

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1879

J.W. Allen & Son have erected an awning in front of their store. Metcalf Bros. are making arrangements for the erection of a flouring mill about 12 miles down the Sappa.

Ed. Knowles was elected president of the bridge company organized last Saturday; H.O. Douglas, secretary; and J. A. Rodehaver, treasurer. Committee to select the most suitable site for a bridge across the Sappa was appointed as follows: Ed Beckwith, J.W. Allen and John B. Hitchcock.

Two thousand people celebrated the Fourth of July at Oberlin and everybody enjoyed themselves. J.C. Wilson was master of ceremonies; Judge Hughes of Rawlins County delivered the oration; the Oberlin Glee Club and Ingall's String Band furnished music. There was a ball game and a horse race in the afternoon and a grand display of fireworks in the evening.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1904

The rain Wednesday night was an old soaker — one of the heaviest of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Art S. Steele and daughter, Bertha, left for a three weeks visit at the St. Louis Fair.

W.D. Street returned Sunday evening from his trip of ten days over the proposed new railroad in Graham and Rooks counties.

Born June 30, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Campbell, a daughter.

Little Dewey Jackson fell into the cellar while playing with some children at the Jackson home and cut a severe gash in the back of his head.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1929

G. Webb Bertram, Oberlin's first lawyer, died June 27 in Colorado Springs. This issue contains a letter from Mr. Bertram which we had intended to include in last week's centennial issue. It contains his experiences during the Indian Raid of 1878. Bertram was a Civil War veteran and first came to Decatur County in September of 1872 when he camped along the

Sappa with a party of buffalo hunters. He homesteaded in that location in 1878 and was a member of the original Oberlin Townsite Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley are rejoicing over the birth of a son and heir on June 28 at the McCook Hospital who has been named Tad Tilden Riley. We understand the proud father has already made arrangements for the youngster to go out for football.

Lyle: Vic VanGundy has a new truck all ready for the big harvest that will begin the latter part of this week.

Fairview-Summit News: Tolle Hoppas and family and Rex Macy and wife enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday with Mrs. Finn Penn and family.

Several Oberlin people attended a shower on Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Long north of Norcatour Monday evening. They received a number of valuable presents and the crowd disposed of 15 gallons of ice cream.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1954

It would appear that most of the wheat in Decatur County will yield from 20 to 35 bushels per acre. A very small portion of the current crop is being marketed as harvested since the current cash price is below the loan value available to producers.

June of 1954 turned out to be an unusually dry month, and with more wind than is ordinarily expected — or enjoyed. Total precipitation amounted to only .83 of an inch; quite a drop from the 4.14 inches received here in May. Average for the month is 3.08 inches.

Susan Ridgway, Kay Fredrickson, Pam Banta, Cheryl Koehler, Connie Cody, Rosemary Nicodemus, Joyce Lee Stokes, Russel and Norman Stanley, Charles Kiefer, Roger Bradley, Leland Cody and Billy Dale Morris are attending Camp Christie at Scott City. Dianne Nemeth and Mrs. Don Ater accompanied the group and are serving as counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bobbitt an-

nounce the engagement of her daughter, Charolette Urling, to Carl Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Neff of Selden.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Railsback gathered at their home on Sunday, July 4, for their first reunion since 1939.

Rotarians at the Tuesday noon luncheon meeting enjoyed the program, which was a talk by Heber Martin, English university student who is visiting here this summer. He had spent the past week in the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Reist and accompanied Denzil to Denver for the dog races.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1979

Oberlin's new postmaster, Gary L. Miller, was sworn in officially Monday. His wife, Mary Jane, held a Bible which belonged to his grandmother, Rebecca Cramer, and carried a date of 1886. Miller has been postmaster at Norcatour since September 1967 and replaces Don Zimmerman, who was killed in a plane crash in October 1978.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Recent visitors of Helen Marintzer were Jack Hartner, Northglenn, Colo.; and Melvin Kogl, Lakewood, Colo.

Jack, Linda and Zack Hartner, Northglenn, Colo., and Melisa, Hailey, Chelsea, and Madison Bours, Thornton, Colo., spent the Fourth of July in Herndon.

