

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1881

We have received a lot of new job type for small posters, handbills or dodges.

On Monday last County Superintendent Burt brought to this office a sample each of red and white clover and timothy, raised on his claim.

On Friday last, Thomas Montgomery, an old citizen of the county, put an end to his existence by taking opium.

Wm. Beedy and Joseph Wheeler indulged in a little pistol practice Wednesday afternoon, both being wounded, but neither dangerously.

Baseball: The Herald will present a ball and bat to the winning club in a match game of baseball, the game to be played in Oberlin on the Fourth of July. Open to any club in the United States.

Real Estate Transfers during the month of May: U.S. to Cilek, south half of southwest fourth of Sec. 26 and north half of northwest quarter of section 25-3-27. From U.S. to George Miller, southeast quarter of Sec. 29-2-28.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1906

Most of the alfalfa is in the stack and has been secured without rain. Martha Douglas and Ethel Randall have returned home from attending Nebraska University.

A wreck occurred on the Rock Island last Friday morning between Dresden and Jennings. One killed and a number injured.

The men who are putting in the electric lights inform us that they have wired 63 houses already.

Doctor Tilden is building a large addition to his residence which when completed will be one of the good residences of the city.

The people of Sherman Township will dedicate their new Congregational Church next Sunday.

Norcatour items: N.B. Nelson is preparing to build a fine residence.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1931

Through an oversight last week no mention was made of Decoration Day services in Oberlin. The Oberlin band led the procession to the cemetery where the usual G.A.R. ceremony in honor of the soldier dead was enacted under the direction of Commander Earl Sproul of the local post of the American Legion. Four Civil War veterans were present: H.A. Stowell, J.W. Bogenrief, Conrad Scheler and Mr. Seavey.

Judge Kulp issued a license to Floyd Hackney, 24, of Herndon and Miss Lila Rezner, 20, of Oberlin who were married by Judge Kulp on the 2nd.

In the death of J.F. Leonard last week the city of Dresden loses one of its pioneer merchants and former postmaster. He had been connected with the city's history practically since its start after the Rock Island Railroad was built through Decatur County. As a young man he came to Lenora, then operated a hardware business in Allison and in 1889 moved to Dresden where he was in the hardware business and also served as postmaster.

The H. Ernest Nichols residence on East Washington Street being

built in the Spanish Mission style has most of the outside work complete and presents a distinctive appearance.

A new gas and service station will soon be open to the public on the corner of Hall Street and Rodehaver Avenue where Charley Walton is preparing to serve products of the Phillips Petroleum Company.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leonard, daughter, Doris Erlene, May 30; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garver, 11-pound daughter, June 1; Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Kinsley, daughter, June 5; Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp, 9-pound daughter, June 6, Darleen Lucile.

Jennings: A one-day golf tournament will be held on June 14.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger announce the arrival of a fine baby girl on June 3 who has been named Doris Ann.

Announcements were out Monday of the marriage of Miss Mary Funk of Dresden and Walter McCreary of Norton. Mrs. McCreary is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F.R. Funk of Dresden and graduated from Norton High School in 1929 and attended Kansas State College. She is well known in Decatur County and is a talented and charming young woman. After July 1 they will make their home in Goodland where Walter and Frederick McCreary are managing the Goodland branch of Mac's Bakeries.

The marriage of a former Oberlin resident, Lloyd Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller, now of Manhattan, to Vera Gordon of Hill City took place June 5 at the Presbyterian Church in Hill City. They will make their home in Hiawatha where Mr. Miller is a junior partner in the law firm of Means and Miller.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1956

Funeral services were held for Guy C. Allen, a resident of this

county for 60 of his 83 years. From a pioneering family, he was recognized as the outstanding authority on this area's history. He came to Kansas in May of 1874 with his mother and brothers and sisters. His father, Captain Justin W. Allen, had preceded his family to Kansas to homestead a claim of 160 acres in northeast Decatur County. He was the county's first merchant, first postmaster and Oberlin's first mayor. His brother, Earl, was the first white child born in Decatur County.

