

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1883

When will the streets be graded and those intolerable mud holes filled up?

John Morrison comes to the front this week with a small advertisement which by close observation you can see on our second page.

J.M. Butters started out Wednesday to establish the routes for the creamery company.

Hawkeye Items: C. Geisenhener has moved his family to the south fork of the Prairie Dog where he intends to reside thereafter and look after his cattle extensively.

The editor went down to Vallonia last Friday to help our baseball club beat the Vallonia boys. We are satisfied if the rest are.

Garfield Items: Fawcett brothers gave a croquet party Saturday, June 9 which was largely attended by the young people of the neighboring country.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1908

College students home for the summer vacation include: from Washburn, Caleb Smick and Will Landau; from Ottawa University, Miss Emma Simonsen; Kansas University, Marx Lorig and Roy Riste; Nebraska University, Edna Randall; Salina Wesleyan, Lila Worrall.

Hail storms have been common in various parts of the county lately, and a regular twister is reported to have done considerable damage at Long Island.

Art Steele has been working night and day to get the telephone system in good working order.

The standpipe was running over on Monday but it didn't rain full altogether. Part of the water was pumped in.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1933

Nearly a thousand people attended the Decoration Day program and services at the Big Timber grove and cemetery. The program started at 11 a.m. at the grove with several selections by the Jennings band under the direction of M. Nauer. The band then led the procession to the cemetery where Frank Pachner made an appropriate address. They returned to the grove for the basket dinner and the principal talk made by Prof. Howard of Oberlin and a play put on by a group of people from Jennings, Kanona and Cedar Bluffs. We are sorry that circumstances prevented our taking advantage of a personal invitation from Joe Fiala to attend the big dinner and program and we realize we missed a real treat.

The opening day of the swimming pool will be Sunday and Russell Anderson the manager has been

busy cleaning up the grounds, the large cement bowl and replacing some 40 window panes in the dressing rooms.

Among the 21 students who enrolled in the vacation school conducted by Mrs. Mae Bertram at the high school building are Mildred Allen and Reta Rees, Jennings; Florence Wolfram, Traer; R. Leigh Bell, Norcatour and Marie Chilson and Lucille Unger, Oberlin.

The business men of Dresden put on a free picture show both Saturday afternoon and evening.

Jennings: At our school meeting it was voted to have a nine months school. Mr. Gilbert Stephens was elected clerk. Most of the teachers have been retained for another term.

Custer: Ethyl, Donnel and Carol Ehlers have a Shetland pony of which they are very proud.

Dr. Reeves reports the following births in May: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cochran, 8-pound girl on the 16th, Leona Belle; Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure, 7 pound girl on the 21st, Donna Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barratt on the 28th, 10-pound boy; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Decker on the 31st, 7-pound boy, Delbert Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morris are the parents of a baby girl born May 27.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1958

Interest — and activity — has increased in obtaining an area TV satellite in this area which would be an NBC affiliate out of Great Bend. Area TV must raise \$100,000 to make this possible and Decatur County's quota is \$25,000 of which \$10,000 has been subscribed and is on deposit. At the six-county meeting held in Colby there was complete accord that McCook and other towns in the Class A reception area should do their share in fund raising especially as the station will include the name "McCook." Location of the satellite station would be nine miles west of Oberlin along US-36 Highway.

Mary Ann Page and Eva Sue Myer are attending Girls State on the campus of the University of Kansas this week.

Many of the northwestern counties in Kansas are reporting an infestation of migratory grasshoppers and Decatur County commissioners are considering a spraying program to prevent the young hoppers from maturing and depositing eggs for a fall hatch.

Edith Trimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trimble of Selden, became the bride of Louis LaVern

Ketterl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ketterl of Herndon on May 28 at Sacred Heart Church in Selden. The bride is a graduate of Selden Rural High School and Topeka Beauty Academy and has operated a shop in Selden since 1954. Mr. Ketterl served in the U.S. Army and is engaged in farming. They will make their home on a farm northeast of Herndon.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Elden Huntley, Traer, daughter, Kristi Elaine, June 9; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schwab, daughter, Susan Lynne, June 5; Mr. and Mrs. James Britton, Dresden, son, June 10.

