

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1882

The school taught by Miss Ada Penny reports water about one foot deep during a late storm, those of the pupils unable to swim being compelled to take refuge on the benches. School directors should either have the schoolhouses made waterproof or supply the teachers and pupils with life preservers.

Efforts are being made to establish a post office on Hazzard draw on the Oberlin and Achilles mail route.

Four families of Hungarians, consisting of 16 persons, arrived in Oberlin directly from the old country last Thursday in search of free homes in Kansas. They will locate in the Hungarian settlement in the west part of the county.

E. Leflang passed through town yesterday with a herd of 7,000 Mexican sheep. I.L. Peck of Shibboleth purchased 400 and Ed Martin, of this place, also bought 367 head.

Frank Hunt has been busily engaged lately erecting a first-class sod house on his claim two miles southeast of town.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1907

On Saturday morning there was not enough water in the standpipe to have been of any avail had there happened to be a fire to break out. What is to be done for water is now the burning question for the people of Oberlin.

Norcatur Items: Dr. Kenney attended the meeting of the medical society at Jennings Tuesday of last week.

Will Johnson and family who moved to the Metcalf ranch last spring moved to town on Friday.

We understand that young Metcalf will now take charge of the farm and look after things.

Mrs. Doctor Tilden and son Fred went to Dresden on Wednesday for a few weeks to stay with friends.

Joe Brown of Sappa handed us a dollar on Saturday and said as he wiped the dust from his eyes that he was not sure of ever seeing another and wanted to pay for the *Herald* while he had it. It takes a lot of grit to pay for a subscription after a day like Saturday.

Flora Dempewolfe is driving the Dresden stage since the first of June. We presume the girls will then all leave town by way of the Rock Island.

Born: Thursday, May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Lake, a son; usual weight.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1932

The new McKague Memorial

Temple to be dedicated June 20 has been called by visitors "the most beautiful Temple in the State." The architecture is what is known as Modern American with reinforced concrete columns, beams, girders and joists. The exterior is the best grade buff brick with terra cotta trim which perfects the architecture of the building and makes one of the handsomest buildings for its size and cost you will find in a number of states. The building is more modern and has more modern conveniences than any other building of its size in this section of Kansas.

The city office is now located in the ground floor of the Masonic Temple and offers spacious office and storage rooms for City Superintendent Ralph Hurst and his assistant, Gale Ridgway. The pleasant lady in the front office, who takes your money and makes you like it, is Miss Jenne Barnard.

This issue contains a history written by A.C. Furman of the McKague family who were originally from Canada and came to Decatur County in 1881 and built a sod house on a homestead 12 miles northeast of Oberlin. In later years the McKagues sold three quarters of land and moved to Portland, Ore., but the father, S.R. McKague became so sick for Decatur County that they returned in less than a month and made their home on Beaver Creek between Cedar Bluffs and Traer.

The new temple stands as a monument to a pioneer family whose lives were devoted never selfishly to personal comfort but ever to the welfare of others. Through the loyalty and generosity of Miss Theresa "Tete" McKague, lifetime heir to the estate of her brother, the new Masonic Temple is now ready to dedicate.

This issue contains a brief history of Mountain Slope Lodge No. 186 which was founded on June 19, 1879.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1957

Decatur County has had about enough rain for a while, thank you. From 2 to 6 inches fell on all parts of the county and many farmers are starting over to replant corn, sorghum and feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orr are moving to Colby this week where he will be employed as the superintendent of the dairy at the Colby Experiment Station. For the past 13 years the Orrs have resided on the Nitsch ranch west of Oberlin but prior to moving to Decatur County Mr. Orr was in the dairy business in Illinois. Oberlin attorney John M. Bremer

was named to the State Water Resources Board by Governor George Docking for a 4-year term. He succeeds Dr. L.D. Wooster — the celebrated western Kansas weather prophet — of Hays in the sixth Congressional District.

Funeral services were held for Bert Miller, 82, Decatur County pioneer, who farmed northeast of Oberlin since 1885 until retiring.

