

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1880

Public school commenced today with Mrs. Kneff as teacher. Mrs. Kneff will teach for one month to finish the three month's term commenced in the spring, at the end of which time a six month's term will commence.

Noah Caster brought in a load of watermelons the first of the week. The Sunday school picnic held in the grove south of town on Sunday last week was a very pleasant affair.

Vallonia Items: Only a few people have left this neighborhood as yet; but a great many more will have to leave if the amount of state aid we are to receive in the future is to be judged by that received in the past. One of our neighbors, with a family of seven, drew 18 pounds of flour, 3 pounds of meal and 7 potatoes.

Quite a number of farmers are making preparations to put in fall wheat.

Hawkeye Items: It would have made Dr. Tanner groan to look upon the table spread by the ladies of the Bassetville, Achilles and Hawkeye Sabbath school at a picnic held on the South Sappa in Mr. Bradley's grove last Thursday. It was a grand success.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1905

Splendid weather for threshing. W.H. McMullen has sold his quarter section of land in Custer Township to James Janousek for \$2,000.

O.L. Benton and wife left for the Portland Fair Friday evening. They will be gone about two weeks.

Will Cook bought the building recently erected by Newt Marks and had it moved to the rear of his pool room and will put in a bowling alley.

W.A. Dale is making a new counter for the County Clerk's office. It was made of Indiana poplar and is a neat and pretty job.

Florence, the little daughter of Ad Cathcart, fell from a horse and dislocated her elbow while riding at her grandfather's in Custer Township.

The people of Oberlin were shocked by the news that Martin Johnson had been killed by lightning. He was at the barn at his mother's, the old Fetteroff place east of the Presbyterian Church, and had gone out to feed his horse when the bolt struck the barn, killing him and his horse.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1930

A wedding of more than usual interest to Oberlin people was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse

Sunday morning when Mrs. Lota M. Saum became the wife of Mr. Thomas T. Counter. Rev. J.E. Bartholomew read the service. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Counter completed the wedding party. The bride is in charge of ladies ready-to-wear at the D.G. Campbell store and the groom is with Farm Supply Co., and previously farmed in Sappa Township.

Phil Wagner of the Dresden neighborhood was seriously injured when a colt he was helping harness knocked him down and trampled him badly. He is in the Norton Hospital.

Norcatur: Mrs. May Hicks announces the marriage of her daughter Letha to C.O. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Fisher of Fellsburg. After a honeymoon in Canada, they will reside near Fellsburg. The bride has taught first grade at OCS the past three years.

Funeral services were held for Anna Cilek Petraek, 64, who homesteaded on the Big Timber in 1873 and knew the trials and hardships known only to the early pioneers including the fear during the Indian raid when they left their dug-out home and hid in ravines for several days. She married Joseph Petracek in 1885 and to this union nine children were born.

Court House News: Marriage licenses granted by Judge Kulp this week: Charlie Hoppas and Mrs. Jane Wilcox, both of Dresden, Aug. 4; John Bruggeman and Miss Agnes Robben, both of Selden, Aug. 8; George Olson and Miss Dorothy Schroer, Dresden, Aug. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Anderson are the parents of a baby boy born Aug. 15 and named Milton Ruben.

Dr. Thomsen received word that his Ford car, which was stolen last week, had been recovered at Flagstaff, Ariz., almost 1,500 miles distant. As Andy had the car insured, he is letting the insurance company do the worrying about bringing it back.

Jennings: For the first time in 51 years O.E. Munson of Jennings missed casting his vote at an election in Decatur County. His first vote here was cast in 1879 in opposition to making Oberlin the county seat. Mr. Munson, who is 87 years old, has not been in good health for the past few weeks.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1955

The J.C. Penney store here will be closed out in the next few months in line with the company policy of leaving small towns. The building is owned by Dr. Morrison and the lease expires Dec. 31. Manager of

the local store is Boyd Huff.

Norcatur: Funeral services were held for Dan Hansen, 29, who died of injuries received from an explosion of poison gas while assisting five other men in poisoning prairie dogs on the Hansen and Hiram Fullerton farms.

Clyde Vernon, who has been dairying and running a milk route for the Burkett Dairy group from his farm southeast of Oberlin, is cutting down the size of his herd and will have 19 head of dairy stock auctioned off at the Oberlin Sale Barn Tuesday evening. Lloyd (Hap) Vernon, Clyde's brother, who has been helping at the dairy, will be leaving for college soon and Clyde felt he must have a lighter herd before he tries to break in a new man.

At the local sale barn last Friday nearly, 1,400 head of cattle and hogs went thru the ring as buyers paid out \$90,000 for the stock in the biggest sale in the life of the local sale barn. Farmers waited in long lines to deliver the 1,000 cattle and 368 head of hogs as concern continues on the lack of rain, the dry pastures and the uncertainty over winter feeding. According to Pete Jones and Ernest Norton, only 60 head went to local buyers with the balance going out-of-state.

