

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1879

The first entry of any nature in township 4, range 28, was a timber culture entry by W.A. Frasier.

Rev. E.G. Cary of Oberlin organized on Aug. 6 the first church in Rawlins County at Kelso with J.M. Phelps as class leader.

L.C. Morrison & Son have opened out a large and well selected stock of general merchandise in the building recently occupied by Beckwith & McCall on the east side of Penn Avenue.

The St. Elmo Club, a chess club, was organized last Wednesday to meet every Thursday evening. George Colby is president.

Two croquet clubs were organized the first of the week, The Accidentals and The Invincibles.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1904

Norcatour has a new rural route that takes in a goodly portion of the people living north and west of that city.

Dr. A.C. Miner has located in Oberlin for the practice of medicine. Office over Steele's Art Gallery.

Simon Johnson got back from the St. Louis fair yesterday morning. He claims to be too tired to talk about it.

Miss Alma Southard and Mrs. J.J. Jackson left for the St. Louis fair Saturday morning. Miss Belle Martin will join them in Kansas City.

Professors A.C. Banta and F.H. Hayward left the first of the week for the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Baseball: Logan beat Hooker 11-8. Rube Nall and Harry McClaury, battery for Logan, Cullison and Barnes for Hooker. The Oberlin second team was beaten at Dresden 8-3; battery for Oberlin, Billy Crowe and Frank Moore; for Dresden, Fred Conquest and Del Fullen.

Norcatour: The voters of District No. 4 were surprised as well as indignant at the action of the board in hiring the same teacher that we had last winter. Voters were unanimous in opposition to the same at the school meeting.

W.A. Lloyd and son Lee have returned after a few week's visit in Weiser, Idaho.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1929

Funeral services were held for Perry Fair, 71, who had served Decatur County as a well digger for many years. He came to Decatur County in 1879 at the age of 21 and homesteaded the land now owned by E. Grossniklaus one-half mile east of Oberlin. He had probably put down more wells in this county than all the other well diggers put together.

The sign of J.C. Penney Co. went up over the door of the local store known formerly as J.B. Byars Co. This change also took place in 117 other cities and towns across the country. Mr. N.V. Gierhart is manager of the local store.

S.R. McClaury was badly hurt in a head-on collision near Haigler, Neb., Monday evening when a car driven by a Holdrege man was on the wrong side of the road and they met at the top of a hill.

Autoists should keep to their side of the road when approaching the crest of a hill.

Harlan: A large crowd gathered Sunday at the Leo VanVleet home to celebrate his 24th birthday. A cafeteria dinner was served and then the crowd went to the church to hear the musical recital of the pupils of Mrs. Leo VanVleet. The men folks enjoyed baseball and a swim in the creek.

John Philip Sousa and his famous band will give two concerts at McCook Sept. 4 and we imagine many Oberlin people will take advantage of the occasion.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1954

A bolt of lightning in a thunderstorm shortly before midnight Monday started a fire which destroyed Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. The fire was noticed by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Kathka, who called the fire department and scores of persons in the area assisted in removing items to safety. The loss from the fire will be substantial, even with the insurance coverage, according to Father Emil Sinner. It was only three years ago that the church building was enlarged and completely modernized.

Grand prize winners in livestock

at the Decatur County Fair were Claudine Macfee, grand champion Hereford; Louise Morford, grand champion breeding heifer; Nancy Johnson, grand champion breeding ewe and first for showmanship for sheep, horse, beef and cow; Betty Gaumer, grand champion breeding Hereford heifer and Carrol Hoffbauer, reserve champion Angus.

A scholarship has been awarded to Philip Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Law, to Fort Hays State College by the Hays Music Company. Philip graduated with the class of 1954 and has been an outstanding music student with his cor-ner.

Mrs. Dwight Wenger left Monday for a camp near Junction City with the following girls: Joyce Carlson, Marlene Anderson, Helen and Ruth Brainard and Karen Anderson.