June Tongish left Monday, June 28, for her home in Salt Lake City, Utah. She came to help her parents, Denis and Wilma Tongish. Wilma is recuperating from recent heart surgery at her home. Joe and Becky Tongish of Topeka were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Tongishes.

Keith, Tress, Matthew and Alyssa Pettera of Lakewood, Colo., were Fourth of July guests of Edie Pettera and other relatives.

Bob and Julie Hafner and Edie

served as acting postmaster during the interval.

Velda Ward has been appointed officer in charge at Norcatour until a permanent postmaster is appointed to fill Miller's position. An open house at the new Norcatour post office will be held after harvest.

Oberlin attorney John E. Bremer assumed the presidency of Oberlin Rotary Club at the June 26 meeting, succeeding Arthur Hamilton. Other officers are Ken Kaufman, vice president; Randall Braden, secretary; and Ralph Brown, treasurer.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Uehlin, rural Danbury, daughter, Rebecca Jeanne, June 18, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

The Oberlin women's open tennis tournament concluded Sunday night with Ann Smalberger, McCook, winner of the singles. Sherry Rogers and Brenda Phillips, Selden, won the doubles competition. There were 25 entries in the singles competition and 14 in the doubles.

Pettera were Fourth of July guests of Brian and Mary Clark for a delicious fish fry.

Ron Solko, Oberlin, was a Saturday guest of his mother, Monica Solko. Tom Solko called during the week.

Bob, Liane and Ann Martin visited Dick and Betty Martin at Lebanon, Neb., on Sunday. All had supper at the Lebanon Cafe.

The rain is appreciated by all. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kircher of Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin were last Sunday afternoon coffee guests of Ann Martin.

Ron and Rodney Solko were last Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko. On Sunday, Mrs. Solko was a dinner guest of Mildred Kleidosty at the Down Home Cafe. Tom Solko visited at the Solko home on Sunday.

Cedar Living News

The Oberlin Community Fellowship Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service on June 27.

Helen Lindquist was the big winner at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Carol Witt assisted with the sing-along.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Pat Schwab won the blackout game.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of stories about honeymoon travels on Wednesday. Staff members, guests, and residents shared stories about where they went including Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, Colorado Springs, and the Black Hills. Many residents also shared stories about charivaries, including Maxine Chambers. She noted that because she was married in January, they did not get thrown in the stock tank.

Rose and Shakia Domsch of Atwood visited Wynemah Cox on Wednesday afternoon. They brought their new puppy, Blossom, who made the acquaintance of many of the residents.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday.

Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon. Maxine Chambers, Charley Vavroch, Eva Marie Vacura, Harold Frickey, and Teresa Shaughnessy played dice games. Charley was the winner.

Bea Wolfram went to Hays on Thursday afternoon with her grandson, Kyle Wolfram of Liberal. They visited Hank Wolfram, who is hospitalized there. Mrs. Wolfram returned on Saturday, but Hank remains hospitalized in Hays.

Lynn Doeden and Teresa Shaughnessy made homemade ice cream on Friday afternoon. Residents and staff enjoyed an ice cream social on Friday afternoon as an early Fourth of July celebration.

Recent visitors: Marie Miller, Dresden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Beth Chartier Hraha, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Lynn Scrivner, Bill Schwab, Norcatour; Mark and Julie Burrell and family, Wauwata, Neb.; Carl Mumm, Don Ashley, Royce and Lola Cook, Kathy and Fred Albers, Wilma Ritter, Steve and Barbara Brown, Selden; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Larry Wolfram, Liberal; Becky Ian Pera, Colorado; Janet Baalman and family, Mannford, Okla.; Gary Matheny, Charlie and Clarice Dack, McCook;

