

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1883

Antelope reported numerous on the Prairie Dog.

The jurors in Judge Wilson's court last week were furnished with cushioned chairs. This is a new innovation.

On Monday evening, May 21, 1883, a farewell was held for Hon. Thos. H. Cavanaugh who held the position of Secretary of State for four years, was Register of the U.S. Land Office at this place and has lately received an appointment to Washington Territory.

West Grant: Crops are looking well — never better. A Sabbath School was organized last Sunday three miles north of Vallonia to be known as the Union Ridge School. After Sabbath School, preaching was had by Rev. Silas Spear.

Rev. John Wilson will divide his time between the Presbyterian churches of Oberlin and Norton.

The creamery building is completed and the principal machinery has arrived.

Three cents a mile is what it will cost you to ride on the railroads of Kansas.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1908

Fifty-five members of T.E.G. Ransom Post, No. 198, G.A.R., took part in the annual decoration day exercises. Judge A.C.T. Geiger delivered the principal address at the afternoon program at the opera house.

The telephone company is building an addition on Hall Street.

Lund Items: George Higgins tore down his old sod house last week. But few are left in this vicinity.

The assessors have finished their work and their books reveal total assessed valuation of personal property of Decatur County as being \$2,656,202; real property valuation is \$9,014,131 and the railroad valuation will probably add enough to make the total over \$12,000,000.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1908

The Oberlin Cemetery is looking unusually neat and clean, due to the careful work of the caretaker Ross Chilson.

Possibly the younger generation are growing away from the old time ideas of a fitting observance of Decoration Day and possibly the growth of sentiment against all war or the glorification of war has had something to do with the gradually diminishing interest in the program for Decoration Day in Oberlin.

Certain it is that the older residents miss the glamour and display of such programs in Oberlin of 25 and 30 years ago when there were 150 or 60 G.A.R. men living in or near Oberlin. Only two Civil War veterans were present Tuesday to witness the ceremonies in their honor — H.A. Stowell and George Seavey.

The Keep Pace Club, assisted by Mrs. Annette Morrison, Mrs. H.

J. Morrison, Mrs. H. J. Hitchcock and Mrs. J.E. Love, entertained the Swastika Club of Jennings at a social afternoon Monday. Following a line party to the George Arliss Picture, "The Working Man," the ladies progressed to the home of Mrs. E.S. Dean for a social hour and refreshments. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Winget, Mrs. Feely, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Harry Simpson, Mrs. Munson, Mrs. Noone, Mrs. Bert Simpson, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Heatherington, all of Jennings and Mrs. Robert McCrea of Ottawa.

The H.A. Murphy Tea & Coffee Co. and the Star Lunch both housed in an old frame building adjoining the Campbell store were destroyed by an early morning fire.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for W.G. Colbert, 67, who had just been elected to the city council. He came here in 1908 and was in the general mercantile business of Victor Lorig and later in the grocery business for himself.

Fairview-Summit: Miss Gladys Smith accompanied Mrs. Clyde Jones and daughter to Idaho Monday where they will visit for some time.

Arnold Anderson has been elected principal of Clayton Rural High School for the coming school year and we believe they have made a good selection.

So far as we are able to learn, the Jerry Votapka family was the first Decatur County family to leave for the World's Fair which opened in Chicago Saturday. The Votapkas, driving through, left about 10 days ago.

A wedding of interest to local people took place at Norton Friday evening when Miss Nila Gill and Mr. Virgil Olson were married by the probate judge. They have taken an apartment in the Anna B. Morrish house at 212 North Cass where they are at home to their many friends.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1958

Oberlin's first new fire truck in 30 years will be tested at Sappa State Lake this morning. Purchase price is nearly \$9500.

The Oberlin City Council approved the paving of 13 more blocks. At least one other additional petition for paving is out and several more are expected to be petitioned during the summer.

The Oberlin City Pool opened under favorable conditions this week under the direction of Don Leuszler. Lifeguards are Rusty Addleman and Jerry Baker.

