

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1903

Watson Smith, a former resident of Decatur County, died at Smith Center on Aug. 5, 1903.

Ira J. Peck of Cedar Bluffs has purchased the Oberlin Mill and is cleaning it up thoroughly before starting operations.

The Herald office was the first to be rigged out with the new "Hello" system of telephone. The company has gone to an expense of over \$1,000 to put in the new system as the automatic system proved to be too easy to get out of order for good service.

Mrs. J. E. Kulp who has been the efficient assistant of our county treasurer, left for Topeka Monday evening for an extended visit with her sister, the wife of Governor Bailey.

John Hayward, A. Lawhead, Conrad Scheler, W. H. Dugan and W. S. Jackson left Tuesday for the Old Soldiers reunion at St. Francis. Barnes, the ball tosser, went to St. Francis Tuesday to play ball with that town during the reunion.

A new residence is being erected on the site of the old St. James Hotel.

The little son of Mr. Birdsell was knocked down by a horse and quite seriously hurt Saturday during the circus. The show management gave the boy a new suit of clothes and five dollars and paid the doctor bill.

W. A. Dale will begin the erection of a new residence this week for Mr. Hadley on the corner west of the Farrington barn.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1928

This week's Herald honors Ira Kellogg, a long-time resident of Decatur County who came to Oberlin by way of the railroad to Buffalo Park in 1879 at the request of Dr. A. W. Bariteau and his brother, L. A. Bariteau, a lumber dealer, with a contract to build them homes.

Born in Indiana, he learned the carpenter trade in Iowa before moving to Maryville, Missouri where he served in the militia preceding the Civil War. After coming to Kansas Mr. Kellogg homesteaded a quarter section southeast of Oberlin as did his wife's mother and he spent considerable time farming as well as in the carpenter business.

In 1884 he was elected County Treasurer and he recalled that the job required an annual trip to Topeka to make settlement with the State Treasurer and on one of these trips he carried in his clothing about

\$14,000 in drafts and paper money. Now nearing his 93rd birthday, Mr. Kellogg is the second oldest citizen of Oberlin. He has made application for admission to the Odd Fellow Home near Manhattan to spend his remaining years.

"Ramona" will be shown at the Oberlin Opera House Aug. 24-25. Based on the book written by Helen Hunt Jackson about the days of the Missions and the Spanish Dons in early California, it is one of the greatest movies of the year. As a special attraction, two local boys, Mr. Ted Addleman and Mr. Ralph Stowell will sing the popular song "Ramona" during the intermission.

The city officials recently contracted for the purchase of fire fighting apparatus which is a chemical engine and pump mounted on a truck body.

Wirt Bartlett from down on the Solomon and David Muirhead of Dresden were Oberlin visitors Wednesday. Wirt tells us he has between 60 and 70 acres of corn on the bottom that will make 50 bushels an acre if we get one good rain soon.

On Monday the new passenger train equipment on the Oberlin branch was used for the first time: a gasoline-electric driven car replacing the steam locomotive, express car and passenger coach that has made up the train for the past 25 years.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1953

On Monday of this week Mrs. Verle Walker, the former Maxine Smalberger who is Decatur Community High School office secretary, mailed the information pamphlet to all high school students and prospective students for the coming school year to begin Aug. 31.

Over the years Decatur Community High School has graduated 50 classes for a total of 2,570 students. Before 1903, the school was known as the Oberlin High School with an additional 88 graduates, making a total since 1889 of 2,658 alumni.

Helen Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Russ, and Jack Kisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kisinger of Grand Junction, Colo., were united in marriage at the Methodist Church in McCook Aug. 3. The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Denver. They will make their home in Grand Junction where she will be employed at the hospital and

the bridegroom, a Navy veteran, will attend college.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rogers, Cedar Bluffs, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Jon Wilson, Airman First Class. The wedding took place on Sunday, Aug. 2 at the First Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb.

A story on the newly remodeled Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., was featured in the Sunday Denver Post. The million dollar remodeling job is believed to be the most extensive in Denver and the 150,000 square feet of new tile which was laid in the building was all done by David McGee, former resident of Oberlin and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGee, and Ralph Spencer who are employed by the Earl Dickson Company.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bailey, Jennings, are the proud parents of Cecil Lee who arrived in the Norton Hospital on Aug. 8. The little fellow weighed three pounds and 14 ounces and had to remain in an incubator and will be in the hospital for six weeks. Mike Karls and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bailey are the grandparents.

25 YEARS AGO — AUG. 1978

Scorching heat and strong winds on Sunday took their toll on area crops but the area got some relief with good precipitation Monday evening. Most of the county re-

ceived more than an inch but in the Dresden area 3.20 inches were recorded at the Merlin Anderson farm in Custer Township followed by 1.78 on Monday.

