

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1880

Sheridan County was organized June 3, 1880, by Gov. St. John. The county has 1,672 inhabitants.

Cedar Bluffs Items: Henry Rathbun and Mrs. May Hamper were married last Sabbath at the bride's home by Rev. J.E. Langley. Chas. Ayer has received his commission from Gov. St. John and is now sheriff of Decatur County.

R.A. Marks now has his bank in running order and has it fitted up in first class style. Parties wishing to borrow money on good security will do well to call on him. He will do a general banking business.

An "Aid Meeting" was held at Oberlin Saturday, June 12, in response to a call by the State Aid Society. The meeting was called to order by G. Webb Bertram. S.D. McDowell of Elmwood was elected chairman and J.W. Bennett, secretary.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1905

Mrs. Bebb and son Harvey left Monday evening for a trip to the Pacific Coast.

The H.O. Douglas family will move to the Durkee property this week.

Irwin Cook returned from Washburn College Friday.

Married: Miss Zena Jackson and Mr. Alfred Gierhart, June 21; Miss Ola Barnard and Mr. Pearle Stowell, June 15;

Charley Robinson took out a load of telephone poles for the Traer-Herndon line Monday.

The Oberlin ball team drove down to Lyle Monday and beat the lower Sappa boys by a 10-6 score.

At the meeting of the Senior Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian Church the following officers were elected: Gerald Benton, president; Miss Martha Douglas, vice president; Miss Mabel Hayes, secretary; Miss Lois Street, treasurer; Lillian Borin, corresponding secretary; and Miss Florence Clark, organist.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1930

D.G. Addleman, J.C. Nitsch and Vic Woodward left last night for

Kansas City, where they expect to interview the robbers who participated in the robbery of the Nitsch Hardware and Addleman Drug Store a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Addleman will attempt the recovery of part of the loot taken from his store. Three young men and a 15-year-old bride are in custody and have admitted robberies in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Over 3 inches of rain fell in Oberlin last night and storm sewers could not carry the water away fast enough. The fire truck is being employed to pump out basements.

A wedding of much local interest was solemnized at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wichita June 8 when Miss Kathryn Top, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Top of Oberlin, was married to Howard Fisk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisk of Hollywood. The bride is a graduate of local schools, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, and is the publicity director of the Oberfield-Ketchum Players. Mr. Fisk is the drama editor of the Wichita Eagle and formerly attended KU.

Jennings: The Hardesty drug store has joined the ranks of grievors over petty robberies in the past week. Morphine and jewelry are the toll claimed there.

Dresden Items: John Bremer and Bill Montgomery are spending their summer vacation with home folks.

Allison: Married: at New Almelo, the Rev. Varnholdt officiating, Mr. Theodore McKenna of Allison and Miss Ruby Rolland of Palco.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1955

Harold Rehm has been appointed as county office manager of the Agricultural, Stabilization and Conservation office effective July 1. He succeeds Mrs. Angie M. Everist who recently resigned due to ill health.

John Bearley opened up the Wheat Harvest Labor Control office located in the courthouse.

Beginning July 1, driver's license permits will expire on the birthday

of the driver.

June is the fifth straight month of 1955 to drop below average rainfall.

Bob Brown placed second in the championship play at the golf tournament held at Norton Sunday. Other local golfers playing were Ralph Brown, Dwayne Jones, Phil Nemeth and Ray Birdsell.

Wheat farmers of Decatur County joined the farmers across the state and nation by voting strongly in favor of the wheat marketing quota programs.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1980

What most farmers were anticipating to be the best crop they had ever harvested is now mowed flat. Mike Gawith, Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation Service director, estimated that the hail and windstorm which began at Trenton and entered the northwest part of this county on a diagonal line exiting through Lyon and Dresden townships cut a path 5 miles wide and 25 miles long causing at least \$1.5 million in crop damage.

Brenda Jean Franke, adopted daughter of David and Bonnie Franke, Herndon, was one of 92 persons from 29 countries receiving citizenship on May 29 in the District Court in Wichita. Brenda, who will be 2 in August, is a native of Colombia, South America. She has two big brothers, Dean, 10, and Brian, 7.

