

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1881

The thermometer on Monday and Tuesday registered 108 degrees in the shade.

James Witham has sold his stock of flour, feed and groceries to D.S. Moody and will go into the cattle business.

We this week publish an official notice to the effect that the land office will be opened at Oberlin Aug. 1, which certainly settles the question as to its location.

During the past two months we have added considerable material to the office, bills for which will soon be due. We ask those of our delinquent subscribers who can raise a dollar or two to remember us.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1906

A large class of young men were admitted to practice law at the examination in Topeka last week. Among them we notice the name of H.O. Caster.

Born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gierhart, a son. All doing well, especially Grandpa Jackson.

Shrader & Grice have enlarged their harness shop. Since starting up last winter they have made up and sold a good many complete sets of harness besides the steady run of repairing.

A severe wind and hail storm passed north of the city a few miles Friday evening.

We are glad to announce that R.A. Marks has been confirmed for another four year term as postmaster at Oberlin.

C.H. Paddock has the foundation started for his new residence in Rodehaver's addition. The house will be a cottage, 50x27 feet. (Editor's note: Now the G. H. Lippelmann residence.)

The Hotel Benton-Smith has a new bus to meet the trains.

Allison Items: A double wedding occurred at the home of Miss Townsend on the evening of June 21, 1906. The contracting parties were Mr. A. Tucker to Miss Jennie Townsend and Mr. Allen Walker to Miss Olla Tucker.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1931

A carnival, the Towe's United Shows, has been booked for the week of the Fourth of July in Oberlin. On the Fourth there will be a parade, a baseball game, a greased pig contest, picture show, swim-

ming, golfing, airplane rides, and in the evening, a colossal fireworks display.

Court House News: The judge issued three licenses this week: William Gilbert of Rexford and Miss Viola Ward of Gem, who were married on June 20; also Miss Jessie Birkenbine of Rexford and Fred C. Gilbert of Achilles; Robert Friedemann, Oberlin, and Miss Helen Berndt of Herndon were issued a license on the 22nd and married on Wednesday by the Rev. F.A. Wegener.

A tragic accident was averted by seconds on Sunday afternoon when a 12-year-old Merriweather boy from Selden was taken from the bottom of the Oberlin swimming pool and life restored by Fred Williams, lifeguard at the pool who is trained in Red Cross first aid. The boy, who could not swim, was holding on the rope around the pool when he slipped into deep water and let loose of the rope. He was dug from the pool by Harold Raymond and Buddie Lindquist and restored to breathing by the efforts of Williams. After respiration was restored he was taken to the office of Dr. Reeves for further treatment and then to the home of his uncle and was able to go home Monday with no ill effects.

Big Timber: Married Saturday at Norton, Raymond Carper and Miss Kathryn Coley.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Alexander are the parents of a baby girl born June 22. Patty Anne is the name given the little newcomer.

Dresden: Everett Sawyer and daughter Eva of Colorado City, Colo., have been visiting his brother Bert and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Morton announce the birth of a baby boy on Saturday, June 20. They have named their son Rex Roger.

Big Timber: Harvey Rohans are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1956

Hail did most of the harvesting in Decatur County over the weekend. Nightly storm conditions the past week finally produced a welcome inch of rain but nearly all areas experienced some hail which was heaviest in the Traer and Norcatu vicinities. Tornado winds caused damage at the John Kleinsorge farm six miles south of Oberlin on US 83

and later a twister was reported where Gary Guinn farms immediately east of Oberlin.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church for Howard Morton, 29, who was struck by lightning and killed on the Rexford road in Bassettville Township as he was walking from the tractor to his pickup. He was the only child of Sheriff and Mrs. Victor Morton and is also survived by his wife, Mildred and daughters Sandra Kay, 7, and Linda May, 5.

Myron Roderick of Winfield, three-time NCAA wrestling champion from Oklahoma A&M, was here Saturday visiting with Charlie Lyons, DCHS wrestling coach, and Larry Guinn, undefeated state 175-pound champion.

Court House News: Probate Judge George Nellans issued a marriage license to Herman Jacobs of Dresden and Carolyn Reinert of Hoxie on June 23 and they were married at St. Mary's Church at Seguin by Rev. Peter Keogan of Grinnell.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens, Clayton, daughter, Sheryl Lynn, June 21.

