

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1883

The Herald office has been enlarged and cleaned up.
 Last Friday was a scorcher; the thermometer stood at 100 at 4 o'clock.
 Owing to the sickness of Mr. Henshaw, our foreman, and the absence of the Editor, this issue of the Herald has been gotten out one-handed and hastily. (That means George Hand did all the work.)
 Decatur Union Sunday School was organized last Sunday and will hold weekly sessions hereafter at 3 o'clock at the store. Officers are Mrs. C. I. Bradbury, Supt.; Mr. Spear, Asst.; T.P. Eno, Secy.; Elmore Allen, Treas.; Mrs. T.P. Eno, Librarian; Mrs. W.D. Akin, Chorister.
 Garfield Items: Fawcett brothers gave a croquet party Saturday, June 9 which was largely attended by the young people of the neighboring county.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1908

U.S. Senator Chester I. Long spoke in Oberlin Monday at the court room.
 John Welsh took the big red auto to drive Senator Long about the county. The population of the county is now 10,295, a loss of 629 from the 1907 figures.
 Sunday night was almost cold enough to frost.
 The county clerk believes the levy for Oberlin City will be not more than 10 mills; it was 71 mills last year.
 L.W. Wright and family left Monday evening for Wray, Colo., where they will make their home in the future.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1933

Postmaster Charles Stevenson has announced that after July 1, first-class mail for delivery in Oberlin or on rural routes will be at the old rate of 2 cents while if the address is Kanona, Cedar Bluffs, Dresden, or any other place other than Oberlin, you must stick on a 3-cent stamp to comply with regulations.
 Everything is in readiness for an enjoyable day on the Fourth of July. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a ball game between the Oberlin team and the fast colored boys from Bogue. Later in the afternoon there will be an exhibition of shot putting by Sam Francis who last week in Chicago won the Interscholastic meet title.
 For those not interested in athletic events, the Opera House, with its wonderful cooling system, will offer a pleasant afternoon where a picture show will run continuously with a special reduced admission charge of 10 cents. A band concert under the direction of Prof. Julius Piller will be held before the water carnival in the evening and afterwards as well. A big public dance at

the Masonic Temple hall will climax the day's activities.
 Kanona: Funeral services were conducted for one of the county's oldest residents, John Fawcett.
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carman are the parents of twin boys, Roger Dale and Rolan Dean, who were born June 25.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Lloyd Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Foley on June 28 at the Methodist Church in Norton with the Rev. Carlton officiating.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay and baby drove to Goodland and spent the day fishing on the lake.
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stimbart are the parents of a baby girl, Barbara Jeanne, born Monday, June 26.
 Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Irene Hopper of Forest City, Mo., and Howard Benton of Norcat on June 18 at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Benton taught in the Norcat Rural High School and Mr. Benton is engaged in the banking business in Norcat.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Torluemke announce the marriage of their daughter, Ella Louise, to Mr. Floyd Shields of Topeka on June 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. F.A. Wegener officiating. The bride is a graduate of Washburn College and a teacher in the Topeka schools and Mr. Shields is a graduate of Kansas University and Washburn Law School and is connected with the Kansas State Corporation Commission at present.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1958

Mrs. Lawrence Claar, Rexford, has been hired as curator of the Decatur County Museum. She was recommended for the position by a Decatur County Historical Society committee composed of Ira Laidig, A.J. Thomsen and Mrs. C.M. Nelson. For a number of years Mrs. Claar has been the Rexford correspondent for The Oberlin Herald.
 A number of collections housed at the high school building are being moved to the museum including the H.Q. Banta fossil and rock collection. Items taken from the courthouse include an old plow, saddle, stuffed coyote, books, papers and more rocks.
 A strike by Continental Trailways bus drivers has halted any east-west bus traffic into Oberlin.
 Ward Claar, well-known clothing merchant, assumed his duties as head of Oberlin Rotary for the coming year at the Tuesday noon meeting. He succeeds Milton Nitsch.
 Funeral services were held for three Decatur County residents: Adolph Petracek, 67; Sven Gustaf Carlson, 92, and Marie (Hess)

Cilek, 79.
 Dresden: After June 29 the Rock Island Rocket train will arrive at Norton at 5:53 p.m. CDT, instead of 6:29.
 Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Vessey, daughter, Shanna Louise, June 29.
 Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Beverly Kay, to Thomas Koble, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Koble of Syracuse, Ind. The bride is a graduate of Norcat High School and Parks Business College and is employed in Denver. Mr. Koble is serving at Lowry Air Base in Denver.
 Luan Rae is the name given to the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlisle, Hays, who was born on June 24.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1983