Marilyn Goodsell, administrator of Good Samaritan Center the past four years, has turned in her resignation.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alstrom, Selden, daughter, Jamie Carman, June 12.

A reception June 22 at the fellowship hall of the United Church of Oberlin will honor Dr. and Mrs. Andy Thomsen on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The descendants of Joseph and Eva (Lunkenheimer) Meitl held a reunion over Memorial weekend at the basement of the Catholic Church in Leoville. The couple was married in 1880 at Hanover, Kan., moved to Decatur County in 1885 and were the parents of 10 children.

Cobblestone Ltd. will open next month in the business district in Oberlin. Co-owners are Jan Sauvage and Marsha Stillions. It will be located in the north portion of the former Downtowner Restaurant building owned by Charles Corcoran.

The Dairy Inn, a new snack bar and eating establishment, opens this week at the intersection of Highway 36 and Penn Avenue. It is owned and managed by Bill and Betty Ulery.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

The Modern Woodmen of America camp of Oberlin is sponsoring a matching fund benefit for the Decatur County Museum.

All proceeds raised from this project will be matched by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500. The money will be donated to the Decatur County Museum and used for moving and restoration of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church from Norcatour to the museum grounds.

First prize is \$100, second prize is \$50 cash and third prize is for \$25. What a wonderful way to double your money and help the museum

at the same time.

You can get tickets from any Modern Woodmen member, museum board member, staff person, or at the museum. The drawing will be Wednesday, June 29.

The church is off the foundation and about ready to move. It has been exciting the past week to watch this process. Several boys from the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch have been helping the men and providing extra muscle.

As it looks now, at the time of this writing, the move will be Monday, June 27. Listen to KFNF this week for time and route of the move.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played cards with the residents at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin on Monday, June 6, then visited with Marguerite Fullerton.

Liberty Star Club met at the home of Angie Wilson in Oberlin on June 8.

Members present were Carolyn Plotts and granddaughter, Taylor, Cathy Anthony, Veda Wood, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter.

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended the potluck luncheon in Norcatour on Sunday, June 12, for Kathy Aeillo who will be the Norcatour, Almena, Clayton preacher another year, and Carol Woodmansee, lay speaker, who will be with Lyle another year.

Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan on June 13, then were guests of Eileen Laird

at her home for pizza.

Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers took knickknacks to the Bargain Box in Oberlin, and in return they had 16 bags of clothing and stuffed animals to bring back to Lyle for sorting before taking to Garden City for the Mexican American Mission.

Toots paid visits to Pat Schwab, and Evelyn and Audrey Lyon in the Andbe Home in Norton.

Veda Wood, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers went to Cambridge, Neb., to visit with Helen Helm on Wednesday.

On Friday the Lyle ladies sewed. That evening June Jolly, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played cards in Norcatour.

On Sunday at church, Pastor Lou VanDeWege was guest speaker and gave communion.

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MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Cedar Living Center

Paul Sass is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon.

He served lemon cheesecake to residents, staff, and guests.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Axie Sass won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Eva Marie Vacura and Freda Gamblin.

The bowling group met on Wednesday afternoon in the dining room.

Charley Vavroch and Tressie Samson were the top bowlers, but everyone did well and had a good time.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stan Chapin of the Sacred Heart Catholic church gave the Thursday morning communion service.

Barb Solko played pinocle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to make colorful tissue flowers.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Friday afternoon. She served homemade breads.

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

The Diederich family had a party on the patio Sunday afternoon to help Matilda Diederich celebrate her June 20 birthday.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Steve and Lisa Thomas, Lamar, Colo.; Kelli Kyger, Manan, Mont.; Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Merlin and Lola

Diederich, Krystal and Haley McRae, Sheila Eden, McCook; Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Julie Harold, Hays;

Karen Ham, Garden City; Betty Jenek, Moyock, N.C.; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Kevin Vavroch, Shawnee; E.Z. and Julie Diederich, McPherson; Larry, Sandy, and Kyle Wolfram, Liberal; Wayne and Betty Grafel, Culbertson, Neb.; Keith Mines, McPherson.

Grace Cook, Dolores Koerperich, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Earl Brown, Eula Juenemann, Butch and Sandy Diederich, and Dana Winstead, Oberlin.



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