

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — June 1904

Charley Fawcett was trying his automobile around town Friday. It caused some excitement among the horses.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Calhoun June 25, 1904, a bright-eyed baby girl.

Married: Miss Winona R. Tacha and Mr. Joseph F. Kalash, June 29, 1904.

Jennings 4, Oberlin 0: Clay Bradbury came up with his gang from the south part of the county Monday and gave the Oberlin team the first shutout they ever had. The Oberlin team lost the game because of their inability to hit Art Smith's benders.

Norcaturn News: Grover New was shocked by lightning Friday evening of last weekend and was unconscious for some time.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1929

The celebration for the Fourth of July at Lake Atwood is without a doubt the most pretentious ever planned in Northwest Kansas.

Scheduled are water sports, a boxing show with some of the best fighters between Omaha and Denver, golf, baseball, horseshoes, a band concert and three dances. The Sam Hubbard American Legion Post No. 46 invites the public to celebrate with them from early morning till late at night — not a dull moment.

A delicious three-course supper was served at the D.B. Beckwith home the evening of June 20th when their son Raymond and bride (Miss Lillie Trotter) arrived after their marriage at Traer.

The mercury reached 100 degrees Wednesday afternoon. The summer of 1928 had only one day with a temperature of 100 or above, Aug. 19th.

On Sunday, June 23, all the children of Wm. Lieberknecht gathered for a family reunion on the banks of the Solomon River and at noon dinner was served picnic style. It was the first time all the family had been together in seven years.

A surprise party was carried out by friends of the Swedish Mission Church of Lund at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John and Carl Simonson

near Selden. The party was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Simonson Sr. who recently moved here from near Fairbury, Nebr. After a nice program by Rev. Nygren and Misses Goldie Rydquist, Vergie Anderson, Hazel and Mabel Nelson, refreshments were served to 78 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waldo are the parents of a girl born Wednesday, June 25th.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1954

Harvest is in progress and wheat yields are better than expected despite the extreme heat and hot winds in June. Most yields were said to be in the 20 to 30 bushel range.

Two local elevator grain dealers, Oberlin Mill and Lohofener Grain, have recently completed additional grain storage facilities.

The newly completed office building of W.E. Meckenstock is now occupied by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance office. The west side of the building now houses the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office, where the employees are Mrs. Angie Everist, Mrs. Dan Hess, Mrs. Max Jones, Mrs. Glen Gierhart and Miss Nancy Stanton. They were formerly housed in the Decatur County courthouse. The Farmers Home Administration office has been moved from the old high school building to the northeast corner of the new Meckenstock building and is occupied by Wilbur Hunter, district supervisor, and Mrs. Dennis Rydquist, secretary.

The west wing of the new Decatur County National Bank building has been completed and the Decatur County Abstract Company moved from its former location below the bank to its new office. Arthur J. Dowling, public accountant, will have his office in the west room. The bank will occupy the east room of the new wing while the old bank is razed in preparation for the construction of the east wing of the new bank building.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Foster, Jennings, girl, June 22, Jana Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris, Selden, girl, June

28, Patricia Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy, Selden, son, Steven John, June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Unger announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Ruth, to Mr. Robert Gaede, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Gaede of Hoxie. A late summer wedding is being planned.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1979

Local law enforcement officers were busy this week investigating break-ins at Raye's IGA, Oberlin Mill and Anderson and Son Hardware.

It's great June weather for corn and milo but the continued rains are allowing the weeds in some fields to outdistance the wheat, according to area elevator operators.

"On to Hawaii" is the chant of the United Church High School bell choir members as they sandwich in rehearsals and fund-raising projects for their summer tour to Hawaii in between summer jobs. Members are Peggy and Mary Dark, Lynda Votapka, Kelly Brown, Lisa Schweitzberger, Tammy Wendland, Amy Anderson, Melissa Perrin, Merlou Lohofener, Shelly Amack and Gay Robertson. Director is Cheryl Votapka. Other sponsors for the group are Mr. Votapka's husband, Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ooton and

Karen.

