

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — July 1880**  
It threatens to rain every day. Night watchmen patrol our streets. Young men, be careful, and some of the older ones, too.

Decatur County contains between four and five thousand inhabitants, according to the census takers returns.

Last Sunday several of our young men spent a very pleasant day at the residence of F.F. Bliss on his farm one mile east of town, Mr. Bliss having that day arrived at the age of 24.

**Marriages:** June 19, Everett Ferren and Miss Onsey Putney; June 25, Charles Yakely and Miss Lydia Dolp; June 26, Montroville Street and Miss Ida May Tanner.

A bachelor's picnic will be held at George Miller's grove 4 miles east of Oberlin on Sunday, July 11, 1880.

Three sons of Lewis and A.E. Calley have died within the last week of diphtheria.

**100 YEARS AGO — July 1905**  
Because of the washout on the B. & M. tracks near Republican City, the company was running a train from Oberlin to the washout, and as they could not turn the engine around, it has been coming into Oberlin backwards. Saturday afternoon 2 miles east of Kanona, the tender jumped the track and the engine followed it into the ditch.

Minnie Koll, 19-year-old daughter of Engineer Koll, and a young man by the name of White from Mexico, Mo., were killed. The injured included W.S. Langmade, Mrs. Koll, Conductor Lyman, Mrs. Lee Egbert, Miss Helen Parker and Leona Scott.

It is estimated that two-thirds of small grain in Logan Township has been destroyed by the hail.

Cliff Waldo was having a time Tuesday with a couple of Western horses he had recently purchased.

The E.M. Coldren family have moved to their new home on the corner of Rodehaver Avenue and Maple Street and made assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

Goodwin & Son failed last week. Art Steele was out Sunday in his automobile. He seems to have gotten the running of an automobile

down to a science and recently went to the Missouri River and back without an accident or being compelled to ask for assistance. Much of the time he traveled through the mud.

**75 YEARS AGO — July 1930**  
Dresden: The Peoples Store is showing an assortment of new silk dresses which are priced very reasonably.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roe entertained guests at dinner Sunday, including Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ufford and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rush, Mrs. Sam Peters, Miss Della Rush and Edgar Peters.

Allison: Byron Scott reports having some of the finest wheat he has ever raised. It looks like only a hail storm could beat him out of a crop and he only wishes the price was right.

August Lohofener and daughter, Mrs. S.E. Cropper, her two daughters, Frances and Edna, Mrs. A.H. Lohofener, Donald and Carol, and Frederick Lohofener arrived last week from Burkburnette, Texas, to visit various relatives. Frederick, a cousin of A.W. and O.F., came from Germany only 3 weeks ago and expects to spend the summer here.

Court House News: Claude Huff, Norcat, and Miss Ona Gay of Lebanon, Neb., were married June 25 by Judge Kulp. On June 23, Emery Chance of Rexford and Miss Avona Thomas were issued a license.

It is the custom of Foster Farms of Rexford to entertain the Colby Rotary Club and this year Fred Patton, local manager of the Foster Lumber Co., was invited and brought a few of his Oberlin Rotarian friends. Distinguished guests this year were opera singer Marian Tally, her mother and sister and an Associated Press feature writer. The Tallys had arrived in Colby earlier to inspect the wheat crop on the Tally farm near Levant.

Cadet Gierhart, manager of the local J.C. Penney store, has been transferred to the company store at Pittsburg, Kan.

**50 YEARS AGO — July 1955**

The 4th of July thunderstorm brought rain to most of the area, including some torrential downpours and hail. Albert Erickson, near Achilles, suffered a 90 percent hail damage while Abbott Morton in Bassetville Township reported 3.80 but no hail.

Decatur County agent Henry Groneweller estimates that 90 percent of the wheat is cut and that 40 bushels an acre is not an uncommon yield. The recent rain is welcome for pastures and row crops.

