

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1879

Some 5,000 head of Texas cattle went north on the trail Monday. The parties taking them through said it was the last drive for this season.

Mr. Nate Addleman has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal. He is a good man for the position and will be on the lookout for any crookedness that may occur.

Lovers of the "light fantastic" enjoyed a social hop in Bertram & Parker's office on Saturday night of last week.

Preparation for moving the Oberlin House to the east side of Penn Avenue are progressing nicely. Messrs. John Neve and A. Kady have the contract and will do a good job.

Mrs. Knowles, wife of Ed Knowles, and son, Frank, leave today on a visit to their old home in Republic County.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1904

Mrs. D.G. Addleman and son Teddy left Tuesday morning for Denver to join Mr. Addleman, who is engaged in business in that city. We wish them success in their new home.

The Athletic Association turned the gymnasium over Monday evening to Prof. H.Q. Banta, who purchased it for the high school.

The Norton County News, a new paper at Norton, is edited by Will Garland.

A big crowd was in attendance at the Peoples Party convention and the following ticket was placed in nomination for county offices: representative, Fred Bremer; county treasurer, Frank Smith; probate judge, J.W. Norris; sheriff, S.J. Morrish; county clerk, James Logan; register of deeds, A.J. Brock; superintendent of public instruction, I.K. Huber; clerk of the court, H.F. Noyes; county attorney, J.E. Replogle; county surveyor, Ned Coldren; coroner, S.L. Hubbard; commissioner 2nd district, August Lohofener; commissioner 3rd district, S.T. Marcuson.

Norcatour: Charley Fawcett, the telephone man, was over the line last week, making experiments.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1929

The Monday issue of the McCook Daily Gazette carried a picture of Steve Tuttle, formerly of Cedar Bluffs, and a write-up of the fact that Steve will after Sept. 15th carry the Gazette by airplane to 36 towns of Southwest Nebraska and Northwest Kansas.

Langmade-Nelson: At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Langmade in Oberlin on Aug. 20, their daughter, Kathryn was united in marriage to Mr. John Herbert Nelson of Lawrence. Rev. J.E. Bartholomew of the Oberlin Presbyterian Church officiating. After a wedding breakfast the couple left on an auto trip to Lawrence and from there to North Carolina to visit his relatives. The bride is unusually talented as a singer and after graduating from Decatur Community High School studied at Kansas University and in Colorado Springs. The bridegroom is a teacher of English literature at Kansas University coming there from Cornell University.

The following boys accompanied Prof. Howard to Hi-Y Camp Wood last week: Herbert and Harold Dyer, Dale Johnson, Dan Wilson, Junior Howard, Bob Geiger, Roy Campbell and Harrison Francis.

Five Oberlin golfers, Guy Morrish, Ernest Roberts, Roy Campbell and Ned Coldren, strayed over to Jennings Sunday and were licked by Jennings experts at the game. Only Elmer Carman won his match, succeeding in getting the best of Clarence Feeley.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1954

Parishioners of Scared Heart Church voted to sponsor a pledge drive for the erection of a new brick church to replace the building which burned Aug. 16 after being struck by lightning. Worship will be held in the basement during the construction of the new church.

Western Auto Store will reopen in its new location, the former Don's Grocery building, according to Alvin Hisey, manager.

Wesley Yonker suffered a fatal heart attack while working in the

Traer Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaumer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family members on Aug. 20. They were married on Aug. 20, 1904, in Albuquerque, N.M., where they lived until 1910 when they moved to Jennings and later to a farm 11 miles west of Jennings before moving to Oberlin in 1949.

Mrs. Cecil Mines returned Monday from Manhattan where she made the acquaintance of her new granddaughter, Becky Lou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Mines.

Heber Martin, an Oberlin Rotary guest for the past nine weeks, gave a very interesting talk at the Tuesday meeting on the aspects of life in England and America. He will visit relatives in Vancouver, Canada, before returning to England.

A farewell dinner Sunday at the Oberlin Methodist Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Arris Johnson and family who will move to Downs this week where he will teach music in the Downs schools.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1979

Unified School District 294 schools will open Aug. 23 with eight new staff members: Rick

Bailey, Bonnie Beisner, Susan Davenport, Patricia Gorrell, Denise Krupka, Larry Long, Jeanie Loudon and Annette Sulzman as well as two new administrators, Darrell Jones at Oberlin Elementary School and Gordon Matson at the Junior High.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cozad, Norcatour, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri, to Randall Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Miller, Cheney. A Dec. 28 wedding is planned at the Christian Church in Norton.

