

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — August 1882
Byron Churchill has sold the Atwood House at Atwood.

R.H. Riley informs us he has cut about 200 acres of grain with his harvester this season.
George Colby has ordered the machinery for the mill.
Frank Douglass, Charley Maddox and Ira Wear, Misses Della Beckwith, Emma and Abbie Morrison attended the camp meeting at Lyle on Sunday.
Albert S. Curry, the mail carrier on the Oberlin-Norton route, was married July 25th.

The Decatur County Exposition society elected officers Saturday as follows: Thos. H. Cavanaugh, president; F.M. Ross, vice president; H.D. Colvin, secretary; L.G. Parker, assistant secretary; Daniel Caster, treasurer.

100 YEARS AGO — August 1907
The Chautauqua opened Sunday afternoon with the famous Kilties band from Canada. On Monday, the program included the Midland Concert Co. and a lecturer, Colonel Ham of Georgia, and on Tuesday the Midland Company again gave the preliminary program and Frank Gamel delivered a lecture in the evening, illustrated with pictures.
The lecture on Wednesday by Doctor Hillis was the most eloquent and able so far of the Chautauqua.

The Haskell Indians beat the Oberlin team 4-2 Wednesday afternoon. The Carter Virginia Warblers furnished the prelude Wednesday afternoon and evening.
D.G. Addleman took his Buster Brown baseball team to Norcat on last Friday and wiped up the second team of that town by a 7-5 score.
Hooker beat Liberty 11-6 on the Oberlin grounds Saturday.

75 YEARS AGO — August 1932
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig have recently completed the school census for 1932 and have listed 619 children of school age in Oberlin including six sets of twins.

Jennings: Heavy wind destroyed the barn and other farm buildings on the Mary Cilek farm, the barn on the Joe Kaspar farm was also destroyed and the garage on the E.J. Coleman farm as well.

A reward of \$10 will be paid to the owner of any horse that Rose Herlin, champion cow girl, can't ride at the Achilles rodeo on Sunday.

Out-of-town people have been finding that the local swimming pool here is a fine spot to spend a cool evening. Sunday evening a

party of 20 dropped over from Atwood as well as a party of 8 from Jennings. Earlier in the week a group was over from Herndon. The pool will close Aug. 14, so better hurry along that idea of a swimming party if it is to be this season.
The visiting tennis club from Cambridge, Neb., returned home Sunday with the short end of the score, 5 matches to 13, after a day's competition in singles and doubles play. Horace Thomas, a nephew of Dr. F.A. Brewster, was team captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump and children returned from the Kump farm at Jennings after taking care of the harvest there for the past two weeks.

Herndon: Word was received here of a car accident near Pocatello, Idaho, in which John Sattler of Herndon was killed and his companion, Andrew Unger, was critically injured when a driver forced their car from the road. The driver is alleged to have been intoxicated and faces charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fortin are the parents of a baby daughter, Darlene Carol, born July 23.
Miss Dorothy Olson was the honored guest at a surprise birthday party at the Hotel Oberlin last Tuesday evening which was planned by Hazel Olson and Leo Ridgway.

50 YEARS AGO — August 1957
Hospital administrator Joe Pollara reported over 200 people attended the open house for the new wing of the Decatur County Hospital on Sunday.

Faculties of both Oberlin schools are completed with the signing of Mrs. Boyd Huff to replace Dolf Jennings, who resigned to become head of high school guidance and vocational training in Montana. Another new teacher will be Miss Ann Harrison, Hutchinson, who replaces Miss Roxy Yowell as freshman English and Spanish teacher.

Bob Haney, area manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, told the Oberlin Rotary Club that he had no information as to when Bell would construct a new building and install dial service in Oberlin. Bell purchased a building site at Hall and Griffith streets here a year ago.

Jennings: Neighbors of the Otis Carper family made short work of fields ready to be plowed on the Carper farm last week. Mr. Carper has been hospitalized with a heart attack. Helping with the field work were G.C. Warrick, M.F. Carper,

Ellis Gallatin, Reo Harris, Harvey Rohan, Alfred Heilman, George Votapka, Clyde McLaughlin, Elvin Bailey, Otto Carper, Guy Robbins, Bob Milner, Ted Robertson, Dean Gallatin, Vayle Rohan, W.E. Gallentine, William E. Kelley, Ray Kincaid, Kenneth Price, Elton Jones, Ted Carper, William Carter, Wilfred Carter, William Carter, Wilford Wagoner, Vernon Jones, Henry Heilman and Regis Bennett. Carter filled all the tractors with gas.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Fowler, son, July 31; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Gillespie, Clayton, son, July 31; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens, Clayton, daughter, Shanna Lee, July 23; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Norcat, son, Stanley Eugene, July 25; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Stimbirt, son, Troy Lee, July 25; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waldo, daughter, Barbara Gail, July 27.