Dresden: Eleanor Karls left for New York City last week and will fly from there to Europe to travel with friends. They will return by ship.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1981

Wheat harvest reports were dismal and any cutting taking place in Decatur County is being done at "road-gear speed" as yields vary from 2 to 3 bushels upwards to an occasional field with a yield of 15 to 20. A custom cutter reported that from Oklahoma to Dighton the best

yield he had harvested was 30-bushels per acre with a low of 5.

Larry Arganbright, 33, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, since 1974 has announced that he will become pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Neb., effective Aug. 9. Arganbright and his wife, Sharon, have two daughters, Cherrish, a fifth grader, and Honnor, a second grader.

Elizabeth Ueland, American Field Service student who has spent the past school year at DCHS, will leave soon to return to her home in Norway. Her host parents have been Eileen and Shari Witt and the Alvin Johnson family.

District Court Judge Richard Rogers ruled last week that 10 railroads operating in Kansas must pay 40 percent of taxes due to the state's counties by July 8. The remaining 60 percent must be put into a federal escrow account until a decision is made on the pending lawsuit.

New Arrivals: June 17: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Atwood, son, Rex Alan; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kisner, Atwood, son, Christopher Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilson, Danbury, daughter, Ashley Ellen; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hrabec, Denver, daughter, Trina Lynn.

The Oberlin American Legion hardballers downed McCook 6-5 with pitcher Jeff Martin upping his record to 4-0. The team is coached by Dwight Stateham. In K-18 action, Oberlin waltzed by Cheylin 26-12 with Jay Smith the winning pitcher. Later in the week, they downed Goodland 5-4 with Dave Whited pitching but lost to Colby 8-3 with Whited again on the mound. The K-18 team coached by Bruce Olson now has an 8-3 record.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the official start of summer and a little cooler weather, we had a good number of guests this past week. Some stopped on their way to family reunions, others were just passing through on vacation, and several were in town visiting family and friends.

We are looking forward to hosting the McGee family reunion in the Bohemian Hall Saturday. I did some extensive research for them

and look forward to meeting family members.

With other family reunions in town this weekend we hope they will find time to visit the Museum. We are open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. We will be closed on July 4.

Have a fun but safe Fourth of July.

Good Samaritan News

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

How quickly the seasons come and go, but how wonderful of our God to create the cycle of change for us to enjoy. Things are changing here, too. As we continue our journey toward culture change and the Christian Community of Care we recognize that in keeping with our desire to create a home environment, our traditional way of providing the residents' activity needs is still a bit institutional.

We are in the process of training all of our employees (certified nurse aides, nurses, housekeepers, and even the cooks) on how to engage

our loved ones in meaningful activity, anytime, day or night. It is our hope and purpose that this change will encourage residents to tell us what they would like to do, and when, not being restricted to the hours activity staff is available. The calendar will look a little skeletal, allowing for more spontaneous "What do you want to do?" activities.

Highlights of this past week included: Mert McEvoy led Wednesday morning Bible study. A special thank you to our nail care volunteers: Dorothy Alstrom, Pat Whetzel, Roxie Erickson and Sally Henningson. These ladies trade off pampering our residents every

week. Mildred Holmdahl came to play canasta with Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler and Lucile Davis.

The Forget-Me-Not Ministry brought watermelon to be enjoyed by a full house during Social Hour. Bingo topped off the day, hosted by Marilyn Horn and Judy Gaumer.

On Thursday, Carol Duncan read the news for Current Events. Friday, Pastor Keith Reuther joined the guys for Men's Coffee. Saturday was our Pizza and Poker night, enjoyed by Lucy Schissler, Lucile Davis, John Ready, Pooch Portschy, Everett Fisher and Jeanette Conway. On Sunday, the Gospel Singers were here to bless us with their music.

Our Adopt-A-Grandparent program will be starting in July. We're still looking for some youngsters to join us. Call Lisa Stacy for more information at 475-2245.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - Delta Anderson; **Irel Lohofener** - Merlou Robinson, Libby Fossom of WaKeeney, Marcia Lohofener; **Pooch Portschy** - Cherie Kastens of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** - Jean and David Glaser of Oklahoma, **June Saum, Edla Olson, Ruth Laidig** - Mary Landau of Garden Grove, Calif.; **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fiken of Atwood, Mert McEvoy; **Marie McChesney** - Julia Ray; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes of Salina.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Not's hosted a watermelon party Monday afternoon.

