

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — June 1904
"Oberlin Life in 1879" column was started in the Herald 25 years ago this week.

The following teachers have been hired for the Oberlin common schools. Principal, Miss Etta Stowell; the ward schools, Miss Blanche Bartlett and Miss Bird Martin; other grades, Miss Affee Enes, Miss Mae Weir and Miss Rena Fox.

One of the worst rains and hail storms of the season visited this part of the county Monday night.

Vollie Griffith and sister Emma took some friends down to the farm Sunday. They did not return until Monday evening and were caught in the fearful storm near Mr. Bobbitt's place south of town. Mr. Bobbitt claims he never saw a more bedraggled looking lot of young folks in his life.

A.J. Metcalf shipped nine carloads of cattle to Kansas City Monday.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1929

This Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of *The Oberlin Herald* is being published within 50 feet of the spot on which the old Washington handpress run by J.N. Counter and J.C. Humphrey published the first edition in June of 1879.

This anniversary edition contains:

A miniature facsimile of the first issue of *The Oberlin Herald*, as well as information about each editor of the paper over the past 50 years.

Articles by well-known older residents of Decatur County and the surrounding area.

Photos of officials of Decatur County from the time the county was organized on Dec. 11, 1879, to the present time.

Photos and histories of the Oberlin churches and schools.

An early history of Decatur County written by Mrs. S.J. Harvie in 1910 which includes an account of the Indian raid.

Accounts of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Ufford, Mr. and Mrs.

John E. Love, Oberlin Allen and Edward Ivory Randall.

A listing of all present-day businesses and photos of all professional men in Oberlin.

Interesting bits of Oberlin history over the past 50 years.

50 YEARS AO — June 1954

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has ordered a cutback of 13 percent in wheat planting for the 1955 crop, according to Neil Rogers, local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation chairman.

Creta Carter, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Carter of Jennings, was named governor of the 1954 Sunflower Girls State. She was sponsored by the Jennings American Legion Auxiliary. Girls State representatives from Oberlin were Phyllis Anderson and Betty Batterton.

During the next 12 weeks Charles H. Martin of England, a 20-year-old student at Cambridge University, will be in Decatur County as a guest of Oberlin Rotary Club members to learn about farming methods in this area.

Dresden: The new parsonage of the Dresden Methodist Church was dedicated last Sunday afternoon by Dr. Lyman Johnson, district superintendent of the Colby district. Mrs. M.E. Muirhead of Colorado Springs was present for the dedication. She had also been present in 1902 at the dedication of the church.

Vows were solemnized at the First Presbyterian Church at WaKeeney June 13 for Jeanne Anne Custer and Warren Conner. The bride has been employed as the home economics teacher at Decatur Community High School and her husband has been with the Soil Conservation Service at Hill City and Oberlin.

Gaylord Shields will arrive home today. He is in the Navy and is stationed at Ream Field in San Ysidro, Calif. He will be married on Saturday afternoon to Miss Shirley Euhus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1979

A later than normal harvest is shaping up in the area as amazingly cool temperatures moved in early in the week allowing the heads to fill and mature without the scorching hot sun and winds that have shriveled grain some years.

Nearly 300 persons registered at the Claar family reunion held this past week in Decatur County. The relative who traveled the greatest distance was Russell Leonard Claar of Santa Rosa, Calif; the oldest Leonard Claar, Topeka, nearly 91.

More than 165 persons attended a salad luncheon served by the United Methodist Women for Miss Jean Ann Hess, who as Miss Frontier will enter the Miss Kansas pageant in Pratt in July. Miss Hess modeled some 15 outfits she will wear during the week-long pageant.

Miss Marian Cathcart of Boul-

der, Colo., was honored by her nieces and nephews with an open house for her 80th birthday on June 9.

Jennings: Construction began Tuesday on the Jennings low-income housing complex for the elderly.

A seriously injured crop duster, Jim Jerow, will have a miraculous story to tell when he recovers from burns received in the accident near the Rawlins-Decatur County line while spraying wheat for Sunflower Air Service of Atwood. Brought to Decatur County Hospital by two farmers, Albert Kirchner and Elmer Solko, Jerow was transferred by Flight For Life to St. Anthony's Central in Denver where he is being treated for burns which covered approximately 50 percent of his body according to Dr. Ren Whitaker.

