

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1879

There was a rumor of Indians on the streets Monday. Wheat will average 20 to 25 bushels. Billy O'Toole has 35 acres of the finest corn you ever saw. W.F. Colton has purchased the property at the corner of Hall Street and Griffith Avenue and opened a lumber yard. L.J. Beal, who is about 12 miles down the Sappa, passed through town on Saturday last, on his way from Grainfield with a new J.I. Case Eclipse threshing machine. Oberlin Lodge No. 158 I.O.O.F. was instituted Friday evening, July 11, by District Deputy Grand Master John Wallace of Norton. Officers elected and installed were L.G. Parker, N.G.; Ira Kellogg, V.G.; E.E.L. Beckwith, secretary and George Colby, treasurer.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1904

Frank Hayward is working at the carpenter trade at Danbury. The Baptist people are considering the advisability of building a small addition to their church. Cecil Bradley who has been in Indiana returned last week and has gone to work in the foundry again. M.V. Jones died July 3 at the Soldier's Home at Leavenworth. The Farmers State Bank has been succeeded by the Farmers National Bank; all the stockholders in the former institution trebling their stock in the new one, and wanting more. J.R. Burrow of Smith Center and Fred Bremer of Dresden were added to the list of directors. Three threshing outfits have been shipped from Oberlin.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1929

Along with a lot of other Oberlinites, we spent a part of the Fourth of July at Atwood, driving

over late in the evening and finding the streets jammed with automobiles, an estimated 2,000 to 2,500. The lake was a popular place while the crowd was waiting for the fireworks display.

Most wheat will yield from 15 to 20 bushels. Mr. Lohoefer of Lohoefer and Hitchcock Elevator says wheat haulers have been keeping them mighty busy.

We had the opportunity Saturday of seeing for the first time a combine threshing wheat from the swath. It was being done on the old Blickenstaff quarter three miles west of Oberlin. A part of the field was turning out about 30 bushels an acre, is of the Kanred variety and certified pure seed.

Funeral services were held for a Kansas pioneer, Alfred McMahan, 86, the father of Mrs. Ross Chilson. In early years, he crossed the plains with a caravan of freighters in prairie schooners working his way as the cook for a company of 12 men. In 1868 he returned from the West, traveling in a stage coach to Hays and returning by rail to Illinois. In 1884 he and his wife took up a homestead in Rawlins County, later moving to Wyoming until returning to Oberlin some six years ago.

Norcaturn beat Oberlin 13-0 in a Fourth of July game with Pete Reeves pitching for Oberlin. On Sunday Oberlin beat Dresden 5-3 with Ralph Brown the winning pitcher. Playing for Oberlin were Shaw, L. Reeves, Burchett, Edwards, E. Brown, Addleman, Veeh Reeves, Dobbs, H. Brown and Nemeth; for Dresden, Carroll, Long, Walkey, Adams, K. Muirhead, H. Dempewolf, Norris, Chance, L. Bainter and Keenan, pitcher.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1954

The mercury has soared above

the century mark this past week and Sunday's 111 degrees was the hottest temperature recorded in 15 years. The hottest temperature ever recorded in Oberlin was 114 on July 24, 1936, and the next highest was 113 on July 13, 1934.

The Sappa State Lake east of Oberlin will be the scene of the Tomahawk District Boy Scouts of America and Coronado Council's summer camp next week with about 70 boys expected.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Merle Pavlicek, boy, Kenton Merle, July 10; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Moore, Kansas City, girl, Rita Dianne, July 4; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stegeman, Dresden, boy, June 26, Jimmie Joe.

Faith Lutheran Church (ALC) is to be the official name of the new church being organized locally.

Dresden: A. S. Hutchins is retiring as depot agent at Dresden after being here since 1931. The family lived here until five years ago, when they moved to Selden.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eiler announce the marriage of their daughter, Phyllis Jean, to Mr. Dole Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Metcalf, on July 8 at McCook. The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and is employed at Farmers National Bank. The bridegroom is also a graduate of Decatur Community High School and was in the armed services for two years. He is engaged in farming. They are making their home in an apartment at 105 E. Maple in Oberlin.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1979

While the wheat harvest is a full two weeks later than last year, farmers seem happy with reported yields and the average is expected to come in around 40 bushels per acre.

Eldon Wiemers has been hired by the directors of Decatur County Recreation Inc. to operate the kitchen and bar facilities in the new complex.

Rodney New was elected the new Unified School District 294 board of education president at the organizational meeting.

New members Pam Harmon, Stan Morgan and Monty Newton, together with Connie Grafel, Ron Temple and New, re-elected Eloise Smith and Amy Rehm clerk and treasurer and Elmo Lund was reappointed school attorney. Bob Berkheimer was unable to be present.

