

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1882**

Last Thursday and Friday between 20,000 and 25,000 head of Texas cattle crossed the Sappa on the trail to Ogallala, Neb.

Fred Bliss had ice water in his shop Saturday and the boys drank as though they had never tasted ice water before.

Crowe has purchased F.R. Wilke's stock of goods at Cedar Bluffs.

From M.A. Conklin we learn that work on the Jackson grist mill is progressing rapidly; the proprietors expect to have it in running order by Sept. 1.

J.E. Bebb, our deputy sheriff, was up to McCook on the B & MRR last week. He informs us the town is growing very rapidly and 50 carpenters could obtain work at good wages.

Van B. Wiggins, chairman of our board of county commissioners, brought to our office last Saturday a bunch of rye that measured 6 feet, 8 and 1/2 inches in length. It had made that growth in six weeks, nearly two inches a day.

The wash-out on the railroad last week delayed the arrival of our paper considerable but thanks to S.P. Case, driver on the Lenora line and

station agent at Lenora, it came in time for press at the usual hour. Mr. Chase, having started earlier than usual and driving through without stopping for dinner, helped us out all right.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1907**

Judge Patchin and wife and Mrs. C.E. Bayes and two children left last week for a three-month visit with relatives in Washington state.

Charlie Rector will have charge of the probate judge's office while the judge is away.

The country had five days of fierce winds from the southwest last week that made life unendurable.

On Monday W.A. Dale sold his carpenter and contracting business to J.L. Probasco. Mr. Dale is the oldest contractor in the town and has probably built more buildings than any other man in the city.

The old building north of the Central Drug Store is being torn down and we hear that a new modern building will be erected.

The horse owned by Sam Harris took a peculiar notion on Saturday morning and ran across Penn Avenue and onto the sidewalk, jumped through the show window of the Fleming bakery, broke the top out of a showcase and then came out the door, all in a few seconds.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1932**

It is something of a coincidence that the dedication of the McKague Memorial Masonic Temple should have been set for June 20, just 53 years and one day after the first meeting of Mountain Slope Lodge on June 19, 1879. And it is a double coincidence that the first issue of *The Oberlin Herald* was printed that same day. With this issue *The Herald* begins its 54th year of publication.

The Clayton yard of the Midwest Lumber Co. burned Saturday night. Volunteer firemen were unable to save it and Clayton has no public water system or firefighting equipment. Had there been any wind the entire town would have been doomed.

The Oberlin Hatchery closed this week, having hatched and sold more than 100,000 chicks, most of those in Decatur County according to information given to us by Elam Reist, manager.

Announcement came yesterday evening of the marriage of Miss Vera Reeves to Mr. Howard W. McClure on May 30, 1932. The marriage had been kept a secret but more about the event will be published in the social column next week.

Jennings: Among the 15 Oberlin golfers entered in the Jennings golf tournament Sunday there was one of championship material, Ray Bridles, who defeated Hamilton of Quinter on the 36th hole. The Jennings course is a par 33 and noted as one of the sportiest little courses in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Blickenstaff are the parents of a baby boy born June 1. His parents haven't found a name nice enough for him yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Koehler are the parents of a baby girl born Monday morning, June 13.

A note in the *Ottawa Herald* told of the wedding of Miss Grace Banta, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.Q. Banta of Oberlin, and Mr. Ivan Dodt of Bucyres, Kansas. Mr. Dodt is employed with Prudential Life Insurance Company at Newark, New Jersey, and they left after the ceremony to motort to Newark.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1957**

A meeting to explain the national referendum on marketing quotas for wheat will be held next Tuesday in the Decatur County courtroom. Voting day is June 20 and a two-thirds vote in favor will be required to put the marketing quotas in effect according to ASC office manager Harold Rehm and county agent Henry Gronewoller.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison will attend the International Convention of Lions Clubs at San Francisco June 24-29.

