

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1882

Buffalo and antelope are reported numerous in Cheyenne County. J.A. Rodehaver has laid down a meat stone walk in front of the house, extending across the street. D.C. Moser is building a sod table in the southwest part of town. I.L. Jordan made final proof on this homestead on the Prairie Dog Saturday. B.E. McCartney of Connersville called Saturday. Fort Wallace has been abandoned as a military post and the post office by that name has been discontinued. Fort Wallace is an old land mark of the plains and that vicinity has been the scene of many wild adventures and deeds of daring bravery fighting Indians in times gone by.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1907

Allison Items: A.C. Baxter has his big barn about completed. A pungent odor arises from the mud holes on Penn Avenue that reminds one of the hog wallows of old Indiana. The freight train leaves at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The balance of the time it leaves at midnight. The town is getting interested in automobiles and we expect there will be several new ones inside of six months.

Clark Bush and Miss Edna Hazelton were married at the home of the bride in Norton last evening. Jess J. Litton and Irwin W. Cook both graduated from Washburn College last week with honor. Married at the Catholic Church in Oberlin on Monday, June 10, Miss Celia Heitmann to Mr. John Kelley; Father Cramer officiating. The fine motor car that has been around town for several days was purchased by Acton and Welch for their livery business. The Oberlin ball team, or rather five of the team went to Norton last week and got gloriously beaten by the score of 11 to 1. It is only fair to Renne Barnes to say that he didn't pitch for Oberlin.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1932

A number of farmers have told us that the excellent rains in the past week and the cloudy, cool weather have helped the prospect for a wheat crop in the county. Court House News: C.S. Spaun of Dresden was arrested on the charge of selling cigarettes to minors. He was convicted and fined \$25 and costs, \$15.25. Gertrude Morrish had the misfortune of breaking the thumb on her right hand while playing football with a group of children. Mrs. Russell Anderson went to Cimarron Saturday to attend the wedding of her sister and expects to remain for two weeks for a visit with

relatives in that section. Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smick left yesterday for Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., where he will attend the annual international Rotary convention.

Jennings: Mr. Joe Shimek bought the first 1932 Ford sold by Boulls Motor Company. Mrs. Amy Reznor and Mrs. Ward Claar drove to Hays last week to attend the commencement week activities. Mrs. Reznor's daughter, Miss Lillian Claar, is a member of the graduating class. She was one of six outstanding students chosen by the college president to speak at Baccalaureate services.

Lund: Mrs. Bessie Alstrom and children and Goldie attended the Decoration Day program at Shibboleth Sunday afternoon.

The marriage of Miss Velda Harger, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harger of Danbury to Mr. James Vernon of Oberlin took place at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Roy E. Frey of Olive Chapel performed the ceremony. Mrs. Vernon is a graduate of DCHS and has been teaching in Decatur County schools for the past three years and Mr. Vernon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Vernon is a progressive young farmer of the Fairview neighborhood and also a graduate of the local high school. The couple will make their home on a farm south of Oberlin.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1957

Rain — more than fell in Decatur County in all of 1956 — came down in the 31 days of May of 1957. Among the 14 farmers who keep Soil Conservation rain gauges, all had over 5 inches in May and two topped 10 inches.

Peak rainfall readings came from James Gaumer near Jennings and Ken Zimmerman, southeast of Jennings with Gaumer reporting over 15 inches and Zimmerman 17.46 for the year.

One of the city's oldest headaches has renewed itself and a dozen people who own property along the Marks-Oak street intersection were at the June city council meeting to ask if something could be done about the flooding in that area. An inadequate storm sewer and a peculiar drainage system that seems to dispatch half of the town's rainwater runaway fashion to one intersection seem to be the trouble.

Demand for livestock has been brisk at Oberlin Livestock Exchange with the county cattle population moving up again. Although the county clerk Glynn Shaw has not completed the assessors' abstract for 1957, it is thought the cattle number remained steady after the plummet from 33,800 in

1955 to 28,500 in 1956.