Rev. Mark Brown, son of Rev. and Mrs. O.G. Brown of Oberlin, has resigned as minister of the First Methodist Church of Leavenworth to accept an appointment as chaplain at the Hill School at Pottstown, Pa., an outstanding preparatory school for boys.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1979

Business changes in Oberlin cur-

rently under way include: Raye's Grocery, expansion and remodeling; Dale's Fish 'n' Fun on Highway 36, office and display room, and R & R Imports, owners Ron and Rozanne Fuller, distribution within a 150-mile radius.

Bids will be opened on Oct. 9 for the courthouse remodeling and jail renovation project.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Klipp, Route 3, McCook, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra, to Gale Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cook, St. Francis. Plans are being made for an Oct. 6 wedding at the St. John's Lutheran Church in the Ash Creek community southeast of McCook.

A bridal shower honoring Marsha Hamilton was held July 27 at the home of Margaret Lund, assisted by Thelma Bainter and Martha Nemeth. Miss Hamilton's marriage to Randy Kinder took place Aug. 11 at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Phil Frickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frickey, has begun as a clerk for Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall at the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and Kansas University and holds a law degree from the University of Michigan.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With school about to begin, the number of visitors was down this week. We had only 25 guests coming from Kansas, South Dakota, Indiana and Illinois. Several were bikers who stopped on their way to Sturgis, S.D.

We had several genealogy requests for the surnames of Karnes, Brown and Reeves.

The board and staff would like to thank all of you who have so kindly donated to our project to move and restore the Norcatour St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Our estimated cost just to get the church moved to the museum

grounds is \$20,000. With your help we have raised \$17,763, and are less than \$2,250 from going ahead with the move. Our goal is to start this project in mid-October before the weather gets bad.

If you have not toured the museum lately I encourage you to come and visit us. We still receive items donated that are of great interest. One of the most interesting to me this last month was a Monty Mower. I had never seen such a lawn mower, which was donated by Oran and Lavern Milner of Norcatour. I don't think it's one that I would use on a very large lawn.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will meet at the Herndon City Park at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for a joint service with the Immanuel United Church of Christ. A potluck dinner will follow and everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Martin and Sheri Steinemann of Denver, Colo., on the adoption of their daughter, Lia Grace Steinemann. She was born June 25, 2003, in Nanchang, China, and was legally adopted by them on July 19, 2004. The Steinemanns left Denver on July 15 and returned home with their daughter on July 29. Grandparents are Bill and Maxine (Olson) Peebles, Denver; and Albert and Heidi Steinemann, Elgg, Switzerland.

Blaine, Cameron and Will Ginter of Atwood were Sunday

dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginter to help Carol celebrate her birthday. Afternoon callers were Harlan and Naida Ginter of Atwood.

Shirley Maresch, Jenna and Tim of Nekoma left Sunday after spending a few days with her parents, Wesley and Eulaine Benda.

Congratulations to Merlin and Dixie Green of rural Ludell who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Steve and Arian Arnold returned home Thursday night from a three-week trip to Sweden and England. They were houseguests of her cousin, Peter and Silke Lindquist, in Stockholm, Sweden, and attended the wedding of their son, Peter, on July 31. They also visited their daughter, Annette and Thomas Reisbeck, in Licksound, Sweden.

In England, they visited Mrs. Arnold's cousin, David and Beth Myers, in Kensington. He is the son of Gertrude (Anderson) Myers, and a nephew of Gordon and Elden Anderson.

Weekend guests of the Arnolds and Edla Olson were Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., and Galen and Lynne Olson of McKinney, Texas.

Mark and Barbara Olson helped Sarah Olson move to Manhattan on Friday, where she will be a sophomore at Kansas State University.

Dave and Sherry Bergling took

pizza to the home of his parents, Quentin and Olive Bergling, for supper on Saturday.