Temperatures at mid-afternoon Thursday were several points above the century mark.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Decatur County had a newspaper more than six months before the county was officially organized in November, 1879, when the Mass Convention of all registered voters took place. Then in the first part of December, 1879, Governor St. John signed the proclamation accepting the temporary county officials. They then held meetings and called for the first election in the county to be held in February 1880.

We would like to wish *The Oberlin Herald* a very happy 125th anniversary.

Only one more week before the drawing for the \$100 from the Modern Woodmen. All donations need to be made by June 23. Remember it is a great way to help your museum grow and expand. Since the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum is here to preserve our county history, the

Norcatour St. Mark's Lutheran Church, built in 1888, will be a wonderful addition.

The museum brings many visitors into our area and your support is needed! Tickets are available from any Modern Woodmen, Museum board or staff member, or at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, then the Modern Woodmen will match your donation!

Again this week we have had a nice number of guests, including one from West Africa. States represented were Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Arkansas, California, South Dakota, West Virginia, Michigan, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Myrna and I would like to thank Irel Lohoefer and Gladys Geis for helping us in the Gift Shop on Saturday.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Weekend guests of Danny J. and Jean Ann Leitner for the Ox Roast celebration were Jennifer and Jeffrey Leitner, and Danielle Diederich, Wichita; Charlotte Smith, Topeka; and Troy Smith and Greta Danner, Buhler. Also joining the group were friends of Jennifer from Wichita including Andrea Borntreger, Steve Manhart, and Michael Voght, and friends of Jeff, including Erica Redfern, Joel Pfeifer and friend Becky from Hays.

Leon and Marita Portschy of Herndon, April Portschy and David Sattler from Manhattan joined the group on Sunday.

Stella Leitner of Alma, Neb., and all of her children were in Herndon for the ox roast.

Mary Schwerdt, McDonald, spent Saturday with Dorothy Engleman and they attended the ox roast. Others who spent the weekend at her home were Claudia, Jon and Adam Powell, Atwood; Aaron Powell, Holyoke, Colo.; and Ken Sears, Joes, Colo.

Ox roast visitors of Frank and Wynemah Cox in Herndon were Dave Cox, Hays; J. Magers, Colorado; Susan and Luke McKain, McDonald; Rosa and Scott Boehm, George Lee Wurm, McCook; Denise Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Becky Boehm, Kearney, Neb.; Larry Cox and Emily, Beverly Cox, Denver; Dale and Lillian Wurm, West Covina, Calif.; Jean Pochop, Atwood; Sammy and Bud Van Horn, Loveland, Colo.; Clara Mulholland, and Elsie Jones, Lake-

wood, Calif.; Kent Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; and Lisle Kaufman, KU Medical Center.

The 50th anniversary class of Herndon High School alumni met on Saturday at the home of Wynemah Cox to reminisce. Those present were Bill Barenberg, Overland Park; Beth Chartier, Herndon; Mr. and Mrs. Denis Kleidosty, Palmdale, Calif.; and Mrs. Cox.

Supper guests of Ann Martin Saturday were Bob and Liane Martin and family, and Hank and Lorri Martin and family, Herndon; John and Julie Geisinger, Selden; Dick and Betty Martin, Wilsonville, Neb.; John and Fontella Martin, El Paso, Texas; Erma Jones and children, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Butch and Lucy Evans, McCook; and Ron and Cecilia Lehman, Tribune. All attended the ox roast.

Monica, Judy and Tom Solko were last weekend guests of Carol Solko in Hays. On Sunday, Judy, Tom and Monica Solko, Ron, Diana, Kimberly and Rodney Solko of Oberlin and Mike and Mandy Solko and sons of Larned attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Doug and Pat Marrs of Hays.

Goldie Oldies met last Thursday at the Down Home Cafe to honor Dorothy Engleman on her birthday. Others present were Helen Marintzer, Dorothy Engleman, Lillian Wahrman, Wilma Bobinmyer, Ann Martin, Doris Marintzer and Edie Pettera.

Herndon Senior Citizens met June 2 at the Senior Center for a business meeting and birthday

party, which honored Dorothy Engleman. Beth Hraha read the poem, "When I'm an Old Lady," "When the Lord Made Fathers," "Family Financing" and "The Other Side of the Fence."

Doris Marintzer won blackout in bingo and Pooch Portschy, the door prize. The next potluck will be today with Mrs. Engleman and Anna May Ketterl on kitchen duty.

