

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1881

Texas ponies are flooding the country, and the supply of Texas hitches which usually follows may reasonably be expected.

On Monday evening, this county was visited by a splendid rain accompanied with some hail, though not sufficient to do any material damage. One peculiarity of the storm during the continuance of the hail, which came first and lasted about 15 minutes, not a drop of rain fell with it — something that the “oldest inhabitant” never witnessed here or elsewhere. The hail was large; some being picked up weighing as high as 13 ounces. Considerable wind accompanied the rain, which commenced about the time the hail ceased.

Our citizens are grading Penn Avenue and digging drains to carry the water off, and soon the mud holes on our streets will be a thing of the past.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1900

Cherries are ripe and a fair crop. Hardly as many as last year.

Hooker defeated Bethel in a ball game Saturday 10-6. Lem Gillette pitched for Hooker and Renne Barnes caught. Harry Heaton and George Wonderly were the Bethel battery.

Anton H. Anderson and Sarah S. Thoren were married by Judge Patchin at his office on June 19, 1906.

A man by the name of Frasier made the run from Denver to Goodland in 15 and one-half hours in an automobile.

The steeple of the Baptist Church was burned Saturday; supposed to have been set on fire by the Japanese lanterns the young folks used the evening before.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1931

Saturday morning Elmer Hamper, 34, accompanied by his brother, Melvin, and his own son, 11, drove to what is called “Rock Hill” two miles east of Traer to get a load of sand. A small sand pit is located there beneath a ledge of sandstone rock, and neighbors have been in the habit of going there for sand. A rain the night before had possibly softened the rock structure and when Mr. Hamper began scooping, the rock ledge gave way. His brother and son succeeded in pulling him out from under the pile of rock and the Griffith ambulance and Dr. Brewster were called, but his injuries were so serious that he died Tuesday night.

Bert Ewing left what is supposed to be a meteorite at this office. He plowed it up on the northeast quarter of section 12 in Olive Township shortly after a large meteorite was seen to fall in that neighborhood in 1898.

A circus, under the direction of Billy O’Toole, Raymond Lippelmann and Darrell Landau, was given on the J. E. Kulp lawn

from 3 to 5 on Tuesday afternoon. Of particular interest was the entertainment of Billy’s accomplished goat, Nellie.

Lester Plotts chased a coyote into a hole in his father’s pasture the first of the week and then dug out three young wolverines. Lots of fun and the \$3 bounty partly pays for the work of digging.

We are glad to report that little Elma Cramer, who has had scarlet fever, is much improved and will soon be able to escape from the quarantine.

A group of Campfire girls went out to Brookwood Park near Selden Monday morning for a week’s outing in the park. Mrs. Ned Coldren and Pearl Pearson accompanied the girls: Naomi Griffith, Vyonee and Gladys Raymond, Lorraine Love, Alice Coldren, Norene Steele, Norma Louise Benton, Mildred Morton, Ellen Francis, Fairy Wickham, Pauline Johnson, Irene Sedustine, Margaret Bishop and Maxine McKenzie.

Norcat: Ray Stapp was seriously injured in a fall from a railroad bridge at Norton Saturday evening. According to the Norton Telegram, he was enroute to Kansas City with a carload of cattle, and when the freight train stopped in the yards west of Norton for switching, he stepped off the caboose into space not knowing the freight had stopped on the trestle and fell 15 to 20 feet. It was said a ruptured spleen is one of the rarest cases encountered by the medical profession and was the first case seen here in 25 years. His many friends will be glad to know that he is improving at the Norton Hospital.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1956

Purchase of two building sites in Decatur county has been announced by Bob Haney, manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. In Oberlin, the site purchased is the west 60 feet of the lots where the old livestock sale barn is being razed. At Dresden, the company purchased a 140-by-75 foot lot adjacent to the present telephone building. It may well be assumed that the purchases will be for buildings to house the equipment necessary for a change-over to the dial system.