Unified School District 294 Supt. Glenn Martin recommended the hiring of three teacher applicants: Bonnie Beisner, Salina, instrumental music; Jerri Buchholz, third grade; and Susan Davenport, Laramie, Wyo., vocal music.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamilton, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jo, to Randy Abla of Erick, Okla.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bryan, Hunter Kent, June 11; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gutchewsky, Herndon, son, Brian John, June 19; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Laird, Waterloo, Belgium, a son, Ryan Earl, June 13; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fortin, McCook, daughter, Nichole Lee, June 10.

A double-ring ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon united in marriage Paula Huss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Huss, Herndon, and Rod Sramek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sramek, LaCrosse.

The engagement of Connie Renea Traverson, Goodland, to Ken David Richards of Hesston has been announced by their parents, Mrs. Robert Temple, Goodland, Robert Traverson, San Diego and Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, Oberlin. A Sept. 8, 1979, wedding is planned.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It has been a busy week with 139 people visiting and touring the Museum. Most were Claar descendants coming from Nebraska, Idaho, Alabama, Kansas, Georgia, New Mexico, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Oregon, Wyoming, Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Washington, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Colorado, Illinois, California and Oklahoma. Probably the descendant that traveled the farthest was here from Germany.

On Tuesday, a couple from Virginia was here visiting relatives and researching the surnames of Cody and Miller. On Friday a gentleman from Leawood and his

aunt from Chicago were in doing family history on the names Wylder and Peters.

Again the board and staff would like to thank the Modern Woodmen of America for holding a benefit with proceeds going to the moving expenses of St. Mark's Lutheran Church from Norcaturn to the Museum grounds. We would also like to thank each and every one of you who donated toward this. The first place winner was Delores Stapp of Norton; second place was Don Fredrickson; and third place was the Decatur County Genealogy Society.

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July!

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

We have finally had some rain, about 2 inches or so!

Kathy Brashears came Tuesday evening, fixed supper and spent the night with the John Helms.

On Wednesday, at the Helms in Colby, Deb, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew and Timothy Helm brought the mail and had supper. Grandpa John and Timothy had a great time putting a jigsaw puzzle together.

On Friday, Jim Helm stayed with his parents until Laurie Helm of St. Louis, Mo., arrived so that Ceanne and Martin Rinehart could take their granddaughter, Carolyn Rose, to Colorado.

On Saturday, Royce and Lola Cook spent the afternoon with the Helms. The Helms love the visits

from family and friends, which make the days go by faster.

Kathy Van Meter, Margaret Magers and Veda Wood visited Pat Schwab at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin last Sunday, then enjoyed the "Community Gospel" program put together by Ron Temple and several in the community. Afterward they visited Marguerite Fullerton at Good Samaritan Center.

United Methodist Women met on Tuesday. Those present were Joyce Sumner, Margaret Magers, June Jolly, and Kathy Van Meter. It was a potluck program, then they sewed the rest of the day. Joyce Sumner was hostess. Mrs. Jackie Porter of Norton came out to help sew.

Rea and Dee Magers took Mar-

garet Magers to Beaver City, Neb., on Thursday to visit Dwight and Ruth Vise. Karla Clason was there and they all had lunch at the Senior Center.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers went to Oberlin and danced to the Vic Mowry band.

Mrs. Magers also visited Pat Schwab while there. On Friday night, the two women played cards in Norcaturn.

On Saturday, Veda Wood, Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter attended the 50th anniversary party honoring Roger and Angie Wilson in Oberlin. They also visited Marguerite Fullerton and John and Carol Moye.

June Jolly was to Hastings, Neb., last Thursday and Friday to be with Linda, who underwent surgery on her face to remove a lump. On Sunday evening Mrs. Jolly played cards in Norton.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of June Arkle, 82, who died Thursday at Kearney, Neb. She is the former June Bergling. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Metz Chapel at York, Neb., with the Rev. Jeff Wulf officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery at Atwood on Saturday afternoon with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin; a daughter, Donna and Larry Schroeder, Longmont, Colo.; a son, John and Christine Arkle, Kearney, Neb.; five grandchildren; and a brother, Verol and Rosemary Bergling, Atwood.

