

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — July 1882

The county commissioners on July 8th accepted the resignation of John B. Hitchcock as County Treasurer and W.A. Burnett was appointed in his place.

Ryan & Decker of Lenora have the contract for carrying the mail between Lenora and Oberlin.

New time table on the Central Branch. The passenger train arrives at Lenora 12:50 a.m.; leaves at 2:15 a.m.

George Colby is pushing the work on the mill dam as fast as it can be done.

Valuations of taxable property in the various townships for the year 1882 as set by the assessors: Beaver, \$10,700; Bassettville, \$6,000; Custer, \$1,850; Center, \$6,050; Grant, \$1,661; Jennings, \$11,902; Oberlin, \$18,140; Prairie Dog, \$4,250; and Olive, \$5,625. (Jennings Township then consisted of Jennings, Pleasant Valley, Allison, Lyon, Garfield and Altory.)

## 100 YEARS AGO — July 1907

Allison Items: The Solomon was the highest Friday night it has been since the 1880's.

Bert Shaw is erecting a fine residence on his lots southwest of Oberlin.

Mr. Byers is again in charge of the city electric light plant.

Norcatur Items: George Miner has moved his family to Cedar Bluffs.

Willis Cullison and family had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday evening while going home from Oberlin in their new automobile, running off a high fill near their home in Bassettville Township. The car was only slightly damaged.

## 75 YEARS AGO — July 1932

Saturday was a hot day with the mercury jumping up to 108 degrees. The combination of heat and dry weather — no rain has fallen at Oberlin since the 29th of June — is injuring the corn.

The proposed DCHS budget of \$32,678.00 shows an expense reduction of 20 percent, with the biggest saving effected through salaries.

Dr. Morrison has turned his Arcola heating system into a cooling system by running city water through the water pipes and radiators to cool his dental office temperature to 74 degrees. We wouldn't want to venture a guess how much the Doctor's water bill

will be the first of the month, but what's a water bill when the temperature outside stands at 101 degrees.

Jennings: Tude Robertson met with a serious accident Sunday while standing on his combine-thresher when his foot caught in the gears, crushing it so badly his leg was amputated half way between his foot and knee. He will have to remain in the Norton Hospital 3 to 4 weeks.

Jennings: Wheat is making from 6 to 28 bushels an acre and is selling for 29 cents a bushel.

Cedar Bluffs: 23 children were convinced that Santa Claus calls even as early as July last week when Jack McCurdy and Slim Macy brought a group of children from the neighborhood and took them to the circus in Oberlin. They made the trip in a truck and had a glorious time from all appearances and reports.

Dresden: In the quilt display held last week, Mrs. Fred Janousek of Kanona won first place.

## 50 YEARS AGO — July 1957

Monday was an ideal day to break in a new swimming pool. And over 300 people found humid, near 100-degree weather ample excuse to do so as manager Don Leuzler opened the gates to Oberlin's new municipal pool.

A group of local boating enthusiasts have planned a free water show and free boat rides at the lake north of Oberlin Sunday afternoon. Providing boats are Don Fredrickson, Laurel Hayward, John Bremer, Howard Banta, Bus Page and Everett Koehler.

County grainmen and elevator operators were in agreement that harvest was 90 percent completed. Some figured yields were in the 30-35 per bushel average, with a county average of about 25 bushels per acre. The only elevator in the county which had not filled completely was N.L. Johnson at Jennings, where harvest is still underway.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Anderson of Butte, N.D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Adell Audrey of St. Paul, Minn., to Rodney Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Harris of Oberlin. Miss Anderson is employed in St. Paul, Minn., as a medical technologist and Rodney is employed with Shell Chemical Corporation in Denver. A fall wedding is planned.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, son, Michael Ray,

July 11; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Daffer, Wilsonville, Nebr., son, Kevin Lowell, July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Everist announce the arrival of a son, Byron John, on the 4th of July. His great-grandmother is Mrs. George McMullen.

Norcatur: The family of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rohnke were all home for a reunion June 3. It was the first time they had all been together for 11 years.