Jack and Mary Gutchewsky; Sarah Uerling of McCook, and Brian and Kristi Gutchewsky of Lawrence, attended funeral services in Kearney, Neb., on Wednesday for Jeremy Demoss, who died in a car accident at Bassett, Neb., on Aug. 7.

He and Brian Gutchewsky had been roommates while attending college in North Platte, Neb., and also later when Jeremy was employed in Oberlin.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Mr. and Mr. Larry Kness and Tony Allen spent the weekend of July 31 visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis. That Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis joined them to eat out.

The McGraw United Methodist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter for dinner and a board meeting on Aug. 4.

Mark and Dorothy Heim visited Leroy, Marge and Katelyn Reitcheck on Thursday, Aug. 5. The Heims also visited with neighbors and friends at Ben and Kelsey Rhodes' wedding dance in Leoville on Aug. 7. Mark Heim and Steiner Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter earlier that evening.

On Saturday afternoon, Gerald and Lee Ora Sines visited at the home of George and Carolyn Launchbaugh. On Sunday George and Carolyn were visited by their daughter, Carol Metro, and they joined Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh for dinner. Later that evening George and Carolyn re-

ceived a call from John and Vivian Hermann.

The Selden, McGraw, and Hoxie United Methodist churches met at the Buffalo Bill Park for a joint service and picnic Sunday morning.

Many hours of hard work were spent in preparation for the Sheridan County Demo Derby. Participants from the McGraw area were Martin Titus, Nick Austerman, and Erik Bebb. Their car, "The Beast," was number 82, sponsored by Bainter Construction. On the evening of Aug. 10, Graham Mahanna visited Steiner Scott.

Last Wednesday, Dorothy Heim, Steiner Scott, and Joel Scott joined Dorothy's parents, Dwayne and Rose Hardman of Hill City, to have dinner with them. On Saturday evening, Quincy, Joel, and Steiner Scott took Mark and Dorothy Heim out to eat in celebration of Dorothy's birthday.

Cedar Living News

The Rev. Doug Hasty of the United Methodist Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon on the patio.

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

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt led residents in a sing-along on Monday afternoon.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Harold Frickey and Tressie Samson.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church was in charge of the monthly communion service held on the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

Katie Glading assisted with bowling and Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study class on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George held Mass on the patio Thursday morning and Delores Koerperich assisted.

Charley and Marie Jean Vavroch celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on Thursday. Marie Jean hosted a party Thursday afternoon to honor their special day, with cake and ice cream.

Barbara Solko and Wynemah Cox played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry eggplant and zucchini.

Frank Bouts visited on Friday afternoon. He brought fresh peaches for residents and staff. Residents have also enjoyed fresh garden produce this summer donated by John and Julie Geisinger.

The ZCBJ Lodge held their monthly meeting on the patio Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Brown of St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the Sunday services.

Recent visitors: Judy Martin, Hutchinson; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Sohn, Shakia, and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Roxanne Pavlicek, Memphis, Tenn.; Marie Miller, Dresden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Lee Urban, Olathe; Frank Bouts, Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Dale and Stacey Hazuka and family, Bird City; Frank Cox, Herndon; Judy Stark, Sun City, Ariz.; Joanne Dolance, Dallas;

Martin and Evelyn May, Elsie Wolters, Lyle Gamblin, Bob Keenan, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Dorothy Cochran, Mary Ann Amack, Catherine Neal, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Rosella Meitl, Dale Carlisle, Dana Winstead, Paul Sass, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Vivian Bishop, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Aug. 9, morning devotions were presented by Jan Badsky. Children from Little Sam's Day Care gathered with residents to create straw-colored bracelets and necklaces. Enjoying the activity were Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers, Jan Conway, Erma Holt, Fern Anderson, Eva Cuthbertson, and Veda Pingetzer.

