

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1882

If you want to deal with good, reliable people, come to Oberlin.

Warm days, cool nights. Hay making is now the order of the day. Several loads of watermelons in town Saturday.

Up the Sappa the farmers are plowing for their fall crops.

Last Monday John Hannan brought us good samples of field corn raised by him on H.D. Colvin's place. He says that it will go 30 bushels to the acre, rain or no rain.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1907

Art Steele now occupies the whole sidewalk when he comes up town. It's a boy and greatly resembles his father.

The Oberlin business men defeated the Norcatour business men in a baseball game last Friday. Here's the line-up of the two teams: Norcatour: Williams, c; Eicher, 1b; Frewen, 2b; Kenney, ss; Dowe, cf; Benton, rf; Ward, lf; Dillon, p; Nesbit, 3b; Oberlin: Pasley, c; Stowell, 3b; Nellar, ss; Forsdick, 2b; Smith, p; Patton, cf; Brewer, lf; Fleming, 1b; Campbell, rf; The final score was Oberlin, 30, and Norcatour, 21. Both sides used several pitchers.

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75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1932

Local yards and gardens were visited and scored last week by Emmett Hill, landscape architect of Florida, with Mrs. John Bivans replacing first; Mrs. Loyd McGee, second, and James Petrack, third.

In class two, Mrs. H.J. Morrison, first; Mrs. E.S. Dean, second; Mrs. H.O. Benton, third; and the yard of Dr. J.A. and Carlotta Rummel, a special fourth place.

S.H. Howard accompanied six boys to Goodland Tuesday for a livestock judging contest by 10 teams from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. The following boys represented DCHS: Kenneth Norton, James Powell, Ervin Miller, Ivel Chilson, Eugene Lohoefer and Henry Simpson. Kenneth Norton was the high scoring individual on the Oberlin team.

Funeral services were held at the

Methodist Church for Chris Mines, 66, who had been suffering with diabetes for a number of months. Mr. Mines came to Decatur County 53 years ago and took a homestead in Logan Township, where he lived until 10 or 12 years ago when he moved to Oberlin, purchasing the former M.E. Mix feed yards near the depot.

The eighth annual Decatur County Teachers' Institute is underway with an enrollment of 87.

DeWillo of Hoxie, who is with a Chautauqua Company, won the Oberlin golf tournament and second place went to McKinzie of Oberlin, followed by Rogers of McCook and Stowell of Oberlin, which was determined in an extra three-hole play-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gaumer are the proud parents of a little daughter since Friday, Aug. 19, who has been named Jean Ann.

Dresden: The Fred Fortin family are all moved in and living in town now.

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50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1957

The local ASC office will hold a series of meetings to explain the 1958 winter wheat acreage reserve program (soil bank) to farmers in Decatur County.

Kay Tacha, Jennings, and a sophomore at Fort Hays State College, has been awarded a Follies Scholarship based on good character and ability. A music major, Miss Tacha is a member of the band, concert choir and Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary music sorority.

Dresden: Alf and Elf Foster were honored on their 74th birthdays Sunday at a cooperative dinner.

Jay Leuzler spent Saturday night with the Floyd Lotker family and accompanied them to the lake at Cambridge to boat on Sunday.

The Rev. Eldred VanPelt has accepted the pastorate of the Calder Church of the Nazarene at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where

he will deliver his first sermon Sunday, Sept. 8.

Southpaw pitcher Tom Thummel of the Oberlin American Legion was selected to play in the state American Legion all-star series last Saturday and Sunday at Wichita. Manager Ray Adams took Thummel and catcher Bruce Katzer of Hoxie to Wichita.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1982

After several days in Washington, D.C., with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block and members of the House Agriculture committee, five representatives of the Japan Food Agency spent Saturday in the Norcatour area with Dennis Shirley, chairman of the Kansas Wheat Commission, as host. The objective of the Wheat Associates-sponsored trip: to increase the wheat consumption in Japan and obtain a larger market share for U.S. wheat.

The descendants of Claus and Clara Anderson, who came to this country from Sweden and settled in the Lund community southwest of Oberlin, met Aug. 14 at the home of David and Mary Anderson for a potluck supper with 63 family members present.

New Arrival: Cathy and Darrel Ferguson, son, Baron Lee, Aug. 20.

Two acres of school property and schoolhouse on the site in Logan

Township was auctioned Friday morning for the high bid of \$4,400. Bill and Donna Goss, Denver, reportedly purchased the property.

A steady stream of persons in the Decatur County area joined many from out-of-town in congratulating Connie and Howard Banta Sunday on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Banta name has come to be synonymous with the grain and milling business in the Oberlin area and a sculpture, "The Breadwinner," commissioned by family members in honor of the occasion, was appropriately done by an artist whose roots also are in Decatur County: Gary Coulter of Pueblo, Colo. Sharp-eyed observers noted the scoop shovel was a #10.