Jerry Baker, Larry Guinn and Barbara Eckhardt are attending Aquatic School in Winfield this week.

Rev. Raymond Worden is the new pastor of the Norcatour Methodist Church replacing Rev. M.E. Markwell who retired from the ministry. The Rev. Ray Bressler was returned to the Oberlin Church and the Rev. Wesley Davis to the Jennings Methodist Church.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1983

Oberlin City Park will be the site on Friday evening of the annual Miss Frontier Day celebration. Lydia Logback, Hill City, the 1983 Miss Frontier, will present the talent number she will take to the Miss Kansas pageant later this month, a classic ballet to the music of "The Blue Danube," by Johann Strauss." Shirley Schwab, a local contestant, will present her talent number, a

piano solo revision of Debussy's "Arabesque."

Ed Bateman will take the reins as president of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce this week succeeding Ralph Marcuson.

A decision was made by the Oberlin City Council to allow the use of plastic pipe in underground installation of building drains in construction within the city. Local plumbers Bruce Guinn and Marvin Hansen stated that according to the building code they have been allowed to use only cast iron or vitreous clay material in underground building drains. Such materials are more costly although of better quality, they indicated. The question surfaced when an out-of-town contractor began installing plastic pipes in the rural rental housing project in east Oberlin. City Attorney Terry Rogers stated that it is his opinion that plastic pipe is legal for use in underground installations.

Members of the Decatur County Historical Society had their long-awaited tour of the Jules Ufford native stone house built in 1885 which is located near the Decatur-Rawlins county line and became the showplace of the area. The house has undergone a complete restoration in recent years by its present owner, Bette Hackney.

Some 20 bicyclist who are part of the week-long Bike Across Kansas group stopped in at the local museum Sunday.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We hosted a fundraiser on Sunday, in conjunction with Bike Across Kansas. People signed the book from Kansas, Texas, Colorado and Missouri. Well over 100 people toured the museum and thought we were Northwest Kansas' best kept secret.

They commented on the beauty of the town and the friendliness of the people they met. Several told us that they would be back with friends and family to spend more time.

From *The Oberlin Herald*, June 1958.

"Curator Hired for Museum; Will Begin Cataloging Items.

Mrs. Lawrence Claar, Rexford, has been hired as curator of the Decatur County Museum. Her duties started Tuesday, and she began cataloging items immediately, the major task to be done before the museum can open.

She was recommended for the position by a Decatur County Historical Society committee headed by Ira Laidig, after the committee had interviewed a number of applicants.

The H. Q. Banta fossil and rock collection was moved from the high school to the Decatur County Museum Friday, along with several items that had been stored in the courthouse.

The Banta collection had been on display at the high school but will now appear in the main display room of the Museum.

Items taken to the museum from the courthouse included an old plow, saddle, stuffed coyote, books, papers, and more rocks.

Charlie Corcoran, Marvin Meyer, Ted Addleman, Bob Fredrickson and Howard Banta moved the collections Friday evening.

Cedar Living News

Ruth Havel, Myrna Wilson, and Al Schuhart are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

The penny card game on Monday afternoon included Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Velda Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and the blackout game ended in a tie between Delores Wheeler and Donna Kent.

Barb Solko and Juanita Williby played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Leopold, and Velda Ward.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

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

The bowlers had a lively game on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Frank Ward went to McCook on Friday with Wava Reames.

Fred Counter was the guest of honor at a family supper held on the patio on Sunday night. They came one day early to celebrate his birthday.

Recent visitors: Keith Pettera, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Betty Jean Wicke, Charles Walker, Ludell; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Tammi Engel, Colby; Allison Tadlock and Shane Riter, Greeley, Colo.; Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Margaret Stanley, Colby; John and Julie Geisinger, Selden; Lemilla Counter and Liliana, McCook; Jonath Counter, Norton.

