

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1880

The rain last week raised the Sappa about 6 feet — the highest it has been for 10 months.

The Aid Committee received 7,200 pounds of aid the first of the week, which was distributed to the various township committees yesterday.

The amendments to the Kansas Constitution to be voted upon this fall are printed in another column.

On Monday Capt. J. W. Allen and wife and Guy and Obe left for Wisconsin to attend the golden wedding of the Captain's parents.

A five-year-old son of Mr. Upham, living three miles northwest of Clayton, was drowned during the rainstorm of last week.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1905

Jennings defeated Oberlin 3-2 in a great 10-inning game at Jennings Friday afternoon. Art Smith pitched for Jennings and Renne Barnes for Oberlin. Barnes struck out 10 batters and Smith 19.

Howard Noyes and family moved their household goods to Oronoque last week by freight.

W.A. Dale was awarded a contract on Saturday for the erection of the office and lumber sheds of the Fowler Lumber Co.

Norcatour News: C.C. Andrews has purchased lots in the east part of town and will soon erect a residence.

A stranger who was coming to Norcatour to run a threshing machine for Frank Gallentine was struck by the belated freight Tuesday night and had both of his legs cut off. He died later at Mr. Howey's store.

Harlan Items: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Vernon on July 30, a boy.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1930

As was announced in the Herald last week, telephone operators at the local office will no longer answer inquiries regarding fires and their whereabouts.

Funeral services were held for E.I. Randall, 81, who came to Decatur County in 1879 and had been in business longer than any other person. He put homestead papers on land 10 to 12 miles north-

east of Oberlin and also purchased a city lot where he opened a boot and shoe store. During the early years he employed four or five helpers making boots for cowboys. So widely had his reputation as an expert bootmaker been heralded that orders came from as far away as Texas and Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craig of Roosevelt Township were pleasantly surprised Sunday when a crowd of relatives and friends walked in on them with picnic dinners. The party planned by Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Vernon honored the Craigs on their 25th wedding anniversary. More than 60 guests shared the dinner, which was taken down to the creek and spread out in the shade.

Tuesday's Topeka Capital carried the story of the marriage of Miss Sylvia Smith of Springfield to Mr. Ivan Lytle of Oberlin on July 22. Both attended Washburn University where she was prominent musically. Ivan's many friends around Oberlin are glad to hear that he is bringing his bride to Oberlin and will live on the Lytle farm.

A 16-penny nail picked up by the right rear wheel of the Jay Paddock Buick on U. S. 36 near Norcatour resulted in an accident in which the car turned over twice before landing in the ditch. His father-in-law, Edson Dean, is a patient at Benton Memorial Hospital with a broken pelvis.

Walter Brantley of the Prairie Dog neighborhood was unfortunate in having his Nash car wrecked. Although details are meager, it seems that "Shorty" Knitig, an employee on the Brantley farm, had borrowed the car and was its driver at the time of the accident, which occurred near the McKay ranch on the Selden highway.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1955

A continuing lack of rainfall and high temperatures has damaged corn, sorghum, feed and pastures with the result that many farmers were hauling their cattle to the Oberlin Livestock sale last Friday. Rainfall total for the year to Aug. 1 measures only 8.05 inches. It was a little short of miraculous that with

the persistent lack of moisture during the last 12 months that the county should produce one of its best wheat crops.

The 1955 Decatur County Fair can be said to have been a success in all but one department — it failed to bring a rain.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church in Kanona for Adolph Johnson, 72, who died of a heart attack as his home in Topeka where he had retired. He is survived by his wife, the former Mattie Cleland, and two sons, Alvin of Kanona and Francis of Danbury.

Mary Lou Woodward, who is employed in Washington, D. C., will arrive home Friday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Woodward.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Simpson, son, Kent Arlin, July 27; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth, daughter, Debra Lea, July 29; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ritter, Dresden, daughter, Paula Kay, July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berndt, Cedar Bluffs, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Thelma, of Winfield, to Thomas Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hawkins, Grenola, Kan. A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Chambers of Norcatour announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Lou, to Gary Lee Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen of Oberlin on the evening of July 23 at the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Wichita. The couple will make their home in Wichita where the bride is employed as secretary to a real estate firm and the groom at Coleman Heating and Air Conditioning.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1980

Highlighting the Decatur County fair opener Tuesday evening was the dedication of the authentic scale locomotive and cars donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schrammel, which became Decatur County Amusement Authority's newest ride. Kansas Gov. John Carlin was present for the dedication to drive the

golden spike as part of the official ceremony.

With the annual fair starting, everyone is hopeful the rains would make their usual appearance for at least one day, giving crops a thirst quencher and knocking a few degrees off the 108 degree high registered in downtown Oberlin Tuesday.