Though Sappa Lake is full, there are no fish. The State Fish & Game removed the fish from the lake before it went dry last year but this year it has not been restocked. Local fisherman want some channel cat.

The marriage of Frances Henningson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henningson, Herndon, to Dean Lintecum of Olathe took place Sunday, June 16, at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin. The couple will make their home in Kansas City where the bridegroom is an architect with Marshal & Brown and Mrs. Lintecum will teach in the Overland Park schools. Both are graduates of the University of Kansas.

Herndon: Wynemah Wurm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wurm, graduated from nurses training at Kansas City General School of Nursing.

Hospital News: June 12: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shobe, son, Donald Barry; Mr. and Mrs. Dole Metcalf, Danbury, son, Joseph Kent; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bogart, son, Mark Elwood; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cochran, daughter, Diana Lynn;

June 13: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roe, Norcatur, son, Bradley William; June 14: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Matheny, Lebanon, daughter, Janet

Lynn; June 16: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, daughter, Kathleen Kay; June 17: Mr. and Mrs. Verl Crabill, Norcatur, daughter, Ronda Gay.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1982

Oberlin City crews were busy Tuesday hauling limbs and branches brought down by a wind that reached 75 mph at the Oberlin airport Monday night. Jennings Fire Chief Jim Britton reported a tornado-like wind did considerable damage to trees in Jennings as well.

Four Decatur County seniors received President's Scholarships at Fort Hays State: Janet Gallentine, daughter of John and Ann Gallentine, Clayton, and a graduate of Jennings High School; and three DCHS graduates, Delores Ritter, daughter of Raymond and Bernadine Ritter and Janet Schuetz, daughter of Jerry and Sharon Schuetz, both of Oberlin; and Laura Cozad, daughter of John Cozad, Norcatur and Dorothy Cozad.

Gary Miller visited in Denver over the weekend with his daughter, Barb Miller, who was injured seriously June 4 in a car accident near Cambridge, Neb., and has been hospitalized at St. Anthony's Central. She is expected to undergo back surgery sometime this week.

Mary Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Erickson, and Kathy Schuetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schuetz, represented DCHS at Girls State held at Lawrence. Representing the Jennings American Legion Auxiliary was Cindy Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shaw, and representing Golden Plains High School was Tami Erickson, daughter of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Rexford.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It is hard to believe that the month of June is half over and that official "summer" begins Thursday. I guess the old saying is right that the older you get, the faster time goes. We hope that as you have family and friends visit you will bring them to the Museum this summer.

Between visiting with guests, Liane, Myrna and I have been working on different projects. Liane is organizing the history of the Museum. Next year is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Last Indian Raid Museum and plans for a grand celebration are under way.

Myrna is going over our databases of old newspapers, seeing that we have not missed any information

on births, deaths, obits, family reunions and other interesting bits of history. I am working on the many businesses and their locations since Oberlin was platted in 1873. If you have pictures or information about any of these interesting projects, please let us know.

Tidbits from the archives: *Oberlin Herald*, Sept. 25, 1879: "Four families of Germans, just from the old country, are among the recent arrivals. They, of course, took land."

Oberlin Herald, Nov. 19, 1891: "Mr. Penn, aged 71 years, was married last Sabbath to Mrs. Patten at 2 o'clock p.m. and died two hours later."

Cedar Living News

Lloyd Wishon has returned to his home in Oberlin after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

The bowlers met for a game Monday afternoon. They included Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Loyl Wilson, Lyle Gamblin and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

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

A group of residents will be going outside every about 9 a.m. each Tuesday morning during the summer, weather permitting. Visitors are always welcome.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Frank Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Helena Bruggeman won the blackout.

Kay Brown on the piano and Julie Carter on the electric keyboard provided us with a wonderful concert after bingo.

Velda and Frank Ward, Mildred Tacha, Don Shaw and Elsie Goodnight met for pinochle on Wednesday afternoon. The craft group also met Wednesday.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents Thursday morning.

