

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1879

Wm. F. Colton at the Oberlin lumber yard has erected a large lumber shed.

Work will soon begin on a bridge across the Sappa at this place, and a long felt want will be supplied.

Rev. John Wilson is erecting a residence on his farm, about one mile south of town.

W.A. Burnett has erected a store building and put in a stock of goods, on the farm of Geo. Shoemaker, near the Prairie Dog.

F.F. Bliss and E.A. Bariteau have gone into the cattle business.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1904

Mr. and Mrs. Steele and daughter Bertha returned home from the St. Louis fair Friday. We expected to see them come in their automobile, but it was not ready for them when they came through Kansas City.

Amos Peck and wife will depart soon for the National G.A.R. encampment which will be held at Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Sarah J. Gilmore returned from St. Louis last week. She tells of her experiences at the fair in an amusing way.

Married, Aug. 3, 1904, Miss Maude Schweitzerberger and Mr. Roy VanPelt, both of Sherman Township.

Kanona Items: Misses Ellen Johnson, Jessie Kirkendall, Lizzie and Anna Brown prepared dinner for the L.A.S. that met with Mrs. Brown Tuesday.

Allison: Earl Regester was bitten by a rattlesnake while hoeing corn. Sherman Items: Miss Gertie Leist returned home from the St. Louis fair last Friday.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1929

Funeral services were held for Hugh Cramer of Olive Township, who died at the age of 38 after an illness of 8 years. He graduated from Oberlin High School in 1912 and taught school for five years before his marriage to Miss Mabel Beam, and to this union were born two children, Elma, age 9, and Phyll, age 6.

Cadet Gierhart and Ralph Brown were badly hurt Sunday afternoon when Cadet's Pontiac car went into the ditch near the bottom of the hill

at the Brooks & Patton Poultry Farm west of Oberlin. The car rolled over a couple of times and both young men were thrown thru the top of the car. Brown was downtown Monday evening for a while but Gierhart was still confined to his bed. Everything considered, the boys got out of the deal pretty lucky.

Ernestine Woodward, five-year-old daughter of Oberlin Times editor Ernest Woodward and Mrs. Woodward, died Tuesday of ether pneumonia following an operation for tonsillitis.

Chautauqua closed last night without any stormy weather to interfere with attendance. The tent was pitched this year just south of the Federated Church and that proved to be a popular location rather than Chautauqua Park because of the recent cultivation of the growing trees there. About 50 children enjoyed the Junior Chautauqua picnic which was held at Peters park Wednesday noon.

Jennings: The new filling station is completed and is a great improvement to our city.

Miss Esther Ott, a former music teacher in Oberlin who is studying voice in New York City, entertained the Oberlin Rotary Club with several vocal numbers at the Tuesday meeting. She is a houseguest at the G. H. Banchor home.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1954

Something like 1,300 voters of Decatur County braved the hot wind Tuesday to go to the polls. In the contest for state representative, L.F. Cushenbery won over Clayton Diehl 500 to 406; in the race for register of deeds Gordon Bosler nosed out Merle Nelson 482 to 428; in the third contest Vic Morton won over Kenneth Foster for the nomination for sheriff by a vote of 645 to 205.

Supt. H.G. Mahon has announced that Mildred Agnew has been hired to teach commercial courses at Decatur Community High School, replacing Ann Marnix while Patty Hagemester will teach English and Spanish replacing Marion Bigelow.

Petitions bearing 400 signatures were presented to the Oberlin City Council Monday evening requesting a special election to vote upon a bond issue not to exceed \$68,000

for the construction of a municipal swimming pool to be located in the city park.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued Aug. 2 to Paul Koerperich of Selden and Delores Dempewolf of Dresden.

Dresden: Harold Derby is carrying the mail for Mike Karls who is hospitalized in Kansas City.

