

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1882
The masonry of the bridge is completed.

John and Billy Love are at Laramie City, Wyo.

Eight thousand head of Mexican sheep went through Oberlin Tuesday.

Fred Bliss has about 5 and 1/2 acres of castor beans and L.G. Parker has 12 or 13 acres.

A new township, called Garfield, has been cut off of the north end of Jennings Township and embraces Town 3, Range 26 and 27.

Charley Miller is returning from the mountains; made the trip from Denver to Oberlin in 19 and 1/2 hours.

Miss Edith Allen, assisted by Hon. J.R. Burton, took the prize as the best waltzer at the ball on the night of the Fourth and received the prize — a pair of slippers. Miss Kate Doom, assisted by Hon. J.R. Burton was acclaimed the best lady schottischer, and was given the prize of a mammoth stick of candy weighing 10 and 1/2 pounds.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1907

Frank Meier has the foundation for the S.A. Fish house about completed.

The city council has ordered the sidewalk removed on the street this side of the ball park and some of our old citizens think we will see the city filled with water some day.

Harry McClaurry of Cheyenne County came down last week and made a short visit with his folks, and took his binder back with him.

Norcatour Items:

J.M. Roney is to be postmaster and will take charge in the near future.

Frank Frewen and wife now occupy one of Den Andrews' cottages in the east part of town.

Sam Betts has a neat and sensible new auto, having a top on it.

Charles Scott has opened up a

piano store on the east side of Penn Avenue.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1932

Harvesting of Decatur County's 1932 wheat crop is now underway and while the yields are not as good as in past years some fields are making 10 to 15 bushels an acre with the price of grain ranging from 20 to 25 cents a bushel.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued on June 30 to Walter D. Vernon, 26, of Norcatour and Lois Beth Wennihan, 19, of Jennings; Judge Kulp performed the ceremony.

Today is circus day in town and some of the boys about town will doubtless be carrying water to the elephants.

Cedar Bluffs: Agent Knight is taking a layoff and extra-agent Bloomgren of Oberlin is taking care of the depot during her absence. Mr. and Mrs. Knight left for the mountains Friday afternoon.

Vickers: Pleasant Hour Club met with the president, Mrs. Lydia Brainard, Wednesday with 17 members and one visitor present. The afternoon was spent piecing quilt blocks for the hostess. Next meeting will be July 13th with Mrs. Edith Carman in Selden.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sulzman are the happy parents of a little daughter born June 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. N.V. Gierhart and Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Dryden entertained Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson and Miss Mary Elizabeth Buchanan at a picnic supper Monday night. After supper they went to the Oberlin Swimming Pool where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wilbur and Charles Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carman, Helen Campbell and Jack Dryden.

Dresden: Lavin Schad keeps rather busy with his ice wagon these

hot days.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1957

Wheat harvest has arrived in Decatur County and early wheat yields are fabulous with reports of 40-45 bushel wheat common. A Herald reporter circulating around county grain elevators heard not one report of less than 30 bushels.

Jack Bearley, manager of the Farm Labor office, had 18 demands for custom combines before one had signed up. Current local price for wheat is around \$1.80 a bushel.

Ernest Nichols, contractor, announced that the swimming pool will open Monday. The Red Cross swimming program will start July 22.

Dresden: A picnic was held in the City Park to honor Kenneth Krizek, Elmer Petracek and Howard Petracek who are leaving soon for service.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert May, daughter, Eunice Marie, July 1; Rev. and Mrs. Philip Youngquist, Herndon, son, Kenneth David, July 2; Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Shields, son, Mark Henry, July 4; Mr. and Mrs. Leo VanVleet, jr., daughter, Teresa Lynne, July 5.

Ralph Moody, author of "Little Britches," visited in the Oberlin area the past week gathering information for another book. Mr. Moody originally lived on a farm near Cedar Bluffs with the George Manor family during his youth. During his time here he visited George Nellans gathering information about the last Indian raid in Rawlins County. Mr. Moody resides in Burlingame, Calif., but has been visiting here at least once a year.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1982

Eugene Koerperich, Center Township, brought in the first test at Decatur Co. elevator Saturday afternoon, July 3, to be one of the

first farmers in Decatur County to start the 1982 wheat harvest.

Clarence Kirby, district manager of Halliburton Services, Hays office, noted this week that nine employees at the Oberlin camp were advised of layoffs last Thursday. The number of drilling rigs operating in the state, usually considered an indication of the rate of oil and gas exploration, has dropped from 223 in mid-January to 170 in July. Prices for Kansas crude oil have dropped from \$36 a barrel in mid-November of 1981 to \$30.

