

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1880**

Quite a number of lots changed hands during the past week. Chicago is the name of a new post office in the northeastern part of Sheridan County.

A couple of men got into a muss yesterday evening, and pistols were drawn. Both were arrested, and afterwards released.

The parties who have been living in the Tremont Hotel, and who were a disgrace to any town, vacated it on Tuesday night by request of a number of citizens.

The Normal is meeting with success under the supervision of Supt. Burt. The following are regular attendants: Mrs. Sue Kneff, Mr. R.O. Kindig, Mr. J.E. Kulp, Misses Maggie Doom, Kate Doom, Maud Bradley, Lou VanCeeve, Laura Miller, Matilda Penny, Ruhannah Beal, Hannah Randall, Mary Aldrich, Kenny Bowen, Laura Simpson and Maggie Morrison.

**100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1905**

Barnes, Briggs, Gillette and Johnson got back Saturday from the Colby ball tournament; they all claim to have had a very nice time.

W.T. Stevenson is cutting down some of his shade trees about his house as the foliage has become so dense that grass does not grow well.

Forrest Redman and Jay Paddock are now declining to take any more carpenter work as they expect to take a vacation in about three weeks and go to the Portland Fair.

Norcaturnews: The material for the new school house is being hauled on the grounds ready for the carpenters.

Dan Campbell and Ed Dean left Tuesday evening for Chicago where they will buy a big stock of goods for the fall trade.

Born, July 30, to Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Logan of Olive, a daughter.

Norcaturnews: Fred Campbell has sold his share in the mill to Emmerson Beckel.

**75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1930**

In the primary election, Ed Shields for representative and C.H. Law for Probate Judge were the winners in the two contests on the local Republican ticket while

Nellans for County Clerk and Hess for Register of Deeds won over their opponents in the only two contests on the Democratic ticket.

Court House News: Probate Judge Kulp issued several licenses this week including one to Elmer Jack and Miss Irene Fisher, both of Cedar Bluffs, and John Geisinger and Miss Anna Goscha of Selden.

Decatur County friends of the O'Grady family will be pleased to hear of the new honor that has come to Francis in faraway Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, where he has been elected president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Argentina.

Jerry Cook, who has served as rural mail carrier on Route One since 1902, has retired and his route will be taken over by Walter McGee, formerly carrier on Route Four.

Decatur County is one of the few Kansas counties which will have a corn crop. The county harvested a much better than average wheat crop, and although wheat is only 60 cents a bushel, this county has reason for optimism.

Little Glee Cody, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Cody of Denver, is a guest of her cousin, Dixie Lee Patton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton.

Dr. A.J. Thomsen and wife and Dr. H.F. Cevely came back from Denver last week in six and a half hours driving time, and they did not hurry either. The distance was 273 miles from south Denver to their homes in Oberlin.

**50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1955**

The drought was broken over the weekend as heavy rains soaked most of the county. The downpour in Oberlin put an estimated 3 inches in the east part of town in an hour's time, causing flooding. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ploussard was hardest hit, as an underground breakthrough unknown to the Ploussards permitted the water to channel under their home and five feet of water had to be pumped out of the basement.

Considerable damage was done at the fairgrounds by the high wind which accompanied the rain, and at

Oberlin Airport the hangers and planes belonging to Al Dryden, Walt Roshong and Bud Kelley suffered extensive damage. Airport manager Bob Fraker called the storm "a serious blow to local aviation."

A.A. Dryden announced this week that Wert Frerichs will be in charge of farm machinery sales at Oberlin Motor Co. He was formerly a car salesman at Ford Motor Co., and prior to that sold farm machinery for Jensen Implement Co. at Atwood.

A few years ago there was considerable agitation to get the Oberlin sale pavilion moved outside the city limits because of the odors and inconvenience to people living near the pavilion. Now comes the announcement from Velcy "Pete" Jones, who with his brother Jesse owns and operates the Oberlin Livestock Sale, that a new sale barn and pens will be constructed a quarter mile north of town east of US-83 highway on land owned by Edgar Simonson. The construction of the facility, which will include, besides the pens and sale ring, a restaurant, office and rest rooms, will be done by Edgar Simonson who will lease to the Jones brothers.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, daughter, Dixie Marie, Aug. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yonker, son, James Frederick, Aug. 8.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Dresden for Charles Harold, 94, a long time resident of Decatur County who died Aug. 8 at the home of his nephew, Albert Harold, south of Oberlin. The Rev. Raymond Worden officiated and interment was in the Dresden Cemetery.

**25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1980**

Bishop Daniel Kucera of the Salina Diocese officiated Sunday at the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

Though it was hot and windy fair week, there was a full crowd every evening of the five-night stand. Ann Mines, chairman of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored beef barbecue, said about 1,850 persons were served during the Friday night free meal.