Dolf Jennings, librarian-counselor at DCHS, has asked to be relieved of his contract to accept a position in Montana. Jennings had been granted a leave of absence this spring to get in his residence requirement at the University of Montana toward his doctorate.

Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Cushenbery left Tuesday for Ashburnham, Mass., where they will attend the graduation of his daughter, Sally, at Cushing Academy. They planned to go to New York City and Washington on business before returning. Their son, Kit, is with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walinder.

Kyle Mines has been hired to teach in Colby Junior High School where he will be wrestling coach and assist in football and track.

Alan Addleman left Thursday for Estes Park, Colo., where he has summer employment.

Lt. Jerry Thomsen is spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andy Thomsen and accompanied them to Hastings, Neb., to attend commencement exercises at the college for Amy Jane.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1982

Decatur County commissioners had apparently given the subject of reinstating the intangibles tax much thought before meeting in regular session. On Tuesday morning and in less than 15 minutes of discussion they moved to reinstate the intangibles tax at the old rate of .75 percent which amounts to nearly one mill in revenues to be collected from income received in 1981. The intangible tax is paid on interest from savings accounts, dividends from stockholdings and other "intangible" wealth.

The local Montgomery Ward Sales Agency will hold its grand

opening this week by owners Steve and Marcia Sitton who purchased the store from the Jerry Fideles.

Official Oberlin weather observer Janet Farr reported that rainfall for the month of May totaled 5.84 inches. In Jennings, Lillian Shimmick reported 7.55 inches while at Norcatour Lee Arnold reported 5.61.

Oberlin City Park will be an entertaining spot Friday night as the community observed the annual Miss Frontier Day celebration. Master of ceremonies for the program scheduled at the band shell will be Jerry Venable. Five local entrants in the pageant are Annette Richardson, Joyce Meitl, Michelle Bader, Shirley Schwab and Paula Wentz.

Julie Nemeth, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Nemeth, was one of the 150 nurses who received their RN degrees from the University of Kansas. She will be employed in cardiac care at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Tony Hager, Ron Juenemann, Evan Wilson and Jim Berkheimer are attending basketball camp at Hutchinson this week.

Norcatour: Guy Laidig, Seattle, Wash., is visiting at the Dennis Shirley home through harvest.

Funeral services were held in Atwood for a former Decatur County resident, Velcy "Pete" Jones, 69, who had made his home in Dresden, Oberlin and Atwood over the years where he was engaged in the auction and livestock sale business.

A McCook High School athlete, Chris Hoehner, son of Leroy Hoehner, DCHS Class of 1955, won the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter dash in the 1982 Nebraska State Track meet in Class B.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Orrin and Beth Holle on the birth of a son, Eli John. He was born May 30, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He has a brother, Henry, 19 months. Grandparents are Kevin and Mary Holle, Herndon, and Howard and Suzanne Wehrman, Sylvan Grove. Great-grandparents are Fran and Violet Holle, Atwood; Roy and Georgia Bauer, Pawnee Rock; and Ruth Wehrman, Emporia. Suzanne Wehrman spent the past week helping in the Holle home.

Dallas and Rosalie Musgrave of Lubbock, Texas, were Memorial weekend guests of Steve and Arian Arnold. The Musgraves attended the reunion of his 1957 class. Mrs. Arnold took her mother, Edla Olson, to the alumni banquet in

Oberlin for her 75th class reunion.

A birthday supper and party honored Mary Gutchewsky Saturday evening at their home. Those present besides Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy and Katrina, Oberlin; Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook; Richard and Phyllis Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Gene and Shirley Axtell, Danbury; and Dale Allacher, Herndon.

Gert Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, was an overnight guest of Steve and Arian Arnold last Tuesday. Guests for a barbecue Sunday evening were Beth and Trevor Harmon, Chloe and Toby.