Funeral services were held in Wichita for a former Oberlin dentist, Dr. Harry Cevely, 75. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, two daughters, Mrs. Cordelia Groves, Burbank, Calif.; Miss Margaret Cevely, Kansas City, Mo., and two sons, Francis of Sacramento, Calif. and Cordette of Northridge, Calif. He was head of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Dept. at the time of his death.

Pastor and Mrs. Wilbur T. May of Rochester, Minn., left June 2 from New York City for Bombay, India, where he will return to his mission field in Travancore. Accompanying them is his sister, Lois, who plans to visit a month in India before re-

turning the States where she has accepted a new teaching position this fall in Orange, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Theo May are the parents of Wilbur and Lois May.

Court House News: Probate Judge George Nellans issued a marriage license to Raymond Dwayne Jones and Elizabeth Ann Portschi on June 5, and they were married June 17 at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Herndon.

The sale of Hjalmer Alstrom’s 50-acre junk yard 13 miles southwest of Oberlin to the Bison Iron & Metal Company of Great Bend appears certain. It is expected that the junk shipped east will be taken from the yard by truck to Oberlin and shipped on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, while that destined west will be trucked to Selden and loaded on the Rock Island rails. The Great Bend firm is planning on 120 railroad cars full with each holding 50-60 tons of baled iron and steel. Amount of the sale was said to be \$85,000.

John Bremer, prominent Oberlin attorney and member of the law firm of Wolfe, Bremer & Meyer, has been elected vice-president of the Board of Governors of Washburn Law School. After graduating from law school in 1931, he served three terms as county attorney before opening his law office in 1938.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Matal, Hays, daughter, June 12, Janna Rae; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pickett, daughter, Rhonda Marie, June 15.

A former Norcat resident, Fay Betts, Anaheim, Calif., died June 19 of leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and two children, Ann, 20, and Steven, 11. Local relatives who attended the funeral services were J.R. Betts, James Betts and

Miss Lula Betts.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1981

Decatur County commissioners received a preliminary study from architect Ralph Keller on a proposed expansion for the Long Term Care facility and Good Samaritan Center. Keller noted that 21.2 percent of the local population is 65 years of age or above compared to the state average of 12.96. He added that local facilities continue to run at 98 percent occupancy and have a long waiting list.

The Burlington Northern has notified the Rock Island trustee of its intention to extend service from Phillipsburg west to Burlington, Colo., until the first of next year. Mid-States Port Authority and Kansas officials are supporting the B-N lease agreement.

The lone bid for construction of stadium bleachers in USD 294 was rejected by school board members.

Herndon: A surprise party honored Tim Malone, who is retiring from the postal service after 41 years and 11 months of service.

Eric Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and is visiting in Oberlin with his grandmother, Ila Landau.

The Most Rev. Daniel W. Kucera, Bishop of Salina, has announced the appointments of the Rev. Kenneth Lohmeyer and the Rev. Daryl Olmsted to the team ministry of northwestern Kansas of the Roman Catholic Church effective July 1. They will join Father William Surmeier and Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller in the team-ministry work which has served parishes in Logan, Densmore, New Almelo, Leoville, Selden and Oberlin since 1975.

Let’s Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

Our numbers for May visitors were down a little from past years, but I am sure that will pick up. Our guests came from 19 different states and the countries of Japan and Finland.

The states represented were: Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, Kansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Maine, California, Iowa, North Carolina, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Missouri, and Idaho.

Interesting research uncovered that Helen Kansas Parker, daughter of Col. and Mrs. L.G. Parker married Col. Roy C. Kirtland on Nov. 3, 1913. Helen’s half-sister was Mrs. D.G. Adleman. The Kirtland Air Force Base of Albuquerque, N.M., was named for Colonel Roy. It has been really fun sharing information with the historian for the base.

We still have on display in the

Museum office the high school graduating composite pictures for the years 1904 to 1938. Some of them are missing pictures of class members. Those that are missing: Class of 1917, Willard Geiger and Perry Slocum; Class of 1923, Harry Lytle; Class of 1924;

Ivan Keaton; Class of 1930, Logan Plotts and Gilbert Olson; Class of 1931, Alice Eiler and Merlin Zimmerman; Class of 1934, Jack Johnston; Class of 1937, Mamie Garver, Tom Townsend, Lloyd Woolley, Robert Johnston, Leola Thomas, Richard Shorey, Donald Thornburg, John Walker, and Herbert May; and Class of 1938, June Henry and Delores Woodside.