Hospital News: Aug. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowie, Jennings, son, Philip Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Farr, Oberlin, daughter, Windy Sue; Aug. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stoney, Herndon, daughter, Elizabeth Amanda; Aug. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Bryan, Atwood, daughter.

Capt. Gregory Vavroch, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vavroch, Oberlin, has arrived for duty at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska.

He is a 1968 graduate of Decatur Community High School, a 1972 graduate of Kansas State University and received a master's degree in 1975 from the University of Arkansas.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

This week we had 31 guests coming from the states of Colorado, Arizona, Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Florida, Wyoming, Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska. The gentleman from Wyoming was Jerry Marietta, son of Duke Marietta. It was interesting to visit with him about happenings in Duke's Grocery store that we have here on the grounds.

The couple from Iowa was here researching the surnames of Ireland and Stever.

Several email requests were for the names of Wyatt and Elliot, and for Margaret Brown who died in 1930 and is buried in the Bassettville Cemetery.

Sally Henningson donated a

wooden cigar box with medical prescriptions from 1885-1886. These prescriptions were written by A.W. Bariteau, Oberlin's first doctor, Wm. Mead, N.R. Smith and Bryant and written on scraps of paper with the heading of Central Drug Store, Oberlin, Kansas.

The museum will be sponsoring the first football game tailgate party on Friday, Sept. 3. Proceeds will go toward the church project. We will start serving around 5:30 p.m. and have brats and pork burgers until the game begins at 7 p.m.

In the January 1886 *Oberlin Eye* I found where the city council passed an ordinance imposing a dog tax on the citizens of Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Rexford is getting ready for Labor Day weekend and the Alumni gathering. Yards have received some sprucing up and some homes have been painted and shingled. I'm sure these things must have been on the schedule anyway, but I like to think that everyone is trying to make Rexford look a little nicer, knowing that "company" will be coming!

There were nine members and one guest, Fran Leach, at Social Hour Club at the Barn on Wednesday, with Deb Stepper as hostess. Bingo prizes were won by Jean Hawkins, Lula Thieler, Fran Leach and Eileen Dible with the hostess prize awarded to Zula Horinek

Those attending Koffee Klatch were Hulda Wark, Deb Stepper, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Sondra Barnett, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Fran Leach, Doris Jean Oliver, Eunice Sanford, and Clea Moeder.

Rick Roth, Stockton, visited his mother, Vesta, over the weekend. Together they did some much needed yard work (her words, not mine).

Matt and Lyn Cheney had a new baby girl, Amy Lyn, on Aug. 16. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces. Her 3-year-old sister, Amanda, welcomes her. Grandparents are Gary and Kay Cheney, Rexford; and Kathy Hertel, Bird City. Grace Cheney is the great-grandmother and Franny Peacock of Atwood is the great-great-grandmother.

Berneda's grandson, Shaelum Barnett, of Hays is going to Iraq. The family and friends had a going away party for him in Grinnell.

Dick and Eunice Sanford spent a few days at Sheridan State Fishing Lake, however, the fish weren't biting, so they just relaxed and enjoyed some fresh air and watching the wildlife there.

Seniors In Action had a board meeting. Fran Leach was appointed to be the manager of the Barn/Senior Center. Among her responsibilities, besides keeping things running smoothly, will be to write the newsletter each month.

Margaret Arasmith said that her son, Patrick and his wife, Kimberly, are moving to Goodland, where he will be attending the Vo-Tech

School in the welding department.

Freda Ketchum's grandson, Jay Ketchum and daughters, Kendall and Nichole, from Southern California, were here for a visit with his parents, Lonnie and Sharon Ketchum. Jay is in the Air Force.

Nancy and Jay Dahl have a new grandson, 12-year-old Marcus, who came to live with Jon and Tina Anderson in Goodland. Two of their other grandchildren, Damien Plank and Jessica Dunn of Beloit, came to visit for a week. The family had recently moved to Beloit where their dad is going to a technical school. Marge Leh's son, Gerald and Dianne Hiatt, Tyler and Elizabeth of Wann, Okla., came for a short visit and took her to their home for a week. They all went to the family reunion in Fairview, Okla., on Sunday. It's good to have her back in town!

Rexford has a couple of new families! It is always nice when our town grows rather than declines in numbers. The first family that I went to welcome is Robby and Serena McCurdy and their children Sean, 16 (11th grade), Brandy, 15 (10th grade), Aaron 16 (10th grade), Aireal 14 (8th grade), Charlotte 4 (pre-school), and Darrin 2.