Cedar Living News

The residents at Cedar Living Center have been enjoying the nice weather. Several residents have been able to sit outside in the afternoon. The turtles in our courtyard have been busy and often walk up to the patio area, which has kept everyone entertained.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Marie Thomas won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon including Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, Elsie Goodnight, and Helena Bruggeman. She served cake after the game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Residents enjoyed a concert of country music given by Terry Rose on Wednesday evening.

The bowlers met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Following the game a party was held in the dining room featuring ice cream and home-grown strawberries, donated by Fern Moore. The party was well-attended and the strawberries were a big hit.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry up a big batch of banana fritters.

Mike and Marie McVay took

Paul Sass out for supper on Saturday night for an early birthday celebration. Sunday evening Paul was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by Frances Nothdurft and V.W. Sauvage. They served ice cream sundaes to all of the residents and staff.

Recent visitors: Elwood and Norine Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, David Carter, Jennings; Frank Cox, J.R. and Phyllis Grafel, Herndon; Keli Kleidosty, Kekaha, Hawaii; Dan and Jan Latham, Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Emily Bolen and Mary Smith, Sharon Springs; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Judy Jackson, Norcatour; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Susan McKain, McDonald; Rosa P. Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby;

Jan Matheny, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Lyle Gamblin, Ana Wishon, Laurene Van Otterloo, Ken and Janice Shobe, Sandra Young, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Regina Stanley, Roxie Pomeroy, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Jeanne Isbell and children, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Edie Pettera was honored at the Herndon Alumni Banquet as the oldest graduate attending. She graduated with the Class of 1930.

Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon, and Kent Grafel and Kristyn Clapp of Culbertson, attended the graduation of Karolyn Grafel from St. Mary's College in Omaha on May 20. She graduated with a degree in health administration. Others attending were Don and Kathryn Sousek and Steve Martin, Lincoln, Neb.

Lucy Evans of McCook was a last Saturday visitor of her mother, Ann Martin. Phillip Kleidosty of Hawaii attended the Herndon Alumni Banquet and has been visiting his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., and Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz., visited their mother, Edith Pettera, and attended the Herndon Alumni Banquet.

Those who enjoyed a cookout at the home of Kent and Chris Wood last Sunday evening were Jack, Zach, Alan, Misty and Michelle Hartner, Les, Myrna, Don and Edie Pettera, Don and Edie Pettera, Greg, Rita and Isaac Marintzer, and Ron Leitner.

Congratulations to the Rawlins County High School boys and girls track teams for winning first place in 1A at state.

New library hours at the Herndon City Library are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

Brenda Henry's students at Rawlins County High School enjoyed a demonstration by Clarence Lorentz of a washing machine manufactured in 1899. It is housed in the old pharmacy in Herndon.

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John Strobel, Retired Professor of Music

A couple of episodes of afibrillation two years ago sent John Strobel to seek specialized cardiology services in Wichita. A heart catheterization and angiogram showed a major blockage on the right-hand side of his heart. Fortunately, the left-hand side of his heart had channeled over the right and was covering the problem. While the diagnosis was encouraging, the overall cardiology experience in Wichita was not.

"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy with a number of things...the distance to get down there, one thing, and just the whole procedure was not up to my expectations," he said.

When it was time for him to go back for another treadmill, instead of returning to Wichita, Strobel requested a referral to Hays and the DeBaKey Heart Institute. In addition to the treadmill, the DeBaKey cardiologists also performed a carotid artery Doppler to make sure he wasn't in danger of a stroke.

"When we did the tests in Wichita, it took two weeks before we had the results and when we had it at DeBaKey Institute in Hays, we had the results within the hour," he said.

"At the DeBaKey Institute in Hays, the people were more interested in me and in seeing to it that I was happy with what was going on and that I was comfortable."

"And then, of course, too, the drive to Wichita is kind of a hectic drive," he said. "The drive itself becomes a trauma...Two hours down there and then have to fight the traffic after you get there...and then worry about trying to find a place to park...It's an easy hour to Hays and you don't fight city traffic."

"It was just a much more pleasant experience," he said. "I can drive an hour and have absolutely state-of-the-art cardiology."

"I just go on and live a normal life now."



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