Courthouse News: Judge Nellans issued two marriage licenses last week: Philip E. Law and Marjorie May Jording, June 8, who were married June 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Ed. Licht; John Olson, Leoville and Veronica E. Pettera, Herndon, June 6, who were married at St. Mary's Church in Herndon on June 7.

The DCHS faculty for the coming school year was completed last week by the signing of Wallace E. Hoffman, 24, as English instructor, replacing Dean Coughenour.

A trombone trio composed of Roger Cody, Marlene Smith and Jerry Macfee with Idella Nelson as accompanist won first place in a talent contest over a Holdrege, Neb., TV station recently. They will compete July 1 in the finals.

Funeral services were held in McCook for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ricketts who died from injuries received in an early morning head-on car crash east of McCook. Burial was in Oberlin Cemetery. They were apparently going on a fishing trip. The 27-year-old driver of the other car told patrolmen that he fell asleep at the wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Berndt announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilou, to Elden Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Long of Norcatour. A fall wedding is

planned.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1981

Apparently time will not heal the frost-damaged wheat crop. Temperatures which climbed to 98 on Sunday turned the damaged heads white. Bob Rapp, M-G-M elevator manager at Norcatour said, "I'm pessimistic; I think we missed a great wheat crop. I don't think there is a customer in our area who will average better than 10 bushels an acre."

Miss Frontier, Sara Fabrizius of WaKeeney, will headline the entertainment portion of the Miss Frontier celebration Friday evening at Oberlin City Park. This year's Miss Frontier contest entrants are Tammy Wendland, Pam Gaines, Lizann Davidson and Paula Wentz.

Two DCHS band members, Pat Leudders and Mary Erickson, left this week for Kansas City where they will join other musicians selected for the Lions International Band to attend the convention to be held in Phoenix. Also attending the convention from Oberlin will be former Lions District Gov. Raymond Adams and his wife, Marge, and Wesley and Fern Gaumer, who will travel by chartered bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Poe, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patsy Lynn, to Dean Leddy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leddy Sr., Conway Springs. A July 18 wedding is planned.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Uehlin, Danbury, daughter, Dana Ann, May 19, 1981.

Funeral services were held for Harold Johnson, 74, well-known retired Decatur County farmer.

Barb Smith has been hired as a lifeguard at the Oberlin pool replacing Janice Vavroch, who is recovering from injuries received in a car wreck last week.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Darlene Stanley who passed away on Saturday.

Residents who met for a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon included Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, and Hank Wolfram. Lyle Gamblin also joined in on the game.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

The dietary department hosted a buffet lunch at noon on Tuesday, which featured stuffed cabbage rolls and Swedish meatballs.

Bea Wolfram won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Hank Wolfram won the blackout game.

June Harold was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party held at the Frontier Restaurant on Wednesday afternoon. Others attending were members of the Zeta Nu Club.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Residents who attended included Elsie Goodnight, Zola Brown, Velda Ward, and Don Shaw.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon. They made colorful flowers to hang on the bulletin board.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Lowell Sebaugh went out for supper on Wednesday with Linda Hunt and Janice O'Hare. They stopped at the Good Samaritan Center to visit also.

The bowling group met on Thursday afternoon. Everyone stayed for a can of soda pop following the game.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Mildred Tacha traveled to Denver for the weekend with Kay and Doyle Brown to attend the wedding of her grandson, David Tacha.

Recent visitors: Keith Anthony, Gary Anthony, Ron and Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatour; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Virginia Sulzman, Littleton, Colo.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Logan Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Earl Brown, Selden; Richard Samson, Ludell; Sharon Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon;

Dolores Koerperich, Laurene Van Otterloo, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orline Beneda, Ella Betts, Butch Diederich, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy.

