

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1881

Ed I. Randall paid out on his homestead last Monday under the act of Congress allowing parties who made entry before June 15, 1880, to pay out without waiting until the expiration of five years. Ed now owns his farm, which together with his new baby makes him the best natured man in Oberlin.

S.H. McClary of the South Sappa received this week from the east a Climax sorghum mill, with patent evaporators, and will soon have it in running order.

Messrs. Hitchcock and Frasier made a flying trip to Indianola the last of the week. The object of the trip was to express money east for Mr. Marks, the banker, who had about \$10,000 more money than he thought safe to keep on hand.

At a special meeting of the Board of County commissioners, it was voted to issue county bonds in the sum of \$8,000.00 to pay off the debts of the county.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1906

The best rain for two months came Saturday afternoon.

A large crowd was in town on Saturday to see the circus. It began to rain about the time the performance started and kept it up until the show quit. When the people began to come uptown through the mud, they were a sorry looking outfit.

The Senior Editor of the Herald made a trip to Norcatgur Thursday. A street fair and ball game between Norcatgur and Norton were the attractions. Barnes and Gillette played with the Norcatgur team, which won by a 4-3 score.

The foundation for Chas. Clark's new residence is completed and the erection of the building is underway.

Mr. Herman Gragert is the new B.&M. agent in Oberlin.

A new cover is being put on the city well.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1931

Oberlin narrowly missed one of its most serious fires Saturday morning when by great work on the part of the fire fighters and a little good luck in the direction of the wind, the fire which originated in the tankhouse of the Home Oil Co. bulk station in southeast Oberlin was prevented from spreading to the tanks of the four other Oberlin companies located just east of those which burned.

As the heat from the burning gasoline increased, bystanders (half the town were interested spectators by this time) were warned to keep back. It seems to be the great American privilege to do as they please, however, and few heeded the warning, but when the confined gas in the tank of kerosene ripped off the top with a roar heard several miles away and belched out a column of flame and smoke, you should have seen the spectators fleeing in all direc-

tions. Rex Guipree, driver and joint owner of the Dodge City to McCook bus line, died Thursday morning in an accident near Norcatgur when his car struck culvert guard posts. It was believed that he dozed off, having had only a short rest the preceding night after his route.

The sudden death of Ull Massengail, bookkeeper at the G.B. Morrish Plumbing Shop, was a shock to his many friends in Oberlin. Born in Illinois 57 years ago, he spent most of his life in Decatur County.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Metcalf are the parents of a baby son born Aug. 25.

On Sept. 11, the voters of Oberlin will be called upon for a decision vital to the interest of Oberlin. The question is: Shall we sell the light plant to The Central Kansas Power Company for the sum of \$155,000, payable \$147,000 to the city treasury and \$8,000 in cash to the owners of meters?

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1956

The finding of a true field of oil and not a mere bubble appeared certain in northeast Decatur County as wells number 5 and 6 were brought in in Harlan Township last week. The drilling firm of Sauvage-Dunn brought in a well on the Maurine Kilzer land and Lohman-Johnson hit pay dirt on the Louise Warner land. The Harlan Township wells give Decatur County a total of 64 producers.

The Oberlin town team won its own tournament last weekend by whipping the favored Atwood team 9-8 in extra innings. Atwood was runner-up, Colby won the consolation money and Herndon the fourth prize.

The talk of the tourney was not the surprise win by Oberlin as much as the four home runs in three games by 19-year-old Larry Leitner, a Herndon outfielder. Nearly 1,000 people turned out for the four-night tournament.

Court House News: Probate Judge George Nellans issued a marriage license to Charles E. Vernon of Norcatgur and Joyce Rusink of Norton on Aug. 25 and they were married on Aug. 26 at the First Methodist Church in Norton; Merlin W. Anderson of Dresden and Bonnie Jeanne Taylor of Oberlin were issued a marriage license on Aug. 24 and were married Aug. 25 at the Methodist Church in Dresden by Rev. Carl Isaacson.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church for Mrs. George Leitner, 53, who had been a long time resident of the Traer community. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Marjorie Nondorf and Janet Nitschke.

Mrs. Leo Harmon and Mrs.

Lester Olmsted are spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Murel Harmon in their new resort lodge at Cable, Wis. They traveled by train from McCook.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Fredrickson, daughter, Kristi Jo, Aug. 23; M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles J. Porter of Tachikawa, Japan, son, David Martin, Aug. 11.

