

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1880

There are 2,030 people in Norton County in need of aid. That beats Decatur a little.

Metcalfe Bros. and W.A. Frasier have purchased from Shep Judkins the cattle belonging to the heirs of his brother, Orrin Judkins, deceased. Mr. Judkins and Elwin will go to Minnesota.

Charley Miller and some young men went off on the trail yesterday. They got a job to help drive a herd of cattle through to Ogallala, Neb., and will be absent about two months.

It is reported that Ed Jackson who went from this country to Colorado last winter was scalped by the Indians. A party of prospectors, of which he was one, went out into the Gunnison country on the Ute reservation and most of them were killed. We cannot vouch for the truth of this statement but hope it is unfounded and that Ed will turn up all right.

A cowboy accidentally shot himself on the Prairie Dog on Monday evening last. He was shooting at some cattle that were trying to go back, and the revolver went off before he raised it, the bullet entering the leg just below the knee and coming out near the ankle, inflicting a severe wound. He was brought here and placed under the care of Doctors Mead and Moore and is getting along as well as could be expected.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1905

Supt. A.C. Banta wishes us to apologize to Dollie Deupree for her name not being included among the list of those receiving certificates at the last examination. Mr. Banta says she passed a creditable exam and had good grades all the way through.

W.H. Montgomery, we hear, has rented the Ufford ranch in Rawlins County and will take possession at once.

Chauncey Dewey paid the widows of the men killed two years ago \$9,000 and \$1,000 to Roy Berry for being shot through the jaw.

Some ladies called Saturday said hereafter when we told in the HERALD how much work a man had been doing, we should ask him how much of the work had been done by his wife.

Ross Chilson of Logan was a caller on Saturday and said that he had moved to the old home farm and

would help his father for a time.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1930

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna (Specka) Janousek, 89, were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Fiala, with burial in Big Timber Cemetery beside her husband. Born in Bohemia, Austria-Hungary, she was united in marriage to Albert Janousek in 1871 and they came to Decatur County in 1874, where they settled on a homestead in the southwest corner of Jennings Township.

This week's theater program carries some unusually good pictures. Probably the best drawing card is Will Rogers in "So This Is London."

Lew Wenger and family were in a lucky auto accident Sunday evening — lucky in that the top of the car was so badly crushed as to be beyond repair, neither Mr. and Mrs. Wenger nor any of their three children were seriously injured.

The Hotel Stapleton has sold and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olson will take possession Aug. 1. The hotel, built by Mr. Stapleton, opened in March 1928 and has enjoyed such a thriving patronage that additional rooms will soon be a necessity.

Mrs. Tom Thomsen and Miss Ellen Francis are entertaining at a rock party tomorrow evening for Miss Dorothy Thomsen of Minden, Neb. A slumber party is part of the evening's entertainment.

Prof. Julius Piller informs us that his former violin pupil, Miss Mabel Wickham, did so well at the Denver Conservatory of Music that she has been granted a scholarship in a Philadelphia conservatory.

Fred Bremer of Dresden was a caller Saturday and told us harvest was pretty well over in his community and that this was the first year in the 47 he had been in the United States that he had not helped in the harvest. He does expect to manage a tractor in doing some fall plowing however.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1955

A mature, powerful Hays American Legion team thoroughly outclassed the field last weekend as they ran roughshod over the 6th district American Legion baseball tournament held in Oberlin. Stan Shaw, who had pitched four innings in the afternoon game, just gave out in the final frame and Oberlin was

defeated in the finals by Hays 11-2. Almerna downed Phillipsburg 8-4 for third place. Oberlin had reached the finals by a dramatic four-run 9th inning uprising against Phillipsburg. Shaw, who came in relief of Rusty Addleman in the sixth, was the batting hero with a three-run triple as the team came back to win 12-10.

In a baseball game played at Trenton on July 21, a freak accident in the middle of the game caused the loss of Carl Neff as pitcher and Paul Neff as fielder when Paul Neff and Bob Russell hit head-on as they both tried to catch a fast ball. Neff was taken immediately to the McCook Hospital by his brother Carl Neff, where he remained until Sunday with a skull fracture. Russell was shaken up but finished the game, which was won by Oberlin 25-19.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ritter are the proud parents of a baby boy, David Eugene, born July 12 at Decatur County Hospital.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson, daughter, Carol Jo, July 17; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Ray, daughter, Karen Kay, July 21; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noren, daughter, Alice Verlene, July 26.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin, pioneer residents of the area, will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on July 29 at their home in Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shuler of Selden announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Eunice, to Charles Smith of Stamford, Neb. Miss Shuler graduated from Decatur Commu-

nity High School with the Class of 1955 and is employed in Selden. Mr. Smith is serving with the U. S. Army.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1980

Probably the biggest event of the Decatur County Fair will be the dedication on Tuesday evening of the new train by Gov. John Carlin. Following the dedication ceremony, dignitaries and guests will ride around the half-mile track with Harry Schrammel, donor of the sparkling new train, as engineer.