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

The Residents Council met on Tuesday morning. The agenda included making plans for the Fourth of July.

Merlin and Lola Diederich, and Butch Diederich ate lunch with Tillie Diederich on Tuesday to help her celebrate her birthday. Sandy Diederich provided birthday cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff.

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Betty Harden and June Harold tied for the first blackout.

Residents and staff celebrated the first day of summer with homemade ice cream on Wednesday afternoon. Staff members from the hospital joined the fun as well.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

The Catholic residents said goodbye to Father George after his last Mass at Cedar Living Center on Thursday morning.

The dietary department hosted a buffet lunch at noon on Thursday. The menu included lasagna and meat loaf along with assorted vegetables, garlic bread, salad bar, and ice cream.

The bowling group met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Joining in on the fun were residents Elsie Goodnight, Mildred Grafel, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Frank and Velda Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Hank Wolfram. Soft drinks were served following the game.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Carrie Buhler of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon. Kay Brown provided the music.

Ice cream bars were served at a social hour held on Sunday evening.

Recent visitors: Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry and Ron Temple, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatu; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; J.R. Wolfram, Wichita; Harold Sulzman, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Paul and Mildred Welter, Dresden; Kara and Katherine Kuntz, Hays; Jordan and McKenzie Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell;

Laurene VanOtterloo, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Marie Jean Vavroch, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Eula Juenemann, Oberlin.

Rexford News

Vicki Allison

There will be a fireworks stand located at First and North Street for Fourth of July celebration purchases. Shaun Gilbert, son of Keith and Marcy Gilbert, will be in charge and will be open noon to 10 p.m., from June 27 to July 5.

To help Phyllis and Alan Cheney rebuild after damages to their home and barn from last week's thunderstorms, a beef and noodle benefit meal fundraiser will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, at the Rexford Community Building.

If unable to attend donations can be left at either the Colby, Oberlin, Winona, Atwood, Selden or Oakley branches of The Bank or mailed to Lyn Cheney, Rt. 2, Box 38, Rexford, Kan., 67753.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper attended a farewell party for her daughter-in-law, Marcia Moeder, at the Commerce Bank in Hutchinson on Wednesday.

Travis Smith and Orba Stevenson were married on June 24. A reception and social was held at the Selden Parish Hall in Selden.

A happy birthday to Peggy Dible and Doug Todd who will celebrate

on June 27.

The Rexford Community Church will have a guest speaker on Monday, July 3, Victor Mordecai, the pen name of Avi Lipkin. He will give a three-hour condensed version of his nine-hour seminar, starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Lane Purcell at (785) 687-3305 or 687-3333.

There will be a bridal shower for Liz Purcell at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Rexford Community Church fellowship room. All are invited.

The Shepherd's Staff will sponsor Creative Arts Camp 2006 the week of July 16-22 for campers ages 8-15. Call Joan Dingwerth at (785) 687-2565 for brochures and registration forms.

Until next time, make your week a fun and memorable one.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Maralyn Courange was a Friday dinner guest of Patty Brown. Additional guests were Jerridee and Denny Vernon of Kanopolis.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Thursday at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high; Cecelia Ottley, second; Leone Porsch, low; and Lola Cook, most queens. Also present were Carol Shaw, Betty James, Ann Hazliitt, Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz and Julie Pope.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 29 - Shane and Jill Boultinhouse; June 30 - Rick Pauls, Olivia

Filmore; July 1 - Phyllis Trembley; July 2 - Terra Schiltz Rath, Terry Goscha, Troy and Nicole More; July 3rd - Michelle Juenemann; July 4 - Curt Spresser, Rick Hickert, Scott Boultinhouse; July 5 - Cathy Broeckelman, Jesse Miller.

Softball is Wednesdays at the ball park with ages 4-6 at 6:30 p.m., 7-9 at 7:30 p.m., and 10+ at 8:30 p.m.

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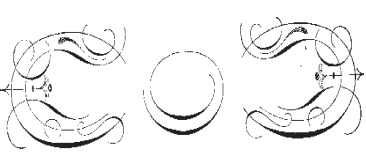
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