The Rev. Sanders Clayton, local Methodist pastor, will leave June 30 for Japan where he will spend two months as a missionary evangelist under the sponsorship of the International Committee for Christian Work.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Norton, Robert and Linda, arrived Thursday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norton, enroute to Riverside, Calif., to make their home. He recently completed work on his doctor's degree in education at Columbia University and Mrs. Norton, the former Betha Boulls, completed her master's degree in music education.

Shirley Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Logan, and Richard Smalberger, son of Mrs. Arvilla Smalberger, were married Sunday, July 2, at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Luther Kurtz performing the ceremony at eight o'clock in the morning.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henningson, Kem Louise, June 8; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Martin, son,

Raymond Ward, June 7.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1982**

Oberlin city councilmen voted to adopt a 2.25 percent intangible tax, a move that most of the county's cities and townships are adopting as well.

City attorney Terry Rogers reminded the group, "If the voters petition not to have an intangibles tax it has to be replaced by a property tax."

Don Kump, 51, has entered his name in the first district commissioners' race, filing by petition on the Republican ticket.

New Arrivals: Kevin and Mary Holle, rural Herndon, son, Orrin Austin, June 4, 1982; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Peterson, McDonald, son, Jason Daniel, May 30, 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Sundby, Chetak, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Don Harrier Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Harrier of Oberlin. An Aug. 14, 1982, wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Havens, Superior, Neb., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Alesa, to Michael L. Corcoran, Phillipsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Corcoran, Oberlin. An Oct. 8 wedding is planned.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With our annual events behind us until Mini Sapa on Saturday, Oct. 6, we focus our attention on our guests and the many projects we have going at the Museum.

Saturday we were honored with a visit from one of the granddaughters, a great-grandson, and several great-great-grandchildren of F.F. Bliss. If you remember your history of the Last Indian Raid, F.F. Bliss was the man who made the limestone markers for many of the victims of the raid and five of these markers are still standing at the cemetery.

We have had many visitors this spring here doing family history research. One group was from Canada researching the surname of Funke. Some of the other names we have researched lately include: Love, Riley, Vernon, Capps, Sulzman, Garrison, Hines, Horner, Ritter, and Sorrick.

Genealogy can find some very interesting but not always good news for family members, such as the following:

"John Sorrick came here in 1876; he was very eccentric in many re-

spects and was supposed by some to be insane. He and his wife had trouble and separated in 1888; they had five children.

While on a visit to his sister at Lyle, in Decatur County, September 15, 1891, he killed his daughter and committed suicide; they were hastily, and a report circulated falsely, buried without a coroner's inquest. A fanciful rumor was afloat that he had been seen around his brother's place in Almena Township during 1893, all of which were spookish dreams. Mrs. Sorrick lives in Iowa, and has one of the children with her, the others are in Missouri."

This information we found in "The History of the Early Settlement of Norton County, Kansas" by F.M. Lockard, published in 1894, p. 16. John Sorrick was a Civil War veteran and is buried in the Lyle Cemetery while the daughter he shot is buried in the Almena Cemetery.

Do you know your family history? Do you have skeletons in your closet? Come in and we can help you research.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Brent Moss and Nichole Spresser were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, June 9, in Leoville. Daniel and Annette Spresser, Gem, are the parents of the bride and Kent and Kim Moss, Menlo, parents of the bridegroom. Grandparents of the bride are Lawrence and MaryAnn Juenemann, Rexford, and Donald and Bernadine Spresser, Selden. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Richard and Alva Horn, Colby, and Delores Seeburger, Menlo, and the late Tommy Moss Sr.

Kristin Wark, a student at the University of Kansas, daughter of Vicki and Dennis Allison, was home Thursday through Monday. She was the maid of honor for Nichole Spresser's wedding. Kristin and Nichole's friend, Abby Babst of Wichita, returned to Rexford with Kristin to attend the wedding. Prior to driving to Rexford, Kristin had flown to South Carolina's Hilton Head Island as a guest of Abby and her family, Robert and Jennifer Babst of Wichita, from June 3 to June 7.