Preliminary census figures for Decatur County indicate a population of 4,480 as compared to 4,988 in 1970. It was noted that college students were not counted as residing in Decatur County but that if the new figure were accurate, it would indicate a 10 percent loss in population in the past 10 years.

Draft registration was under way at post offices across the nation for 18-20 year-olds.

Seven babies were delivered at Decatur County Hospital from July 19-22: Erik LaRene Wentz, Secaley Jawn Palmer, Leona Lynn Spesser, Shad Lee Clark, Amber Dawn McDaniel, Jordan Alexander Eskew and Ryan Barnett Leitner.

A farewell dinner Sunday at the park honored Kenneth and Betty Schmoker, who will leave soon to make their home in Florida.

Oberlin Swim Team members took first place in the swim meet held Saturday at the Oberlin pool, followed by Colby, Atwood, Burlington and Goodland. The league meet will be held Friday and Saturday at Colby.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum can now boast 14 buildings. The St. Mark's Lutheran Church building joined the other 13 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21.

St. Mark's left Norcatour, its old home of 117 years, on Wednesday morning just before 9 a.m. The move went very well except for the heat. As it rolled into Oberlin to the Co-op fertilizer plant at about 2 p.m. the temperature was registering at 114.4 degrees. It was decided at that time electricity could not be turned off on 300 people and that morning

would be somewhat cooler.

It is still sitting on the trailer at this writing, but sometime this week St. Mark's will be set on its new foundation. We are very excited to finally have it as part of our historical collection and to have Norcatour represented with such a fine building.

Thank you to all that have had a part in getting this new addition for us.

With fair time growing closer, be sure to add the museum to your list of places to bring family and friends.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Yes, I know it's July, but this heat is almost unbelievable! The scary part is it's beginning to seem "normal" when I hear the temperature is 106 degrees! One day, I even commented that it didn't feel as hot as they predicted (108 degrees) and was informed that it was only 105!

Melody Leach spent two weeks visiting her parents in Hot Springs, Ark., and her daughter, Megan Leach, in Oklahoma City. Megan is a cancer nurse at Children's Hospital and has been practicing there for a year. She is engaged to Justin Fuller of London, Ark., who will complete his degree to teach high school science this next semester. The wedding is being planned for January. During the time Melody was in Oklahoma City, Bob also went down for a couple of days and they all attended the wedding of Megan's best friend.

Tony and Kayla Korte, Braden, Raleigh, and Toby went to Colorado for a few days. They visited the Bishop Castle at Rye, Sand Dunes National Park near Alamosa, the Alligator Farm, and even watched a forest fire. They camped in a tent and had a wonderful time.

On Saturday, July 16, Buck Harper, and Cleda and Collette Moeder went to Hill City to watch Cleda's grandson, Taylor Moeder of Colby, play in a baseball tournament. Collette stayed there with Tim and Shelly Moeder while Cleda and Buck went to Hays to help Buck's great-granddaughter celebrate her first birthday. They returned to watch the final game of the baseball tournament in which the Colby team took second place.

Peyton Moeder joined Cleda, Collette and Buck, returning to Rexford for the night. Early Sunday morning, they went to Trenton Lake, returning home on Monday. Cleda Moeder and Yvonne Wingard made a one-day trip to Denver on Tuesday for their doctor's appointments.

Tiffany Barnett of Holcomb and Tabitha Barnett of Liberal, granddaughters of Sondra Barnett, spent

last week in Rexford. The girls had a little party and included Elizabeth Jardin of Fayetteville, Ark., granddaughter of Marjorie Leh, and Collette Moeder of Houston, granddaughter of Cleda Moeder.

Alice Gonzales, Franklin, Ohio, is visiting Sondra Barnett. In the early 1980s, Alice was in the Light House For Girls program near Gem, directed by Bill and Sondra Barnett. After a short visit with Velma Barnett, Gem, Alice and Sondra left on Saturday to take Tabitha and Tiffany back to their respective homes. Alice also wanted to get reacquainted with all of Sondra's children and meet their families, so a trip to make the rounds is taking place.