Charles Randolph will begin his work as administrator of Good Samaritan Center here on Aug. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Corder, Selden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha, to Alvin Veasart Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Veasart Sr., of Clifton. The bride-to-be is a senior nursing student at the Wichita division of St. Mary of the Plains College and her fiancé is working toward a degree in psychology at Wichita State University. An Aug. 8, 1980, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Selden.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eskew, Oberlin, son, Jordan Alexander, July 21.

Norcatour won the men's slow-pitch softball tournament by beating Bassettville 15-4. Ludell Country Trailer Sales won the women's slow-pitch tournament, defeating Decatur County National Bank 13-10.

Oberlin swim team placed third in the league meet held Friday and Saturday in Colby and brought home championships in 17 events.

Coach Annette Sulzman listed Bucky Matson, 15, and Dale Poe, 10, as the outstanding swimmers.

Sara Fabaarizius was crowned Miss Frontier 1981 at the pageant held at Norton. Representing Decatur county was Janna Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Morton, Oberlin, who did a top hat and soft shoe dance to "Up a Lazy River" as her talent number.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Neva Jean Taylor, 71, who died Sunday at the Norton County Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Jennings Cemetery.

Descendants of the Adrian and Bertha Mowry family held a reunion on Saturday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Approximately 60 relatives attended. The Carol and Don Stephens family hosted the event.

Claudine Bennett returned home July 25 after spending several days visiting her son, Bill Bennett and family, in Florida.

Claudine Bennett went to the McCook Fair on Saturday. Her 12-year-old great-grandson, Skylar Bennett, won Grand Champion over all in the swine category. Ashley and Ty Bennett, 4 years old, rode in the Mutton Busters. Kurt and Michelle Bennett are their parents.

Richard Reed of Palmer, Alaska; Albert Reed of Grand Junction, Colo., and Bill Stringham of Los Angeles visited Thursday and Friday with their brother-in-law, Norman Davis.

John and Mickey Jones of Mullinville were weekend houseguests of Vendla Tacha.

They all met in Norton for a family dinner with Cheryl Roberts and Don McClelland, Norton; Aaron Roberts, Hays; and Warren and Lynn Tacha and Arch Harman, Jennings.

Everyone is invited to a dance at the Leoville Parish Center Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8:30 p.m. to honor Stan and Ramona Shaw on their 45th wedding anniversary.

Music will be provided by the band "Off Limits" from Colby.

The event will be hosted by their children: Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion; Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Logan; Cindy and Danny Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; and Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, Clayton; and the Shaws' grandchild-

ren: Elliott Gillespie, Marion; Aaron Gillespie, Hays; Brandon Wagoner, Joplin, Mo.; Lisa Wagoner, Salina; Ethan and Erin Shaw, Logan; Katie Wahlmeier, Colby; Logan and Bowen Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; and Nick and Adam Wahlmeier, Clayton. Stan Shaw and Ramona Porsch were married Aug. 13, 1960, in Selden.

Marlene LaRue, Dawn LaRue, Jeff Rowilson and Harley, T. J. LaRue, Tara Lahr; the Frank Giebler family, Holton; and Tammy Richmeier and family, Hays, attended the wedding of Marlene's niece over the weekend. Kerbi DeWitt and Jeremy Jacobson were married Saturday, July 30, at Mount Vernon Country Club in Golden, Colo.

Kerbi's parents are Joquetta and Robert Roth and the late Mike DeWitt.

Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9. "Swingin' Seniors" will entertain at about 7 p.m. City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4, in the Senior Center.

The grand opening Saturday at Mom's Li'l Market was enjoyed by approximately 90 people. Some friends came from Nebraska, as well as western Kansas.

The free grocery drawing was won by Stann Hartzog, first place, \$25; Rachel Carter, second place, \$15; Ramona Shaw, third place, \$10.

Winning clocks at the grand opening were Mary Waldo, Oberlin; Estelle Bugbe, Gem; and Louise Cressler.

Other winners were Linda Murry of Colby, and Arch Harman, Coors Lite hats; Dorothy Vacura, clipboard;

Jerry McKenna and Galen Carper, Coors Lite T-shirts; Dean Vacura, Bud hat; Kenny Wildeman, Russell Bird and Jason Rowh, Bud T-shirts; Lewis Linden of Brewster, Coozies; and Kay Brown, travel cup.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

I am not sure where the month of July went, but it is GONE.

In counting the number of guests who have visited us at the museum this month I came up with 180.