In honor of Flag Day we asked residents and staff to wear a little red, white and blue on Thursday. Staff members joined with resi-

dents at noon as we said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary and Al Sedlmayer of Norcatur gave an entertaining and informative program on Thursday afternoon. They brought three tropical birds to show and told us all about them.

Tara Votapka helped the baking group make chocolate chip cookies Friday afternoon. Gisela Fisher led the exercise group on Friday.

The men of Cedar Living Center each received a small gift in honor of Father's Day, thanks to a generous donation.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Gerald and Judy Jackson and Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Doyle and Kay Brown, Julie Carter and Mike Bailey, Jennings; Jerry and Carol Sattler, Madison, Wis.; Roger and Wanda Miller and Angela Langan, McCook; Dan and Rita Miller, Byers, Colo.; Donna and Mike Christen, Merna, Neb.; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; Leanna Roberts, Abilene; Mike and Marie McVay and Margaret Stanley, Colby; J.R. Wolfram and Frank Cox, Herndon; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Laura Staab, Hays; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Bob and JoAnn Shuler, Marie Jean Vavroch, Jon, Ana, and Spenser Wishon, Lyle Gamblin, Orlin and Elvin Beneda, Phyll Cramer, Marguerite Bailey, Roxie Pomeroy and Regina Stanley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Lisa Stacy, Good Sam's activities director, married John L. Paulson at the Center on June 2.

While she was off on her honeymoon, the residents were busy hosting Vacation Bible School.

Every morning a new lively group of youngsters would come to watch a "Veggie Tales" video on friendship. Crafts, snacks, games and the lesson were shared under the direction of Judi Stricker, the United Church pastor, as well as Carol Brown, Melanie Anderson and Joe Hirsch.

The residents love working with the children, especially with a project like this. They know God still has a purpose for their lives, and that He will use them to further His kingdom.

A memorial service was held for Roberta Urban on Friday.

It is always hard to say good-bye to those we love. Janice Shobe officiated the service, reflecting on the simple ways Roberta touched our lives. She read the verses from the Shaker song, " 'Tis a Gift to be Simple." Many staff and residents shared their fond memories of Roberta. She was well loved and will be missed very much.

Recent guests: **Thelma Spiers** -

Ron and Joan Grafel, Herndon; Myra Canfield, Niles, Mich.; Jennie Canfield, Sisseton, Mich.; and Jean Smith, South Bend, Ind.; **Roberta Urban** - Mandy Morgan and Sylvia Wachendorfer, Selden; Faye and John Unger, Stratton, Neb.; Mary Depe, Trenton, Neb.; and Jan Badsky and Donna Mae Frandson, Oberlin.

Doris Miller - Richard Miller, Loveland, Colo.; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder, Colby, and Reva Marshall and Mildred Black, Oberlin; **John and Muriel Ready** - Jessi and Corbin Luck, Wichita, and Esther Ready, New York City; **Doris Marintzer** - Bud and Vicki Mumm, Gem; **Ethel Nemeth** - Shelley Hackney, Oberlin; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein, Oberlin;

Opal Bryan - Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Eunice Richards and Lois Lamb, Oberlin; **Dorothy Bryan** - Lois Lamb and Carol and John Barrett, Oberlin; **David McGee** - Mercedes, Jamie, Maria, Monica and Jimmy Jr. Geihlsler, Oberlin; **Edla Olson** - Jerry and Carla Barber, McPherson.

Don't wait for a wedding, make every day a celebration of love!

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Thirty-one members of the Rexford Betty Carswell family met at Basswood Country Resort near Platte City, Mo., June 8-11 for a long weekend reunion. Those in attendance included Steve, Terry, Curran and Jeremy Salter, Jason, Jaimee and Campbell Barta, Vince and Peggy Carswell, Aaron, Kristy, Camden and Taygen Carswell, Brooklyn and McKeena O'Hare, Emily and Sophie Williams, Sabryn O'Gara, Robert and Peggy Dible, Lance, Maisha and Zoie Dible, Tracy, Amy and Madisyn Dible, Daryl, Kelli and Darron Carswell.