Good Samaritan News

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockle shells, and pretty maids all in a row."

Do you remember that nursery rhyme? It is kind of fun to ponder the meaning behind those classic little ditties, but there is nothing contrary when speaking of our garden here at Good Sam. We have three. Outdoors we have a vegetable garden sprouting tomatoes, cucumbers, yellow and zucchini squash, watermelon and cantaloupe. Also, flowers are blooming all around! Petunias, geraniums, marigolds, impatiens, yellow yarrow and roses are just a sampling of what you might see.

Our Garden Club members, Irel Lohofener, Mary Lemman, Jeanette Conway, Walt Mosier, Ruth Laidig, Irene Wagoner and Fern Anderson, keep them weeded, watered and displayed! You'll have an opportunity to see for yourself this summer if you join us in our Adopt-a-Grandparent program or attend one or all of our "Concerts in the Courtyard." Watch for more details!

The third garden is located in Town Square. This is a "low-maintenance garden" for farmer wannabes. Corn is already standing, the carrots and beets look mighty healthy. A tomato plant has bright red tomatoes ready for pickin' and the cabbage patch is home to Mr. McGregor's friend, Peter Rabbit! There is even an antique pedal tractor in the field, thanks to the Just On Time antique store.

Some highlights for the week: the Lyle gals, Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter, came to play pinochle with Everett Fisher, Pooch Portschy, Edla Olson and Eva

Bryan. Linda Smith and her son, Nathan, brought Maxine, a ferret, to visit during Social Hour. Linda shared some interesting facts about ferrets while Maxine showed off in her custom-designer straw hat!

Several new activity items were purchased with money raised from the Walkway of Flags. Many residents enjoyed looking them over and trying them out with the assistance of staff members. It doesn't matter which department staff is employed in, everyone is now welcome and encouraged to spend time interacting with the residents. Whether it be a game of checkers, a stroll in the courtyard, playing catch or visiting over tea, we want everyone to enjoy living and working here, building together a true Christian Community of Care.

Recent visitors: Jeanette Conway - Bethany Smith; Lucy Schissler - Ralph Crim, Vicki Garcia, Rev. Terry McGuire, Arlene Glad, Atwood, Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Doris Marintzer - Vicky Mumm, Gem; Pauline Zander - Leona Harms, Norbert Zander of Topeka; Alvina Unger - Hertha Kelley of St. Francis, Kathy Wiley of Idalia, Colo.; Irel Lohofener - Seth, Sierra, Sage, and Grady Lohofener; Marilyn St. Clair - Molly Jansonius; Eva Bryan - Morgan Jansonius; Rick and Elizabeth Fahrenhear, Blake, Page, Reilly and Reid, Hastings, Neb.; Muriel Ready - Esther Ready of New York City; Elwood Bailey - Lowell Sebaugh; Dennis Shirley - Janice O'Hare and Linda Hunt of Norcatour; Swede Unger - Jon and Ana Wishon and Spencer; Hazel Alaska - Charles and Clea Morgan of Brighton, Colo.; Marie McChesney - Shay McChesney.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Congratulations to Paul Shields, winner of the Father of the Year contest sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance. His daughter, Cassidy's essay was about her father. He received dinner for two and a night's stay at the LandMark Inn.

Fourth of July events include games at the swimming pool, starting at 1 p.m.; the Teens for Christ will fry burgers, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the shelterhouse at City Park; and the politicians will have tables set up to campaign at that time. At dusk the fireworks will light up the sky at the fairgrounds. They were spectacular last year. Remember, they are paid for by donations from the public. Jars will be placed in the businesses, so drop in your change and help put them on for everyone to enjoy.

The Chamber Community Wide Garage sales are scheduled for after 3 p.m. July 21 and 8 a.m. until

you want to stop on July 22. Call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441 to put your name on the map. The cost is \$5 to pay for the advertising and printing. They will also be mentioned on the radio stations. This is the time to clean out the closets, basement or garage, as your junk may be somebody's treasure. A lot of people like to do garage sale shopping.