Champs of the Lions Club-sponsored men's slow-pitch softball tournament which ended Sunday evening were the Goltl's Construction boys, with second place going to the Busch team and third to the Alibi. In the women's tournament held the previous week, the Hoxie women downed B.E.I. of Phillipsburg, 11-2, for first place and third place went to Moorman's Feed of McCook. The \$100 prize money which the McCook team won was donated to the Mitchell-Bartels memorial fund toward purchase of the octopus ride for the Decatur County carnival.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With August about over and September about here the museum board and staff is gearing up for the 49th Annual Mini Sapa Celebration. Plans are underway and a great day is being planned. Mark Saturday, Oct. 6, to spend the day in Oberlin!

If you are a crafter or vender and would like to have space at the Fall Craft Fair that will be held in conjunction with Mini Sapa on the museum grounds please contact us at (785) 475-2712 or e-mail us at lirm@sbcglobal.net. Space is still available.

We will need some volunteers to help with games and activities throughout the day and would be grateful for your help of an hour or so.

Interesting tidbits of history from

about 1500s:

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies! By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

Houses had thatched roofs (thick straw-piled high) with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, it's raining cats and dogs.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

before they returned home.

Theresia Rippe visited her daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Aaron Schilde of Mullinville last week.

Brian, Mary and Collin Clark of Atwood met Ron and Cindy Sattler after Mass for breakfast at BS Cafe in Herndon on Sunday.

Kent and Chris Wood invited Les and Myrna Pettera and Voni Sattler to their home Sunday afternoon for games of air golf and dinner later.

John Kleidosty of North Platte came Thursday to spend a few days with his mother Mildred Kleidosty. In last week's paper, it incorrectly said his mother was Mildred Grafel. Mick Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb., was also a visitor of Mrs. Kleidosty.

Carla Marintzer and Sharon Ecker have returned home after visiting Troy Ecker and Brandi and Bart Ecker in Hays.

Visitors last week of Stu and Pam

Stuczynski were Marge Berger Koetter, McCook, and her nephew Tom and Louise Owens, Canon City, Colo. Delmar Solko and Orrin Holle were also visitors. The previous week Stu and Marge went to Omaha to visit her three great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of John Westerman of Sylmar, Calif. He was born in Herndon in 1935 and died Aug. 20 in Sylmar, where he had lived most

of his life. He was a first cousin of Eunice Braxmeyer and Theresa Chvatal of Atwood, Eugene Kleidosty and Eileen Portschy of Herndon and Wilma Bobinmyer of Burlington, Colo.

Word was also received of the death of Florence Barenberg Bennett. She was born and grew up in Herndon and later moved to Washington, D.C., where she had since lived. She was a sister of Alice Kleidosty, formerly of Herndon.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the families of Bernadine Fred, LeRoy Schmidt and Roland "Red" Parr. Mrs. Fred, formerly of this community, died Friday at Hays Medical Center in Topeka; Mr. Schmidt died at his home early Monday morning and Mr. Parr died at Rossville on Sunday. Mr. Parr's wife is the former Irene Henningson, formerly of this community and she is a sister of Bob Henningson of Oberlin.

Word was received by Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther of the death of her step-father, William Howsare, 75, of Hebron, Ind., on Monday.

Steve and Arian Arnold spent last weekend in Thornton, Colo., where they attended a 40th wedding anniversary celebration, which honored Jerry and Cheri Hill of Norcatour at the home of their daughter, Erin and Brett Fredrickson. They also visited Mike and Nione Rhodin in Loveland, Colo.

Chris and Sherri Schmidt returned home last Tuesday from Browning, Mont., where they met their daughter and her husband, Erin and Mike Kittsen of Tucson, Ariz., at the home of his parents, Jim and Juanita Kittsen. They enjoyed Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and other points. They also visited Ralph and Betty Carlson, Michelle and Sarah at New Underwood, S.D.

Dave Bergling held a surprise birthday supper to honor his wife,

Sherry, at their home on Saturday. Guests were Vernetta Leikam, Chuck and Britton, Denver; Leila Wasinger and Ron Mason, Hays; Olive Bergling, Atwood; Richard Bergling, Ness City; Jeri and Mac McPheeters, Colby; Judy and Robert Groneweg, Jody and Evan Robertson, Dana and Marlin Marintzer, Pat Cozad, Karla Jones, Craig Larson, Rod Alstrom, Alicia and Kelly Bergling, Kirk Brown and Sharla Ritter.

Kyle Grafel and Rachel, and Gerald and Patti Benda spent the weekend at Covenant Heights Camp helping demolish the old chapel in preparation for a new one.

There will be a Sunday School kickoff at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Coffee and donuts will be served. Sunday School will follow at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

The Herndon Covenant Youth Group will leave at noon Sunday for a bike and horseback ride and camp out at Franke Springs near Herndon.

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Cedar Living News

We celebrated lots of birthdays last week.

John Tacha, Lawrence, ate lunch with Mildred Tacha on Monday to help her celebrate her birthday. In the afternoon they went to Jennings where they had supper with Doyle and Kay Brown.

