special musical program was provided by Arian Arnold and Edla Olson.

Bill and Janice Hartman, Kristen and Shelby, Grand Prairie, Texas, were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of Lois Carlson.

Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeanette, Phillip, and Brianna were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of Arthur and Alice May.

Wayne Larson was honored with a barbecue and potluck dinner, homemade ice cream and cake for his 80th birthday Saturday evening at the home of Craig and Karen Larson. Additional guests were Lois Larson, Jay and Suzanne Cooper and Ian Crane, Wichita; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory; Ladd Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Brad Larson; Kathy Almqvist; Carl Larson; Colby Larson; Zane and Gladys Geis; Ryan and Stacy Duyen, Taylor and Ashley, Lincoln, Neb.; and Kimberly Duyen, Lincoln, Neb.

Jay and Suzanne Cooper and Ian Crane, Wichita, were weekend guests of Wayne and Lois Larson, and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were weekend guests of the Norman Wendelin family.

Lyndon and Linda Tomasch, Larry and Lisa Sonsthagen, Matthew and Emily, and Lori Taylor and Marisa, all of Olathe, were Thursday evening guests of the John Bremer family. They attended the Decatur County Fair Thursday evening and were guests of Mildred Holmdahl Friday noon for lunch. The Sonsthagen and Taylor families left Friday afternoon for home and the Tomasches returned home Sunday afternoon. An additional visitor at the Bremer home Sunday morning was Janeil Jensen.

Gail Harvey, Lamar, Colo., was a weekend guest of her parents, Stuart and Martha Euhus. She and her son, Zeb, who spent the past week with his grandparents enjoying the Decatur County Fair, returned home on Sunday.

Pastor Paul Kaldahl, Spencer, Iowa, gave the sermon Sunday morning during church services at St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor and Mrs. Kaldahl and family were honored with a noon potluck dinner at the church following church services.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, who were married Saturday evening at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin. The bride is the daughter of Brian and Pam Simonson, and Joe Castle, and the bridegroom's parents are Jack and Mary Gutchewsky. They will make their home in Lawrence.

Guests at the Jack Gutchewsky home from Thursday to Sunday were Joe and Jan Gutchewsky, Omaha; Frank and Dee Gutchewsky, Joliet, Ill.; Ron and Betty Pollreis, Gravette, Ark.; Jim and Jean Gutchewsky, Dan and Kim Gutchewsky, and Sister Helene Gutchewsky, St. Louis, Mo.; Jeremy DeMoss, Kearney, Neb.; Tammy Gutchewsky and Kendal Neal, Oberlin; Joel and Sarah Uerling, McCook; Robby Reed, Lawrence; Trent and Melissa Wilson and Trissa, North Platte, Neb.; and Brian Gutchewsky, Lawrence. Chauncey Hafner was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby, Richard Bergling of Larned, Quentin and Olive Bergling, and Dave and Sherry Bergling met Sylvia O'Neill, Steve and Judy O'Neill, and David O'Neill, Erin and Erica, of Brighton, Colo., in Burlington, Colo., for lunch and a family reunion on Saturday. Lewis and Ava (Olson) Perkins

of Wichita were honored with a wedding reception on Saturday afternoon at Golden Age Center in Oberlin. They were married on Nov. 27, in Leadville, Colo., then he spent time serving in Iraq. She is the daughter of Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell, and her husband is the son of Shirley Perkins of Wichita.

Others present included: Shirley Perkins, Wichita; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Rennie and Jeanene Olson, Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Bob and Annette Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, Salina; Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Joe and Amber, Mulvane; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Hattie Olson, Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, James and Kimberly Witt, Keely, Tyler, Ashley and Whitney, Rob and Loretta McFee, and Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin; Maxine Peebles and Sherri Steineman, Denver; Karin Waters, Palau Island; Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, Boulder, Colo.; Dr. Beth Kanavy, Louisville, Colo.; Jan Crouse and family, Roger Havel, Gordon and Shirley Crowdis, and Janice Focke, Atwood; and Pat Tubbs and family, Colby.

Eva Bryan was honored with a pizza party and cake and ice cream on Saturday afternoon at Wheat

Ridge Terrace in observance of her 90th birthday which will be Aug. 21. Others present were Helen Jaderborg and Rhonda Richardson and Heather, Longmont, Colo.; Elden and Detta Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Gary Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin; Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Fredrick, Colo.; Nate Kelley, Rachel Dixon, and friends, Matt, Eric and Anthony, Seth Kelley and Brian Hill, Silver Lake; Janice Sauvage, Edwards, Colo.; Cheryl Stull, Solomon; Sherrie Aberle and Phoenix, Arvada, Colo.; Debbie Babcock, Holton; Pam Wright, Wichita; Gwen and Roger Pepper and Garrett, Topeka; and Bob and Elaine Fleenor, McPherson.