The Decatur Co-op Association will combine its annual business meeting on Aug. 20 with a county-wide celebration to observe its 25th anniversary.

Connie Wolfram and Curtis Meixner were united in marriage July 8 at the Oberlin Assembly of God Church. The bride is employed as a registered nurse at McCook Community Hospital and her husband plans to attend college this fall.

Lisa Young, daughter of Chuck and Barbara Young of Bassettville Township will leave Sunday for a year and an American Field Service student in West Germany. Coming to Oberlin from West Germany will be Peter Kombrink who will make his home with the David Kopp family.

Funeral services were held for Earl French Landau, 82, who grew up on a farm near Kanona and spent his entire life farming in Decatur County except for two years spent in Rawlins County.

Former Decatur Community High School athletes who left this week for Garden City where they will begin football practice for the Garden City Junior College Bronco-busters include Mike Nemeth, Brent Anderson and Ken Badsky.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

Another busy two weeks at the museum. We have had guests from 18 states including Kansas, Missouri, Virginia, Washington, Nebraska, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, Texas, California, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Arkansas, Maryland, Illinois, and Alaska.

While doing research on the surname Hill we found the following article taken from the *Oberlin Times*, Sept. 17, 1897.

"Killed. At a dance near Achillis, Kansas, Henry Hill and Charles Peoples fatally shot each other. Five shots were exchanged, three by Hill and two by Peoples. The last named expired immediately after his last shot, and Hill died the next day."

For the rest of the story — the

lady who was in doing the research told us that this was over a married woman.

Other surnames researched were Capps, Vernon and Holden from the Kanona and Norcatur areas, also Foley, Johnston, and Morton.

We would like to thank the Jess Skubal family for the nice donation that is to be used for the Bohemian Hall. They used the hall for their 55th wedding anniversary celebration last weekend and had such a great time.

Myrna will be attending the Jennings celebration this Saturday and will have available the Decatur County Museum woven throws, quiltraffle tickets, and membership cards, so while you are enjoying their celebration, stop by and see her.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Liberty Star Club sponsored the community dinner held at Lyle in the Community Building. Present were Kathy Van Meter, Fred and Carolyn Kingham, Leone Purton, Royce and Lola Cook, Margaret Magers, Veda Wood, Deanna, Todd, Brooke and Brady Sumner, Lora and Lee Arnold, Andrew Archer, Joyce Sumner, Greg and Yvonne Sumner, Marguerite Fullerton, Gary and Keith Anthony, Ward Sumner, Eben Oliver, and Pieter Behet. The latter two are from South Africa and are working for Sumner Farms.

John and Helen Helm and their family, Mary Helm, Laurie Helm, Mike and Deb Helm, Aaron, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, and Timothy, Kathy Brashears and Zac, Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Jim and Yanis Helm, Helena Helm, Brian Perks, Jaime Helm, Maria and Derek Downer, Maurice and Brandon Red Bear joined their Sughroue cousins in the Indianola Park Sunday. One hundred sixty-five signed the register, taking in eleven different states. Debbie and Carl Swiderski and daughters came the longest distance, from Collingwood, N.J. Elizabeth Hubbard, 14-month-old daughter of Robert and

Stephanie Hubbard, Nashville, Tenn., was the youngest present and the oldest was Mrs. Mildred Sughroue, Denver. She is the only remaining aunt from the first generation of family members. The third generation of cousins led the games. Every one enjoyed the breaking of three different piñatas. There was much visiting and picture taking all afternoon.

Helena Helm, Danbury, Neb., visited at the Helm home Monday with her godmother, Mary Helm, and her grandparents. She will be returning to Chadron, Neb., for college soon. Later that evening, additional guests were Dick and Loretta Belknap, Green Valley, Ariz., and Florence and Jerry Uerling, Indianola, Neb., for more visiting and picture taking.

When the Helms were at the Old Settler's Parade Saturday in Indianola, Neb., they were pleasantly surprised to see Kenneth Price and his team and wagon in the parade. He had been on a wagon train in Nebraska and stopped for the parade enroute home to Clayton.

Clinton and Tim Nejd, Quinter, visited the home of his mother, Kathy Van Meter, and spent the evening taking care of

garage repairs for her. Mrs. Van Meter spent Saturday at the home of Tim and Jolene Nejd to celebrate Tim's fiftieth birthday. Others there were Danielle Nejd and friend, Kip, Beloit, and Carrie Nejd, Colby. Mrs. Martina Zimmerman, Park, was an evening caller.

Margaret Magers, June Jolly, and Marguerite Fullerton treated Kathy Van Meter to a birthday supper in Beaver City, Neb., Tuesday evening. They picked up Van Cozad on the way. All went to the Senior Center that evening.