Word was received on Thursday of the death of Judy O'Neill, 55, wife of Steve O'Neill, of Brighton, Colo. She was a daughter-in-law of Sylvia (Bergling) O'Neill, of Brighton, Colo., and the late Gordon O'Neill. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Northglenn, Colo. A memorial was established to the Alzheimer's Association, 455 Sherman Street, #500, Denver, Colo., 80203.

Paul and Debbie Babcock, John and Kristen of Holton visited on Sunday with Eva Bryan and other relatives. They were overnight guests of Dick and Donna Kelley.

Dale Olson of Pasco, Wash., and Maxine Peebles of Denver visited from Sunday to Wednesday with

Bob and Sally Olson, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and Mark and Barbara Olson and family.

Bernie Fred accompanied her daughter, Linda Rocco, to Oberlin on Saturday. Mrs. Fred had spent a month visiting her daughters, Mrs. Rocco and Glenda Sprague, and their families in Oxford, Mass. Mrs. Rocco left Tuesday for her home.

Chris Anderson was honored with a barbecue Sunday evening at the home of his parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha and Gabe, in observance of his ninth birthday.

Others present were Paul and Debbie Babcock, John and Kristen, Holton; Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

Evan Wenger of Texas, has been helping Gerald Benda with harvest and also visited his mother, Fern Wenger and his sister, Jodie Wenger.

Mary Lou Olson met Gara Lee Sprague of Arapahoe, Neb., for lunch on Wednesday in McCook.

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Cedar Living News

The week got off to a busy start with a pizza party hosted by Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots. He served pizza to the residents and all of the staff of Decatur Health Systems. The dietary department provided a lovely salad bar as well.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt gave the music program in the afternoon. Their theme for the day was wedding music and everyone enjoyed singing along.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. Maxine Chambers won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

Joan Larue gave an informative demonstration on cake decorating after bingo on Tuesday afternoon. She decorated a three-layer wedding cake, which was then saved for our party on Thursday afternoon. She also donated sheet cakes for the party. Laurie Wasson of Prairie Petals visited on Wednesday afternoon. She spoke about planning the flowers for a wedding and demonstrated making corsages and bridal bouquets.

Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

The Bridal Tea held on Thursday afternoon was the climax to our month of wedding festivities. The tea was attended by residents and staff as well as many volunteers, groups from the Good Samaritan Center and Wheat Ridge, and guests from the community.

Zola Brown assisted with the guest book, wearing one of the corsages donated by Prairie Petals. Kay Brown and Vickie Bailey entertained with wedding music. Katie Glading assisted staff members with serving cake and punch. The mints served at the party were

donated by Roberta Petracek and Lynn Doeden. The Doeden family donated plates, cups, and napkins from the recent wedding of Erin Doeden to Rodger Wolfram. Guests also enjoyed viewing the display of dresses and wedding photos.

Helen Juenemann assisted the baking group with making peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Shakia, Sohn and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Russell and Ryan Miller, Dresden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Beth Chartier, Herndon; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Glema Macy, Lebanon, Neb.; Don Ashley, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samsco, Ludell; Jamie Samsco, Lindsborg; George Wurm, McCook; Jordan and McKenzie Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Jerry Temple, Norcaturn; Mildred Tacha, Jennings; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Phyll and Connie Cramer, Luetta Pollnow, Grace Cook, Dorothy Cochran, Barb Solko, Fern Jording, Elsie Wolters, Estella Waldo, Eula Juenemann, Alvina Unger, Goldie Raulston, Fern Anderson, Marcia Lohofener, Garrah Gaumer, Janeil Jensen, Shani Guzan, Beth Sebaugh, Diana Gamblin, Alvina Gamblin, Ivah Alexander, Elva Shaughnessy, Hildegard Euhus, Jan Badsky, Ruth Laidig, Lisa Stacy, Neva Campbell, Jane Gilliam, Alice Shirley, Nadean Stoney, Kimberly Stoney, Irene Lohofener, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Charlotte Hart, Chuck Frickey, Joan McKenna, Joan Glading, Jackie Schmidt, Lyle Gamblin, Vayle Rohan, Earl Brown, Marie Jean Vavroch, Ella

Betts, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Hosting the special Father's Day gathering on June 20 were Jan Badsky and LaVerne and Coleen Rippe.