An effort is being made to print a new Decatur Community High School Alumni directory before the 1980 Alumni Banquet.

A June 9 ceremony at Strategic Air Command Memorial Chapel, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., united in marriage Michele Shinholser, Bellevue, Neb., and Brad DeKnight, Oberlin. The couple is now at home at 111 W. Washington where the bridegroom operates O.K. Electric.

The Oberlin Swim Club took second in the meet at Leoti with pool records set by Allen Sauvage, Dallas Johnson, Shannon and Michelle Addleman and Kevin Bennett.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

I have been working once again on old pictures that we have here at the Museum. In my work I have been trying to date them. My, how Oberlin has changed! If you would like to see some of the changes, come down and visit us.

In dating these pictures I have been researching some of the earlier photographers. This week my research has led me to Joseph H. Young. We have many of his "glass negatives". I have scanned many of them into the computer, reversed the negative and have made some great pictures.

Joseph H. Young was a very busy and well-respected citizen of the community. Here are just some of his accomplishments:

- 1) Graduated valedictorian of the class of 1891 from Decatur Community High School.
- 2) Taught himself shorthand while herding sheep on the prairie of Decatur and Rawlins counties.
- 3) From 1892-1904, he was District Court Stenographer for Judge Bertram.

On Jan. 1, 1905, he purchased the Art Steele Photographic Studio and continued in that business throughout the area until 1910.

Other great accomplishments were: promoted the telephone company in Oberlin and the ice plant in Norton, organized cement block making in Oberlin, sold autos, fire insurance, real estate, and in 1917 built the Young building which still stands.

His greatest legacy is probably the principal promotion of the U.S. 36 project, which in 1922 was originally planned as a shorter, direct route between Denver and Kansas City, but is now the shortest route from Indianapolis, Ind., to Denver.

In 1928 he again became District Court Stenographer with a speed of 210 words per minute. He held this position until the time of his death in March of 1938 due to a heart attack.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Brian and Westley Jennings of Solomon were Fourth of July weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. Bruce Carlton, Bakersfield, Calif., visited them on Sunday.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings received word of the birth of a great-granddaughter, Madeleine Kay Anders, on June 10. Her parents are Joey and Cecilie Anders of Carrollton, Texas. Grandparents are Bob and Shelley Whitesfield, Trout Lake, Wash., and Travis Johnson, Chambers, N.M.

Thanks to the Rock Island 4-H Club, the individuals and the Jennings community for raising and donating funds for the maintenance of the Heritage Park.

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Cedar Living News

The Lund Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday service on July 4.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served strawberry pie to residents, staff, and guests.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

The physical therapy department hosted a party in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Catherine Neal. Mrs. Neal retired on July 9 after working for seven years at Cedar Living Center. She had worked for 35 years in health care in Oberlin.

Katie Glading assisted with bowling on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father George gave a Communion service on the patio on Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of frying zucchini on Thursday. Teresa Shaughnessy brought the zucchini from her garden.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Helen Juenemann assisted the

baking group with making pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Thelma Karthaus was guest of honor at a birthday luncheon held on Friday. Joining her were Eula Juenemann, and Marie Jean and Charley Vavroch. Mrs. Juenemann brought the cake.

The Rev. Doug Hasty gave the worship service on Sunday.

Recent visitors: Rose, Sohn, and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Bill Schwab, Norcatur; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Barbara and Steve Brown, Selden; Charles and Inez Keller, Terrell, Texas; McKinley and Madison Gibson, Baytown, Texas; Robert and Mary Ballar, Sterling, Okla.; Angie Wilson, Lebanon, Neb.; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Rosa P. Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald;

Karen Bennett, Irel Lohoefer, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Carol Allen, Jeanette Miller, Dolores Koerperich, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Vayle Rohan, Paul Sass, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Shawn Boultinhouse is in the Hutchinson hospital following a hip replacement. Cards will reach him: c/o Robyn Mendiola, 405 N. 9th St., Fredonia, Kan., 66736

Birthdays and anniversaries include: July 11 - Kayla Wurm, Delores Juenemann, Chris Koerperich; July 12 - Sarah Schieck, Darrel Bruggeman, Lakyn Rogers; July 13 - Clem Mumm, Dan and Janella Benoit; July 15 - Karla Bruggeman; July 16 - Shawn Spesser, Mark Wessel; July 17 - Edna Schiltz, Vicki Bainter; July 18 - Jeffery Shaw, Mark and Lori Miller; July 19 - Art and Karla Wessel; July 20 - Jean Bruggeman, Sumner Schlenk.