Leoville: Anna Mary Bruggeman, a student nurse at Marymount in Salina, is spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bruggeman and boys.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1981

For the first time in 16 years, enrollment shows an increase in USD 294 schools. At DCHS, opening day showed 238 students while at Junior High the number is 112. At OES enrollment is 336, or 314 full-time, and Norcatgur Elementary shows a head count of 29.

Art Dowling, Oberlin certified public accountant, has announced the addition of a partner effective Sept. 1. Warren Bainter, who has been employed with Paul Steele, Colby, since 1975, will join Dowling and the firm will be known as Dowling and Bainter, Chartered. Bainter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter, rural Dresden, and is a 1966 graduate of Hoxie High School and holds a degree in business administration from Kansas State University, where he majored in accounting. An army veteran, Bainter was stationed in Germany for two years. He is married to the former Jan Ryan of Colby and the couple has two children, a daugh-

ter, Abbie Lee, and a son, Benjamin.

Oberlin mayor Ed Stillions informed the Herald Tuesday that the city began drawing power from the Norton-Decatur Co-op Electric lines on Monday. The valves went out on an engine, leaving the municipal power plant with two engines undergoing repairs. The repairs will take a little time, but can be done.

According to the Phillips County Review, an inspection of the Rock Island trackage from Courtland to Burlington, Colo., was completed last week by representatives of Kyle Railways of San Diego. The Kyle owns five short-line railways and operates five others it was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spesser, Dresden, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Delores, to Daniel Juenemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Juenemann, Selden, A Sept. 26, 1981, wedding is planned at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Leitner, Herndon, son, Jeffrey Daniel, Aug. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barratt, daughter, Laci Rena, Aug. 25.

Katherine "Ninia" Bickford Smith, Oberlin, will be an instructor of education this fall at Fort Hays State University. She holds a degree in nursing from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in special education from Fort Hays State, and is working on an advanced degree in special education at Kansas State University.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

Are you ready for some football? It is that time of year, with the first home game this Friday. The museum is starting off the season with a tailgate party before the game. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs for a freewill donation. Even if you are not planning to attend the game come and enjoy food off the grill. We will be serving from 5:30 p.m. until the start of the game at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Phyllis Magner Louze donated a beautiful quilt to the museum. This quilt was handmade by the Jolly Neighbors Club and was passed down to her through her mother, Lucille Ginther Magner, from her grandmother, Susie Hackney Ginther. Gordon Ginther and his sister, Nola Ginther Winters of Atwood, brought in the quilt.

If anyone has information about the Jolly Neighbors Club I would be interested in knowing more about it. The names on the quilt blocks include: Margaret Morton, Erma Brown, Dora Chilson, Susie

Ginther, Wilda Counter, Abby Engleman, Ilene Chilson, Lois Alexander, Vada Curley, Alice Stiner, Lizzie Wintjen, Myrtle Feaster, Alice Corcoran, Helen Corcoran, Anna Hagan, Marie Chilson, Angeline Roberts, Lina Leonard, Nola Morton, and Ethel Brown.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for details about the 48th Mini Sapa Celebration scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7.

Good Samaritan Center

Have you come to see us lately? Things are changing again! We are remodeling our Town Square in preparation for our 50th anniversary, to be celebrated in March. Things are a little disheveled right now, but in a week or two you won't recognize the place. This is another step in the Christian Community of Care culture change project.

Another important factor in the culture change movement is to encourage the residents to actively participate in planning what they would like to do. This week is a good example of that. On Tuesday, per Everitt Fisher's request, we invited Marilyn Gastor from Indianola, Neb., to speak on the topic of Indian history.

She and her helper, Faith Swanson, filled two 8-foot tables with handmade replicas of tools, weapons, containers, headdresses, toys, clothing, musical instruments and even a papoose.

Marilyn gave an hour-long presentation explaining Indian culture and demonstrating how each item was made and used. She explained their religion and how it differed from Christianity.

We learned several of our own residents have Indian heritage and heard various stories from them. It was a very educational and entertaining time together.

During Social Hour that day we made and served Indian hoe cakes, similar to today's cornmeal pancakes.

They got their name because they were cooked on the end of a hoe placed over the fire. Then we beaded necklaces in keeping with our Indian theme.

Another example of resident-directed activity: Lucy Schissler shared an e-mail with me about children's prayers to God. We took this humorous bit of literature and adapted it to make a fun bulletin board entitled "Dear God" for all to enjoy.

Wednesday Stuart Euhus filled in for Mert during morning Bible study.