Our goal is to have them framed so that they will be preserved.

If you have a picture of any of those that are on the missing list we would appreciate a copy so that it can be included in the composite.

Cedar Living News

Mildred Grafel is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Betty Harden was the big winner at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Mildred Tacha and Freida Matheny tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Hank Wolfram won the blackout game.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots served treats following bingo. He was assisted with serving by bingo volunteers Ann Martin, Jerry Temple, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, and Ila Ray.

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

Juanita Williby played pinochle with Don Shaw, Frank and Velda Ward, and Zola Brown on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

June Harold, Paul Sass, and Tillie Diederich were the honored guests at the June birthday party held in the dining room on Thursday afternoon. Myrna Jones provided the entertainment. The dietary department donated the pies for the party.

The men of Cedar Living Center were treated to a special lunch served at noon on Friday on the patio. The men feasted on a buffet which included brats, sauerkraut, homemade bread, and a salad bar.

Those attending included Frank Ward, Dell Pomeroy, Hank Wolfram, Don Thomas, Lowell Sebaugh, Paul Sass, Don Sulzman, Kayo Sattler, Charley Vavroch, Mervin Babineaux, Don Shaw, and Loyl Wilson.

The baking group made chocolate sour cream cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

The gospel singing group “Faith, Hope, and Charity,” under the direction of Ron Temple, gave a program on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Janice O’Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcat; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Bill Sulzman, Colorado Springs; Mary Lou Schroer, Denver; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Harold Sulzman, Carolyn Miller, Mandy and Carmel Summers, Colby; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; David and Merlin Diederich, Brighton, Colo.; Agnes Roberts, Randy Matheny, McCook; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; John and Julie Geisinger, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Rose and Shelia Domsch, Atwood;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Ella Betts, Phyll Cramer, Butch Diederich, Lyle Gamblin, Karolyn Muirhead, Opal and Eldon Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Roxie Pomeroy, Marie Jean Vavroch, Sandra Young, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The new summer schedule at the Herndon Covenant Church will begin on Sunday with worship services at 9:30 a.m. The congregation will then go to the Atwood Good Samaritan Center for a service at 11 a.m.

Rayne Dawnelle, 6-month-old daughter of Brad and Angie Erickson, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated.

A family Father’s Day dinner followed at the Brad Erickson home. Others present were their sons, Regent and Tabor Erickson; Jane Keck and Renell Bell, Morgan and Lauren, Colby; and Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford. Their son, Brett Keck, was unable to attend as he is serving with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. Additional Father’s Day dinner guests at their

home on Sunday were Danace Maloney, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, and her fiancé, T.C. McDonald, Colby; and LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt.

Gary Anderson entertained with a supper on Wednesday to honor his niece, Samantha Anderson, on her 13th birthday. Also present were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe, and Elden and Detta Anderson.

Joel and Abby Krause and Gracelyn of Princeton, Texas, visited from Tuesday to Thursday with her grandparents, Wesley and Eulaine Benda, as well as Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson and family.

Father’s Day dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Harlan and Naida Ginther of Atwood.

Sunday supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson for Father’s Day and also to honor Elden on his birthday were Gary Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

Good Samaritan Center

This week, in honor of Father’s Day, activities were planned with the gentlemen in mind.

On Monday we put out the “Gone Fishin’” sign, loaded up Doris Miller, Edla Olson, Everett Fisher, Harold Demmer, David McGee and Walt Mosier along with volunteers Zane Geis, Serena Stacy, Pastor Keith, Bobby and Beth Reuther to head to Norton Lake for a day of fishin’ fun. We hardly got unpacked before the poles were in the water.

We could see fish jumping everywhere, just waiting for the worm and minnow lunch we were about to cast into the water.