Farmers Market will start the first Wednesday after the Fourth if the produce is ready. Anyone can bring in anything. It doesn't have to be produce, it could be baked items, honey, frozen food or what you have. There will be room along the sidewalk in front of the Chamber office or in the drive through.

The Oberlin telephone books I ordered are in. If you need an extra, you can have as many as you want.

Stop by and have a cup as the pot is on in the mornings.

Summer's starting off hot

I think that summer has started off with a bang. Today is the first time you can stand to be outside in the middle of the day. We missed a good chance of rain, but I'm sure some folks received some moisture.

We saw wheat being cut around the Hays area Saturday when we returned home. I always thought it was cut around the Fourth of July; of course, that was when I was a little girl.

The remote control car races were a hit at the Museum's Summerfest. For this first year the Chamber had 15 entries in three classes.

Pastor Rick Langness of St. John Lutheran Church took first in the seventh grade to adult class; Shane McEvoy was the winner in fourth through sixth grade, and Gatlin Whetzell won in kindergarten through third. He came to visit his grandma and be in the races.

Each winner received a remote control car so they can run again next year. There was a lot of fun for all involved as well as the sideliners. This will be an annual event so get your vehicle ready for next year.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields left for Palm Springs, Calif., on June 6 where he attended a Farm Credit meeting. From there, Shirley flew to Salisbury, Md., to see Phil and Karen Shields, Justin and Anna. Gaylord returned home Thursday and Shirley will return home on Wednesday.

Danielle Bailey and Jonathan Batchelder were married in an afternoon ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Saturday.

Rielly Rittmann was the flower girl, Ladd Wendelin was one of the soloists, and Loni Jensen was the flutist.

Among those attending the wedding and the reception and dance following at the Gateway were many friends from the Mount Pleasant community.

Todd and Ginger Luebbers and Becca, Laramie, Wyo., were weekend guests of Craig and Karen Larson, arriving on Friday and returning home on Monday.

Elizabeth Nedland, Caitlin Shields, Ryan May, and Hannah and Zach May returned home on Monday from Rock Springs where they enjoyed spending a few days at 4-H camp.

Tami Shaw returned home Sunday evening from Kearney, Neb., where she spent a few days with her

father, Norman Gallentine, who is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital and is recuperating from heart surgery. While she was gone, Dante was a houseguest of his grandparents, Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Elwood May, Gerald Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Stean Olson and friend, Page Niernberger, were guests of Wilma May Sunday noon at a local restaurant and enjoyed an early Father's Day dinner. Jeanie May, Connie Olson, and Kelly Olson were unable to attend.

Stean Olson and Page Niernberger, Hays, weekend guests at the Gerald Olson home, and Kristen Bremer and Craig Staff, Amarillo, Texas, weekend guests at the John Bremer home, attended the Bailey/Batchelder wedding on Saturday.

Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., was a weekend guest of the Norman Wendelin family. Additional Sunday noon dinner guests at the Wendelin home were Wayne and Lois Larson.

John and Edith Tate, and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in the Estes Park area, also celebrating John and Edith's wedding anniversary.

Selden News

By Jacqu Boultin house

The Selden Public Library has a new look. Leroy Spresser and his children, Katlyn and Cameron, have poured concrete, set up concrete benches and a statue of children reading a book. The efforts of all are appreciated.

