

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1880

One month ago the prospects of Decatur county were bright; today they are the reverse. The cause is that there has not been sufficient rain to mature any of the crops that have been planted. Every farmer who leaves does so unwillingly, and with the determination to return as soon as he can earn enough to carry him and his family through.

Wm. Love, one of Decatur's cattlemen, has purchased a farm southwest of town. Mr. Love has faith in Decatur County, having lived here seven years and has never gone hungry yet.

Griggs Bros., who live near the fork of the Sappa, have returned from a wild horse hunt, bringing back some 20 head.

There is enough money spent in Decatur County for tobacco and whiskey to feed two-thirds of her destitute citizens.

John McCall has finished shearing his sheep.

A militia company was organized on Saturday and elected the following officers: Ed Knowles, captain; J.C. Wilson, 1st lieutenant; Josh Ditto, 2nd lieutenant.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1905

With this issue the Herald begins its 27th year.

Married, June 2, 1905, at Newton, Mass., Mr. Herbert Morrison to Miss Agnes Beers of Hoxie.

The foundry now keeps six men busy.

Raymond Teall and Vollie Griffith returned from Ottawa on Saturday.

A bad hail storm devastated crops Friday in a two-mile strip through Bassettville, Sappa and Summit townships.

Children's Day exercises were held at the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian churches last Sunday.

Norcaturn News: Twin boys are reported at Nat Temple's.

Kanona: The new elevator is going up quite rapidly.

John Karls of Dresden was in the city Friday and said they had fine rains over his way and crops of all kinds were good.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1930

This issue of the Oberlin Herald contains a special section on the dedication of the Benton Memorial Hospital, which has been a long felt need in this community. On June 10 the ownership of the Otis L. Benton homestead was transferred from Maude D. Benton, et al, to Dr. Frank A. Brewster. A one-half interest was purchased from the Benton children; one-half was a donation by Mrs. Benton. No restrictions were attached to the gift other than

that the building must be used only for hospital or sanitarium purposes. Local organizations or persons wishing to contribute to the furnishing of the hospital rooms will be recognized with bronze plaques inscribed with the name of the donor.

Dr. Frank Brewster holds the official record of being the first physician in the world to buy and use an airplane in making his professional calls. It was 11 years ago that he made his first air call in medical history, coming to Herndon from his office then in Beaver City, Neb. Today Dr. Brewster spends 45 minutes in the air on his way from his office in Holdrege to his local office in Benton Memorial Hospital.

Dresden: Miss Mary Funk accompanied Mrs. Harry Brewer to her home in Manhattan last week. Mrs. Brewer has been visiting friends around Dresden. Mr. Brewer formerly owned and operated a lumber yard in Dresden.

The Chautauqua Park pool will open Sunday, June 15. Competent attendants will be in charge all the time with Denzil Gill as manager.

Census reports credit Decatur County with 8,874 inhabitants; Oberlin, 1,629; Dresden, 231; Jennings, 344; Norcaturn, 522.

Weddings reported on Sunday, June 8: Mr. Jess Monroe and Miss Ethel Hindman at the Methodist parsonage; Miss Nina Landau and Glenn Votapka at the home of Nancy Landau; Miss Beth Cole and Marshall Traxler at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cole in Norton.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1955

Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Tudor Stevenson, 61, who died of a heart attack. The former Vena Spotts of Lawrence, she taught in the high school in Oberlin before her marriage in 1917. The

Stevensons had recently returned from Mission, Texas, where they spent the winter. She is also survived by two daughters, Charlotte Stevenson of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Carol Eddleman of Minot, S.D., and two grandchildren.

The combination of the Kansas State Convention of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association and the 50-year celebration of the Jennings ZCJB Lodge No. 153 was pronounced a huge success. J. S. Flaska is state president of the ZCJB lodge and has belonged to the Jennings Lodge since 1910. Stanley Mazanek was in charge of the meeting. Entertainment included music by the Jennings High School band, vocal and instrumental selections, tap dancing and accordion music by Miss Nancy Kay Janousek.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Anna White, 77, a resident of Decatur County for many years. Interment was in the Kensington cemetery.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dewaine Stapp, Norcaturn, boy, Randy Wayne, June 9; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Van Pelt, girl, Marla Jean, June 7; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelley, Norcaturn, girl, Connie Diane, June 8.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1980

The majority of farmers and elevator operators in Decatur County are optimistic about the 1980 wheat crop. Bob Rapp, manager of M-G-M Grain, Norcaturn, said the crop is the best he has ever seen. However in the Selden area, Garvey elevator manager Darrel Bruggeman said the two hot days this week may have cut as much as five bushels per acre.