Carol Witt, Ruth Wolfram, Pastor Royce Leitner, Barb Solko, Eula Juenemann, Gary Fredrickson, Verl Cook, Joshua Schwab, Dorothy Cochran, Vayle Rohan, Lyle Gamblin, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Elsie Wolters, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Paul Sass, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Devotions Monday were led in the Town Square by Jan Badsky. Merry Mums played table ball with the Little Sam's kids. Those attending were Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers, Bonnie Westcamp, Eleanor Demmer and Ella Peterson. Don Farr led exercises. Ruth Laidig, Leo Mooty and Ella Peterson enjoyed a stroll in the courtyard. Lisa Stacey demonstrated how to make Hollyhock dolls. Social Hour included banana muffins and coffee. Card sharks Elva Shaughnessy, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, and Hildegard Euhus played Canasta in the Quiet Room. Lisa Stacey read a selection of short stories to Lorna Bishop.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions. Several residents enjoyed a courtyard visit with activity assistant Lisa Stacey. Brown bag lunch gave staff and residents a chance to carry out some special conversations. Dietary department made sack lunches consisting of ham salad sandwiches, chips, peanut butter cookies, bananas, and sodas. Ellen Horn served social hour, with fresh cut-up fruit for all. Volunteer Marliss Rowley gave a devotional message for resident Ann Leitner and Dena Gillespie. Elva Shaughnessy traveled to Wheat Ridge Terrace for card playing. Veda Pingetzer, Fern Anderson, and Garrah Gaumer shared music hour in the Town Square.

On Wednesday Jan Badsky led devotions and assisting with music on the piano was Garrah Gaumer. Everyone enjoyed Bible study, presented by Mert McEvoy. The afternoon brought birthday greetings to Hildegard Euhus and Fern Anderson. Nail care was given by volunteer Dorothy Alstrom and Jessica Bremer, assisted. Phyllis Metcalf served as an activity assistant for the afternoon festivities in the Town Square. Assisting with serving were Stuart Euhus, Mary Ann Erickson, Bonnie Anderson, Shirley Shields, Ann Anderson, Vickie Lippelmann, and Ellen Horn, volunteer. Other guests included Irel Lohoefer, Alvina Unger, and Vivian Bishop, and Glenda Tyrrell, of Phillipsburg. Cassidy Shields sand led the birthday song.

On Thursday Dennis Brown shared a personal message about his life's changes and several solos. Everyone enjoyed doing pre-4th of July art work with daycare chil-

dren. Barb Berry, director, was assisted by Kristi Fortin. Residents who enjoyed reading partners were Lois Buchholz, Fern Anderson, Marquerite Fullerton, Dena Gillespie, and Mamie Unger.

Homemade cakes were served in honor of Eva Cuthbertson's birthday in the Town Square. Leading the birthday song was LuVerne May. Bobbie Shuler, Renee Harman, Gina Montgomery, and Alyssa Montgomery and Blaine Shuler, accompanied her daughter, Anita Montgomery. Ellen Horn assisted.

Friday morning devotions were focused on freedom. Bible study was held in the quiet room, led by Jan Badsky. Those participating for scripture reading were Eva Bryan and Dena Gillespie. Others attending were Fern Anderson, Bonnie Westcamp, and Marilyn St. Clair. Carol Duncan shared current events. Social hour presented a patriotic message presented by Jan Badsky, and the history of the Declaration of Independence with patriotic music, provided by Janette Votapka, volunteer, then everyone enjoyed red, white, and blue ice cream cones. Assisting were Bethany Smith, Kelly Black, Sharon Black, and Violet Krizek.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

Sunday church services on the Fourth of July were presented by the Lund Covenant Church. Shirley Nichols served social hour.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Fern Mapes**, Lee Arnold; **Marguerite Fullerton**, Fern Anderson - Jerry Temple; **Hildegard Euhus** - Alvina Unger; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley; **Hazel Flaska** - Myrna Lacina, Joleen Hall, Harvey and Nola Thompson, David and Ember Bush, Charlene Karnes; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch. Also visiting were Lee Eckhart of Norcatour, Irel Lohoefer, Serena Stacy, and Bobbie Shuler and Blaine Shuler of McCook.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kyle and Cindi Grafel, following the death of her mother, Beth Aman, of Loveland, Colo. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Loveland.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation and community will honor Gary and Charlene Baldwin, and Dale and Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe, with a farewell wiener roast at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Due to the weather, the location will be determined later. Those attending are asked to bring hot dogs, buns, marshmallows, a covered dish and table service. Beverages will be provided. For location, contact Gerald Benda or Chris Schmidt.