Dr. William Votapka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Votapka of Jennings, and brother of Carl Votapka of Oberlin, is one of the two doctors opening their office in the new community Health Center in Stockton. He is a graduate of Jennings High School and the KU School of Medicine.

Miss Edith May Hoehner, daughter of Mrs. Frieda Hoehner of Oberlin, became the bride of Richard D. Kierstead, son of Mr. and

Mrs. George Kierstead of Lindsay, Neb., on Aug. 14 at St. John's Lutheran Church. The couple will make their home in Battle Creek, Neb., where both will teach in the Lutheran school.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1980

A life-saving rain of one inch or more fell over Decatur County last week, giving a boost to dryland fall crops.

The Danbury-Back-to-School celebration will be held Saturday, according to Linda Thiebin, this year's coordinator for the event.

Esther Lindquist, owner of Lindy's Cafe, has announced the business will close Friday.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Leichliter, Clayton, boy, Jacob Mason.

Dresden: The watermelon feed held at the Community Center was well attended.

Nancy Ellis, daughter of Mrs. Betty Ellis and the late Frank Ellis, received an associate degree in respiratory therapy from Wichita State University and is now employed at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schiefiercke will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 30 with a Mass at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception sponsored by their 10 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus and their daughter and family, Pat and Forrest Junod and children of Sacramento, Calif., have returned from Germany where they attended a reunion at the ancestral home of the Neuhart family at Rumbach, Germany.

Jennings: Banker Richard Spencer is hospitalized in Colorado Springs following heart surgery.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

Schools' started, already? My, where did the summer go?

We have had a good summer here at the Museum. We have averaged about 12-13 guests a day coming from nearly every state in the union, and a lot of genealogy and historical research has been done by Lynda Peters and myself.

The church is down on its foundation and renovation on the steeple and bell tower have been started. Plans for the first public viewing of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its dedication are underway.

With Mini Sapa just six weeks away the board and staff are work-

ing to make it an exciting event that you will not want to miss.

One of the new activities being planned is a Fall Craft Fair to be held in conjunction with the 47th Mini Sapa celebration. The craft fair will be outside in the beautiful museum grounds. Already we have about 15 exhibitors registered. If you do crafts or are a vendor and would like to set up at this year's fair with no fees, call us at the museum for a form.

Keep watch each and every week until Oct. 1-2 for events and activities being planned on that weekend of Mini Sapa.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Claudine Bennett drove to Towner, Colo., August 12 then rode with Mary Louise Huddleston to Colorado Springs. They attended the wedding of Crystin and Jason Huddleston. Claudine returned home on Tuesday.

Those helping Mildred Tacha celebrate her 94th birthday Saturday at the home of her daughter Kay and husband Doyle Brown were her son John and Deane Tacha, Lawrence; grandson Kurt and Valerie Brown and great-granddaughter Millie. All enjoyed a fried chicken dinner Saturday evening.

Guests of Bud and Helen Rhodes over the weekend were Helen's sisters Ruth and Jerry Ridge, Garden City, and Terry Budig, Lincoln, Neb. They attended Brainard Reunion at Selden on Sunday.

Erin and Ryan Musgrave, Ong, Neb., visited their grandparents

Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Aug. 12. They had been overnight guests of their uncle, Brett Jennings. Brent Jennings and son, Brendan, Junction City, were weekend guests at the Lawrence Jennings home.

Fireman's Fun Day will be held Saturday. There will be a health fair from 8-10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Kolaches will be served. Cakes are needed for the Cake Walk to be held at 10 a.m. in the Community Building.

Anyone wishing to donate a cake or baked item can leave it at the Community building Saturday morning or contact Mary Wahlmeier at (785) 678-2652 to have it picked up. Kolaches will be sold throughout the day. Help is needed to bake kolaches on Friday evening.

A trap shoot will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the football field on

the northwest edge of town. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. and there will be a noon and evening meal at the firehouse. The auction of donated items will start at 6:45 p.m. and the street dance at 9:30 p.m.

City water meters will be read Thursday.

CZECH MUSEUM NEWS

The Czech Museum board met August 4, with Neoma Tacha presiding. Present were Jay Kump, Larry Mizer, Bob Tacha, Roger Shimek, Dean Gawith and Lila Jennings.

The museum will have a beef bundle at the Fireman's Fun Day on Saturday.

Items for sale will be the recently received book about Dr. Hardesty's life called "From Patches to Riches" written by Pearl Chenoweth, angels made from old hymnals and the compact disc of church music by Kay Brown, Vickie Bailey and Julie Carter.

Dalene Gawith will have copies of her history of Dresden for sale.

The recent hail storm damaged all the heritage properties and the claim has been adjusted and we have received the damage check so now repair work can be done. We are planning a ham and bean with cornbread supper fund-raiser for Sunday, Oct. 16.