## 25 YEARS AGO — July 1982

Heavy rains delayed the wheat harvest in the northwest part of the county and an area north of Jennings. Hail accompanied the rain in a five-mile strip along the Beaver Creek. Extensive hail damage was also reported in Altory Township at the Marvin Bailey farmstead.

When harvest time approaches, helping hands arrive by bus, car, bike, train or air. But the arrival of Farley Anderson in Oberlin last week via a 1946 Swift aircraft is somewhat unique. Anderson, 66, piloted the two-passenger plane from his home in Las Vegas to help his stepfather, Everett Smith, with harvest chores.

When he returns he will be accompanied by his sister, Faye Vogel, as a passenger. Anderson attended schools in Oberlin and is

married to the former Agnes Mousel, a sister of Mrs. Charlie Corcoran.

New Arrivals: Kevin and Christy Rasure, Goodland, son, Daniel Paul, June 15; Brad and Gayle Fredrickson, Warrensburg, Mo., son, Cole Jacob, July 3; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ketterl, Herndon, son, Todd Garrett, July 10; Shawn and Susan Boultinghouse, McCook, son, Scott Curtis, July 4.

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

Clayton: Funeral services were held for Ivan F. Gallentine, 74, farmer and stockman in the Clayton area all of his life. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and three children.

Selden: The parishioners of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of their church on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Fred and Hazel Arehart will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary on July 25 at an open house to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Areharts were former residents of the Oberlin-Dresden area and now make their home in Holbrook, Neb.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It is hard to believe July is half over and the fair is only three weeks away. As you make plans for family and friends to be in town for the 4-H exhibits and wonderful home-owned carnival, be sure to schedule a time to visit the museum. We will be open from Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

A lot of progress has been made in the past two weeks in getting the main buildings straightened up from the winter's fury. The Indian Room has a new ceiling, new lighting, a fresh coat of paint, and has been rearranged. The back part of the First Annex is going to be rearranged and a DCHS Alumni section added. There we will hang the class

composite pictures that have been framed, thanks to many people. If you have any memorabilia from DCHS you would like to donate for this section we will be glad to add it to our collection.

Historical Tidbits — *Oberlin Herald*, Jan. 26, 1882: "For Sale — Yoke of good heavy work oxen; will sell for cash or trade for young cattle. Enquire at this office or of F.M. Ross, Connersville, Kansas."

"Died: At the residence of his father at Plato, Jan. 11, 1882, of consumption after a long and painful illness, James Barnes. This is the second son Mr. Barnes has buried this winter."

Yes, these two places did exist in Decatur County!

## Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Virgil Hoppas who passed away at Cedar Living Center on Thursday.

A last minute party was organized on Monday afternoon featuring trivia games for entertainment and homemade ice cream on the menu. Later in the afternoon we all enjoyed singing along with Myrna Jones on the piano.

Frank Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and he and Helena Bruggeman tied to win the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

The pinocle group on Wednesday afternoon included Elsie Goodnight, Helena Bruggeman, and Frank and Velda Ward. The craft group also met on Wednesday afternoon to work on a project.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Residents who met for a game of bowling on Thursday afternoon included Elmo Bailey, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Nadeane Haag, Berenece McKay, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Hank Wolfram, and Delores Wheeler. Barb Solko played Scrabble with Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox.

A dance was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on

Thursday evening. Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band provided the music. We had a room full of residents and guests, and there were always couples on the dance floor. Several of the guests helped with bringing cookies or serving the refreshments. Everyone had a great time.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon for a tasting time. The group enjoyed Bing cherries and potato chips served with two kinds of dip.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Jordan Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Lloyd Hardesty, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Kathy VanMeter, Margaret Magers, Veda Wood, Wava Reames, Leslie Ward, Norcatur; Ethan and Erick Moreau, Ohustee, Okla.; Marlene Wolfram, McCook; Geraldine Packer, Norton; Paula Tadlock, Colorado; Wayne and Lois Larson, Darlene Fisher, Fern Jording, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich and Jacob, Mary Ann Amack, Henry Edgett, Marion Wenger, Bertha Schwisow, Phyll Cramer, Martin and Evelyn May, Marguerite Bailey, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Sarah Fredrickson, Regina Stanley, Bob and JoAnn Shuler, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

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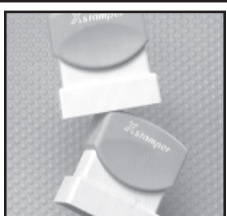
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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of JENNINGS

will meet on the 2nd day of August, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Jennings Senior Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Office and will be available at this hearing.