Lance Gilmore, Wichita, assumed the duties as assistant editor of the Herald replacing Dean Coughenour. Gilmore just finished his senior year at Kansas State with a major in journalism. He is rooming at the Leon Macy apartments.

Five students from Decatur County received degrees at the University

of Kansas : BA degrees went to Waldo Anderson of Traer; David Gaumer and Wanda Welliever, Oberlin; BS degrees in education went to Betty Joan Dryden, Jennings and Sylvia Mahon, Oberlin.

Dresden: The Memorial Day program was very good. County Attorney Marvin Meyer gave a good talk and Tommy McKay sang a solo as he has for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bearley and Mrs. M.L. Kyte attended the 25th reunion of their graduating class at Atwood High School on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Nelson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janette Nelson, to Howard Votapka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Votapka. An August wedding is planned.

Oberlin's Bob Vernon outdistanced a number of college stars in the Missouri Valley AAU track and field meet held last week in Merriam. Vernon's winning throw was 152 feet. World record-holder Al Oerter of Kansas had been in the field but dropped out when a sudden downpour deluged the track.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lindemann, daughter, Polly Sue, May 29.

Marvin Everist received a degree in electrical engineering at Kansas State College Sunday and has accepted a position at Army Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachua, Ariz.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1958

Some 230 large American flags fluttered in the breeze along the driveways of the Oberlin Cemetery during the Memorial Day services Monday. Honored guests were World War I veterans Ben Miller, Everett Smith and Emmett O'Toole.

Crews for Bainter Construction, Hoxie, have been putting in long hours as the weatherman is finally cooperating and the Oberlin Rural Rental Housing Project located in east Oberlin is quickly taking shape.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With a very successful 7th Annual Summerfest Car Show behind us, we want to thank everyone who helped and supported the event. We had beautiful weather for it and the many participants told us what a great show it was, and how impressed they were with Oberlin.

This Sunday, the Museum will be holding a fundraiser in conjunction with Bike Across Kansas. We are being told that there are over 800 bicycles that will be going on Highway 36 from St. Francis to the Missouri line. On Saturday, the bikers will be staying over at Atwood and will be through the Oberlin area on Sunday where they will be

eating lunch.

The museum will be serving breakfast of pancakes and ham from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. for those that would like to eat before church. Then we will be switching over to a lunch menu of brats and pork burgers at 11 a.m. and will serve until 1 p.m. This will be by donation.

The Museum will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the regular \$5 admission fee.

What a great time to come support the Museum and visit with the out-of-town guests as they come through our area making them want to come back and visit again and spend more time in Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

We have several new faces at Cedar Living Center. New residents include Agnes Pruitt, Alvina Gambelin, Lois Carlson, Fern Wenger, Donna Kent, and Karon Galitz.

Alice Shirley has returned to her home at Wheat Ridge Terrace after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lora Linn Leichtler who passed away on Saturday, May 31, after an extended illness.

We are still working on organizing a poker tournament with staff or visitors playing against the Cedar Living Center residents. Anyone interested in participating may contact Teresa Shaughnessy or Tara Votapka at 475-2276.

An ice cream social was held on the afternoon of Memorial Day. Tara Votapka assisted residents with making ice cream sundaes. They looked as good as they tasted.

Ruth Leopold was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held on Monday evening. Family members brought in a picnic supper and ate on the patio. Ruth received nearly 100 birthday cards from her many friends and family members.

Edie Pettera won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elwood Mines won the blackout game.

The Residents Council met on

Tuesday afternoon. Plans were made for a pizza party later in the month of June.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry Saw Lone had a Catholic Mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were served warm from the oven. After the cookies were gone, a group of residents met outside to supervise the planting of our garden boxes. The boxes are planted with tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.

Recent visitors: Stanley and Louise Blackburn, Amarillo, Texas; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Woody Morford, McCook; Lemi-lla Counter and Liliana, McCook; Steve and Vonda Leopold, McCook.