25 YEARS AGO — August 1982
Changes at the 46th annual Decatur County Fair which opens this week include a new concrete slab at the wash rack in the livestock area, a metal building erected by the Rawlins-Decatur County Pork Producers Assoc. where pork burgers will be cooked and served each night, and an additional parking lot south of the fairgrounds which will park some 400 vehicles and was erected by Votapka Construction Co. with cable donated by Poe Well Service.

The new 115,000 kv substation which will bring electric power from the interconnection with Sunflower Electric Cooperative is now

operative.
Republican gubernatorial candidate Wendell Lady, Overland Park, visited Oberlin Tuesday. Lady has served 14 years in the Kansas Legislature and the last four as speaker of the House.

Jennings: The board of education elected the following officers: president, Roger Shimek; vice president, Melvin Juenemann; clerk, Lois Heilman; and treasurer, Kristy Gawith. Supt. Gerald Fencil announced that the staff is complete for the opening of the school year of Monday, Aug. 30.

An outdoor wedding the afternoon of May 29, 1982, in the backyard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Milner, Norcat, united in marriage Renee Montgomery, daughter of Bob and Anita Montgomery, rural Jennings, and Ron Harman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Harman, Norton. The Rev. Dale Clare officiated.

A ceremony June 5 at the United Presbyterian Church in Olathe united in marriage Connie Shipman and Rex Gallentine. The couple will reside in Chapman, where the bridegroom is a teacher at Chapman High School.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Skip Petersen, Oberlin, a son, Brett Matthew, July 16.

Dale Poe was the outstanding swimmer for Oberlin, winning the high point award in both the league and meet in the boys 11-12 year old division in the Northwest Kansas Swim League championship. Colby won the meet, followed by Atwood, Burlington, Colo., Goodland and Oberlin.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Just in time for the fair we have finished our new DCHS Alumni section. We hope many of you take time to visit us and see all the changes that have been made at the Museum. We will also be having a booth in the Commercial Building during the fair so stop by.

There are several items we need for the Alumni section and hope that if you have these items you will donate them so we can round out our collection.

We need a 1992 yearbook and later years Alumni Banquet Program booklets.

I know that July is over but I just took time to look at the guest book for June and found we had 22 states represented and guests from Swit-

zerland. Our visitors in June came from Arizona, Kansas, Florida, California, Nebraska, Utah, Vermont, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri, Wyoming, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, New York, Washington, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, New Mexico, and Hawaii.

Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

Elma Lee Erickson joined Pat and Elizabeth Erickson of Colby and Sharon Lohoefer of North Platte, Neb., on a trip to San Leandro, Calif., to visit Mildred Lang and the Karneil Lang family. They returned last Tuesday.

Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Joe and Amber of Mulvane were weekend guests of their parents, Betty Marks, and Bob and Sally Olson. They came to attend the Marks family reunion in Atwood. Sally Olson accompanied them to Salina, where she was to have a medical checkup following recent back surgery. She is a houseguest of Bob and Annette Frenzl and family.

Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley joined their sisters, Helen Jaderborg of Longmont, Colo.; Janice Sauvage of Denver; and Cheryl Stull of Solomon for a few days in Denver last week.

Morning worship services will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church, followed by a service at 11 a.m. at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Jerry and Cheri Hill of Norcat and Sandra Craig of Maui, Hawaii, were last Monday supper guests of

Steve and Ariane Arnold. Mrs. Craig and her son, Jared and Shannon Craig, Fort Collins, Colo., were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Arnold home.

Elma Lee Erickson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Don Threlkel to the Dixie Magley home in the Bird City area to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ford of Dallas, Texas, and other relatives. Mrs. Ford is the daughter of Beulah Magley and a cousin of Mrs. Threlkel and Mrs. Erickson.

Mary Lou Olson took her granddaughters, Ashley and Whitney Witt, to McCook on Thursday for lunch to help Ashley celebrate her 12th birthday. On Friday, Mrs. Olson and Joy Votapka took Detta Anderson out for lunch at the LandMark Inn in observance of her recent birthday.

Elma Lee Erickson spent Friday at the Don Threlkel home. Karla Mosteller, who had recently attended the wedding of an International Foreign Youth Exchange student who was in their home in Bern, showed pictures of their European trip, which she and her parents and a friend enjoyed.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Don Grafel was transferred from the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Thursday to the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, where he is recuperating satisfactorily from injuries received in a recent four-wheeler accident.

Bob and Julie Hafner and Ron and Cindy Sattler of Herndon and Jayme Sattler of Atwood were among relatives who went to Parker, Colo., on Sunday, July 22, to help Tom and Marlene (Hutfles) Cook celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bud and Pat Bosler of Pine, Colo., visited their aunt, Edie Pettera, from Monday to Thursday.

Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., came last Tuesday to visit Mrs. Pettera for a few days.

Visitors of Voni Sattler last week were Roma and Michael Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Kathy, Sami Joey and Braden Leitner, Atwood; and Brad, Brandi and Kassi Williams, Herndon. Roma and Michael Sattler also visited Esther

Pennington while in Herndon. Janice Sattler of Atwood visited Les and Myrna Pettera and Edie Pettera on Thursday evening.