Kids softball started this past week. They play every Wednesday at the ball park with ages 4-6 at 6:30 p.m.; 7-9 at 7:30 p.m.; and 10 and up at 8:30 p.m. For more information call Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 1 - Gary Gillum; June 2 - Charles Focke; June 3 - Greg Bruggeman, Charlene Shaw, Abbie Miller, Craig Carroll, Kendra Manis; June 4 - Larry and Marge Miller, Robert and Pat Wessel; June 5 - Mindy Rogers Fleckenstein, Steve and Judy Rogers, Chris and Robynn Wessel; June 6 - Mark and SueAnn Hill, Gerald and Arvilla Juenemann, Tami Robinson; June 7 - Gary and Shirley Emigh, Ben Albers; June 8 - Jayln Shaw, Randy Sulzman, Melissa Lobato; June 9 - Barbara Wenger, Marci Shaw, Helen Gunman, Joyce Juenemann, Rick and Betty Hickert; June 10 - Don Spresser; June 11 - Tom Juenemann; June 12 - Jodi Koerperich Ryan, Katie Aumiller; June 13 - Rose Bainter; June 14 (Flag Day) - Bev Morris, Kevin Carman, Darrel Dipman; June 15 -

Michael Schiltz, Art Wessel, Dan and Delores Juenemann; June 16 - Chris Wessel, Lance Leggett, Bernie and Bobbi Koerperich; June 17 - Josie Weis; June 18 - Dennis Rogers, Cameron Spresser; June 19 - Dawne Stevenson, Bailey Koerperich; June 20 - Dan and Nikki Campbell, Royce and Lola Cook; June 21 - Sylvia Wachendorfer, Joe Broeckelman, Janella Benoit.

On May 25 at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Carol Shaw, second; Leone Porsch, low; and Lola Cook, most aces. Also present were Betty James, Jeanie Spresser, Cecelia Ottley, Anna Albers, Julie Pope, Paulie Neff and Shirley Emigh.

On June 1 Alfred Albers won high; Edna Schiltz, second and most tens; and Nova Meyers, low. Also present were Anna Albers, Leone Porsch, Carol Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Paulie Neff, Jeanie Spresser, Ann Hazlitt, Betty James, Lola Cook and guest, Melba McCoy.

On June 8 Alfred Albers won high; Carol Shaw, second; and Ann Hazlitt, low. Others present were Cecelia Ottley, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Anna Albers and Leone Porsch.

The Senior Citizens meet every Thursday and play pinochle.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

An early 90th birthday party was held for Agnes Wahlmeier over Memorial Day weekend. Eight of her nine children were in attendance, with 23 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren, and several relatives and friends. Cards can reach her at Box 155, Jennings, Kan., 67643. Her birthday is July 15.

Claudine Bennett attended Ray's family reunion, the Huddlestons, at Tribune last weekend.

Vendla Tacha and daughter, Cheryl Roberts of Norton, drove to Newton on Thursday and met their cousins, Donna Hampton and Marilyn Lynn. Vendla accompanied the women to Wichita and was a houseguest of Mrs. Hampton over the weekend. On Friday, June 2, they attended memorial services for Dan Fagan, 56, son of Dean and Billie (Tuttle) Fagan in Arkansas City. He died on May 28 and burial was in Mulvane. Cheryl was an overnight guest of Mrs. Hampton on Sunday. En route home on Monday, the women visited Bill Tacha in the nursing home in Salina.

The public auction of the Jennings school contents will be held on Saturday, June 17. United Methodist Women will be serving the lunch at the auction. Volunteers who can bring a pie and help serve lunch are also needed.

On Friday, June 2, Julie Carter, Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Rachel Carter and Louise Cressler of the United Methodist Women group traveled to Quinter. They ate lunch at a local restaurant and then visited the thrift shop of Mary Jane Swihart. All proceeds from it go to the orphans and families of Romania. Kurt and Valerie Brown gave the group a tour of their beautiful home which they have added on to and remodeled.

Frances Bader was taken to Hays Hospital Wednesday and on Thursday she received a pacemaker. She returned home on Friday and is doing well.

Galen Carper is in the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Housing Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15.

On Friday, several men from the Norton Correctional facility painted curbs in Jennings. We appreciate the work they do for our community. They will return on June 16 to finish the curbs.