Dr. Carl Sixbury attended the wedding of his daughter, Barbara, to William Barto on July 11 at the First Baptist Church in Middletown, New Jersey. Mrs. Barto graduated from Decatur Community High School and received her training as a nurse in Kansas City and is employed at Monmouth Memorial Hospital. The bridegroom is stationed in Charleston, R. I.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1979

The 1979 wheat harvest has stretched into August after the wet spell and moderate temperatures in July. According to Darrel Bruggeman of Garvey Elevator in Selden, the corn and milo are looking good and the summer fallow fields are as green as the milo.

A large crowd attended the opening night of the Decatur County Fair. Plans are being made to serve 2,500 fairgoers at the traditional barbecue Friday night sponsored by

the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce.

Patricia Berkheimer is the Decatur County entry in the Miss Frontier Pageant to be held in Norton Friday. A sophomore at Wichita State University, her talent number will be a piano solo, "Mikrokomas" by Bartok.

Gasohol is now available the Decatur Co-op service station in Oberlin.

New Arrivals: Rev. and Mrs. Ken Kaufmann, daughter, Karissa Marie, July 25; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Shields, daughter, Melissa Charlene, July 25; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dirks, Herndon, son, Brandon Dean, July 29; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Banzet, son, July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Smith, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cecilia Bickford, to Thomas Bradley Goebel. A Nov. 10 wedding is planned at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita.

The Oberlin Swim Team coached by Annette Sulzman finished the season by earning a second place title at the Burlington League Swim Meet. Special awards went to Shannon Addleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Addleman and Alan Sauvage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sauvage as the outstanding swimmers in their age category.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Lila Jennings hosted a birthday supper Sunday evening honoring her husband, Lawrence Jennings. Guests were Imogene Keenan, Neva Taylor, Frances Bader, Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Arlo and Bonnie Wurm, Nadean Stoney, James and Delores Jennings, and Brett Jennings of Oberlin.

The weekend of July 24 Lawrence and Lila Jennings, accompanied by Brent and Brendan Jennings, of Chapman, were houseguests of Cliff and Clois Fiala at Wagon Tongue, near Florissant, Colo. On Sunday, additional guests were Galen and Joyce Krizek, of Pueblo, Colo., Charlie and Barbara Valdez, Wagon Tongue, Colo.

Wayne and Louise Cressler attended a Cressler family reunion at Hoxie on Sunday. Over 100 people enjoyed visiting and eating lunch catered by Leann Sloan.

Walter Cressler of Long Term at Hoxie was honored as the oldest there. Walter Lewis Cressler Jr. and Walter Lewis Cressler III from Pennsylvania received the prize for traveling the farthest.

The Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10. There will be a business meeting following the supper. Afterwards games will be played, including cards, dominoes, and scrabble.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a game to share.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served blueberry cobbler and ice cream to residents, staff and guests. Heather Glodt and Lacey Ream assisted and also played dominos with Maxine Chambers.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Myrtle Hazuka had beginner's luck when she played bingo with the group on Tuesday afternoon. She won both the first bingo and the blackout game.

Tressie Samson and Maxine Chambers both won several games at penny cards on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning and Delores Koerperich assisted.

Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The craft group met on Thursday to work on finishing projects to display at the Decatur County Fair.

Lacey Ream and Heather Glodt assisted with several volunteer jobs on Friday morning, and several residents enjoyed sitting outside with Heather and Lacey. The baking group made zucchini cookies on Friday afternoon.

Charley Vavroch attended a re-

union of the class of 1938 held at the Frontier Restaurant on Friday evening. Eleven members of the class and three spouses, including Marie Jean Vavroch, were present.

The Oberlin United Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Everyone is invited to stop by the open class building at the Decatur County Fair to see the craft display from Cedar Living Center. We have chosen to display our crafts, but not to compete for ribbons or premium money. A group of residents will visit the fair on Wednesday evening.

Recent visitors: Marie Miller, Dresden; Joseph Schmaderer, Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jerry Temple, Norcutt; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Vera Dack, McCook; Don Ashley, Barbara and Steve Brown, Carl Mumm, Selden; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Sara Bishop, Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Frank Cox, Herndon.