Lee and Ruth Luna went to Colorado for the graduation of a friend's daughter, Crystal Encina of Greeley. They stayed at their

daughter's home in Milliken, Colo., for two weeks. They returned to Rexford with four grandkids, Lorenzo and Mateo, sons of Domonic Luna; Chantee Luna, Patsy Luna's daughter; and Kimberly Luna, Robbie Luna's daughter. They will be staying until the end of June.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Elizabeth Rall (her 82nd), June 13; Vesta Roth, June 15; and Jami Wark, June 16. Donald and Colleen Rall celebrate 32 years of marriage June 14.

Vacation Bible School will be July 10-12 at the Rexford Community Church for children ages preschool through fifth grade. For details, call (785) 687-3305.

Shepherd's Staff Creative Arts Camp will be from July 16 to July 20 for ages 8-15. Sponsored by Shepherd's Staff, this camp offers puppetry, clowning, drama, signing, ceramics, art, leather craft and other fun activities, all led by highly qualified and caring staff. There will be a performance on Friday evening.

For more information please contact Ron Boller or Joan Dingwerth at (785) 687-2565. You can participate as either an overnight or "day

only" camper. At the Red Barn: Those attending Wednesday's Bible study were Betty Carswell, Margaret Arasmith, Evelyn Proffitt, Sally Jones, Grace Cheney, Delores Dible, Jeanette Dible, Deb Stepper, Edna Colson and Jolene Hansen.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Specialty clinic construction is on hold while the contractor waits for the delivery of steel. The concrete foundation is done and an interior block wall has been erected. Completion is scheduled for November.

Our Relay for Life team would like to thank all who supported the cinnamon-roll bake sale at the Summerfest Car Show last Saturday. So far, we have exceeded last year's Relay for Life contribution and are within \$200 of this year's goal of \$2,600.

Dr. Andrea now has credentials to do colonoscopies and is almost finished with his proficiency training. We welcome his medical expertise in keeping our community

healthy. This week at Koffee Klatch were Eunice Sanford, Elizabeth Rall, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Doris Jean Oliver, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Evelyn Proffitt, and Bernada Zoberst.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Mobile mammograms will be scheduled every other Wednesday beginning Wednesday, June 27. Leslie Jones will be contacting those who are on the waiting list for this procedure, giving first opportunity to those who have been waiting the longest.

Planning for the seventh annual Golf Tournament Benefit is underway. The event Saturday, Aug. 18, will include a prime rib dinner at the Gateway, with both live and silent auctions.

Raffle and dinner tickets will soon be available. Make reservations to play on a golf team as soon as you can because the flights fill up fast.

## Cedar Living News

Nadeane Haag has returned to her home in Wilsonville, Neb., after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Residents and staff enjoyed a beautifully decorated cake at noon on Monday donated by the family of June Harold. June would have celebrated her birthday on June 4.

Several residents gathered for the dice game on Monday afternoon. Those playing included Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Nadeane Haag, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Nila Wesch, and Bea Wolfram.

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

Frank Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The black-out game ended in a tie between Paul Sass and Naomi Carter.

The Jennings United Methodist Women hosted a party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Wednesday afternoon. Residents enjoyed music provided by Kay Brown and Vickie Bailey. The group served cupcakes.

The pinochle group met on Wednesday afternoon with Juanita

Williby as hostess.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Mass on Thursday morning.