Robby is a self-employed mechanic, who moved to Rexford from Colby. Last year he brought some of the children here for school because he thought we had such a good school, but driving several times a day to Rexford from Colby was getting to be too much. Because of some health problems, he is off work for a short time. Serena works at night several times a week in Colby as a sitter.

The second family that moved into my neighborhood is Jim and Ann Colling and Julie 16, Erik 13, and Randy 10. Both Jim and Ann will be working for the Shepherd's Staff. The family moved here from North Platte, Neb., where the children were involved in 4-H and had some show rabbits. They are awaiting the new pens for the rabbits and otherwise still unpacking.

Tony and Lisa Bise were married on Saturday at their home in an outdoor wedding with a few friends and family present. Robby Dice was best man and Lisa's daughters, Karly Miller and Brooklyn Bice, were her attendants. The wedding

was followed by a supper and reception.

Carol and LeRoy Korte of Oxford, were here over the weekend visiting family members.

Clea Moeder's cousin, Don Patton of Pratt, spent a couple of days with her on his way to Colorado Springs to visit his sister-in-law and her family.

Mark Basgall has been promoted by Nextech Communications and will be moving away for that reason. So, congratulations are in order for Mark, however it's bitter-sweet, since we don't want them to leave. His wife, Cindy, will stay here for a little while, trying to get things in order, hopefully including the sale of their house. Cindy was the secretary at the school for nine years and will spend a few weeks helping things get off to a smooth start for Vicki Allison, who has been hired for that position.

School began on Thursday with 75 elementary students and 119

middle and high school students. Some of the new people in town haven't enrolled. This Friday evening, there will be a volleyball soap scrimmage at 5 p.m. at the gymnasium, then at approximately 6 p.m. there will be a back-to-school barbecue sponsored by the Golden Plains Booster Club and the Rexford Lions club at the football field. A football soap scrimmage will follow. Sounds like a fun evening.

The volleyball team has its first competition the next day with a tournament at Healy starting at 9 a.m.

The first football game is scheduled for Sept. 3, which is also the first evening of the Alumni activities.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to Lane Purcell, who always has a good word for EVERYONE he speaks to! Thank you, Lane, for making our town a great place to live!

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter, Weston Bainter, and Warren Bainter traveled to McCook for the Valmont Industry Manufacturing Plant open house on Friday.

Evan White visited at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Heim on Friday. Evan, Joel Scott, and Mark and Dorothy ate at Selden later that evening. On Sunday evening, Randy and Carolyn Timm surprised the Mark Heim family with a visit.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A Sunday School Rally will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church to kick off the fall season. Morning worship will follow at 10:30 a.m.

A large crowd enjoyed the Sunday School picnic held at the Herndon City Park on Sunday for the congregations of the Immanuel United Church of Christ and Herndon Covenant Church.

Elden and Detta Anderson spent the weekend in Colorado, where they visited her sisters, Janice Sauvage at Edwards, and Helen Jaderborg and family at Longmont.

Chris and Sherri Schmidt spent 10 days visiting their daughter, Dawnelle and Curtis Heim, and

family in Tucson, Ariz.

Helen Riepl of Cimarron and her son, Gary Riepl, of St. Joseph, Mo., spent Friday in Oberlin and visited Cecil Hess, Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones and Mary Lou Olson.

Gloria Anderson and Gwen Pederson of Billings, Mont., visited last week with their aunt, Genevieve Erickson, and other relatives.

Annette Frenzl of Salina spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Cedar Living News

Harlan and Ann Geihlsler and Matilda Diederich are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Thelma Karthaus who died at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Axie Sass and Maxine Chambers were the big winners at penny cards on Monday. Myrna Jones gave the music program that afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading program on Tuesday morning. Bea Wolfram won the first bingo game in the afternoon, and Eva Marie Vacura won the blackout game.

Connie and Curtis Meixner were dinner guests of Hank and Bea Wolfram on Tuesday to celebrate Hank's birthday, which was Wednesday. Hank and Bea also celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a party in honor of the Wolframs on Wednesday afternoon. The Meixners provided ice cream for the party.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave a Communion service on Thursday morning.