In the local primary election, Bob McLaughlin defeated Dan Michals 401-173 for the office of sheriff and Galen Bennett, Jennings, outdistanced Russell Raulston, Oberlin, in the race for the 120th district state

representative by a vote of 377 to 192.

Jennings: Funeral services were held at Jennings United Methodist Church for Julius Petracek, 83. The Rev. Alvin Rose officiated and burial was in Oberlin Cemetery. The son of Frank and Rosa (Cilek) Petracek, he farmed in the Custer Township until moving to Jennings recently. He is survived by his wife, Helen, a daughter, Nora, and a son, Norman.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spresser, Selden, daughter, Leona Lynn, July 22.

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Anderson, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Kaleen, to Wilbur Reichert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reichert, Leoville. An Oct. 18, 1980, wedding is planned at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

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## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

With the start of our home-owned carnival and 4-H fair, be sure to make time for a visit with family and friends to the museum. Several groups have called to let us know they would be coming in during the week. We will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-noon and from 1-4:30 p.m.

Our booth for fair this year will be in the open class building and features many interesting pictures. We will be using pictures of "Early Day Oberlin," "Thriving Towns from the Past" and pictures of the St. Mark's Church being moved. Hence our theme: "Preserving History while Making History." Information will be available about Mini Sapa and forms for those who

would like to take part in our craft fair on Oct. 1st. Be sure to stop by!!

The St. Mark's Lutheran Church is now down resting on the foundation with restoration already begun on the steeple and bell tower. The first public viewing is being planned for Mini Sapa Saturday on Oct. 1.

To celebrate the event an old-time ice cream social will be held in conjunction with the opening. A rededication of the church will then be held on the following Sunday evening at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck supper in the Bohemian Hall.

With all the wonderful things happening at the museum, be a part and be a member.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

There will be two free two-hour blood pressure clinics from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Senior Citizens Building at Selden.

Participants may register for a free blood pressure club to be given away. Mitzie Wachendorfer will be in charge. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very informative meeting.

Community Building update: The first section of floor has been poured. The second section is ready to pour and all the underground plumbing is in.

Volunteers last week include: J.R. Albers, Bernie Koerperich, Chris Bainter, Darrel Bruggeman, Mike Neff, Jeremy Schiltz, Mark Heim, Dan Mumm, MeKayla Bainter, Dave Neff, Dave Brantley, Ryan Brantley, Nick Koerperich, Joe Bainter, Gerardo Vargas and Mike Fisher from the Kansas Rural Water Association.

Saturday was the long day. Most of the guys were there until around 1:30 p.m., while the plumbing work took all day.

The Senior Citizens were kind enough to serve lunch to all workers that were on site at 11:30 a.m. A big thank you to Irene Kruse, Betty James and those who helped with the food.

Aug. 11 - Mike Ritter, Rhonda Sabatka, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum; Aug. 12 - Mike Spresser; Aug. 13 - Austin Mitchell, John Johnson, Dan Shaw, Stan and Ramona Shaw; Aug. 14 - Monica Neff, Julie Kennedy; Aug. 15 - Elaine Koerperich; Aug. 17 - Homero Vargas, LeAnna Schultz, Amy Schieferecke.

On Aug. 4 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Anna Albers took second, Ann Hazlitt got low and Julie Pope had the most kings. Other members present were Lola Cook, Betty James, Edna Schiltz, Carol Shaw, Alfred Albers, Shirley Emigh, Jeannie Spresser, Irene Kruse and Leone Porsch.

The Selden Public Library has added five digital video discs to its collection. Titles include "The Aviator," "Thumbelina," "The Hustler," "The Poseidon Adventure" and "Doctor Doolittle."

New books that have arrived at the Selden Public Library are: large print, "Marriage Most Scandalous" by Johanna Lindsay; adult fiction, "Lone Calder Star" by Janet Dailey; and in children's books, "The Rusty, Trusty Tractor" by Joy Cowley and "The Princess and the Pizza" by Mary Jane Auch.

Birthdays and anniversaries:

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<p><i>2002 Ford Explorer XL T</i> 4x4, 4.0L V-6, Very Clean!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$14,900</p>	<p><i>1999 Chevrolet Silverado 1500</i> 4x4, 5.3L V-8 Custom Wheels</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$8,900</p>
<p><i>2000 Toyota Corolla CE</i> Very economical, 4 door, Auto, 58k miles</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$7,900</p>	<p><i>2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport</i> 4x4, 4.0 I-6, Only 48k miles</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$10,700</p>
<p><i>2000 Buick Park Avenue Ultra</i> 3.8L V-6 The Ultimate in Luxury</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$10,300</p>	<p><i>2000 Pontiac Grand Prix SE</i> 3.8L V-6, 4 Door, Remote Start</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$7,700</p>
<p><i>2002 Ford Focus SE</i> 4 cyl. 5 speed Like New</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$7,900</p>	<p><i>1987 Chevrolet Corvette</i> 350 C.I., Auto, Removable Glass Top, Sharp!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$7,900</p>

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