Sandra Barnett spent several days recently visiting her daughter, Shalom Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity, near Pretty Prairie. Sandra attended the year-end promotion for the Royal Rangers and Missionettes for Gabriel and Kaleb. She also attended a couple of baseball games in which Gabriel participated.

Ashley Stevenson, Rexford alumnum, and Brett Arnberger, Brewster alumnum, married on Saturday at the First Christian Church in Hoxie with a reception, dinner and dance in Leoville. Ashley is the daughter of Orba Smith, Selden, and Kelly Stevenson, Selden, and the granddaughter of Gary and Alice Wolf, Colby, and Richard and Pat Stevenson, Selden.

Rebecca, Chance and Jaren Rains of Victoria spent the weekend with Rebecca's parents, Vicki and Dennis Allison and sister, Jami Wark. On Saturday they all celebrated Jami's 18th birthday and attended the wedding of Ashley Stevenson and Brett Arnberger. Sunday afternoon the Rains and Allison's spent time with Chad, Dez, Morgan and Hayden Wark.

At the Thomas County Speedway, Ryan Wark continues to do

well. He placed first in the stock car division on June 3 and again Sunday evening. Jason Rogers, Selden, came in second Sunday evening.

The *Oberlin Herald* had an article regarding rattlesnakes being close to downtown Oberlin last week. Several individuals have mentioned to me seeing snakes on the roads around the Rexford and Selden area. My son, Chad Wark, captured a 3 1/2-foot rattlesnake with 8 rattles a couple of weeks ago west of Rexford and is preserving it.

Vesta Roth is home after spending a night at the hospital for observation.

Steve Allen celebrated a birthday on Sunday. Other birthdays this week are Josiah Allen, June 18; Shawn Gilbert, June 20; and Doris Jean Oliver, June 23.

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 10 to July 12 at the Rexford Community Church for children ages preschool through fifth grade. The classes will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch will be served to the children July 10 and 11, and on June 12 from 1 to 6:30 p.m., with dinner served that day and a program following.

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 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: This week's Koffey Klatch was attended by Berneda Zoberst, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Marla Rogers,

Doris Jean Oliver, Liz Rall, Evelyn Proffitt, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, and Sondra Barnett.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Alice M. Kleidosty, formerly of Herndon, celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her son, Bob and Janene Kleidosty, in Lancaster, Calif., on May 26. Additional hosts were her other children, Mrs. Denise Kleidosty, Henderson, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kleidosty; Bill and Rose Mary Doerr; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kleidosty.

Those attending were Denise Kleidosty and Samantha Harris, Henderson, Nev.; Tim Lynch, Amanda and Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kleidosty and Mady, Tim Kleidosty, Alesha and Brandon, Simi Valley;

Brenda Kleidosty, Santa Monica; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hausinger, Britany and Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith and Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Knight, Gracie and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr, Tim, Ben, Joe and Katie, Lancaster; Roy Leitner, Palm Springs; Theresa Chvatal, Atwood; and Linda James, family friend, of Valencia, Calif. Brent Kleidosty, Carson City, Nev., a

grandson of Bob and Janene Kleidosty, came earlier to acknowledge his great-grandmother's birthday.

Pamela (Unger) Anderson observed the 25th anniversary of her 1982 class at the Herndon High School Alumni Banquet.

Herndon Senior Citizens will hold a noon potluck today, June 20, at the Senior Center. All senior citizens are invited.

John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., visited last week with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Kirche Martin, Indianola, Neb., visited his grandmother, Ann Martin, on June 4.

Edie Pettera, Bob and Julie Hafner, Jan Sattler and Shirley Williams were recent visitors of Hattie Toth in Atwood.

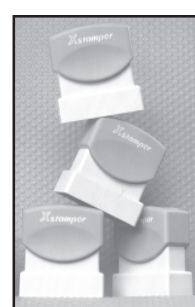
Les and Myra Pettera, Loveland, Colo., and Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz., visited recently with their mother, Edie Pettera.

John Martin, El Paso, Texas, spent a week with his mother, Ann Martin.

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