Earl Brown, Ella Betts, John and Edie Tate, Mildred Holmdahl, Jody Betts, Wilma May, Doug, Pat, and Skyler Brown, Connie and Kary Miller, Lyle Gamblin, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Sandy Counter, Roxie Pomeroy, Gary Fredrickson, Ira Kolsky, Jody Wenger, Sam Mack, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Jon Fisher, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

The community extends sympathy to Paul and Diane Allen and family and Terry and Sheila Carfield and family in the loss of their father and grandfather, Sidney Allen.

Voni Sattler spent the weekend in Hays visiting her daughter, Patti and Allen Park, Alex, Breanna, Brittani and Nicolas. She also attended the wedding of Jared Solko and Vanessa Ellis.

Herndon PRIDE will sponsor several garage sales in Herndon on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Sharon Ecker and Carla Marintzer spent from June 1 to 8 in Hays visiting Mrs. Ecker's sons, Troy and Bart Ecker and granddaughter, Brandi Ecker. Sharon also attended the Jared Solko-Vanessa Ellis wedding.

Todd and Toni Campbell and Ian of Bellvue, Neb.; Grant and Lindsey Jones and Sydney of Wichita; Irma and Cary Sdreiveri of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Lucy and Butch Evans of McCook, visited Ann Martin over the weekend.

Roger Franke of Hutchinson was an overnight guest of Don and Joan Grafel on Wednesday.

Todd Nelson returned to Pittsburg State University at Pittsburg after spending three weeks with his mother, Joan and Don Grafel.

Sharon Frick attended the wedding of Melissa Solko and Rob Brown on June 7.

Laverne and Sharon Frick attended the wedding of Mary Jo

Green and Jesus Costillo. They were married at St. Mary's Assumption Church in Herndon on June 2.

John Hahn, Trent and Ashton of Garden City, visited Carol Kompus, and Chris and Alex Hosaka of Alpharetta, Ga., from Friday evening to Sunday. They all enjoyed dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill Saturday night.

Stephani and Adrian Hawkins of Dallas, Texas, returned home after an extended visit with her mother, Carol Kompus, and sister, Chris and Alex Hosaka.

Rita and Joe Marintzer spent the weekend with Justin and Lori Marintzer at Hays. Abe Marintzer of Emporia joined Rita and Joe to attend the wedding of Jared Solko and Vanessa Ellis.

Nadine Green spent from Thursday evening to Monday morning with her daughter and family, Jeanne, Mitch and Brittani Tuma in Colby. Jeanne is recovering from recent back surgery.

Brad, Deanna, Brandi and Kassidi Williams spent the weekend with Lynette McNeil, Melodie, Madison and Jamison Sattler of Aurora, Colo.

Brandi and Kassidi Williams stayed overnight Sunday with Chelsey Williams of Colby.

Voni Sattler had dinner on Thursday with Brad, Deanna, Brandi and Kassidi Williams for Kassidi's 14th birthday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gage Scott was honored on his 5th birthday with a party at his home May 29, hosted by Wendy and Justin Scott and Garrett. Guests were Edward Wurm, Albany, Ore.; Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Jerry and Connie Olson.

Walter and Betty May, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, and Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron and Elizabeth were May 31 weekend guests of Richard and Delayne May in Lawrence and attended the Duke University Talent Identification Program on the Kansas University Campus where

Elizabeth and Zach were honored by receiving State level academic awards.

Ralph and Norma Unger returned home Thursday from Anaheim, Calif., where Ralph attended a Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Seminar representing the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties State Board of which he is a member.

Cole, Ryan, and Zach May attended a basketball camp on the Fort Hays State University campus from Sunday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 4.

Good Samaritan News

June is always an unpredictable month when it comes to weather and this spring seems to be just a mite more blustery than usual. Impromptu hallway activities have been a little too frequent for this month's calendar. Many people have inquired as to our protocol when a tornado warning is issued; other readers may be curious as well.

When a tornado watch is in effect, dispatch calls us, and we use this time to close all the drapes in the resident's rooms and gather emergency supplies that could be needed in case of an actual tornado.

If the watch changes to a warning, dispatch again notifies us and we begin to evacuate the residents to the inner hallways, complete with blankets and pillows. (It is the resident's choice to remain in their rooms if they desire). An "Occupied" or "Evacuated" door hanger is placed at each room and roll is taken to determine that everyone is accounted for.