Carol and Herb Shirley, Dianne and Jessica Bremer, Dorothy Moore, Marilyn Gambelin, Connie, Leon, and Jamie Miller, Jody Betts, Lyle Gambelin, Ira Kolsky, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Roxie Pomeroy, Eula Juenemann, Sandy Counter, Edie Tate. Oberlin.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The devastation of the storms this past week, especially the one taking the home of Charlie and Judy (Magers) Easton, was the only thing keeping it from being a great week. Margaret (Toots) Magers, Judy's mother, had gone to Aurora, Colo., with Coleen Rippe on Wednesday for the high school graduation of Brittany Hawks, Toots' great-granddaughter. They were called about Judy's disaster, so went back to Quinter. She said the tornado took the roof but the contents of the house were saved, just messed up and rearranged. Neighbors helped to rescue their household goods.

On Tuesday, May 20, Carol Moyer drove to Hays to attend the eighth grade graduation of her granddaughter, Emily Bader. She was accompanied by Anthony and Tielia High and Veda Wood. They had a short visit with Wade, Mariah and Garrett Bader and with Adriene Vacura and Kylie.

On Saturday, Hannah and Israel Jirak and Hester and Danny Bundrock had a first birthday party for their little ones, Layton Jirak and Cohen Bundrock in Stockton. Among guests were David and Tina Wood, Stroud, Okla.; the girl's brother, Toby and Jenny; and Layton's big brother, Landon.

Dwight Wood said their big flowering pear tree was split in half by the wind.

June Jolly had dinner with Butch

and Barbara Jolly. Other visitors were Louie and Laveda, Dennis and Linda McFarland; Ernest Lee Weyeneth; Dean and Rhonda Jolly and Jennifer's family; Allen, Patty and Tanner Jolly; Mary Jolly, whose husband took a carload of kids to Denver to a baseball game, and Coleen and Laverne Rippe and daughter, Christine.

Gary and Cathy Anthony went to Brush, Colo. on Saturday and visited with her sister and two brothers, one who was there from Tennessee. Keith Anthony left for Texas Monday to attend the wedding of another granddaughter.

The American Legion of Lebanon, Neb. gave the Memorial program at Lyle on Sunday, with Mike Helm as speaker. Some stayed for dinner and others went to the Decatur services.

Richard Huff stopped by to visit Earnest and Donna Huff on his way to visit his parents, Elden and Charissa Huff.

Brooke and Brady Sumner are out of school for the summer and have gone to their grandmother Vonne's for a visit with cousins. Todd, Deanna and family went to Grand Island and to Pioneer village, then came home to lots of water in their yard and terraces.

Sheryl Patterson plans to bring Alta May VanGundy to her home on June 10.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Visitors the past week of Esther Pennington and Mary Rushing were Myrna Pettera, Beth Chartier Hraha, Chris Wood, Ann Solko and Voni Sattler.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., and Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz. returned to their homes on Wednesday, May 28.

Cecilia Lehman of Tribune came to visit her mother, Ann Martin, on Friday. They attended the funeral of Ann's sister-in-law, Leona Haller on Saturday at Stratton, Neb., along with Bob and Henry Martin. Cecilia returned home Saturday evening.

Lance Jording, Phoenix, Ariz., came to Herndon on May 20 to visit his parents, LaVerne and Sharon Frick and other relatives in Herndon and McCook. He returned home Wednesday.

Gwen Solko, McCook, was a guest of LaVerne and Sharon Frick from last Monday until Wednesday, May 28.

Sharon Frick attended her 45th anniversary alumni reunion in Oberlin on May 24. It was her Aunt Cletis Hammersmidt's 70th an-

niversary. The Herndon community extends their sympathy to Don and Diana Solko and family in the death of Diana's father, Delmar Dewey of Trenton, Neb.

Sympathy is also extended to the families and friends of Harold Demmer.

Lauri Fox, Valley Center; Stephani Hawkins and Adrian of Dallas, Texas; and Chris Hosaka and Alex, Alpharetta, Ga., came to visit their mother and grandmother, Carol Kompus on Saturday, May 24. Lauri returned home on Monday, May 26. Chris, Alex, Stephani and Adrian are staying for an extended visit.