Misty Hartner of Herndon was among Fort Hays State University social work majors who recently went to Wichita on a field trip. The students attended criminal court hearings, rode with police and visited agencies, including Boys and Girls Club. They also heard speakers from the Exploited and Missing Child Unit.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Friday, June 4, 5 and 6, Kathy VanMeter met her brother Keith and Karen Hilburn, in Logan on Friday, June 4, then accompanied them to Jewell to attend the Hilburn family reunion. Kathy's sister, Charolette Wilson, was hostess.

Over 60 people were there with six states represented, two each from Maryland and Alabama, and the rest from 17 towns in Kansas. All eight of Kathy's siblings were able to attend. On Sunday they returned to Logan and visited with Ilene Bliss.

June Jolly, Margaret Magers, Kathy VanMeter and Juanita Eckhart went to Norton for the pitch tournament on Sunday evening. On Monday Kathy and Margaret went to the Good Samaritan in Oberlin and played pinochle with residents.

Liberty Star Club met at the home of Angie Wilson on Wednesday. Theme was "Birds," and roll call was answered by the first nest spotted this year. Kathy VanMeter, Margaret Magers, Veda Wood, Kathy Anthony, Angie Wilson and her sister, Marilyn, of Stratton, Neb., were present. Mrs. Magers had the program on Flag Day, and Father's Day, and Mrs. Wood had the activity.

Those who attended the potluck lunch at the Community Building on Sunday were Gary and Kathy Anthony, Veda Wood, Ona VanGundy, and Margaret Magers. It was the last potluck until the first Sunday in October.

Ruth Vise and Karla Clason, Beaver City, Neb., visited Margaret Magers Wednesday evening after watering at the cemetery.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Irvan Courange and Kelly Brown, Lakin and Kaitlin, Oberlin, and Ryan Wheelbarger, of McCook, went to Hoisington last Monday to visit relatives and also

went to the cemetery.

Jim Courange of Hoisington was a Wednesday overnight guest of Irvan and Maralyn Courange.

Cedar Living News

Pastor Kathleen Aeillo from the Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist Churches gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a watermelon party in the dining room on Monday afternoon.

Myrna Jones gave the Monday afternoon music program.

Axie Sass won the first bingo on Tuesday and Harold Frickey won the blackout game.

The June birthday party was held following bingo on Tuesday, hosted by the bingo volunteers. Those assisting were Ann Martin, Alice Shirley, Jerry Temple, and Teresa Shaughnessy. Maxine Chambers was the only resident celebrating a birthday in June. Carol Allen attended the party with her.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

Cheryl Timm spoke to residents on Wednesday afternoon about the wedding of her daughter Melissa, which took place on June 5 in Atwood. The wedding display in the dining room gets bigger every day. There are now nine wedding dresses on display as well as pictures, invitations, bridesmaid dresses, and much more. The public is welcome to stop by to view the display. A Bridal Tea will be held at 2:30 p.m. on June 24 and everyone is invited to attend.

Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Residents enjoyed two guest speakers on Thursday afternoon. Gerry Neff spoke about her years of helping with weddings and decorating wedding cakes. She shared pictures, including a picture of the cake she made for Margee Wilson's wedding. Pastor Heidi Wiebe told stories of the weddings she has participated in, including officiating for family weddings.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make wedding cookies.

Recent visitors include: Don and Dorothy Lamb, Mabel Shaw, S. George; June Area, Wamego; Yvonne Sumner, Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Marie Miller, Dresden; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Dale and Lillian Wurm, West Covina, Calif.; Rose, Shakia and Sohn Domsch, Albert Hardon, Atwood; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Mary Ann Amack, Elsie Wolters, Dorothy Cochran, Fern Jording, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Carol Allen, Lyle Gamblin, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elaine Bryan, Gary Fredrickson, Dana Winstead, Paul Sass, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Trista Ploussard, Bob and Lila Keenan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Vayle Rohan, Irel Lohoefer, Darroll and Sue Banzet, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, June 7, devotions were led by Jan Badsky and Cheryl Miller shared insights on songs. Merry Mums, attended by Agnes Chambers, Erma Holt, Ella Peterson and Mamie Unger, enjoyed hand massages. Children from Little Sam's Daycare created butterflies with Agnes Chambers, Ella Peterson, Leo Mooty, Elsie Macy, Eva Cuthbertson, Marguerite Fullerton and Mamie Unger, assisted by volunteer Jessica Soderlund. Card fun was shared by Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Marguerite Fullerton, Hildegard Euhus, and Lora Zwickle. Volunteers assisting were Margaret Magers and Kathy VanMeter. Lisa Stacy served Social Hour.

