

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1880

Born, July 10, 1880, a 10-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Persinger.

4400 pounds of provisions have been received by the county aid committee and will be given out to those in need. It consists principally of flour, meal, bacon and dried fruits.

Messrs. Allen McCall, Hitchcock, Bariteau, Colby, Marks, Wilson, Rodehaver, Colton, Colt, Nelson and Moody, all representative men of Oberlin, left for Beloit to attend the Congressional Convention in the interest of Oberlin. It looks now as though Oberlin is sure of the land office.

The commissioners met in special session to canvass the vote of Custer and Center townships. Custer polled 25 votes and Center 17. This small vote is owing to the drought, as early in the spring there were over 100 voters in each of said townships.

The 7-year-old son of a Mr. Drum living east of Oberlin fell in an open 60-foot well Monday evening and was instantly killed.

The picnic at Miller's Grove was attended by 23 of Oberlin's bachelors.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1905

Born, July 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Unger of Logan Township, a daughter.

A train of 23 cars of livestock went out Monday. M.E. Mix, car of hogs; Grossniklaus Bros., 5 cars of cattle; Cooperative Association, 5 cars hogs and 12 cars cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. I.E. Larrick will give this evening a reception in honor of Doctor and Mrs. H.J. Morrison, who are returning to Oberlin.

Frank Johnson has brought in one of the new style buggies, high seat, lamp, rubber tires.

Through the kindness of J.E. Love we drove out to his farm and watched his men mow away alfalfa hay with a new fangled stacker that greatly lessens the work.

Mrs. W.H. McMullen, Miss Ursula and baby Lois, left Tuesday evening via the Rock Island for a two-week visit with Claude Andrews and family at Colorado Springs.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1930

A fire which broke out in the third story of the Oberlin Roller Mills Wednesday afternoon completely destroyed the big mill. The Oberlin Mill was one of the city's big industries, the loss of which will be felt by the entire community. An extensive business was conducted with

many other cities, through the shipment of flour and feeds. The fire companies were helpless because their supply of fire hose lacked 100 feet of reaching the mill from the nearest available fireplug at the Perry Bradley corner, but one stream of water would have availed little, because the fire was under a good headway before it was discovered.

Court House News: Judge Kulp married Howard Everett Johnston, Rexford, and Miss Alice Lucille Brown of Traer on June 28.

Word was received from the I.O.O.F. home near Manhattan of the death of Ira Kellogg, 94, who came to Oberlin in 1879 at the request of Dr. A.W. Bariteau and L.A. Bariteau, who was then in the lumber business. He came by train to Buffalo Park and started to walk from there but caught a ride with a freighter. The homes he built for the Bariteaus are still in use. He homesteaded a quarter section southeast of Oberlin and his wife's mother homesteaded an adjoining 80. He served two terms as county treasurer. He was a charter member of the Oberlin Odd Fellows Lodge and a Civil War veteran, serving at Fort Phil Kearney in Wyoming several years after the war ended. Funeral services were held at the Oberlin Presbyterian Church with Walker Hughes and Minnie LaTourette of the Christian Science Society in charge.

Jennings: Over 50 combine threshers were sold by the Jennings dealers this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smalberger of Sherman Township are the parents of a baby daughter born June 26.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harold are the parents of a new baby boy born June 29.

Cedar Bluffs: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Macy are very proud of the fine baby boy which arrived at their home Thursday night.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1955

The heavy rains that fell last week along the Sappa Creek southwest of Oberlin sent the water flowing over the Sappa Dam. Unfortunately, the rains did not come in time to prevent the complete drying of the lake and the removal of thousands of fish. Now we have the water and no fish. Engineers were here last week and promised to restock as soon as possible but stated that an addition atop the dam to raise the maximum water level two feet is still unsatisfactory for holding the water.

Francis Winkler has been chosen president of the Oberlin Lions Club for the 1955-56 year. The Rev.

Luther Kurtz, pastor of the Oberlin Presbyterian Church, will head Oberlin Rotary for the coming year.

With the razing of the old high school building almost completed, Decatur County commissioners are reviewing plans for the construction of a modern county home for older residents.

Miss Patricia Ann McKenna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo McKenna of Jennings, became the bride of Lloyd R. Krizek, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Krizek of Dresden, on June 4 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Adleman of Oberlin announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Ann, to Mr. Robert W. Ingold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Ingold of Newton, on July 10 at the Second Presbyterian Church in Emporia. Both are seniors at the College of Emporia.

Ernest Norton and Jesse Jones brought home 10 channel cats, each 29 inches and weighing over 9 pounds each while fishing at Cambridge, Neb., last week.

Bridget Ann, six-months-old, has come to make her home in Oberlin with Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones. Mr. Jones is the Standard Oil salesman and Mrs. Jones has been employed in the local A. S. C. office. She is the former Mary Ann McCoy.