The activity department of the Good Samaritan Center hosted the August birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Thursday afternoon. Those assisting from Good Samaritan were Jan Badsky, Lisa Stacey,

Fern Anderson, Elva Shaughnessy, Neva Campbell, Garrah Gaumer, and Marguerite Fullerton. They served cake and ice cream and delivered birthday gifts. Those honored were Don Thomas, Dorothy Wolters, Hank Wolfram, and Mildred Cochran.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Mildred Cochran was guest of honor at a birthday lunch on Sunday. Her guests were Gary, Sarah, Karli, and Kaine Fredrickson.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Sohn, Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Richard Samson, Ludell; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Rosa P. Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Frank Cox, Herndon;

Martin and Evelyn May, Elsie Wolters, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Carol Allen, Barb Solko, Edwin Black, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Lyle Gamblin, Deanna McDougal, Fern Jording, Eula Juenemann, Elaine Bryan, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Vaile Rohan, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsky led morning devotions entitled, "Carrot Hearts." Merry Mums gathered with Activity Assistant Lisa Stacy for creative block building. Those enjoying the activity were Agnes Chambers, Hazel Flaska, Florence Fisher, Leo Mooty, Helen Styles, and Mamie Unger.

The Little Sam's kids came to bowl with Leo Mooty, Bonnie Weskamp, Agnes Chambers, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Helen Styles, and Elsie Macy. Myrna Jones led an afternoon Sing-a-Long during social hour, which included Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Eva Bryan, Muriel and John Ready, Ruby Shuler, Everett Fisher, Lee Arnold, and Helen Styles. Card sharks gathered for a game of Canasta, which included Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Hildegard Euhus and Mildred Holmdahl.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions in the Town Square. Men gathered for a morning movie featuring John Wayne. Those attending were Lee Arnold, Everett Fisher, Harold Demmer, and Leo Mooty. Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, and Irene Wagoner picked cucumbers, tomatoes, and green peppers from the garden, which were served at social hour. Lois Buchholz and Hildegard Euhus enjoyed going out to lunch and a drive around town with Jan Badsky and Lisa Stacy.

Resident Council met in the quiet room. All senior elders wishing to participate gathered in the quiet room with Social Service designee Coleen Rippe. Ellen Horn served social hour. Psalms 23 Bible study group gathered with Lisa Stacy. Those enjoying it were Fern Anderson, Jan Conway, Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Ruby Shuler, Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, and Bonnie Weskamp.

Wednesday morning devotions in the Town Square were led by Jan Badsky, with accompaniment on the piano by Cheryl Miller. Bible study was held with Mert McEvoy. Those attending were Leo Mooty, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Eryline Nichols, Hazel Flaska, and Jan Conway.

Jessica Bremer, Sally Henningson, Dorothy Alstrom, and Roxie Erickson provided nail care. Ellen Horn served social hour. Bingo concluded the day's events with Marilyn Horn and Colleen

Geishler, volunteers.

Dennis Brown led devotions Thursday morning. Those attending were Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Lora Zwickle, Garrah Gaumer, Eva Bryan, Hazel Flaska, Ella Peterson, and Leo Mooty. Catholic services were held in the Quiet room for Lois Buchholz and Bonnie Weskamp. The Little Sam's Kids came out to play Lego's with Leo Mooty, Fern Anderson, Eva Cuthbertson, Agnes Chambers, Florence Fisher, Helen Styles, and Ivah Alexander. Welcome Committee ladies, Neva Campbell, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Marguerite Fullerton, and Elva Shaughnessy hosted a birthday party at Cedar Living Center in honor of their birthdays.

Devotions started Friday events, led by Janice Shobe and on piano with volunteer Mary Henzel on the piano. Merry Mums and others enjoyed a Mitch Miller Sing-A-Long, hosted by Anita Hirsch, and her mom, Jeanette Diederich. Carol Duncan arrived to read Current Events to Ruth Laidig, Ella Peterson, Bonnie Weskamp, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, and Mamie Unger. Social hour was enjoyed by Ella Peterson, LuVerne May, Clarice Leake, Ivah Alexander, and Ruby Shuler. Front porch reading gave the following senior elders a chance to enjoy the August sunshine: Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton, Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Ella Peterson, Helen Styles, and Fern Anderson. Jan Badsky shared the Capper's Weekly edition.

Sunday church services were held in the Town Square by the Assembly of God Church.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - Della Anderson, Donna Kelley; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs and their dog, Dolly; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt, Anita Hirsch, Jeanette Diederich; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs and Dolly; June Vavroch; **Lora Zwickle, Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer, Ina Marie Goodnight; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl; **Ruby McKenna** - Phil, Annalis and Zachary Janousek of Trenton, Neb., Donna Chambers, Ed McKenna. Also visiting were Mary Depe of Trenton, Neb., and Roberta Urban.



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