Monday afternoon Lisa Stacy and Irene Wagoner found a dozen cucumbers in the garden. Tomatoes will be ready soon. Card Sharks Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Ruth Laidig played pinocle with the ladies from Lyle. Myrna Jones played for the Monday sing-a-long during Social Hour, enjoyed by Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Ruby Shuler, Hilda McGee, Lu Verne May, Fern Mapes and Elsie Macy.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions. Reading Pals Kariah Castle, Cheyenne Soderlund, Madison Monaco, and Katie Shields spent time with their special partners. Residents enjoyed readings from *Capper's Weekly*. Participating in Reminiscence time were Jan Conway, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Helen Styles, Ivah Alexander, and Ruth Laidig. Social Hour brought residents out for strawberry shortcake, sponsored by Dennis Brown.

Accompaniment for songs during morning devotions on Wednesday was provided by Cheryl Miller. Leading devotions was Jan Badsky. Attending Bible study were Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Leo Mooty, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler and Hazel Flaska. Volunteers Roxie Erickson, Sally Henningson, and Jessica Bremer assisted with nail care. Birthday greetings were given to David McGee during Social Hour, with cake and ice cream served in the Angel Lane dining room. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Thursday morning devotions were led by Dennis Brown, who talked about the way archaeology

substantiates the Bible. Catholic services were held for Ruby McKenna, Lois Buchholz and Bonnie Weskamp. The summer-time reading pals came for a final visit and lunch with their partners. The children attending were Samantha, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Madison Monaco, Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Kariah Castle, Nathan and Bethany Smith, Kaylee May, Kaine Fredrickson and Cheyenne Soderlund.

Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Irene Wagoner and Fern Anderson played the word game Scattergories Thursday afternoon. Ellen Horn also served Social Hour. Ruth Laidig, Irene Wagoner, Ivah Alexander and Fern Anderson harvested cucumbers in the garden.

The Rev. Nolan Pierce of United Church of Oberlin brought the Friday morning devotion, and served communion with his wife, Rev. Barbara Pierce. Carol Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald*, for Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Ruby Shuler, Eva Cuthbertson, Fern Anderson and Ella Peterson.

During Friday afternoon Social Hour, Bethany Smith played the piano and served. Attending the evening Bible study of Psalm 23 were Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, Ruby Shuler, Lu Verne May, Fern Anderson, Neva Campbell, Ruth Laidig, Eryline Nichols, Marilyn St. Clair and Irene Wagoner.

Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions.

St. John's Lutheran Church held Sunday worship services. Serving Social Hour was Phil Erickson.

Recent guests: **Lora Zwicker** - Estella Waldo, Doris Fringer, Verna Mae Anderson; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelly, Verna Mae Anderson; **Hazel Flaska** - Jon Smith.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Corby Shields and Keric were guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields during the week of the Decatur County Fair. Keric won Grand Champion in the youth open class baking division with his peanut butter cookies. Gaylord and Shirley took them to Kansas City on Saturday and they flew home to Oro Valley, Ariz.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Wednesday from Colorado Springs, Colo., where Gaylord attended a Federal Land Bank meeting. Deanie Moore was a visitor while they were there.

Those present Thursday evening for a cookout at the home of Wayne and Lois Larson to help Wayne celebrate his 81st birthday were Zane and Gladys Geis, Craig and Karen Larson, Carl Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory, Brad Larson, Kathy Almquist, and several friends and neighbors.

Alvina Unger accompanied Bob and Shirley Gaede to Colby Thursday evening where they visited Duane and Lois Unger.

Friday evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May were Greg and Janice Cundiff and Quintin.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan Unger, the Butch Rittmann family, and the Bob Gorrell family, Rolla, Mo., returned home Saturday after vacationing for a week in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Quintin Cundiff returned to Seward, Neb., on Sunday where he will be a sophomore this fall at Concordia University.

Kenneth and Mona Hoehner, Golden, Colo.; Hildegard Euhus, and Stuart Euhus were Sunday noon dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday evening after taking Greta Wendelin to Seward, Neb., where she will be attending Concordia University this fall.

Martin and Evelyn May attended afternoon church services at the Good Samaritan Center and the Cedar Living Center.

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