During Social Hour, Cedar Living Center sponsored our monthly birthday party.

Our honorees were David McGee, Irel Lohoefer and Eva Bryan.

They brought treats and presents and led a sing-along celebration. This week we will in turn travel their way to celebrate the August

birthdays at Cedar Living.

On Thursday Roxie Erickson came bearing gifts ... 8 worms! "Dill worms," in fact (we take all sorts of donations). We scurried to find them appropriate accommodations. A butterfly garden viewing box became their home. By Friday all the dill had been eaten and they were ready to form their chrysalides, or cocoons. All this became a science lesson during Social Hour. Then we painted watercolor butterflies and made coffee filter renditions.

By Saturday all but two worms had formed their cocoons, almost like magic.

Now we will wait a week to see Swallowtail butterflies emerge. This is almost as exciting as waiting for the chicks to hatch earlier this year.

What a joy to witness and share love, laughter and excitement among so many lovely people. I didn't have the privilege to grow up with grandparents, and now I am surrounded by them ... what a blessing!

Have you hugged your grandpa or grandpa today?

Recent guests: **Pauline Zander** - P.J. Kurshman of St. Charles, Mo.; **Hazel Flaska** - Arlee Williams of Westminister, Colo.; **Lucy Schissler, June Saum** - Eunice Richards; **Elaine Thomas** - Eunice Richards, Amy Rehm, Alyce Avery, Elsie Wolters, Pastor Stricker of Hill City, Melanie Anderson, Norma Richards; **Dave and Hilda McGee** - Amy Rehm, Alyce Avery, Melanie Anderson, **Dorothy Pryor** - Elsie Wolters; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Ethyl Nemeth** - Betty Heisel; **Mary Lemman** - Murry Pavlicek, Janet Knipp of Hays, Audrey Pavlicek; **Walt Mosier** - Lillian Mosier; **Edla Olson, Dorothy Chase** - Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., Galen Olson of McKinney, Texas; **Irel Lohoefer** - Delores Patton of Salina, Judy Lee of Omaha, Pastor Stricker of Hill City, Melanie Anderson, Norma Richards; **Thelma Spiers** - Violet Spiers, Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Elsie Macy** - Norma Richards; **Mae Guy** - Eunice Richards, Norma Richards; **John and Muriel Ready** - Norma Richards; **Ruby Wennihan** - Norma Richards; **Ruth Laidig** - Carroll and Ruth Smith of Chicago; Phoebe Wolfe of New Windsor, N.Y.

Cedar Living Center

Naomi Carter is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Several residents met for a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon, including Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday.

The dietary and activity departments hosted a buffet lunch on Tuesday with a salad bar and pizza from Pizza Hut. This meal was selected as the monthly menu at the last Residents Council meeting.

Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo on Tuesday and she shared the blackout win with Frank Ward.

Lowell Sebaugh and Paul Sass traveled to the Good Samaritan Center on Wednesday afternoon to assist Teresa Shaughnessy with hosting the August birthday party at the center. Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones also helped with serving ice cream and cookies and with the musical program. The Good Samaritan Center will host a birthday party at Cedar Living Center this week.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Mildred Cochran was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration on Wednesday evening. The Gary Fredrickson family joined her for supper and birthday cake.

Father Henry of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church brought mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Lillian Sulzman brought an assortment of homemade cakes to treat residents and staff on Thursday in honor of John Schuhart's birthday.

Barb Solko played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Wood and Velda Ward.

Catherine Neal led the exercise group on Friday. Opal Huntley hosted the baking group in the afternoon.

Oberlin Community Fellowship gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Ann Martin, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox,

Herndon; Ron and Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Wava Reames, Norcatgur; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Paul Welter, Dresden; Clay Jording, Medford, Ore.; Linda Wood, McCook; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Don Stapp, Oberlin.

Learn and Grow Depot Director

Memorial Health System is building a Child Development Center that will be a prototype for others. We anticipate a maximum capacity of over 100 children with annual revenue in excess of \$500,000/yr. Open 5A-12 Midnight. Groundbreaking will be soon. Program details etc. are nearly completed. We need YOU to finalize our opening process, hire and lead a 20 FTE workforce.

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Hays Medical Center

WELCOMES

Adeel Pervez, M.D.

to Pulmonology Associates of Hays

Dr. Pervez completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez has also completed a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Pervez is accepting appointments for pulmonary and sleep disorder patients beginning September 11th at Pulmonology Associates of Hays.

Please welcome Dr. Pervez and his family to Hays!

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