Hank and Bea Wolfram were the big winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Dorothy Ward, Jerry Temple, Judy Jackson, Norcatur; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Vendla Tacha, Lila Jennings, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Chris and Linda Floch, Asotin, Wash.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Evelyn Zellma; Hays; Marie and Mike McVay, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden;

Laurene Van Otterloo, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Dolores Koerperich and Jacob, Lyle Gamblin, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Regina Stanley, Sandra Young, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Ana Wishon, Oberlin.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On June 7 at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, J.R. Albers took second and Carol Shaw got low. Other members present included Jeanie Spresser, Helen Karls, Leone Porsch, Ann Hazlitt, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Gail Mumm, Mary Jane Galden, Rowena Carpenter and Edna Schiltz.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 14 - Bev DeLano, Kevin Carman, Darrel Dipman; June 15 - Michael Schiltz, Dan and Annette Spresser; June 16 - Bernie and Bobbi Koerperich, Larry Juenemann, Michael Juenemann, Chris Wessel, Lance Leggett; June 17 - Jaclyn Schriener, Josie Weis; June 18 - Cameron Spresser, Dennis Rogers; June 19 - Dawne Stevenson, Bailey Koerperich; June 20 - Dan and Nikki Campbell, Royce and Lola Cook.

The Summer Reading program has already started this year. They meet every Monday morning at 10 a.m. at the Library. Contact Judy Rogers for more information.

Kids softball is every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. at the

ballpark. Show up to find out the age brackets and to get on a team.

New books at the Selden Public Library include: "A Matter of Chastity" by Douglas Yocum (Kansas non-fiction); "The Shape Shifter" by Tony Hillerman; "Natural Born Charmer" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; "The Marriage Game" by Fern Michaels; "Shadow Dance" by Julie Garwood (LTE); "Cover of Night" by Linda Howard; "Step on a Crack" by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge; "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Junior Fiction/Non-fiction: "Shelty the Shetland Pony" by Peter Clover; "Tokyo Friends" by Betty Reynolds; "Cork and Fuzz: Good Sports" by Dori Chaconas; "Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant" by Jack Prelutsky; "Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road" by Jon Agee; "Shivers in the Fridge" by Fran Manushkin.

The Library is open every week with volunteers on Monday and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Wurm-Humes family reunion, organized by Shanna Long and Patricia Buffum, was held this weekend at Lake Mahoney, west of Omaha, Neb., with relatives attending from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Georgia. En route to the reunion, Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka; John and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Stean Olson, Hays; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Wilma May, Eugene and Bette Wurm, and Jerry and Connie Olson visited St. John's Lutheran Church and cemetery near Kramer, Neb., where Michael and Elizabeth Wurm and family settled after immigrating from Gols, Austria, Hungary, in 1884. Some of their family later moved to Decatur County in 1904. Saturday evening, they celebrated Wilma's 80th birthday with cake, gifts, and cards. Sunday morning, they enjoyed "Christmas in July" complete with a Christmas tree and a white elephant gift exchange. After a busy weekend, everyone returned home Sunday afternoon. Wilma, Lester, Eugene, and Neta are the children of the late Walter and Elsie (Humes) Wurm.

Karen Larson and granddaughters, Ashley and Taylor Duysen, traveled to Ogallala, Neb., on Saturday where they met the girls' father, Ryan Duysen. The girls returned home with him to Gillette, Wyo., after spending the past two

weeks visiting their grandmother and great-grandparents, Zane and Gladys Geis.

Evelyn May accompanied Janice Cundiff to Salina on Saturday where Janice attended a meeting of the Kansas Lutheran Women's Missionary League delegates who will later be attending the 32nd bi-annual Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Rhonda May, accompanied by Elizabeth Nedland, drove to Burlington, Colo., Saturday morning where she watched Elizabeth, and Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin Shields participate in the swim meet there.

Cameron Nedland returned home Sunday after attending freshman registration and orientation at the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Nolan May also returned home Sunday after attending freshman registration and orientation at the Kansas University campus in Lawrence.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson to celebrate Greta's graduation in May from Concordia University, Seward, Neb.

Jack Rhineshart, Hana, Hawaii, and Esther Ready, New York City, N.Y., were weekend visitors at the John Bremer home.

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