On July 1 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Lola Cook took second, Carol Shaw got low and Cecelia also had the most tens. On July 8, Gene Rogers won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Irene Kruse got low and Dorothy Lovin had the most queens. Other mem-

bers present included Betty James, Royce Cook, Don Shaw, Don Smith, Paulie Neff, Catherine Campbell, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers and Vesta Shea.

The library has a couple of new large books: "Ten Big Ones" by Janet Evanovich, and "Second Chance" by Danielle Steel. Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

McGraw News

By Karl Laughbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weis, Mrs. Carl Long, Mrs. Joe Cech, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mauck, and Norbert Weis were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Saturday evening dinner guests of the Butch Rittmann family were Alvina Unger, Ralph and Norma Unger, and Ryan Unger.

Hildegard Euhus, Stuart Euhus, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, were Sunday dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields to celebrate Kelly's birthday.

Sunday visitors of Louise Pollnow were Arthur and Alice May.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, left July 3 for a vacation in Rosita, Colo., west of Pueblo. The Olsons returned home on July 6, and the Scotts returned on July 9.

Good Samaritan Center

Following devotions on Tuesday, reading pals came to share books with the residents. Faith services were held with Ella Peterson and Mamie Unger in attendance.

In the afternoon, volunteer Fern Moore came to read with Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie and Ella Peterson.

Independence Day word fun was enjoyed. Dennis Brown brought watermelon for Social Hour to share with residents, visitors and staff. Devotions were presented by Jan Badsy Wednesday, with Coleen Rippe as accompanist.

Bible study was held in the quiet room with Mert McEvoy, volunteer. Nail care was given by Pat Whetzel, Roxie Erickson, and Jessica Bremer.

Ellen Horn served Social Hour in the Angel Lane dining area, which enjoyed by Marilyn St. Clair, Hildegard Euhus, Ruby Shuler, Eryline Nichols, Luverne May and Elsie Macy. Neal Russell shared his musical expertise by tuning the piano during the afternoon.

Supper was a huge treat, with a delicious prime rib meal.

Unit leaders Julianna Baker and Penny Smith were assisted by kitchen staff, and other staff members, to make this event a huge success. Janice Shobe introduced the evening's entertainer, John Juenemann. Mr. Juenemann presented a gift to Angela Musgrave in honor of staff development week, and also led the group in prayer. Many staff members and family members of residents also enjoyed the evening.

Thursday morning began with devotions led by Lisa Davies, and Mary Henzel played the piano.

Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby McKenna and Lois Buchholz attended Catholic services.

Little Sam's Day Care children had fun making "Mud Pie" for the residents. Fern Anderson, Elsie Macy and Jan Conway enjoyed the messy treat.

Reading Pals came to share summertime stories with Lois Buchholz, Garrah Gaumer, Everett Fisher, Lee Arnold, Kathryn Post,

Jan Conway and Fern Anderson. Ellen Horn served Social Hour, featuring fresh-baked "Snicker-Doodles". Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Ivah Alexander made wallpaper stars for the bulletin board during Heart's Creation crafting time. Irene Wagener, Garrah Gaumer and Fern Anderson joined Lisa Stacy for some outdoor sunshine and chit chat on the front porch.

The Rev. Nolan Pierce led morning devotions on Friday, and served Communion. F.R.O.G.S. Camp kids came for a pet parade, bringing cats, dogs, hamsters, toads and a pet turkey. That afternoon brought a little bit of U.S. history review, in particular about the Ozark and Appalachia mountain regions. Fern Anderson shared insight from family living in the New York region, and Ruth Laidig shared stories from travels in the Appalachia region with her husband. Also enjoying the history session were Garrah Gaumer and Jeanette Conway.

Residents gathered to wish Ella Peterson a very happy birthday, and all shared cake provided by her daughter, Phyllis and Duane Berry. Guests included Arian Arnold, Bernie Fred, Goldie Raulston, Edla Olson, and Mary Ann Erickson. Serving was Bethany Smith, volunteer. Reading of *The Oberlin Herald* was shared with Ivah Alexander, Ruth Laidig and Fern Anderson.

Dennis Brown shared Saturday devotions.

Church services were held Sunday afternoon. Leading services was Pastor Doug Hasty. Serving Social Hour was Delores Koerperich.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - Chris, Samantha and Gabe Anderson, Detta Anderson, Duane and Phyllis Berry, and Dick and Donna Kelley; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Earl and Pat Hartzog, and June Vavroch; **Ruby McKenna** - Donna Chambers, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Ella Peterson** - Duane and Phyllis Berry; **Kathryn Post**, **Elva Shaughnessy** and **Elsie Macy** - Doris Fringer.

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