The states represented by this number were Texas, Kansas, Colorado, California, Oregon, Ohio, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana, Arizona, South Dakota, Louisi-

siana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa, Montana, Washington, West Virginia, Illinois, and New York. Our foreign visitors were from West Lima, Peru; Rochester, England; Bradford, Canada; and Newmarket, Canada.

The plan as of this writing for the church is that it should be set on its foundation late Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. I know

that many of you are driving by each day watching the progress. It has been a very tedious but interesting process.

Some of the surnames that Lynda and I have researched this last couple of weeks include: Johnson, Plotts, Cody, Nelson, Stastney/Stastny, Dowty, Van Vleet, Davis and Wilson.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CEMETERY BUDGET HEARINGS

The governing body of Decatur County Cemetery Boards will meet on the 15th of August, 2005 at 8 pm at the following listed homes for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

detailed Budget Information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at these hearings.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax to establish the maximum limits of the 2006 Budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuations.

FUND	2004		2005		Proposed Budget 2006	
	Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Current year Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
#1 Norcatour Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Bee Nelson						
General	5,820	0.870	13,000	0.877	13,015	0.903
Valuation	DC & NT 3,244,444		DC & NT 3,017,573		DC & NT 2,947,794	
#3 Big Timber Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Kenneth Krizek						
General	1,665	2.386	11,500	2.087	13,400	2.037
Valuation	1,391,046		1,635,170		1,687,476	
#4 Jennings Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Harold Tacha						
General	8,731	2.047	6,800	1.881	6,700	1.685
Valuation	1,885,249		2,073,544		2,314,261	
#5 Dresden Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Margaret Rhodes						
General	5,697	1.310	10,000	1.311	10,000	1.352
Valuation	DC & SD 2,424,427		DC & SD 2,427,625		DC & SD 2,360,806	
#6 Hawkeye Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Grace Cheney						
General	748	2.612	9,200	2.637	15,500	2.683
Valuation	DC, RA & SD 1,361,792		DC, RA & SD 1,353,485		DC, RA & SD 1,325,628	
#7 Traer Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Donna Hoehner						
General	686	1.331	3,525	1.338	4,700	1.383
Valuation	1,055,689		1,050,560		1,016,084	
#8 Cedar Bluffs Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Kathi Moore						
General	1,350	1.745	4,000	1.792	4,500	1.849
Valuation	871,278		850,316		825,822	
#10 Sherman Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Melvin Smalberger						
General	1,215	0.905	3,500	.916	3,500	0.930
Valuation	1,409,403		1,394,344		1,396,485	
#11 Kanona Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Gary Orr						
General	967	1.829	9,500	2.050	10,000	2.127
Valuation	766,453		747,420		720,296	
#12 Lund Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Ralph Marcuson						
General	1,110	1.555	2,000	1.562	2,500	1.650
Valuation	652,697		653,131		621,857	
#13 Vallonia Cemetery Meeting at the Home of Brian Simonsson						
General	275	0.559	3,250	0.578	4,000	0.591
Valuation	898,267		893,870		875,280	

Note: Tax Rates are expressed in mills

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<p>'02 Yamaha TTR125L</p> <p>Looks & Runs Great!</p> <p>\$1,600</p>	<p>'04 Honda CR85</p> <p>Nearly Perfect, Ready to Race!</p> <p>\$2,200</p>	<p>'03 Yamaha YZ450F</p> <p>4-Stroke, Race Ready</p> <p>\$3,500</p>
<p>'00 Harley Davidson</p> <p>Sporster, Windshield Back rest, Bags, Screaming Eagle Performance</p> <p>\$6,200</p>	<p>'03 Yamaha YZF600R</p> <p>600cc, Like New, Micron Exhaust, Low Miles</p> <p>\$5,700</p>	<p>'04 Kawasaki</p> <p>1500cc Vulcan Classic, Windshield, Backrest, Luggage Rack & Bags</p> <p>\$6,900</p>
<p>'95 Honda TRX300</p> <p>4x2, 300cc, Excellent!</p> <p>\$1,600</p>	<p>'98 Arctic Cat</p> <p>4x4, 300cc, Auto</p> <p>\$1,200</p>	<p>'05 Yamaha Raptor 80</p> <p>Youth Size, 4-Stroke, 80cc, NEW!</p> <p>\$2,300</p>
<p>'05 Yamaha Grizzly 125</p> <p>Fully Automatic, 125cc, NEW!</p> <p>\$2,700</p>	<p>'05 Yamaha Raptor 350</p> <p>4-Stroke. 350cc. Fast. NEW!</p> <p>\$4,400</p>	<p>'04 Honda TRX450R</p> <p>Race Ready, 450cc, 4-Stroke, NEW!</p> <p>\$5,700</p>

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