Another local business reflecting the current position of the oil industry is West Central Manufacturing which constructs mobile geological laboratories. Kenneth Burrus said that as of June 28 the biggest share of the crew had been laid off on temporary basis. A total of 17 persons had been employed by the local firm this spring.

Three Oberlin men, Bob Salem, Ron Fowler and Harvey Barnhart, were only slightly injured Friday when their single-engine plane crashed a half-mile south of the Oberlin Airport just east of the Elmer Zodrow home.

Hospital News: Vicki and James Kogl, Atwood, son, Samuel Dalton, July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fisher announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Penny, to James Clarence, son of Mrs. Elaine Soderlund, Oberlin, and the late Alfred Soderlund. A Sept. 4 wedding is planned.

Relatives from Oberlin who attended funeral services in Wichita for Judy (Brock) Malone were Guy Votapka, Hazel Barrett, Faye Meitl, Norma Anderson and Howard, Chuck and Dale Votapka. Mrs. Malone died in South Dakota from injuries received in a fall in her work as an archeologist on the staff of Wichita State University.

Cedar Living News

There will be a dance at Cedar Living Center on Thursday evening. Vic Mowry and his band will provide the music. Guests are welcome to join us for the evening.

Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those playing included Elmo Bailey, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, Bea Wolfram, and Nadeane Haag.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along group in a game of Name That Tune on Monday afternoon.

Frank Ward was the big winner at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. He won both the first bingo and the blackout game.

Hamburgers and homemade ice cream were on the menu for the Fourth of July lunch on Wednesday afternoon. Social hour that afternoon featured fun facts about Independence Day.

The pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon included Helena Bruggeman, Elsie Goodnight, Mildred Tacha, Don Shaw, and Frank and Velda Ward.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Jamie Samson, Lindsborg, brought a watermelon to share with the residents at noon on Thursday. It was a really sweet watermelon and was much enjoyed by everyone. Jamie is the grandson of resident Tressie Samson. Jamie reports that he and his grandmother were

such watermelon fans that the two of them used to crack open a watermelon and each ate half.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox, Velda Ward, and Delores Wheeler on Thursday afternoon.

There were lots of winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make pineapple coconut cookies.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Gary Anthony, Norcatour; Rita Miller and Zack, Byers, Colo.; Stacey, Aron, and Konor Mercer, Jeremy Wolfram, Wichita; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Meredith Hrnchir, Rose and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; Linda and Wayne Bosler, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Lowell and Paula McClelland, Arkansas; Marcia and Ralph Hejny, Grand Junction, Colo.; Erick and Eathan Moreau, Oklahoma; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Diana Ward, Garden Grove, Calif.; Paula Ward, Denver; Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Joyce and Francis Viaulier, Hill City; Sabrina Cooper, Norton; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden;

Karen Bennett, Lyle Gamblin, Marguerite Bailey, Alice Shirley, Earl Brown, Marilyn Gamblin, Darlene Fisher, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Jan Matheny, Martin and Evelyn May, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A Firemen's Funday meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Jennings Ambulance Barn. Anyone with ideas for the annual event, which will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, are encouraged to attend.

Jennings City Library started the Summer Reading program on Wednesday. It will be held each Wednesday in July from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Community Hall. Eight children attended the first session.

John and Mickey Jones, Mullinville, brought lunch on July 4 to the home of Vendla Tacha. Other guests were Cheryl Roberts, Norton, and Warren and Lynn Tacha.

Eleanor Basgall, Lawrence, and Greg and Stacey Basgall, Alec and Gracie from Japan came to visit Galen and Meme Carper. Greg, Stacey, Alec and Gracie then went on to Utah to visit Stacey's brother and family. They will return on Saturday. Eleanor is spending the week with Galen and Meme, and Paul and Mildred Welter, Dresden. The ladies are sisters. All of their families will gather at Goodland to visit this weekend.

Stan and Ramona Shaw, Zach and Katie Golemboski of Colby, and Logan and Bowen Black traveled to Dumas, Texas, Saturday to meet Cindy and Danny Black. Lo-

gan and Bowen returned with their parents to Carlsbad, N.M., after spending three weeks with their grandparents.

Kent Brown, Jordan and McKencie, Estes Park, Colo., were recent visitors at the Kay and Doyle Brown home. On Sunday, Kay and Doyle Brown and Jordan; and Kara Kuntz, Katie and Zach, Hays, attended the Kansas National Guard Area Medicinal Detachment program in Salina. Col. Gordon Kuntz was appointed the new commander.