First Everett had a nibble on his line, then David, then Doris. My goodness, you should have seen the struggle, the biggest fish you ever did see. Unfortunately, the fish got away, taking its lunch with it. (How was that for a “fish story?”) Actually, Serena was the only one to catch a fish, a 15-inch largemouth bass. She was sooooo excited, until she learned who quickly catches it, cleans it! Zane Geis overtook her as the sole owner of the day’s catch.

Garden Club members Jeanette Conway, Irel Lohofener, Mary Lemman, Hazel Flaska, Pauline Zander and Eva Cuthbertson weeded the front patio flower bed on Tuesday. What a beautiful morning to be outside listening to the birds and soaking in some sunshine.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots brought one of the residents’ favorite afternoon snacks, fresh vegetables and cheese and crackers,

on Wednesday. Nobody stays home when Dennis shows up.

On Friday morning, Pastor Keith Reuther baked a strawberry rhubarb pie to share with the guys during Men’s Coffee. Everett Fisher, Harold Demmer, Pooch Portschi, Elwood Bailey, Walt Mosier and Swede Unger came to judge his baking endeavor and all gave it a big thumbs up.

Later during Social Hour, the STAR Ministry hosted car races and served root beer floats to more than 30 residents and staff. Junior volunteers Bethany Smith and Serena Stacy started the races, each choosing a remote control car and placing it at the starting line. “On your mark, get set, go!” They were off! And they were — way off, out of their lanes and off the track, between and under wheel chairs and couches. Among the squeals and laughter, cheering and advice, the cars zipped this way and that. The residents with the most driving advice were given the controls for the second heat, and found out it’s not as easy as it looks. Everyone had a great time, and as everyone headed home there were still a couple of residents, Everett Fisher and Dorothy Pryor, who lingered behind trying to make those cars go where they intended.

We celebrated Father’s Day with a barbecue lunch on Saturday. The men and their guests (42) were served a hearty meal of barbecue pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon and ice

cream bars. After lunch the ladies joined us to hear Bill Harper of St. Francis entertain with smooth country and gospel songs. He and his wife, Sandy, with daughter Megan travel all over to share their music. We will invite them back for a Concert in the Courtyard, and when we do you won’t want to miss it! Our first concert will be July 24 at 7 p.m. featuring the Oberlin Area Concert Band, so mark your calendars.

The Adopt-a-Grandparent program will be starting in July. If you would like to be a part of that, please call Lisa Stacy for more information.

Until next week, remember “In Christ’s Love Everyone is Some-

one.”

Recent guests: **Swede Unger** - Jon, Ana and Spencer Wishon; **Hazel Flaska** - Charles and Cleta Morgan of Brighton, Colo.; **Pauline Zander** - Leona Harnes; **Eva Bryan** - Rick and Elizabeth Fahrenheur, Blake, Paige, Reilly and Reid of Hastings, Neb.; Morgan Jansonius, Detta Anderson; **Marie McChesney** - Shay McChesney; **Kathryn Post** - Molly Jansonius; **Doris Miller** - Dr. Bob and Nadine Simpson of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee; **Lucy Schissler** - Lee Schissler of Houston; **Harold and Eleanore Demmer** - J.R. and Carole Unger of Yuma, Colo.; **Doris Marintzer** - Bud, Vicky and Anita Mumm of Gem.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 22 - Dan Bainter, Renee Ochsner; June 24 - Marlee McKenna; June 25 - Adam Sabatka, Grant Spresser, Hailee Spresser; June 26 - Marla Rogers, Jennifer Hickert, Zach Spresser, Terry and Gloria Goscha; June 27 - Carrie (Spresser) Turnbull.

A correction to an error from last week: Dan and Annette Spresser’s anniversary is June 15, rather than Dan and Delores Juennemann.

On June 15 at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Cecelia Ottley took second, Julie Pope got

low and Jeanie Spresser had the most kings. Other members present included Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Leone Porsch, Shirley Emigh and Betty James.

Kids softball has started. Every Wednesday at the ball park, ages 4-6 play at 6:30, 7-9 play at 7:30, and at 8:30 10 and up play. For more information call Shirley Emigh.



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