Nick Anderson of Lawrence spent from Tuesday to Thursday with the Richard Anderson family.

Jim and Judy Cederberg of Northfield, Minn., were last Monday overnight guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg. Ward and Jan Olson and girls of Colorado Springs visited last week at their home and Dalton Pettera of North Platte, Neb., is spending a few days there this week.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family returned home last week from a two-week vacation to visit

relatives in Indiana and Ohio.

Guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda from Thursday to Sunday were Bob and Connie Smith, Eden Prairie, Minn., and Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland. Additional Saturday dinner guests were Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Gerald and Patti Benda, and the Mark Olson family. Sunday dinner guests of Gerald and Patti Benda were the Wesley Bendas, Lossons Pikes and Mark Olsons.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Daisy Olson of Swisher, Iowa, who are the parents of a daughter, Candalin Marie, born on Aug. 3, 2003. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Rennie and Jeanene Olson, Irving, Texas; Cendie Thompson, and Bret and Diane Atwood, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell, are her paternal great-grandparents, and Hattie Olson, Oberlin, is her paternal great-great-grandmother.

Kendra and Jessica Kelley of Fredrick, Colo., and Seth Kelley and Brian Hill, Silver Lake, visited during the Decatur County Fair with Dick and Donna Kelley. Sheldon and Brenda Kelley came for the weekend and the girls accompanied them home.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Mrs. Margaret Magers attended the Magers family reunion at the Methodist Educational Building in Norcatour on Aug. 3. She joined Rea and Dee Magers, Norcatour; Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter; Dianne Carroll, Sedalia, Colo.; Gerald and Mary Hoover, Litchfield, Neb.; Dale and Leota Goss, Norton; and Larry and Opal Palmer, Holdrege, Neb. Marguerite Fullerton and Dorothy Breiner of Norcatour were guests. The afternoon was spent visiting.

After Mass Sunday at St. Catherine's at Indianola, Neb., John and Helen Helm, Florence and Jerry Uerling, Indianola, and Doris Castelli, Narberth, Pa., had Sunday dinner at a McCook cafe. In the afternoon they attended the Maverick Band Concert and ice cream social held in the City Park in Lebanon, Neb., sponsored by Beaver Valley V.F.W. Post #7719 of Lebanon. Others from Lyle were Veda Wood, Teresa Reves, and Carolyn Plotts' granddaughter, Taylor.

On Aug. 2, Veda Wood and Teresa Reves attended a birthday party given by Mike and Tielia Slater in the Indianola Park for Emily Bader and Grant Slater. Others present were Wade, Mariah, and Garrett Bader, Carol and John

Moye, Oberlin, and some other members of the Slater family. The children had a lot of fun playing in the park.

Margaret Magers and Kathy Van Meter played cards at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin Monday afternoon. Their partners were Ruth Laidig and Ivah Alexander.

Tim Nejdil, Quinter, visited his mother, Mrs. Van Meter, Monday evening and made plans for some home repairs for her.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers were hosts for the 4-H Building at the Decatur County Fair. After their turn, Veda Wood and Angie Wilson had a turn. This was a project of the Liberty Star Club.

Mrs. Magers took Marguerite Fullerton to Oberlin for some tests at the Decatur County Hospital on Wednesday morning and they visited with Virgil Price, whose wife, Joyce, had surgery the same day.

Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb., did the grocery shopping for her parents, John and Helen Helm Thursday afternoon and took them to Indianola that evening for the Indianola High School Alumni gathering. Helen and a classmate, Grace Probasco Burton, Bartley, Neb., received a nice prize for rep-

resenting the oldest class present, 1938. Loretta Belknap and husband, Dick, of Green Valley, Ariz., had arrived to join her sisters, Helen Helm, Florence Uerling and Doris Castelli at the alumni gathering. They are all here for the Sughroue reunion.

Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, arrived at the Helm home that evening and both she and Kathy Brashears were overnight guests. On Friday evening the girls met their sister, Mary, of Tucson, Ariz., at the airport in McCook after joining family members at the Rocket Inn Cafe

in Indianola for pizza. Ceanne and Mary were overnight guests at the Helm home.

Joining the above for the Old Settlers' picnic at Indianola on Saturday were Martin Rinehart, Colby, and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo. After the parade they joined other members of the Malleck family for a carry-in dinner at the Methodist Church Hall. Later they attended the program presented by Walt and Jean Schnert for the Old Settlers' meeting entitled, "The Dirty Thirties". Homemade ice cream was served.

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