Grace Cook, Dorothy Cochran, Carol Witt, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Mary Ann Amack, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Oberlin.

Phyll and Connie Cramer, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Vayle Rohan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Carol and Gary Allen, Gary, Sarah, and Kaine Fredrickson, Eula Juenemann, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Monday morning devotions were presented by Jan Badsky. Merry Mums who gathered to play table ball were Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Agnes Chambers, Mamie Unger, Lorna Bishop, Eleanore Demmer, and Ruby McKenna. Little Sam's Daycare joined residents Hazel Flaska, Lorna Bishop, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer, Helen Styles, Marilyn St. Clair, Eryline Nichols and Mamie Unger for Fun Time.

Cool ice cream sodas were enjoyed in the afternoon, sponsored by the STAR Committee. Members present were Linda Hollowell and Joan Evans. Card Sharks gathered for a game of canasta, assisted by volunteer Evelyn Olson, with Lora Zwickle joining the group.

Tuesday morning devotions were led by Jan Badsky. Becky Moore shared one-on-one time, reading stories and strolling outside with Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson and Hazel Flaska. Reading Pal Kariah Castle shared books with Dena Gillespie.

Cheryl Miller, volunteer and staff member, shared some green beans from her garden. Residents Lora Zwickle, Marilyn St. Clair, Eva Bryan, Elsie Macy, Fern Anderson and Ivah Alexander snapped beans while reminiscing with Angela Musgrave.

Dennis Brown brought fresh-baked cobbler and ice cream to share with residents and staff. Vivian Bishop was special guest of Hildegard Euhus.

Leading devotions on Wednesday was Marian Dempewolf, dietary manager. Volunteer Mert McEvoy led Bible study for Veda Pingetzer, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Jan Conway, Ella Peterson, Marilyn St. Clair, Eryline Nichols, and Mamie Unger. Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom, along with activity assistant Becky Moore, gave nail care.

Ellen Horn served social hour. Evening bingo, attended by LuVerne May and husband Wilbur, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty,

Helen Styles, Hazel Flaska and Everett Fisher, concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Thursday. Reading pals came to visit with Fern Anderson, Kathryn Post, Lois Buchholz and Mamie Unger. Harold Demmer, Lee Arnold and Everett Fisher watched "The Star Packer, starring John Wayne, in the afternoon. Social Hour was served by volunteer Ellen Horn.

Janice Shobe led devotions Friday morning. The hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" led into her message entitled, "Never Give Up". Lisa Stacy, Phyllis Metcalf, Haley Robertson and Sharee Dempewolf helped the "Merry Mums" group with watercolor painting and clay projects. Agnes Chambers, Ruby McKenna, Veda Pingetzer, Ella Peterson, Florence Fisher, LuVerne May, Mamie Unger, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer and Eryline Nichols enjoyed the fun.

Phyllis Metcalf spent one-on-one time with Harold Demmer, Ruby Shuler, Lois Buchholz and Veda Pingetzer. Phyllis also read *The Oberlin Herald* to Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Dena Gillespie, Ella Peterson, Ruth Laidig, Agnes Chambers, Ruby Shuler and Leo Mooty.

Social Hour brought a celebration of Fern Mapes' 94th birthday. Several friends and family members brought gifts and good wishes. Bethany Smith helped serve and play the piano. Lisa Stacy ended the day by leading a study of Psalm 23, attended by Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Eleanore Demmer, Jeanette Conway, Neva Campbell and LuVerne May.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Don and Tyler Chambers, Mary Jo Ross, Hays; **Fern Mapes** - Donna Warren; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Larry and Myrna Lacina; **Florence Jones** - Lorene Anderson, Dorothy Stephens; **Dena Gillespie** - Steven Hartzog, Tulsa, Okla.; June Vavroch; **Erma Holt** - Jack and Coree Snyder, Ames, Neb.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Karl and Mary Noren, who were married on Saturday, July 24, at the Brookwood Covenant Church in Topeka. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Samuelson of Topeka, and the bridegroom's parents are Paul and Sheryl Noren of Cadillac, Mich. They were married by the Rev. Edwin Noren of Cadillac, Mich.; and the Rev. Robert Hirsch of Florida, grandfathers of the bridegroom. They will be making their home in Manhattan, where both will be attending Kansas State University.