Funeral rites were held for Angie Everist, 63, well-known Oberlin resident who served as Decatur County treasurer for a number of years and more recently as the office manager for the Agricultural, Stabilization and Conservation office. Over the years she had endeared herself to the taxpayers and farmers of the county through her pleasant and cooperative manner and her efficiency. Blessed with a beautiful voice, she further gave of herself for many years by singing in the church choir, at funerals and programs. Mrs. Everist, who was widowed in 1933, is survived by five children, Donald of Topeka, Marvin of Manhattan; Mrs. Marjorie Nitsch and Mrs. Dorothy Hague, Oberlin, and Mrs. Marilyn Edwards, Topeka; her mother, Mrs. George D. McMullen, Oberlin; three sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services were held for Keith Birdsall, 28, who drowned on the 4th of July while swimming in a sand pit near McCook. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Ann Canaga, and his parents.

Court House News: Harold Olson and Marjorie Vernon were issued a license June 30 and were married by the Rev. Alvin Daetwiler on July 1.

Bob Brown won his second golf tournament of the season as he fired a 15-under-par 133 over 36 holes on the Hoxie Municipal Course.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilton, son, Leo Ray, June 30.

**25 YEARS AGO — July 1980**  
"The wheat is ready," according to John Bearley, head of the local harvest information office, "but most custom crews are still south."

Temperatures in the last week included 103 degrees on Monday and 106 on Thursday.

Greg Conner, a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma, was a visitor at the Last Indian Raid Museum this week. Inspired by the Mari Sandoz book "Cheyenne Autumn," he is retracing the trail of the Cheyenne Indians as they traveled from El Reno, Okla., back to their home grounds in Montana in the autumn of 1878.

A series of fires kept the volunteer fire crew busy last week. Wheat fires were reported at the Dale Brantley and Everett Shuler farms, while a house fire was reported at the Lyle Pummer home one mile west of Oberlin. In Jennings, firemen extinguished a fire at the Masonic Hall west of the bank.

Don and Juanita Guinn leave this week for Manila in the Philippine Islands for a second assignment with the United States Aid to International Development (USAID). The Guinns returned six years ago from a similar position in Nigeria and most recently have been with the North Central Kansas Vo-Tech School in Beloit. He is a former vocational agriculture instructor at Decatur Community High School.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Larson, daughter, Christina Mae, June 18; Mr. and Mrs. Chet Morris, Norcat, daughter, Aimee Marie, June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg, Herndon, and Ms. Barbara Sweistis, Hays, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy, to Ron Sattler, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sattler, Herndon. An Aug. 30 wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church.

Winner of the Ladies Golf Association tournament last week at Oberlin Country Club was Joyce Anderson, Oakley, who shot a sizzling 32 on the first round and a 37 on the second. Some 64 golfers from eight area communities took part in the day-long event.

Ken Kaufmann, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, will head Oberlin Rotary Club for the 1980-81 year. He succeeds John Bremer. New Lions Club president is Erv Luedders, owner of Erv's Electronics, who succeeds Larry Ayers.

## Cedar Living News

Residents who gathered on Monday afternoon for penny cards included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Tressie Samson, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones hosted the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Hank Wolfram won the blackout game.

There were several really good bowlers on Wednesday afternoon including Nettie Britton, Harold Frickey, June Harold, Tressie Samson, Don Shaw, Eva Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Paul Sass, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Lyle Gamblin also joined in the game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stan Chapin of Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

The baking group made cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday worship service on the patio. Opal

Huntley played the piano and Pastor Bobby Cornelius gave the message.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcat; Gordon and Lila Hickert, Cherokee Village, Ark.; Ida Hoover, Lady Lake, Fla.; Thad and Betty Richards, Rapid City, S.D.; Glen and Elinor Wiltfong, Norton; Lorrell and Virginia Almqvist, Smith Center; Julie Harold, Hays; Steve and Barb Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Bob Koerperich, Selden; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Nancy Hazuka and family, Bird City; Dale, Avis and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Mick and Nichole Vacura, Eva and Karisma, Colby; Mike and Marie McCVay, Colby; Lola Diederich, McCook; Emma Sanford, Jennings; John and Jill Lindquist, Michigan; Noah Fortin, Oregon; Shane and Allie Ryburn, Angelus.

Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Dana Winstead, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley and Rita Garver, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsy led devotions on Monday. Residents enjoyed watching Lisa Stacy decorate for the Fourth of July holiday. Afternoon began with one to one's spent with Mamie Unger, Virginia Ike, and Ruth Laidig. Music filled the air during social hour with Myrna Jones and Edla Olson on piano and organ selections. Jan Badsy served social hour.

Phil Erickson led morning devotions on Tuesday. Garden club members who decorated their hats to wear to garden club functions included: Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, and Ruby Shuler. Lisa Stacy spent some outdoor time with Eva Cuthbertson and Iris Wurm.

Ruby Shuler enjoyed Chinese checkers Tuesday afternoon with junior helpers Ashley Peterson and Garret Berry. Nathan Smith served social hour and art participants were Ruth Laidig, Jan Conway, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, and Eva Bryan.

Songs of worship were held on Wednesday. Bible study met with Edla Olson for a lesson about Noah. Volunteers Roxie Erickson, Sally Henningson and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care. Tika Hall served social hour. Molly and Morgan Jansonious shared reading with Fern Anderson and Eva Bryan.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Thursday. Catholic services were held also that morning.

Social hour was a huge birthday celebration with family, friends and

residents gathering in Angel Lane for a celebration for Eva Cuthbertson, Hildegard Euhus, and Fern Anderson.

Family members present were Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Kelly, Cassidy and Caitlin Shields, Stuart Euhus, the family of Hildegard Euhus, and friend Fern Jording. Fern Anderson was delighted to have her daughters, Vickie Lippelmann and Glenda and Rich Tyrrell, and grandson, Micheal and Barbara Johnston, Henderson, Nev.; granddaughter-in-law, Melissa Lippelmann, and two great-grandsons, Shilo Johnston and Tyller Shaw. Watermelon, cheese and crackers and assorted pastries were served.

On Friday, Lisa Stacy led morning devotions. Folding fellowship gathered to help with the laundry. Current events were shared by Carl Duncan. Afternoon events included a birthday party, sponsored by Eva Cuthbertson's family.

Residents, staff and family members included Bob and Anita Montgomery, granddaughter Renee Harman, and granddaughter-in-law Gina Montgomery. Anita served her special family cakes and many enjoyed this event.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

Oberlin Community Church led Sunday church services.

Recent guests: **Hazel Flaska** - Chuck and Clea Morgan, Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Dena Gillespie** and **Garrah Gaumer** - Glenn and Betty Krebs.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

We have heard some reports that the harvest is doing great and is almost completed. Praise God for that!

Those who attended Koffee Klatch were Hulda Wark, Deborah Gamboa, Eunice Sanford, Fran Leach, Berneda Zoberst, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Doris Jean Oliver, Delores Dible, and Sondra Barnett.

Tamera and Angela Searls, Quinter, visited her mother, Hulda Wark, on Friday afternoon.

Doris Jean Oliver spent a week in the mountains visiting friends. She also did some fishing, canned cherries and even froze some for pies.

Visitors of Deb Stepper last week were her two nieces, Phyllis King, Redlands, Calif., and Jan Salcido, of Westminster, Calif. They also visited Bert Dible in Colby and museums in Logan and Colby.

Red Barn Band practice will be at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Others are invited to join the group.

Evelyn Johnson accompanied her son, Kenny Johnson, to his new home in Massachusetts. Kenny recently graduated from a course in auto restoration, with an associate degree (two year program) from McPherson College. He will be working in Essex, Mass., as an apprentice in the metal fabrication area of the restoration of Mercedes, Ferrari and Gull Wing cars. Paul Russell, owner of the business Kenny will be working for, is on the board at McPherson College and did interviews this spring. Kenny feels this is a terrific opportunity.