Damian Marintzer, Westminster, Colo., and Jim and Sharon Vogel were also recent visitors.

Carol, Chris, Stephani, Alex and Adrian visited Wilma Bobinmeyer, Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm in Idalia, Colo., on Friday.

Carol, Chris, Alex, Stephani and Adrian enjoyed a delicious dinner at the South Shore Marina in Trenton, Neb., on Friday evening.

Good Samaritan News

Now that school is out and summer is here we were looking for ways to keep in touch with our First Hand Friends. We love the laughter, enthusiasm and energy of children... it reminds us to be a little more like them. We decided to plan an event each month that would invite the children of the community to come see us.

We have partnered with the Library to have the kids who signed up for the Summer Reading Program to bring a library book to read to a Grandma or Grandpa. Each time they do they will receive a hug and a prize!

We will host Sammy's Safari Carnival from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 21. This will be grrrrreat fun for preschoolers through 6th graders.

On July 4, we will have a parade and Ice Cream Social. Everyone is asked to decorate a tricycle, bicycle, scooter, wagon or wheelchair. We'll parade around the block and end with an Ice Cream Social just in time to get to the fireworks display. This will be fun for families of all ages!

A Fair Days Balloon Launch from our front lawn will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Come join us and then head for the Fair! This, too, will be fun for all ages.

In September, a Beautiful Baby Pageant is the works. Keep watch for more details.

We want to welcome our Junior Volunteers who have joined our Good Sam Family. They are Aura and Lily Marine and Cerys and Meghan Davies (Kick Ball on Sat-

urdays) Logan and Alex Hayward (Kick Ball on Tuesdays) Garrett Scott (Kick Ball). Adam O'Dea (Yard Work) and Serena Stacy (Walkway of Flags). Thank you for helping make our home a fun place to live!

Visitors this week were: Pat Berry for all. Beth Chartier and Cheri Kastens for Pooch Portschy, Mabel McLaughlin (Missouri) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Ken Mumm (Selden), for Hubert Mumm. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Helen Brooks, Shelby Hackney, Betty Heisel, Faith Meitl and Laysa Medina for Ethel Nemeth. Eunice Richards, Brian, Pam, Breck and Nathan Simonsson, Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Ron

and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Mildred Black for Dorothy Hunt. Daisy Rhein for Jeanette Conway. Rhonda and Rylan Wildeman for Faye Miller and Emma Sanford. MJ and Chris Dempewolf (Nortaur) and Marian Thornton for R.D. Thornton. Eunice Richards for Earl Brown. Deetta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Justin Laird (New York City) and Luanne Laird for Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird. Connie Simonsson and Alyce Avery for Amy Rehm. Jim Hayward (Greeley, Colo.), Jeff, Logan and Alex Hayward for Shirley Hayward. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor and Faye Miller. Bob Haskins (Broomfield, Colo.) and Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

We omitted Terri Hanke in the Votapka gathering and attending the Johnson family reunion at The Gateway in Oberlin last week.

Betty Votapka, Oceanside, Calif., is visiting two weeks with Mary Votapka and Tom.

Sharon Gaston, Missy Jones and Cody Clark, Ames, Iowa; Gwen Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons and Gabriel, Manhattan; and Russell Cressler, Bison, were Memorial weekend visitors of Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Mable Berndt of Monument and Myrtle Kropp of Colby visited with Alice and Larry Mizer from Sunday until Wednesday. On Tuesday they all called on Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh of McGraw.

Senior potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday in the Senior Center. Bingo will be played following the meal.

There will be a Jennings Community meeting in the Masonic Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday June 12. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Items to be discussed will include repair

work to the Masonic Hall, ideas for the Fireman's Fun Day and any other thoughts for the betterment of our community. If you are unable to

attend but would like to have issues brought before the group, you may contact Bob Jones or Marge Hartzog to have these issues presented.

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