Those at Barnswallows last week were Grace Cheney, Darlene Robben, Fran Leach, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Betty and Rex Carswell, Lawrence Horinek, Mary Ann and Lawrence Juenemann.

Shirley Vance is pleased with the national status acquired by her son and grandson, Dennis and Shelby Vance. They have participated in many bass fishing tournaments and have recently placed sixth in the nation! These are very large events, with as many as 200 boats and teams entered. They are grateful that Dennis' employer, Bill Dible, has allowed him time off for this sport.

Kathryn Richard, Chris and Amie, of Norton took Edna Colson to Goodland recently to visit her daughter, Roberta Colson, and friends, Charlene Fritsch and Deloris Cody, then later Roberta and Deloris brought Edna home.

It was good to see several Rexford people at the Picnic in the Park in Colby. The music was good and even though the weather was hot, the day was enjoyable.

The Shepherd's Staff was the site for a three-day healing conference sponsored by the League of Ministers. The speaker was healing evangelist Henry Wright from the Atlanta, Ga., area. There were 115

people in attendance from several states, including Georgia, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska and Colorado.

Koffee Klatch on Friday was attended by Jean Hawkins, Fran Leach, Freda Ketchum, Margaret AraSmith, Delores Dible, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Liz Rall, Cleda Moeder, Berneda Zoberst, Deborah Gamboa, Hulda Wark, Madonna Anderson, Vicky Allison, Vesta Roth, Sondra Barnett, and Alice Gonzales.

Royal Neighbors had their yearly Fun Day at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley last week. Those attending were Betty and Rex Carswell, Fran Leach, Marjorie and Darrell Leh, Liz Jardin, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Lawrence Horinek, and

Darlene Robben. After they returned to Rexford, most of the group played cards at the Barn.

Marilyn Medina, Ashley and Cody have been visiting Marilyn's mother, Doris Jean Oliver, for 10 days. Her husband brought the family and then attended to some business before returning to take the family back home.

On Friday evening before the Medinas left for California Doris Jean had a family dinner at her house.

Those present beside Doris Jean were Carl and Marilyn Medina, Ashley and Cody, Vista, Calif.; Dennis and Marla Rogers, Jason and Aliesha Rogers and B.J., Selden; Mindy Fleckenstein and Taryn, Dresden; and Mary Lambing, Adrian and Austin, McCook.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Saturday a fire of unknown origin started southwest of Jennings. It burned down into the trees and brush in "Lover's Lane." Firemen worked hard to keep it under control, against wind and above 100-degree temperatures. A county bulldozer was brought down to help out.

Rachel and William Carter babysat Clayton and Anna Carter, daughters of Jesse and Megan Carter of Oberlin, while Jesse helped fight the fire.

Guests at the Mary and Tom Votapka home from Wednesday to Saturday were the children of Bert Huff: Larry and Verna Huff, Iuka; their son, Mike, Hays; Linda DeMichel, Farmington, Mich.; and Larry and Mary Sapp, Aurora Colo. Also visiting were Mary's two sisters, Elaine McKinley of Tulsa, Okla., and Ethel Taylor of Hays; and Mary's daughter, Sue Long. They toured the area up on the Nebraska line and Lyle area where their grandparents came from. They spent a day at the Decatur County Museum and had lots of fun doing

family history.

Glenda Johnson had back surgery on Friday at Salina. We haven't heard how she is doing.

Jeff Rowilson and Dawn LaRue attended a Rowilson reunion at Cottonwood Ranch near Studley over the weekend.

Roofers have been busy in Jennings after the July 5 hailstorm. Reminder: "Mom's Li'l Market" grand opening will be held Saturday, July 30.

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Cedar Living News

Clarence Sattler of Herndon is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Paul and Axie Sass celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on Monday, July 18. Their family provided a decorated marble sheet cake for dessert.

Residents and staff enjoyed a party hosted by Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots on Monday afternoon. Dennis served meat, cheese, crackers, and vegetables.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack gave a sing-along program on Monday afternoon.

June Harold won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Charley Vavroch won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

The Residents' Council planned a special menu for lunch on Wednesday that featured sandwiches from A&W. Each resident could select a hamburger, cheeseburger, or bacon cheeseburger. Carrie Morford and her staff at A&W helped make this a big success and even donated placemats, cups, and table centerpieces for the occasion. The dietary department served potato chips and watermelon, and assisted Margee Wilson and Teresa Shaughnessy with making root beer floats.

Residents who joined in on playing a game of dice on Wednesday afternoon included Nettie Britton, June Harold, Tressie Samson, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Paul Sass, and Hank and Bea Wolfgram.