Birthdays for the month of July are Sue Hayes, July 1; Deborah Gamboa, July 2; Nancy Dahl, July 3; and Jeannette Bencken, July 23. Happy birthday to all of you!

This week is the tenth year of Creative Arts Camp at the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford. There are over thirty campers, both resident and day campers and staff from Arlington, Texas; North Platte, Neb.; Goodland; Garden City; Hays; Russell; Oberlin; Colby; and Rexford.

Fran Leach's daughter, Joyce and Dave Lawson, from near Peoria, Ill., visited her. They all went to Colorado to the Horn Creek Conference Center for a week. Fran's home church, Blue Ridge Bible Church in Kansas City, goes there every June for a week and she enjoys getting together with them. Speaker was Jerry Muckenstraw, who played for the Chicago Bears for eight years, and is now in full-time ministry.

Overnight guests of Fran Leach were Dr. and Mrs. Ed Oman and grandson, Scotty, of Kansas City.

After Five Christian Women's club will hold their July meeting at 7 p.m. at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley on Tuesday, July 12. Theme is "Fun at the Malt Shop," with the feature at the hop being Paul and Jamie Heskett, taking us back to the 50s with some music and trivia.

Special music at the After Five meeting will be from the very talented Lanita Sheperd, with a trip down memory lane. Guest speaker is Bev Brungardt, sharing about her "Happy Days." Cost is only \$9 for the buffet supper. For reservations, call Deb Stepper by Saturday.

Sondra Barnett attended the Aglow President's Summit in Seattle, Wash., recently. The last time the international headquarters called all the presidents in was in 1993, so this was a really exciting time for all of them. Having arrived a day early, Sondra and a friend

from Moscow, Kan., took a day-cruise to Victoria, Canada. The whole experience was a dream of a lifetime, with perfect weather the entire time!

Makin' It Happen: Hats off to the Rexford Pride Committee for the

community Fourth of July picnic and fireworks display.

The crowd of about 100 people was a bit smaller than in the past, but still everyone had a good time and enjoyed getting together.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth returned home Friday evening from Superior, Wis., where they attended the funeral of Dan's step-father, Karl McConnell, and spent a few days visiting his mother, Elizabeth McConnell. They were also able to spend time visiting with Dan's five brothers and their families who also attended the funeral. Sympathies go out to their family.

Ed and Cathy Waterman, Sedgwick; Darren and Becky Hibbs, Ashley, A.J. and Emma, Wichita; Scott Waterman, Colby; Melvin Waterman, and David and Karen Eskew were Saturday supper guests of Michael and Heather Wessel, Alexandra and Corbin, Selden. On Sunday, the group enjoyed lunch at the David Eskew home.

Sunday supper guests at the David Eskew home were Ed and Cathy Waterman, the Darren Hibbs family, Melvin Waterman, the

Michael Wessel family, Martin and Donna Waterman and Virginia Solko, Atwood; Scott Waterman, David Tommie and Courtlyn, Terry Lippelmann, Jo Larson, and Bev Reiter, Brianna and Michelle.

Fourth of July lunch and supper guests at the David Eskew home were Cathy Waterman, Darren and Becky Hibbs, Ashley, A.J., and Emma, Heather, Alexandra and Corbin Wessel, and Scott Waterman, David Tommie and Courtlyn. The Ed Watermans and Darren Hibbs spent the Fourth of July weekend visiting family and friends.

Lois Unger, Colby, was a Saturday visitor of Alvina Unger.

Martin and Evelyn May were Sunday afternoon visitors of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Sunday evening visitors of Arthur and Alice May and enjoyed an early Fourth of July celebration with a fireworks display.

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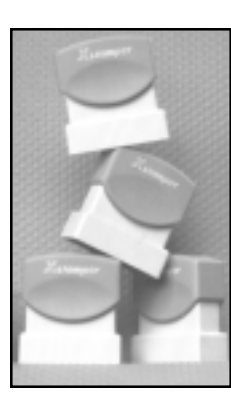
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