After all safety measures are in place, we do our best to make sure everyone is as comfortable as possible. We pass the time in prayer, singing hymns and silly songs, playing trivia word games and eating snacks. The last warning came right as Bible Study was beginning so we simply moved our study to the hallway.

Everyone is always very cooperative, making it a sort of an adventure instead of a burden. Keeping the residents safe is our primary focus and we appreciate your concern and ask that you would always lift us up in prayer when the weather is threatening.

Thankfully not all the activities were hallway bound. The Lyle Gals came on Monday to play pinochle with Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Pooch Portschy, R.D. Thornton,

Kathryn Post, Eileen Laird and Alice Bobbitt. Everyone had a great time and the cookies were delicious!

During Art Class, the ladies made lady bug centerpieces for our Family Potluck. Myrtle Ross, Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm and Shirley Hayward helped with the project.

The Lunch Bunch headed to A&W on Tuesday. Kathryn Post, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor, Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Faye Miller and Evelyn Olson all went along.

Joey Hirsch officiated for Hillbilly Horseshoes on Friday. The competition is pretty fierce this season. Opal Bryan was the winner with Alice Bobbitt, second, and Mary Lemman, third. Other contestants were Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Evelyn Olson, Nadine Anderson, Leo Mooty, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller, Doris Marintzer and R.D. Thornton, who were cheered on by Paul Meisner, our Day Resident.

Our Family Potluck was a huge success! Thanks to all who came and brought such wonderful fix-in's. A special thanks to the 180 Boys for helping to clean up and John Paulson and Ken Shobe for their grilling expertise!

Mark your calendars for Sammy's Safari Carnival on Saturday, June 21, from 1-4 p.m. and the 4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. on July 4th.

Remember: In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone! God Bless!

Visitors who signed the guest book last week were: Pat and Clem Mumm (Colby), Imogene Rogers (Rexford), Jim Rogers (Selden) for Hubert Mumm, Jim and Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt,

Terry McGuire (Atwood), Terry Schissler (Tampa, Fla.), Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Marion Thornton and Merla Rhodes (Hays) for R.D. Thornton, Connie Simonson and Alyce Avery for Amy Rehm, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan, Betty

Heisel for Ethel Nemeth, Imogene Rogers (Rexford), Jim Rogers (Selden), Donna Reist (Althe) and Mildred Holmdahl for Alice Bobbitt, Merla Rhodes (Hays) for Ruby Shulder and Kathryn Post, Mildred Holmdahl for Eulaine Benda and Edla Olson.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

It seems to be a dark, dreary day, but my mother-in-law never failed to say, "This is a day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it". That is good advice, and I am sure that in this country, there is always something good, if we open our eyes.

Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter spent a week in Chicago, sightseeing and meeting friends from New Jersey.

Kris and Kathy Van Meter, Lincoln, Neb., announce the birth of Pallmer Rose on May 15. Steve and Julia Van Meter are grandparents. The late Dale Van Meter was great-grandfather and Kathy Van Meter, Lyle, is the great-grandmother.

Carol Moyer spent part of Saturday with Veda Wood, coming armed with beautiful iris and tulips. She then planted them, and did other yard work. Sunday Veda Wood was visited by Mariah and Garret Bader and Grant Slater.

The senior citizens enjoyed a potluck dinner, Friday noon, followed by cards at Norcatour. Those from Lyle attending were: June Jolly, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, and Joyce Sumner brought Claudia Bridges, Jackie Porter and Eleanor Jensen.

DeWayne Jackson brought the message at the Lyle Church on Sunday. His daughter and son-in-

law came with him, which always brings extra blessings.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Lora Linn (Ward) Lechlitter. The family has our sympathy.

Charlie and Judy Easton are staying with friends while they look for a place to move. People were so good to take their furniture and belongings for a safekeeping, so there will be a "great roundup" when the time comes.

Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and Veda Wood had potluck at the Educational building, which was a farewell dinner for the minister, Reverend Gilstrap.

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