Among relatives who attended the wedding were Edwin and Ruth Noren, Paul and Sheryl Noren, Kristina and Erik, Cadillac, Mich.; Dan Noren, Big Rapids, Mich.; Janice and Dan Quakenbush and family, Philippine Islands; Gordon and Geneva Christiansen, Westminster, Colo.; Susan Lovercheck, Media, Pa.; Michael and Angela Christiansen and family, Newport News, Va.; Mary Lynn and Dennis Carlson and family, Minnesota; Larry and Judy Noren, Salina; Ken and Alice

Robson, Ellsworth, and Esther Noren, and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, Oberlin. A family reunion was enjoyed on Sunday at the church.

Gary Erickson is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing back surgery last week in Omaha. Brady Ginther of Menlo spent the past week with his grandparents, J. R. and Carrol Ginther.

Weekend guests of Bob and Sally Olson were Annette Frenzl and Whitney of Salina and Amber Marks and friend, Whitney, Mulvane.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family joined relatives in Durango, Colorado last week for a vacation.

Wesley Benda underwent hip replacement surgery on Friday at Community Hospital in McCook. Rex Olson of Boulder, Colo.; Pam Starbuck of Nederland, Colo., and Keith and Mary Lou Olson accompanied Mark Olson to Cimarron on Friday, where they attended funeral services for Jerry Riepl, 79, who died on July 27. His wife is the former Helen Bendon, a

sister of Mrs. Olson.

Seth, Sam and Abbie Olson accompanied their father, Rex Olson, here and remained to spend

time at the Keith Olson, James Witt and Mark Olson homes during the Decatur County Fair.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Brock Euhus, Danica May, Nolan May, Cameron Nedland, Kelly Olson, Brent Stallman, Megan Barrett, Denton Bailey, Karli Fredrickson, Andy Gilliam, Leah Marietta, Lora Marietta, and Bret Marietta, representing St. John's Lutheran Church, recently returned home from attending the National Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Youth Gathering held in Orlando, Fla. Butch and Colleen Rittmann were their sponsors.

Stuart Euhus, and Mike and Gail Harvey and Zeb attended the Denver Rockies baseball game together on Friday. Zeb returned to Oberlin with his grandfather to spend a week visiting and enjoying the Decatur County Fair.

Sarah (May) Shaw, Wichita, at-

Hints for remaking jelly or jam

Runny jam or jelly can be remade, but what about stiff jam or jelly?

Stiff fruit spreads occur from overcooking, using too much pectin, using too little fruit and/or juice, or using too little sugar or under-ripe fruit without adding pectin. It is difficult to reformulate these products, so how can they be used?

You can heat stiffened jam or jelly (at a low temperature), and use as a glaze on meats, pancake syrup or an ice cream topping.

Stiff jams or jellies can also be thinned with water or fruit juice. They may or may not form a gel again once they are re-heated, as over-cooking pectin can reduce or destroy its ability to set.

It is best to work with only two or three half-pint jars at one time. Try adding about four tablespoons (1/4 cup) of liquid for each 8-ounce jar.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Over very low heat, melt the stiff jam or jelly in the added liquid, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Once in solution, raise the heat to medium and bring the mixture to a full boil; stir constantly.

Remove from heat and skim foam off jelly if necessary. Fill clean, dry containers for refrigerator storage.

It is not recommended to re-process the remade jam or jelly in a canner and store it at room temperature. Jellies and jams thinned in this man-

ner may or may not actually gel, but are likely to provide a mixture that may spread more easily than the stiff product.

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