Gary Bruggeman and Regina Stanley ate lunch with Helena Bruggeman on Wednesday in honor of her birthday. Wednesday was also Mildred Cochran's birthday. Her guests for a birthday supper were Gary, Sarah and Kaine Fredrickson.

Lillian Sulzman, Dresden, brought cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff on Friday in honor of John Schuhart's birthday.

Penny card players on Monday afternoon included Claudine Bennett, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Nadeane Haag, Mary Kolsky, John Schuhart, Don Shaw and Delores Wheeler.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Volunteers Jerry Temple and Opal Huntley had been absent from Bingo for a few weeks and everyone was happy to see them back at work on Tuesday afternoon, along with their fellow volunteers Alice Shirley and Ila Ray. Delores Wheeler won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Edie Pettera won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus was in charge of the Bible study on Tuesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon, which included Helena Bruggeman, Elsie Goodnight, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha and Frank

and Velda Ward.

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

A group of residents gathered on Thursday afternoon for an extra game of Bingo. Prizes included peaches, plums and homegrown tomatoes. Everyone went home with something special. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry eggplant and zucchini.

Cedar Living Center continues to be blessed with donations of garden produce. The residents have really been enjoying the tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and other treats. We also received a box of Colorado peaches from Frank Bouts.

Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden, visited on Sunday evening and organized a game of pinochle. They are frequent Sunday visitors and the pinochle players always look forward to these visits.

Recent visitors: Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Elwood and Norine Bailey and Dan and Rita Miller, Jennings; Linda Bosler and Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Jim Rogers, Selden; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Wilma May, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Roxie Pomeroy, Darlene Fisher, Charlie and Betsy Haag and Eula Juenemann, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

My, what a week we have had. One of the things I love most about working at the Good Samaritan Center is you never know what joy awaits you each morning.

On Monday, in the Garden of Hope (our dementia care unit) a resident who is normally very restless and unresponsive, sat for 45 minutes with a group of peers. That, in itself was a reason to cheer, but what was even better is she was focused, engaged and smiling.

For a caregiver, that was a precious breakthrough moment, a valuable piece to a puzzle, a glimpse into a resident's world. Seeing life rekindled in eyes that have been dulled by the disease encourages us to believe that the moment can be replicated. Even if those moments are far and few between, it reminds us of why we are here.

On Tuesday, Eva Bryan celebrated her 94th birthday with friends and family in the Quiet Room.

Meanwhile, our crafty gals Kathryn Post, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan and Hazel Flaska worked on some items that will be for sale during a Christmas Bazaar to be held in November. We'll keep you posted.

Thursday was the highlight of the week.

The Vic Mowry Band came from Hoxie to get the toes tappin' and the wiggle workin'. Everyone came out for a spin on the dance floor.

Marie McChesney was lit up like a Christmas tree as she danced with Stuart Euhus.

Jeanette Conway said, "The dance did more for us than you'll ever know. It brought back so many memories and it was just fun."

Harlan Geishler wore a huge smile as he took his turn on the floor. Janice and Ken Shobe had a romantic anniversary dance, reminiscent of their wedding 38 years ago. The band played a special tune in their

honor.

Our thanks goes out to Marion Wenger for bringing dancers from the community to dance with the residents, making the evening extra fun. Root beer and popcorn were served all a round.

Friday, I was convinced would be a sleepy, rest-up from the party kind of day. It was rainy outside and perfect napping weather.

Our Lunch Bunch Outing was on the schedule, but I knew no one would be up for it. Boy, was I wrong!

Seven peppy people were waiting to get their feet wet and get their fill of fish at the Frontier Restaurant. David McGee, Kathryn Post, Opal Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Lora Zwickle, Dorothy Hunt and Lucy Schissler weathered the weather for a lunch on the town.

On Saturday, Larry Mack dealt poker for Doris Miller, John Ready, Pooch Portschy, Lora Zwickle and Jeanette Conway.

On Sunday, David McGee and Dorothy Pryor left bright and early to attend worship services at Lyle United Methodist Church.

Visitors this week were: Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas; Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley for Eva Bryan; Elsie Wolters for Faye Miller and Dorothy Pryor; Don and Joan Grafel for Thelma Spiers; Shelby Hackney for Ethel Nemeth; Kenny and Clem Mumm, Jim and Eleanor Rogers.

Alberta Ritter, Delores Raile and Marge and Gene for Hubert Mumm; Charlene Karnes for Hazel Flaska; Mildred Black and Ron and Dixie Snyder for Dorothy Hunt; Rhonda Wildeman for Faye Miller; Eunice Richards for Earl Brown and Lora Zwickle; Lois Lamb for Dorothy Bryan; Opal Bryan, Thelma Spiers, John and Muriel Ready and Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler.

Love and blessings from the Good Sam family!



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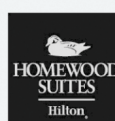
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