Morning devotions were shared Tuesday by Janice Shobe. Summer readers visited their First Hand Friends, Lois Buchholz, Neva Campbell, Dena Gillespie, Kathryn Post, Eva Bryan, Mamie Unger, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus and Elva Shaughnessy. Children participating were Madison Monaco, Cheyenne Soderlund, Kariah Castle, Samantha, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Logan Berry, Caitie Shields and Kaine Fredrickson. Watermelon was provided by the Forget-Me-Nots for Social Hour, served by Dennis Brown and Ellen Horn.

Marian Dempewolf led Songs of Worship on Wednesday. Bible Study was led by volunteer Peggy Carswell and attended by Ann Leitner, Agnes Chambers, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, and Eva Bryan. Volunteers Dorothy Alstrom, Peggy Carswell and Karli Fredrickson hosted nail care. The Welcome Committee met to finalize plans for an upcoming party. Residents Eva Bryan, Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton, Garrah Gaumer, and Hildegard Euhus attended the meeting. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions. Catholic services were held with Lois Buchholz, Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby McKenna attending. Special summer readers came to meet with their reading pals. Children participating were Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Brent, Wade, and Troy Juenemann, Garrett Scott, Kiah and Keagen Blau, and Bethany and Nathan Smith. Thursday afternoon everyone celebrated the June birthday with the PEO Sisterhood.

Homemade pies were served by club members Mary Jo Lohoefer, Pat Wright, Marlene Moxter, Deanne Spanier, Jeri and Mandi Buchholz, Susan Nelson, Betty Jones, Diane Frickey, Peggy Fortin, and Eris Young after a music program, led by Betty Jones.

On Friday, the Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce led communion service. Irene Wagoner shared gardening stories while viewing of the garden recently planted by the residents. Carol Duncan read Current Events for Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Veda Pingetzer and Irene Wagoner.

A memorial service was held for Elsie Brown.

Residents and invited friends enjoyed a celebration of love and marriage at the Bridal Tea. Amy Carman and Anita Hirsch sang wedding songs. Tasha Carman, Serena Stacy, Jennifer Hirsch, Tawni Davis and Amy Carman modeled bridal gowns. Norma Unger brought the wedding gown of her mother, Louise Mooty, along with her father's boutonniere. They were married June 21, 1935. Vivian Bishop and Bethany Smith served wedding cake and punch.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions Saturday. Many of the staff traveled to the Herndon Ox Roast to sell homemade ice cream and bottled water as a fund-raiser for the Neighborhood project.

The Oberlin Covenant Church led Sunday church services. Ron Temple led a group of singers in old gospel songs, which included Anita Hirsch, Carolyn and Jim Plotts, Ila and Bob Virgil, Myrna Jones, Dwight Woods, Teresa Reves, and Dewayne, Aurelia, Kelsey and Destry Jackson. Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Donna and Anita Chambers, Jerry and Fran Chambers; **Eva Bryan** - Gabe, Chris and Samantha Andersen, Maureen Andersen, Donna Kelley, Kirk Kelley of Daventryport Iowa; **Lora Zwickle**, **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer, Ina M. Goodnight; **Fern Mapes**, **Lee Arnold**, **Marguerite Fullerton**, **Fern Anderson** - Jerry Temple; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Joyce Israel. Also visiting were Wayne and Lois Larson, Joyce Lee and Vera Stokes of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Warren and Luella Smith of McClausa, Colo.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Erica Akins holds a degree in criminal justice on recently graduating from law school Juris Doctor. She is interning at the attorney general's office in Little Rock, Ark. The bar exam will be in July.

Tegan Akins received her Bachelor of Science in Math with a minor in statistics Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arkansas. She was chosen to spend two weeks at Princeton University. The girls are the daughters of Tika Jo Carper, and are granddaughters of Galen and Meme Carper of Jennings.

The Rock Island Rockets 4-H Club will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, assorted salads, and root beer floats in Heritage Park on Father's Day, June 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken for watering and maintenance of Heritage Park.



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