On Monday, June 21, Coleen Rippe led devotions. Garrah Gaumer, Irene Wagoner, Ivah Alexander, Hazel Flaska, Agnes Chambers and Fern Anderson assisted with flower arranging and planting in the garden on the north side of the building. During Social Hour the children from Little Sam's Day Care helped bring in the first day of summer with water and popsicles for all. Myrna Jones provided music during Social Hour. Cameron Weishapl shared a game of cards with Everett Fisher. Card Sharks gathered for a game of Canasta, enjoyed by Elva Shaughnessy, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, and Hildegard Euhus. Assisting with Social Hour and cards was volunteer Mildred Holmdahl.

Devotions were brought by Loretta McFee on Tuesday. Reading pals joined their special partners for some quality reading. The Men's Gathering was held over a cup of coffee at the Frontier Restaurant, enjoyed by Leo Mooty, Lee Arnold and Everett Fisher. Social Hour was a treat, with Dennis Brown from the Forget-Me-Nots sharing delicious vegetables and cheese and salami trays with residents and staff.

The special message, "God's or Mine", was given during Wednesday morning devotions. Mert McEvoy led Bible study, which was attended by Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Ann Leitner, Marilyn St. Clair, Fern Anderson, Hazel Flaska, Lorna Bishop, Mamie Unger, and Garrah Gaumer. Nail care was done volunteers Pat Whetzel, Ellen Horn, Roxie Erickson, and Jessica Bremer. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Thursday morning devotions were led by Dennis Brown. Little Sam's kids came to play ball with residents Agnes Chambers, Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Erma Holt and Ella Peterson. Catholic services were held in the quiet room for Lois Buchholz,

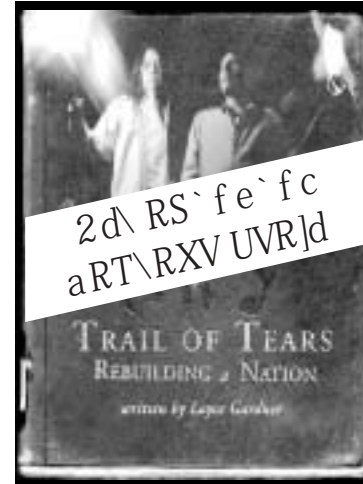
Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby McKenna. Reading pals came to join special partners Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Elva Shaughnessy, Neva Campbell, Ruby Shuler, Everett Fisher, Lee Arnold and Hildegard Euhus. Several ladies enjoyed dressing up to attend a Bridal Tea hosted by Cedar Living Center, including Elva Shaughnessy, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Neva Campbell, and Hildegard Euhus. Ellen Horn served Social Hour.

Lisa Stacy led Friday morning devotions. Merry Mums gathered for a game of table ball, with Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Eryline Nichols, Agnes Chambers, Eleanor Demmer, Ruby Shuler and Ruby McKenna joining the fun. Show and Tell brought several residents together to share favorite things. Current Events were read by Carol Duncan to Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Irene Wagoner, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Ruby Shuler, Agnes chambers, Ruby McKenna, Ella Peterson and Lorna Bishop. Social Hour ended the day with fresh baked brownies, served by Bethany Smith.

Saturday morning devotions were led by Dennis Brown.

Sunday church services were led by Oberlin Community Fellowship Church. Social Hour was served by Florence Vavroch.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - the Anderson children, Detta Anderson, Paul, Debbie, Kirston and John Babcock; **Fern Mapes**; **Marguerite Fullerton**, Jerry Temple; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch, Mary Landau, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Florence Jones**, **Ruth Laidig** - Mary Landau; **Hildegard Euhus** - Tyler, Cassidy and Cadie Shields; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Garrah Gaumer** - Joan McKenna, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer. Also visiting were Lois Behrmann, Orange, Calif., and Teddy and Kay Banks of Toronto, Kan.



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