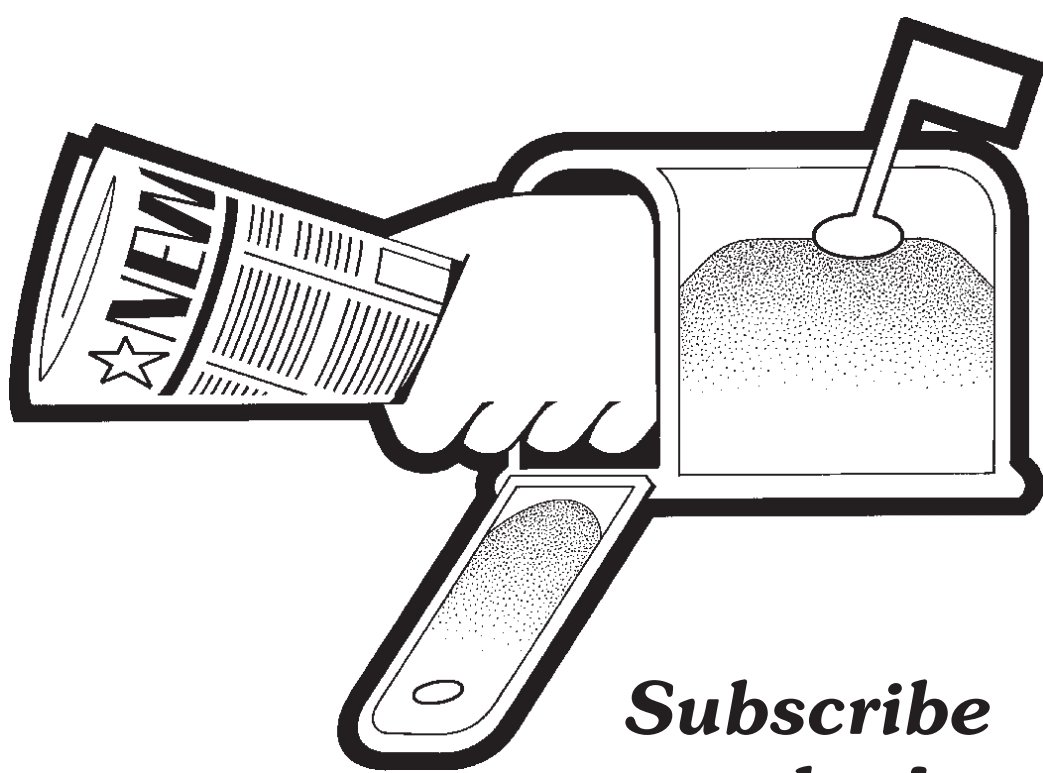
### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	32,715	20.445	45,500	25.608	58,300	14,509	26.109
Employee Benefits	2,987	4.909	3,600	4.944	5,500	2,451	4.411
Library	1,689	3.124	2,500	4.667	3,000	2,473	4.450
Bond & Interest	6,324	13.505	6,331	6.997	14,119	4,020	7.234
Special Highway					28,286		
Water	21,088		13,000		40,200		
Sewer	2,502		2,700		16,009		
Com. Bldg Renovation					2,568		
Municipal Equip Reserve					780		
Capital Improvements					2,031		
Totals	67,305	41.983	73,631	42.216	170,793	23,453	42.204
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	67,305		73,631		170,793		
Total Tax Levied	58,828		15,712				
Assessed Valuation	362,003		372,201		555,705		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2005	2006	2007				
G.O. Bonds	30,500	26,000	21,300				
Revenue Bonds			0				
Other			0				
Lease Purchase Principal			0				
Total	30,500	26,000	21,300				

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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