Mrs. Van Meter attended the monthly meeting of the Gold Club of the Security First Bank of Holbrook, Neb., Wednesday. They were having a "kick-off" party for the opening of the Nebraska Huskers' season.

On Friday of last week Margaret Magers had her great-grandchildren, Tyler and Brittany Hawk, Aurora, Colo., and Kori and Kursten Guy, Abeline, as guests. They attended the Decatur County Fair and went home with Jane Englehart, Norton. On Saturday, Denise Guy picked up her children, and Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Englehart met Pam Englehardt with her chil-

dren at Burlington, Colo., so they could return home with her.

Callers this week at Marguerite Fullerton's were Yvonne Sumner, and Shawnda and Johnny Crum and James of Doud, Okla.

On Thursday John Henry Rinehart, Colby, was a dinner guest at the home of his grandparents, John and Helen Helm, especially to see his Aunt Mary. After a trip to McCook, they played several games of cards and John was an overnight guest. Mike and Deb Helm and children were Thursday evening callers at the Helm home.

John and Helen Helm and daughters, Mary Helm and Kathy Brashears, drove to Norton Friday where they met their nephew and cousin, Nick Uerling, for lunch at a local cafe. He works for the Bureau of Reclamation and has a crew in Norton doing some work at the Keith Sebelius Dam. They came from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Maria Downer, Hastings, was a Friday afternoon caller of the Helms. Since her husband, Derek, has begun football practice at the college in Hastings, Maria was here to work at her old job at the Cambridge Golf Course for a few days.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Tom Solko returned home Thursday from a two-week tour and cruise to Alaska. He enjoyed the sights at Fairbanks, Anchorage, Sitka, Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan, then stopped in Vancouver, Canada.

Morning worship services for the Herndon Covenant and United Church of Christ of Herndon will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the City Park in Herndon. A potluck dinner will follow.

Genevieve Henningsen will be

honored by her family with an open house from 2-4 p.m. at Golden Age Center in Oberlin on Sunday in observance of her 80th birthday.

Jess and Michelle Carlstead, Brooke and Josh of Kansas City, and Joe and Connie Adams, and Erin, Cameron, Will and Sophia Ginther of Atwood visited on Saturday at the home of J.R. and Carol Ginther. Brandy and Brady Ginther of Menlo spent last week with their grandparents.

Adam Spanier, son of Deanne

Spanier, and John Benda, son of Don and Sarah Benda, will be attending McCook Community College.

Steve and Arian Arnold spent the weekend in Colorado, where they attended an Arnold family reunion at Firestone. They were Saturday overnight guests of Mike and Nione Rhodin at Loveland.

Chris Anderson, son of Richard and Maureen Anderson, underwent surgery on Thursday at Decatur County Hospital.

Mark and Barbara Olson and

Mary took Sarah Olson to Manhattan on Monday, where she will begin her freshman year at Kansas State University. Barry and Tanner Schmidt, sons of Joe and Vickie Schmidt, are also among those attending K-State.

Sunday afternoon and pizza supper guests at the home of J.R. and Carol Ginther to help Mrs. Ginther and their grandson, Will Ginther, celebrate their birthdays were Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Firemen's Fun Day will be held Saturday in Jennings. Rex Getz, comedian-magician, will present a program at 8:30 p.m. in the city hall. There will be activities for young and old throughout the day. (see separate story and ad).

The Heritage Associates of Jennings, met at the Royal Neighbors hall on Thursday, Aug. 7. The meeting was conducted by President Neoma Tacha. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

During new business, the ham and bean dinner that is to be held at noon on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Senior Citizens Center, with the Royal Neighbors of America of Norcatur, was discussed. Everyone is invited.

Firemen's Fun Day on Aug. 23 was also discussed. The museum will be open from 1-5 p.m. New carpet has been installed in the new addition, so everyone is invited to stop by and see the new improve-

ments. Work has begun on the tourism grant, with which Connie Grafel is assisting. Dean has asked for everyone to get the hours that we have been on at our next meeting on Sept. 4.

Mrs. Lila Jennings spent Wednesday through Sunday in Denver as a houseguest of her daughter, Marcia Casey. Glenda Harris of Grand Junction, Colo., joined them on Thursday and Friday. While there, Lila made the acquaintance of their great-grandson, Mitchell Zubko, who was born March 9 to Alissa and Dan Zubko. His sister, Victoria, is 7.