Cedar Living News

The residents of Cedar Living Center would like to thank all of those who have donated fresh produce

We have enjoyed some really nice cucumbers and other garden items. Frank Bouts donated Colorado peaches for the residents and the staff.

Myrna Jones gave the sing-along program on Monday.

Katie Glading and Fern Moore assisted residents with going outside on Tuesday.

Mildred Cochran won the first Bingo on Tuesday and Nettie Britton won the blackout game.

Cindy Bergling celebrated her birthday on Tuesday. She had several family members and friends in to visit this week to help her celebrate. Alicia Bergling and Kara Allen were her guests for a supper on Tuesday.

A large group of bowlers met in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon. They included Nettie Britton, Freda and Lyle Gamblin, June Harold, Tressie Samson, Don Shaw, Eva Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Father George brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday.

Hank Wolfram celebrated his birthday on Thursday with a dinner on the patio. His guests were Bea Wolfram and Grace Cook.

Alice Fiala was the biggest winner at the dice game played on Thursday.

The baking group met on Friday to fry zucchini.

Recent visitors include Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Rose and Shakia Domsch and Leona Wolfram, Atwood; Frank Cox and Tom and Myra Sattler, Herndon; Ray and Julie Harold, Hays; Jerry Temple, Gary Anthony and Lowell Sebaugh, Norcatur; Richard and Bernadine Samsom, Ludell;

Jeannete Clapp, McCook; Earl Brown, Carol Shaw and Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Dale, Avis and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; and Fern Jording, Barb Solko, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Dana Winsted and Stuart Euhus, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsky led a morning devotion, "Pressed, Perplexed and Persecuted", on Aug. 15. Jeanette Conway and Lucy Schissler met in the Quiet Room for Foldin' Fellowship. Don Farr led morning exercises.

Angle Lane activities included a new marble-run and magnetic puzzle for Leo Mooty, Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Bonnie Westcamp, Ruby Shuler and Hazel Flaska. Hildegard Euhus, Jeanette Conway, Marilyn St. Clair, Elsie Macy, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Lucy Schissler and Ruby Shuler made seed-packet birdhouses later in the day.

The birdhouses are on display. Come by and see them.

Phil Erickson continued a series of lessons on prayers for morning devotion Aug. 16. Larry Smith helped David and Hilda McGee, Kathryn Post and others with their e-mail correspondence.

Resident council met in the quiet room with Social Service Designee Colleen Rippe. The meeting was co-chaired by Jan Conway. This gave residents a chance to voice their likes, dislikes, questions and concerns.

The grill was fired up for a barbecue for staff and residents. Town Square was filled with assorted salads and desserts provided by staff. In the afternoon Ellen Horn served social hour. Little Sam's Daycare joined residents in the Town Square for the movie "Sand Lot 2."

Last Wednesday Anita Hirsch led songs for worship. We thank Anita for sharing her gifts with us.

Last Wednesday was Jan Badsky's last day as activity director as Lisa Stacy will be taking her place. Jan will continue her position in resource development. The change was marked with a light-hearted "Changing of the Hat" ceremony.

Stuart Euhus had Bible study from the book of Romans for his mother, Hildegard Euhus, Jan Conway, Eva Bryan, Fern Ander-

son, Edla Olson and Dena Gillespie. Don Farr led morning exercises and afternoon nail care was provided by Pat Whetzel, Tika Hall and Dorothy Alstrom. Social hour was served by Jan Badsky and Bingo concluded the day's events.

On Thursday Lisa Stacy based morning devotions on Psalm 139.

Connie Miller read to Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Leo Mooty and Nadine Anderson. Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz attended Catholic Mass presented by Father George of Sacred Heart Parish.

Golf was the activity of choice for Ruth Laidig, Janette Conway and Fern Anderson and these gals are getting down right good at the game.

Ellen Horn served social hour while we poured over old cookbooks and shared recipes.

Pastor Heidi Wiebe led the morning communion service. Her message is always refreshing to the soul and her singing beautiful. After distributing communion in Town Square, she takes it room to room, so everyone is given the opportunity to partake.

Garden Party ladies donned straw hats to gather produce from our garden finding an abundance of cantaloupe and zucchini even though the tomatoes are not ripe yet. Residents also enjoy the fresh produce from the gardens of Roxie Erickson, Max Carman, Shirley Shields and Anita Hirsch. Thank you for sharing your bounty.

Carol Duncan came to read *The Oberlin Herald* to Ruth Laidig, Eva Bryan and Fern Anderson.

Visitors this past week included June Vavroch to see Dena Gillespie; Kerri Schippers and sons, Hoxie, visited Mary Lemman; Elden and Detta Anderson and Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa, to see Eva Bryan; Jerald and Elaine Letner, Lucy Schiessler, Mary Lemman and others; Milo Flaska, Hazel Flaska.

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1475 NH 14' 2002	\$18500
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