The Baldwins have sold their home in Oberlin and will be moving to Chetopa, where she will be teaching kindergarten and he will be employed at the Co-op in Bartlett.

Dr. Tim Talbert of Olathe visited last week with relatives. He is the son of Morris and Dolores (Erickson) Talbert of Stockton. He and his wife and family are missionaries to Nepal.

Those who gathered at the home of Elma Lee Erickson to visit with him and also celebrate the 41st wedding anniversary of Delbert and Roxie Erickson, and the 57th wedding anniversary of Erik and Jean Erickson, were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Erickson, Genevieve Erickson, and Phillip Erickson, Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. Erik Erickson, and Alan Erickson, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Don Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson.

Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby and Dave and Sherry Bergling attended funeral services last Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

of Mary Church in Northglenn, Colo., for Mrs. Steve (Judy) Ann O'Neill, 55, who died June 24. Her husband is a cousin of Dave Bergling and Mrs. McPheeters.

Betty Hafer underwent knee replacement surgery on Wednesday in McCook. Mail will reach her at 207 Page Street, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Roger and Bonnie Leitner and family of St. Augustine, Fla., left Tuesday after visiting their parents, Bob and Lila Leitner, and Verol and Rosemary Bergling, and other relatives.

Lee and Terri Munsell and Amanda of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Jim and Jean Roberts, Atwood; and Edla Olson and Bernie Fred were guests for a Fourth of July picnic on Sunday at the home of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Leona Schultz of Junction City, and Doyle Seaman of Abilene were holiday weekend visitors of the Steve Noren family, Lori Seaman and Esther Noren.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther attended funeral services in McCook on Monday for her aunt, Martha Jane Troxell, who died on Friday.

Those from the Herndon Covenant Church who attended Junior High Camp last week at Covenant Heights near Estes Park, Colo., were Sarah Grafel and Bill Reuther. Rachel Grafel attended Trailblazer Camp the previous week.

Gabriel Anderson was honored with a birthday breakfast on Wednesday at the home of his parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha and Chris. Invited guests were Dick and Donna Kelley, Gary Anderson, and Ellen and Detta Anderson. The same group had supper on Monday at the Richard Anderson home to honor

Detta Anderson on her birthday.

Dave and Sherry Bergling were guests of Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby on Saturday evening for a cookout.

Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson took Detta Anderson out for

lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn to honor her on her birthday, which was Monday.

Steve and Arian Arnold spent Monday and Tuesday in Loveland, Colo., where they visited Mike and Nione Rhodin and other relatives.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Get well wishes go out to Edith Tate who is home from the hospital and recuperating from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Rory Wendelin and Kenzie Fisher left Sunday, June 7, for Fort Hays State University where they attended a basketball camp. They returned home with Norman Wendelin on Wednesday.

Friday evening guests of Arthur and Alice May for an early Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and watermelon were John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Karen Eskew attended the baptism of Emma Violet Hibbs on Saturday in Wichita. Emma is the daughter of Darren and Becky (Waterman) Hibbs and the granddaughter of Ed and Cathy Waterman.

Ladd Wendelin, Seward, Neb., was a weekend guest of the Norman Wendelin family.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, spent the day visiting with his mother, Alvina Unger, on Saturday.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan

Unger, and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, left Friday for Wichita where they met and visited with Bob and Rachelle Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Rolla, Mo., and Norma's cousin, Jerie and Bill Scheel, San Antonio, Texas. They returned home Sunday evening.

Becky Helm and Kenzie Fisher were Sunday overnight guests of Rory Wendelin.

Weekend guests at the Craig Larson home were Ashley and Taylor Duysen, Lincoln, Neb.

Chrissy (Waterman) Raligh, Durham, N.C., will be spending the upcoming week visiting family in Oberlin and Timken. Chrissy is the daughter of Elmer and Margaret Waterman.

Jessica Dellere was a Sunday afternoon and overnight guest of Jessica Bremer. Sunday afternoon they attended a Fourth of July open house at Mission Ridge church camp, approximately 12 miles west of Stockton. Family games, boating, music, and good food were enjoyed by all.

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