Mrs. Esther Bendon of Oberlin announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Lou, to Pvt. Keith O. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Olson of Herndon. Miss Bendon is a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is employed at The Oberlin Herald. Pvt. Olson graduated with the class of 1950 and attended Kan-

sas State College. He is presently serving with the U.S. Army. No date has been set for the wedding.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1980

Grain storage facilities in the county are practically spilling over as farmers put the finishing touches to the 1980 wheat crop. A few yields came in as high as 60 bushels an acre and as low as 5 to 7 in hail-damaged fields.

Paul Steele, Colby, and Ralph Walker, Sharon Springs, both candidates for the 40th District State Senatorial seat currently held by Richard Gannon, were campaigning in Oberlin last week.

As the thermometer zoomed upwards day after day this past week, operators of the Oberlin city power plant saw the engines put out a record 5150 kwh of juice, an amount never before attained. Major Ed Stillions has asked residents to cut back on electricity use, especially during the early evening hours.

Dresden: Jeanette Gawith, a senior at Jennings High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gawith of Dresden, was among those who attended the national convention of Future Homemakers of America held in St. Louis.

Two Decatur County residents are entered in the Miss Frontier Pageant to be held July 25 at Norton: Terry Sperry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sperry, and Jana Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Morton.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones, Oberlin, boy, Wade Allen, July 2; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wilson, Danbury, girl, Monica Lee, July 4.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Another week of HOT weather, but it has brought us well over 50 visitors. Those guests have come from Kansas, Nebraska, West Virginia, Vermont, Colorado, California, Wyoming, Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri. I really want to thank our museum members for bringing in their family and friends as they are here visiting.

With fair time around the corner, be sure to put us down as a place to come during the day with your guests.

Some of the surnames researched this week have been: Cody, Miller, Cevely, Nelson, Shoop, and McCalla, all these with a family tie from the Kanona area.

Lynda has been working on the history of the different churches in the county and we are hoping to get that added to the Decatur County History and Genealogy website this month. If you have any information or pictures on any church in the county please give Lynda a call or come in and see her.

No date has been set for the move of the church, but next week is being planned. We want to thank the Modern Woodmen for the benefit they held for the move and restoration of the church. We also want to thank Bee Nelson for the memorials given in Bill's name and to Harwood Kolsky for the very generous donation.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sympathy is extended to Merl and Ruth Chance and family in the loss of their great-grandson, Cache Morris, son of Cassie and Laramie Morris. Steve and Helen (Chance) Broadbrooks, Lexington, Okla., are the grandparents.

Recent guests of Galen and Meme Carper were Eleanor Basgall and Shelley Basgall of Lawrence, and Greg and Stacey Basgall and Alec of Japan. Both Greg and Stacey have taught the past two years in Japan. Carol and Josh Topliff came from Goodland to visit with them.

Jean Halligan and Ashley and Al Cooper, Goodland; Sue Long, Tom Votapka and Mary Votapka celebrated Mary's birthday Saturday by dining at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin.

Jennings school board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings and Nadean Stoney were Thursday supper guests of James and Delores Jennings of Oberlin.

The Jennings City Council met on July 7. Steve Hirsch attended the meeting to review the budget for 2006 and to answer questions about vacating an alley in Jennings. The hearing was set at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 4 for the budget and 8 p.m. for vacating the alley.

Others beside the council members attending the meeting were Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, and Eugene and Dona Mrstik. Anyone wanting bindweed or musk thistle sprayed in their yards should contact the city clerk at 678-2348 to sign up.

The Norton Correctional men are painting our street signs. They may be able to put them back up this week. Several residents have not paid their utilities by due date.

There is a penalty imposed on late payment. Jennings City has a job opening for a water maintenance man. Contact city clerk if interested.

"Mom's Lil' Market," operated by Merle Snyder, opened last week in Jennings. Come check it out. Jennings has been without a grocery store for several years.

Brent Jennings and Brendan of Junction City spent the weekend with Brett Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings.

The Czech Museum Board of

Jennings met on July 7 at the RNA building. President Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting. For the month of June the museum had visitors from California, Washington, Florida, Colorado, Oregon, and Kansas.

The Jennings Grocery Store donated shelving material to the museum. We also received memorabilia materials from the McLeod family.

The museum board discussed the give-away to be held this summer. It is for a 50-pound beef bundle

from the Grinnell Locker Plant. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held the evening of the Fireman's Fun Day on Aug. 27. Tickets are available from board members. The museum will be open for public viewing daytime hours during the Fireman's Fun Day.

Harwood Kolsky is working on getting the book about Dr. Hardesty ready for printing in the near future. The public is invited to the next meeting which will be at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the RNA Hall.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Ken and Michelle (Glad) Moses of Atwood on the birth of a daughter, Avery Eaden, who was born June 27, 2005, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Leta Moses of Colby, and the late Emery Moses, and the late Elliott and Sue Glad. Arlene Glad of Atwood is her great-grandmother.

The community welcomes Ethan and Lacy Walker, who recently moved to the former farmstead of the late Herbert and Elsie Peterson. They were married on June 11 in Goodwell, Okla. Their parents are Marc and Sylvia Walker of Atwood and Leonard and Virginia Mussman of Goodwell.

Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.; Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; and Elden and Detta Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley, represented descendants of Opal (Swisher) Bryan at the Swisher-Carlson family reunion in

Torrington, Wyo., over the Fourth of July weekend. It was hosted by Wayne and Betty Swisher and families of Torrington. There were 12 states represented and over 75 in attendance.

Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia of Atwood were Sunday dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther. Skylar McConville of Indianola, Neb., and Brady Ginther of Menlo are spending this week with them.

Kyle Grafel took Rachel Grafel and Mariah Jones to Estes Park, Colo., on Sunday, where they are attending Covenant Heights Bible

Camp this week. Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson took Detta Anderson out for lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday to help her celebrate her birthday.

Patti Benda and Lori Seaman entertained with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the Seaman home honoring Andrea Marshall, who will be married on July 23 to Adam Spanier.

Austin Fink of Wamego has been visiting his grandparents, Gordon and Norma Anderson, and the Gayle Anderson family.

Cedar Living News

The dietary department hosted an all-American lunch in honor of the Fourth of July at noon on Monday. They served hot dogs and all the trimmings with ice cream sandwiches for dessert. A social hour featuring Independence Day trivia was the highlight of the afternoon.

June Harold won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted a sing-along time on Tuesday afternoon.

Residents who joined in a game of dice on Wednesday afternoon included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko and Don Shaw played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George provided Catholic mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

Nursing staff members Kay Chambers, Linda Fox, Sunnie Fredrickson, and Alicia Bergling made milk shakes for everyone on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Connie Buhler of the Jennings United Methodist Church gave the Sunday service.

Recent visitors: Merlin and Lola Diederich, McCook; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Beulah Brown, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Nancy Johansen and Steve Kiser, Kansas City, Mo.; Dale, Avis, and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Carol Shaw, Selden;

Ruth and LaMoine Wolfram, Laurene Van Otterloo, Elaine Bryan, Lyle Gamblin, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Eula Juenemann, John and Henrietta Juenemann, Helena Bruggeman, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Catherine Neal, Cynthia Matson, Mert McEvoy, Butch Diederich, Vernon Diederich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Marie Jean Vavroch, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsy led morning devotions and crafts on Tuesday. Birthday cupcakes were drawn, cut and pasted by Eva Bryan, Jan Conway and Fern Anderson. Social hour was sponsored by the STARS committee. Chips and dip and ice cream sandwiches were enjoyed by many residents. Members present were Joan Evans, Linda Hollowell, Vi Krizek, and assisting was junior volunteer Nathan Smith. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Anita Hirsch and Jeanette Diederich sponsored Wednesday morning songs of worship, assisted by Joey Hirsch, junior volunteer. Bible study was led by Pastor Rick Langness of St. John's Lutheran Church. Exercises were held in the morning. Nail care volunteers were Sally Henningson, Pat Whetzel, and junior volunteer Tika Hall. Virginia Ike enjoyed a game of rummy and one-to-one time was shared with Leo Mooty.

Pastor Heidi Wiebe of the Oberlin Covenant Church shared the devotion message Thursday morning and communion distribution followed. Angel Lane activities were held using alphabet characters and drawings. Word find was enjoyed by Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, and Elsie Macy.

Thursday afternoon Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, and Eva Bryan finished homemade cupcakes for birthday greetings for Harold Demmer, Ruth Laidig, and Eva Cuthbertson. Joining in for some drawing time were Virginia Ike, Edla Olson, and Ruth Laidig. Edla Olson, Jeanette Conway, and Virginia Ike shared a game of old-fashioned rummy.

On Friday Janice Shobe brought morning devotions and Dena Gillespie joined Jeanette Diederich to bake jelly rolls to be served at Social Hour. Hildegard Euhus, Hilda McGee, Eva Bryan, Jeanette Conway and Sheryl Horney enjoyed a van ride to the beautiful gardens of Shirley Shields. Summer melodies filled the air as Myrna Jones and Edla Olson played the piano and organ during social hour. Cook's parade honored Dena Gillespie. Everett Fisher enjoyed a trip out to the harvest fields.

Saturday devotions were led by Dennis Brown.

The Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches led Sunday church services

Visitors included: Ruth Laidig - Angie Wilson; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Glenn and Betty Krebs; Iris Wurm, Marilyn St. Clair - Jeanette Diederich; Doris Miller - Catherine Neal; Hazel Flaska - Chuck and Cleta Morgan, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Clara Fringer; Garrah Gaumer - Glenn and Betty Krebs.

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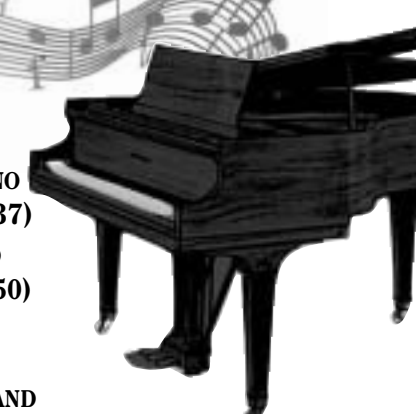
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