Others attending were Gordon's children, Gary and Andrea Boles, Junction City, and Chad and Kim Kuntz, Madison and Jacob, Olathe.

The Norton Correctional men worked in Jennings Monday. On Friday we were pleasantly surprised when they came to finish painting and put on the lock at the Senior Center, and also do a lot of the mowing for the city. Thanks, guys!

Tom Vacura and Clara Jo Bell were married Saturday, July 7, (7-7-07) at 7 p.m. at the family farm. A wedding reception and dance was held at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

Items are being collected by the Jennings and Dresden churches for Greensburg. Small articles can be left at the church. They prefer no clothing as they have plenty.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

"Avalanche Ranch" is the theme for Vacation Bible School at the Rexford Community Church Tuesday-Thursday, July 10-12, for children preschool-fifth grade.

The classes will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Thursday, classes will be from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a dinner and program following. Cookie donations would be appreciated. Call Lane Purcell at (785) 687-3305 or Brandy Todd at 687-4465 for more information.

A thank you goes out to all who attended the Rexford City 4th of July Celebration and hope to see you all again next year. Ron Boller's prayer prior to the meal was very meaningful and reminded us all of our independence in a diverse world and the importance of our families.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Berneda Zoberst on the death of her daughter, Barbara Farmer of Salina, who passed away June 29.

A baby shower for the newest Rexford baby, Sadie Mohr, daughter of Lonnie and Samantha Mohr, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at the Rexford Community Church. All community ladies are invited.

The Rexford street improvement project will continue on North Street and they will continue working the streets toward the south.

Friends and family helped Colleen Rall celebrate her birthday at her home on Saturday.

Gail Williams can be contacted if interested in the Talking Book Program. The program is available free of charge.

The recorder, tapes and postage are provided. She can be reached at (785) 687-8236, or call the Norton Library at (785) 877-5148 and ask to speak to Clarice Howard.

Weekend guests of Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper were Cleda's cousins, Don and Sandy Patton of Pratt. Also visiting for several days last week were Cleda's brother and wife, Jack and Mary Minnick, of Wichita.

Social Hour Club was held at the Red Barn on July 4 with Deborah Gamboa as hostess. Bingo winners were Grace Cheney, Marjorie Leh, Janice Salcido and Phyllis King. The hostess gift went to Jean Hawkins. Others present were Cleda Moeder, Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, and Sondra Barnett. Janice and Phyllis are nieces of Deb Stepper and are visiting from California.

At the Thomas County Speedway on Sunday night, Ryan Wark won the feature race in the Stock Car Division.

Vicki and Dennis Allison and daughter Jami Wark had as guests at their home during the week Vicki's sisters and brothers and

their families: Cindy and Chris Neff of Comins, Mich.; David and Lori Anderson, Sage, 4, and Sophia, 20 months, of Owasso, Okla.; Shawn Anderson (his wife Niki was unable to come), Grandview, Mo.; Tina Ohlrogge and Mark Ohlrogge, Mitchell and Shane, Colby; Marty Anderson and daughter, April, Colby, along with April's fiancé, Homero Vargas, Selden; Dustin and Frances Anderson, Maranda, Paige, Dustin Jr. and Brooke, Brewster, and Tim Anderson, Colby, and her mother, Madonna Anderson, Gem. Vicki's brother, Duke Anderson of Topeka, and sister, Debbie Thompson, Round Rock, Texas, were unable to attend. Also visiting were daughter Rebecca and Chance Rains and grandson Jaren, 19 months,

Victoria; daughter, Kristin Wark, Lawrence; Chad and Desiree Wark, Morgan, 3, and Hayden, 8 months, Rexford. They all had a wonderful time.

A happy birthday to DeAnn Dible who celebrates July 14.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows were Rex and Betty Carswell, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, Jean Hawkins, Dick Sanford and Deb Stepper.

At Koffee Klatch Friday were Jean Hawkins, Eunice Sanford, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Evelyn Proffitt, Liz Rall, Vesta Roth and Berneda Zoberst.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Don Grafel is hospitalized at Kearney, Neb., where he is recuperating from injuries received in a four-wheeler accident on Thursday. Mail will reach him at the hospital, Box 1990, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting on June 6.

Jo Harris read the poem, "We

Shall Wear Purple." Bingo was played and Edie Pettera won blackout. Sharon Frick won the door prize.

On June 20, senior citizens held a potluck with 11 members present. Sharon Frick and Beth Hraha had blackouts and Frank Hraha won the door prize.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Collard, 79, who died June 25 at Wenatchee, Wash.