A new oil field service, Reinhardt Services Inc., will expand into the western part of the state with Bill Sellar, Oberlin, managing the local office.

Annette Marie Spresser, Dresden, and Gregory Leroy Over-

lease, Selden, were united in marriage May 10, 1980, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rome, Oberlin, daughter, Mindy Marie, June 3.

Rev. Tom Bandy and his wife Jane are new residents of Norcaturn. Bandy will serve the United Methodist churches at Clayton, Norcaturn and Lyle.

Ward Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Harold, and Diana Luna were married June 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence. Both Harold and his wife are recent graduates of KU and will make their home in Corona, Calif., where he will be employed at the naval laboratory. His wife, a native of St. Louis, received a degree in architecture.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

Progress is being made in getting the St. Mark's Lutheran Church building off the ground and loaded on the trailer for the move into Oberlin. We are looking for the move to be next week between Monday, June 20, and Friday, June 24, if all goes well.

We had a visit Tuesday from a great-great-grandson of Thomas Lynch. This goes back to the last Indian raid, on Sept. 30, 1878.

Thomas Lynch was driving 200 head of cattle from Texas to Nebraska at the time. He and his helper, Jim Kelly, made it to the

Anthony home where they, with Mrs. Anthony and children, took shelter. Using the Anthony shotgun, he shot the only Indian killed during the raid.

The bullet went clear through the Indian and was found by Henry Anthony later in a haystack. We have the bullet on display at the museum, along with an arrow that killed a cow at the Gaumer farm. What we don't know is where the Indian is buried.

Lots of history and interesting information can be found at the museum so come and see us.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Jeff and Danielle Leitner, who were married on May 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Their parents are Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon, and Rocky and Teresa Diederich of Oberlin.

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz., and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., have returned home after spending time with Edie Pettera.

Visitors of Wilma Bobinmyer were Claire Zwickle, her sister, Carol, and Claire's son, Norbert Zwickle, Phoenix. Susan Rich, Tucson, Ariz., spent the week with her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer.

Tom and Marlene Cook of Parker, Colo., visited Jan Sattler over Memorial weekend. They all attended the alumni banquet at Herndon on Saturday night, celebrating Marlene's 50th year. On Sunday, they had a barbecue at Bob and Julie Hafner's. Rob and Jayme Sattler were additional guests.

Bob and Julie Hafner visited at the Janice Sattler home Friday. They attended the Herndon Alumni banquet, where Marlene Cook, Myrna Pettera and Edie Pettera celebrated honor years.

The Hafners entertained Sunday with a grill party. Present were Rob Sattler, Oakley; Marlene and Tom Cook, Les and Myrna Pettera, Rita Eckerdt, Loveland, Colo.; Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Janice and Jayme Sattler, Brian, Mary, Kate and Collin Clark, Atwood; Wesley Martin, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Edie Pettera, Alan, Ann, Greg, Val and John Solko, Esther Pennington, Voni Sattler, Carol Kompus, Kent and Chris Wood, and Denis Tongish, all of Herndon.

Visitors of Ann Martin were Jake and Jeanette Haller, Richland, Mo.;

Rebekka Martin, Lubbock, Texas; and Pat and Elsie Howard, Hemingford, Neb.

Dinner guests last Saturday of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin. Tom Solko was an afternoon caller.

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; and Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo., spent a week with Edie Pettera.

Recent visitors of Helen Marintzer were Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; George and Dorothy Riley, Salina; Eunice

Braxmeyer, Atwood; Tammy Loker, Parks, Neb.; and Dan and Joe Marintzer, Hastings, Neb.

Senior Citizens held a business meeting and birthday party to honor Dorothy Engleman on June 1. Beth Hraha read poetry and Frank Hraha read an article about in-home services. Bingo was played. Helen Marintzer had blackout and Edie Pettera won the door prize. The next potluck will be today with Beth Hraha and Ollie Hafner on kitchen duty. The business meeting will be July 6 with Ann Martin as hostess.



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Oriana Beltran Ivonn Vargas	Kelton Jones Kayla Wagner	Michelle Becker Tate Bruggeman Tanner Moss Kendra Spresser Briana Taylor Candee VonLehe
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