Beth and Frank Hraha of Herndon and Les and Myrna Pettera were Sunday afternoon visitors of Esther Pennington.

Nik Martin of Kansas City was a Saturday visitor of Ann Martin. Bob and Liane Martin, Nik Martin and Ann Martin enjoyed pizza at the BS Cafe in Herndon Saturday evening.

Mary Rushing of Zihuatanejo, Gro., Mexico, and Michael and Meredith Rushing and Garrett, San Francisco, are visiting Esther Pennington. They came especially for 7-month-old Garrett to meet his great-grandmother, Mrs. Pennington.

There are no restrictions on watering in Herndon as the pump has been repaired.



Good Samaritan Center

This little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Shine they did! This week we had the Indian Avenue Baptist Church Youth Group from Lawrence come to help out. They wowed the residents with a musical performance Monday. All but four of our residents came out to hear them. Ten teens spent a week doing a Vacation Bible School in Selden. They also weeded our garden and cleaned our 75-gallon fish aquarium. They made friends with residents, prompting a Pen Pal program.

Another project for Fair Days was completed on Tuesday. "Potted pin cushions" are ready to meet the judges. Hazel Flaska, Elsie Macy, Elaine Thomas and Opal Bryan transformed ordinary clay pots into something extraordinary!

Dennis Brown with the Forget-Me-Not ministry brought watermelon for Social Hour on Tuesday. Staff and residents appreciated the refreshing treat on such a hot day.

On Thursday, we had a party and baby shower for Julianna Baker. We played some silly shower games, reminded Julianna how to finish all those old nursery rhymes, and the ladies passed on some motherly advice. The theme was "Rubber Duckies." The tables were all adorned with decorated, water-filled rose bowls with unique rubber duckies swimming in each one. The cake spelled out "Welcome Baby" Staff and residents have posted their guesses as to when Baby Baker will arrive — anytime now would be okay!

Alan Addleman took his first ride in the new van. He headed to McCook to help select new tropical fish for our aquarium. Five Garaumi, five Neon Rosey Barbs, five Tiger Barbs, five Cherry Barbs, and three Rainbow Sharks are now in their new home.

On Saturday, pizza and poker was the evening fun. Sam Mack came to deal. We appreciate him filling in for his brother, Larry. Next month, Larry will teach us how to play Texas Hold 'Em.

David McGee will turn 80 on Aug. 11. He is determined to ride the Octopus for a good cause!

He is asking for people to sponsor him with the money going into a special Resident Outing Fund. His idea is he will ride the Octopus one time for every \$500 dollars sponsored. If you would like to sponsor him, send a check to the Good Sam, attention Lisa Paulson, or pick up a sponsor sheet at our booth in the Commercial Building during the fair. You can watch him ride with Celianna and Evan Shobe at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Recent guests: **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Opal Bryan** - Dorothy Alstrom, Sharon Slabaugh, Pam, Brian and Breck Simonsson; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva

Marshall, Helen Brooks, Darci and Faith Meitland, Mildred Black; **Lucy Schissler** - the Rev. Terry McGuire, Arlene Glad of Atwood, Joyce Dean; **Ruth Laidig** - Kim Mehl of Warrensburg, Mo., Greg Hall of Sweet Springs, Mo., Serena Stacy; **John and Muriel Ready** - Jan Badsky, Norma Richards; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Darci and Faith Meitl, Shelby Hackney; **Mae Guy** - John and Patty Guy of Sidney, Neb., Haley Kollars of Kearney, Neb., Pam Garrett and Jo Tinkbeiner of Colorado, Norma Richards; **Elaine Thomas** - Norma Richards, Barbara Castor; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Faye Miller** - Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings, Joni, Karen and Koy Smith of Park City; **Doris Marintzer** - Bud and Vicky Mumm, Hubert Mumm of Gem, Jim Rogers, Carl Mumm of Selden; **Lora Zwickle** - Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby; **Edla Olson** - Mary Ellen Horton, Arlene Glad of Atwood.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The rainstorm that came through Saturday varied in amounts in all directions from town. Rexford received 2.5 inches; north of town, Ken Johnston received 3.6 inches; south of town, Jay Todd reported receiving 1 inch; and west of town, Gary Hibbs reported 1.5 inches. The rain helped the street project by packing the new gravel.

There will be product from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the Ranch House. Duane and Jo Cheney, Colby, will have vegetables and flowers.

Darrell Leh is at the Debakey Center in Hays recovering from surgery. Marjorie reports he's doing well and looking forward to returning home soon.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows on Monday were Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Lawrence Juenemann, Maryann Juenemann, Lawrence Horinek, and Jean Hawkins.

Thursday's Come On Down participants included Jean Hawkins, Lawrence Horinek, Grace Cheney, Dick Sanford, Darlene Robben, Rex Carswell, and Deb Stepper.

Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Liz Rall, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Eunice Sanford, Evelyn Proffitt, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, and Berneda Zoberst.

See you at the
Decatur County Fair

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4-H Auction**
Thursday, Aug. 9
at 6:30 p.m.

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