She was the former Ruth Holle, daughter of the late John and Martha (Hanson) Holle.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Ernest Collard; a son, Paul Collard, George, Wash.; a daughter, Julie Thaumert, Quincy, Wash.; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Fran Holle, Atwood, and La Vern Holle, Agra.

A memorial service was held on June 30 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wenatchee.

Word was received of the death of Arnold Moline, 86, of Englewood, Colo., on June 20.

He was the son of the late Andrew and Agnes (Erickson) Moline, formerly of this community, and was a first cousin of Fern Wenger and Eulaine Benda.

Survivors include two brothers, Clifford and Paul, and two sisters, Audrey and Carol.

Breakfast guests on June 28 at the home of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe to honor Chris on his birthday were Gary Anderson and Elden and Detta Anderson.

The same group were guests for breakfast on June 30 for Gabe Anderson's birthday.

Gail Anderson and Gwen Pederson of Billings, Mont., were houseguests from Sunday to Saturday of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson.

The two women, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson and Phil Erickson were Thursday supper guests of Ron and Marlene Erickson.

Young people from the Herndon Covenant Church and others who are attending camp this week at Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo., are Bob, Becca and Beth Reuther, Susannah, Mariah and Noah Jones, Shawn Pochop, Casey Ziegler, David and Michael Noren, Nicollette Niemeth, and

Noelle Cooper. Greg and Gwen Jones took them out.

Samantha Anderson accompanied the youth group from the Oberlin Covenant Church to camp since she worked with that group to raise funds for camp by holding a pancake feed, car wash and gift basket raffle.

Others who accompanied Deb Marshall to camp on Sunday were Amanda Marshall, Katie Glading and Rhiannon Davies.

Richard Thoren, Charles and Diana of Waianae, Hawaii, visited from Thursday to Saturday with his sister, Margaret and Frank McEvoy.

Joining them for a picnic supper on Friday at the Oberlin City Park were Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan and Jordan, Grinnell; Kenneth Carlson, McCook; Gail Anderson and Gwen Pederson, Billings, Mont.; Delbert Erickson, Atwood; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford; Elma Lee

Erickson, Herndon; and Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, Stan McEvoy, Phil Erickson, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and Tony and Trish Henningsen, Oberlin.

J.R. Ginther, accompanied by Matt Lopez of Burlington, Colo., went to Broken Bow, Neb., on Sunday for the Nebraska Foundation Registered Quarterhorse Futurity.

J.R. showed three of his yearling stallions and a yearling filly. The filly placed first and the stallions, second, third and fifth.

Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; Eva Harder, Dawn and Audrea, Hays; and Olive Bergling, Atwood, were Fourth of July guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling.

Guests at the Richard Anderson home on Friday evening for cake and ice cream and fireworks to honor Detta Anderson on her birthday were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

Selden News

By Deanna Sumner

On July 5 at Senior Citizens Anna Albers won high, Paulie Neff took second, Helen Karls got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most queens. Other members present included Leona Porsch, Edna Schiltz, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Betty James, Carol Shaw, Alfred Albers and Carol's daughter-in-law, Tammy Shaw.

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 12 - Darrel Bruggeman, Lakyn Rogers; July 13 - Clem Mumm, Dan and Jannella Benoit; July 15 - Kara Bruggeman; July 16 - Shawn Spresser, Mark Wessel, Lance Weis; July 17 - Edna Schiltz, Vicki Bainter; July 18 - Jeffery Shaw, Mark and Lori Miller.

Chamber News

A big thanks to all who helped support the Fourth of July ice cream float fund raiser last Wednesday. It was a warm day to enjoy the cold floats while having fun visiting.

This is the last week to submit your sale to be on the Community Garage Sale Map. The cost is \$5. You can pick up a map between Monday-Friday, July 16-20, at the Chamber office, 104 S. Penn Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

The Chamber will welcome TBI Communications (Michael and Crystal Schuknect, Chris and Sue Pettit, Chastity Beaudette and

Michael Beaudette) and Harms Tow Truck (Chuck and Susan Harms) with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, starting around noon.

Reservations for the Potluck Picnic in the Park at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, can be made by calling the Chamber office at 475-3441. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert and table service.

Northwest Kansas Virtual Program

Non- Traditional Learning Opportunity (A K-12 Virtual Learning Opportunity)

Information Meetings Scheduled in Northwest Kansas. Join us for more information.

July 12 at 10 AM Central Time
Oakley City Library
July 23 at 6 PM Central Time
Oberlin TBA
July 31 at 6 PM Central Time
WaKeeney TBA
August 1 at 6 PM Central Time
Hoxie City Library
August 2 at 6 PM Central Time
Colby
Pioneer Memorial Library

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