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

Father George held Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

Dolores Koerperich assisted with the readings.

Heather Glodt and Jenny Ploussard assisted with a special game of bonus bingo on Thursday afternoon. Residents played for pennies, which they were able to trade in for a prize at the end of the game.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. These were topped with red and green sugar, and some were kept to serve at the Christmas in July party which was held on Monday.

Wynemah Cox was the guest of honor at a birthday party held at noon on Saturday. Mike, Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch of Atwood served cake and ice cream to everyone. Frank Cox of Herndon also attended the party.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the Sunday afternoon service.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Herndon; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Rosa Boehm, McCook; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Chris Edwards, Atwood; Christine, James and John Aschenbrenner, Colwich; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Dale, Avis, and Diana Hazuka, Susan McKain, McDonald; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Betty and Ray Rollins, Aurora, Colo.; Wendell and Ruth Hull, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; Tara Votapka, Topeka;

Opal Huntley, Virginia Spratling, Ila Ray, Jody Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Dana Winstead, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Carrie and Teague Morford, Jeanette Diederich, Kimberly Solko, Joy Votapka, Catherine Neal, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Helena Bruggeman, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

After Monday morning devotions, folding fellowship was enjoyed by Elsie Macy, Jan Conway, Ruby Shuler, Fern Anderson and Ruth Laidig.

Several ladies enjoyed time spent with old acquaintances at Wheat Ridge Terrace on Monday. Marcia Lohoefer and residents welcomed Jan Conway, Hildegard Euhus, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan and Hilda McGee for a barbecue, with poems from Jerry Lohoefer as the cowboy poet.

Fern Anderson, Jan Conway, Edla Olson, and Eva Bryan joined in a Bible study group led by Jan Badsky.

Volunteer Phil Erickson led Tuesday morning devotions. Bonnie Weskamp, Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Leo Mooty, Eva Cuthbertson, and Marilyn St. Clair enjoyed morning activities in Angel Lane. Resident Council was held with many residents in attendance. Dennis Brown from the Forget-Me-Nots shared snack trays of cheese, salami and vegetables for afternoon social hour. Assisting was Nathan Smith, volunteer.

Anita Hirsch led Songs of Worship Wednesday morning. Many residents enjoy hearing and participating in this activity. Mert McEvoy led Wednesday morning Bible study. Volunteers Tika Hall, Dorothy Alstrom, and Sally Henningson shared nail care with many of the ladies. The residents appreciated fresh vegetables do-

nated from the Farmers Market, and delivered by Roxie Erickson. Tika Hall served social hour.

Afternoon summer readers were Samantha Anderson, Chris Anderson, Molly and Morgan Janonius, and Gabe Anderson. Chris and Gabe Anderson enjoyed taking resident Jan Conway's dog, Casey, for a stroll around the block while their sister, Samantha, shared reading time. Other residents participating were Eva Bryan and Fern Anderson. Bingo was held in the evening, sponsored by Marilyn Horn and Peggy Gassman.

Phil Erickson led Saturday devotions.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of Sunday church services.

Recent guests: **Virginia Ike** - Gregory and Lynda Cox and Pixie Ann; **Bernice Brown** - Chris Edwards; **Eva Bryan** - Samantha, Chris, and Gabe Anderson; **Doris Miller** - Catherine Neal, Pat Cozad; **Elsie Macy** - Chris Edwards, Marian Fraker; **Ruth Laidig** - Janice Mehl; **Marguerite Fullerton** - Pat Cozad; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch; **Edla Olson** - Samantha, Chris, and Gabe Anderson, Arlene Glad of Atwood; **Lucy Schissler** - Arlene Glad and Sally Olson of Atwood; Mert McEvoy, Mabel McLaughlin, Ralph Crim and Bonnie. Also visiting were the Mitchell family of Colorado, and Bill and Helen Laidig of Los Angeles.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers accompanied Charlie and Judy Easton to Abilene last weekend to visit J.T. Guy and family.

On Monday, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin.

On Tuesday, Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter went to Garden City with another carload of goods for the Mexican American Mission. After unloading the goods, they went to Cimarron where they were lunch guests of Sam and Gladys

Williams at their home.

Kathy Van Meter went to Norcatour on Wednesday to observe the moving of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church to Oberlin.

The Lyle ladies sewed on Friday. Leonard Powell of Seattle, Wash., visited Toots Magers on Saturday and they worked on the family history. Earnest and Donna Huff also stopped by for a visit with them.

Sunday visitors of Toots were Shanna and Don Nitzel of San Diego.

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