Alissa Zubko hosted a luncheon on Saturday for the family of Lila, Marcia, Milt Sherwin, Marlene Hounshell, Andrew and Samantha Hounshell, and Jeremy Hounshell and friend, Miranda. Glenda Harris spent Saturday and Sunday in Loveland with her son, Brent Harris, and J. D.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Aug. 11, children from Little Sam's Day Care created flowers from fun foam and pipe cleaners with Helen Styles, Elfie Brown, Eryline Nichols, Lorna Bishop, Mammie Unger, Ella Peterson, and Ivah Alexander.

The Walk for Health activity gave residents Ella Peterson, Ivah Alexander, Bonnie Weskamp, and Dena Gillespie a chance to put on their walking shoes. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The card group gathered at Garrah Gaumer's residence. Others attending were Evelyn Olson, Ivah Alexander, and Mildred Holmdahl. Paul Mye, known as "Cowboy Paul", came Monday shared stories with the day care children and residents.

We were delighted to receive new quilted lap blankets for our residents from the Dresden Guild Auxiliary, represented by Delores Depperschmidt and Margaret Rhodes.

The First Hand Friends came Tuesday for the last regular visit with their reading partners. Attending were Dayton Dreher, Jamie Soderlund and Justin Gee. At the Men's Gathering, Fred Helmkamp, Art Nelson, and Leo Mooty enjoyed sharing memories of fishing days gone by while doing some "fishing" at our goldfish pond.

Residents gathered for a party in honor of the students, both college and high school, who will be returning to their studies. The STAR committee furnished strawberry and grape ice cream floats for the party. Concluding the day's events were the Swinging Seniors sharing music for all, as well as Serena Stacy and Jennifer Hirsch. Vera Lindemann was a guest of Elfie Brown.

The Bible study was led by Mert McEvoy. All of the First Hand Friends and family members joined their summer reading partners for a hamburger and hot dog barbecue at

noon. Attending were Alexis Hissong, Kalee May, Dayton Dreher, Justin Evan, Sierra Lohoefer, Lara Zoderow, Chris, Gabe and Samantha Anderson, and Jamie Soderlund. Nail care was provided by Dorothy Alstrom and Lisa Stacy. Ellen Horn served at Social Hour, and bingo concluded the day.

On Thursday, Catholic services were held for Lois Buchholz, Ruby McKenna, and Bonnie Weskamp. A birthday celebration in honor of Ann Leitner was held, sponsored by the Three Prairie Unit. Club members assisting were Maxine Brooks, Lula Hix, Lorretta Carter, Norma McAllister, Estella Harold, Lora Arnold, and Helen McVay. Children from Little Sam's helped make collage designs.

The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce held devotions Friday, followed by communion. Jessica Bremer brought a watercolor flower activity for Craft Fun with Garrah Gaumer, Bonnie Weskamp, Ella Peterson, and Eleanor Demmer. Social Hour was served by Ashley Horton and Sara Copeland. The Friday movie was "Indian in the Cupboard."

Saturday's devotions were led by Dennis Brown. Don Stapp served Social Hour.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship Church led Sunday services, and Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Hazel Flaska** - Jon Smith; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Virginia Fullbright, Earl Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Elsie Macy, Clarice Leake** - the Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce; **Ruth Laidig** - Carroll and Ruth Smith; **Dena Gillespie** - Virginia Fullbright, Earl Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Neva Campbell, Elva Shaughnessy, Eryline Nichols, LuVerne May, Leo Mooty** - Wayne and Lois Larson.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Betty Nickols' daughter, Debbie, from New Jersey, visited her for a week. She took her to the airport in Denver. While in Denver she visited her brother, Bob Kiefer.

Cleda Moeder attended the funeral of her first cousin, Tom Moeder, on Aug. 9 at Liebenthal, and the dinner at LaCrosse. Her son, Robert Moeder, of Hutchinson, also attended the funeral.

Guests from Aug. 8-17 of Darrell and Maggie Leh were son, Randy, Ambler and Adam, Memphis, Tenn. They all went to Oklahoma for a family reunion.

Jackie Gilkerson was moved from Wichita Via Christi to Hays Medical Center. The address is 2220 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kan., 67601. She is recuperating slowly.

The Rexford Bridge Club met at the home of Joy Davis in Colby, with Doris Jean Oliver as a guest. Prizes were won by Deb Stepper, Marguerite Edmondson, and Val Wark. The next meeting will be Sept. 10 at the home of Marguerite Edmondson in Colby.

Chuck and Pat Williams enjoyed a trip to the Black Hills and Yellowstone from July 26 to Aug. 12.

Those attending the Koffee Klatch were Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Delores Dible, Cleda Moeder, Doris Oliver, Freda Ketchum, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Sandra Barnett, and Vesta Roth.

Don Roth surprised his mother, Vesta Roth, Tuesday night and was a supper and overnight guest. He was visiting stores with his job.

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