The 1983 wheat harvest has started along the southern border of the state but is not expected to begin here until somewhere between July 6 and 10.
 Oberlin mayor Dave Nichols and his wife, Shirley, will leave July 1 from Omaha to attend the sesquicentennial of Oberlin, Ohio, July 2-3-4. They will take with them letters from several organizations, a specially designed plaque and a copy of the Decatur County history book. Their trip is being sponsored by the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce.
 Warren Weibert was installed as president of Oberlin Rotary Club at the June 28 meeting. He succeeds Charles Corcoran.
 Jennings: Funeral services were held in Arvada, Colo., for a former Jennings resident, Arnold Chandler, 63, who died of cardiac arrest.
 New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Philbrick, Riverton, Wo., son, Brett Andrew, June 13, 1983.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Paula Jean, to Adrian Curtis Tadlock of Denver. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, Colby Community College and Stormont Vail School of Nursing and is employed at Porter Hospital in Denver. Her fiancé is employed with the City of Brighton. The wedding is planned for Sept. 3, 1983, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goltl, Mrs. Inez Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gaumer, Rick Michel, Pippa Stanley and Jay Smith have returned from Honolulu where they attended the Lions International convention.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ooton returned June 17 from the Rotary International convention held in Toronto, Canada.
 Theron Krizek and Julie Plotts attended the Co-op Youth Leadership conference held at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., They were sponsored by the Decatur Co-op Association.
 Robert Rosin, son of Leonard and Carol Rosin, Oberlin, is one of 52 medical students at the University of Kansas School of Medicine scheduled to begin clinical training at the Wichita branch. He is a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a graduate of Fort Hays State.
 Lois (McMullen) Anderson, Lincoln, Neb., was one of 11 teachers recently inducted into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame in Dodge City. A 1920 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she taught for 42 years starting in a rural school in Decatur County then at Salina, Ellsworth, DCHS, and at the University of Kansas. She retired in 1965 after teaching English and journalism 16 years at Marysville High School.
 The annual Achilles Fourth of July celebration will be held at 5 p.m. with a ball game and a potluck supper and fireworks to follow.

Golden Plains Community Outreach is again sponsoring a community Fourth of July Picnic at the city park. The barbecue will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a fireworks display at dusk. Meat, drink and condiments will be provided. The organization asks individuals to bring a side dish: salad, vegetable or dessert, as well as personal dinner ware. Be sure to bring along yard chairs and blankets (and perhaps bug spray). A freewill donation would be appreciated in helping to cover expenses.
 The community will greatly miss Eunice Sanford, who passed away unexpectedly Thursday morning, June 26. I do wish to express my sincere sympathy to family and friends on the loss of Eunice, please know that our thoughts are with you.
 The Rexford Community Church will hold an outdoor service (weather permitting) at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, at the church in celebrating our country's birthday. There will be no Sunday School. Following the service, a luncheon will be served in the church basement. The meal will be a fund raiser for those going to Merritt Retreat for July 18 to 20. The retreat is for all incoming freshman through high school graduates for \$20 and one dozen cookies. Contact Darrel

Cedar Living News

We received a lovely donation of an additional remote control for our Wii game from Alif Be Khe. This is a wonderful addition and will be much used by our residents.
 Agnes Pruiett has returned to her home in Norcat after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.
 Blanche Skubal is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.
 There were several winners at the dice game held on Monday afternoon. Players included Zola Brown, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edie Petter, John Schuhart, and Frank and Velda Ward.
 Myrna Jones and Nadeane Haag led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.
 Frank Ward won the first bingo on Monday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Elsie Goodnight and Donna Kent.
 Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.
 Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.
 Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
 Tara Votapka hosted a tea party for the ladies of Cedar Living Center on Thursday afternoon. The dietary department provided finger foods

including mini cheese cakes, cream puffs, and fresh fruit. The ladies wore hats for the occasion and dined on fine china. We had a great time reminiscing.
 Darbi Rouse gave a piano recital in the CLC dining room on Friday morning. We were all impressed by her talent.
 Sam Mack met with the poker players on Saturday night.
 The Herndon Covenant Church met in the CLC dining room on Sunday for their weekly service with Pastor Keith Reuther. Herndon Covenant will meet here again on Sunday, July 20 at 10 a.m.
 Recent visitors: Tom and Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Julie and Bob Hafner, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Brian and Lee Calkins, Sutton, Neb.; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Connie Gosler, Mesa, Ariz.; Tonie, John, and Mark Owens, Suwanee, Ga.; Judy and Gary Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Bill and Mary Jo Bock, South Gate, Calif.
 Mildred Holmdahl, Paula Tadlock, Elaine Bryan, Lyle Gambelin, Roxie Pomeroy, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Edie Tate, Gary and Karl Fredrickson, Marilyn Gambelin, Diana Gambelin, Connie Miller, Ira Kolsky, Jodie Wenger, Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

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Dible, 687-4861, if interested.
 Vacation Bible School will be held at the Rexford Church from Tuesday, July 8, through Thursday, July 10 for ages 5 years to 5th grade. The Tuesday and Wednesday time schedule will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday, 1 to 6 p.m. This year's theme title is "Friendship Trek - Jesus, our Forever Friend."
 Golden Plains Community Outreach is working on preparing free books to children ages, infant through 4 years. If you live within USD #316 school district, contact Evelyn Johnson at (785) 687-3925.
 A Happy Birthday to these individuals celebrating during July: Gail Williams, July 1; Nancy Dahl, July 3; Jesse Miller, July 5; and Jeannette Bencken, July 25.
 Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Bingo has ended for the summer and will continue in the fall as well as the pinochle tournaments.
 Until next time, make your week memorable.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Back in history 50 years: *The Oberlin Herald* June 26, 1958.
 "More Items Added to Museum's List"
 New donations to the Decatur County Museum include a foot power dentist drill, used by the late Dr. H. J. Morrison in the early days of Oberlin.
 Mrs. C. M. Nelson donated a .38 caliber pistol used by Dr. C. M. Nelson. The Nelsons also gave a large glass-door dish or trophy cabinet used by the Bentons.
 O. G. Bell of Norcat gave the museum a complete set of harness repair tools, a butter mold, and an early day combination radio and record player.
 All persons who have donated or loaned articles to the museum are requested to contact Curator Mrs. Lawrence Claar to give her information on the items.
 Mrs. Claar has begun cataloging and needs general information and background on the antiques.
 Work on the sod house will begin soon."

Good Samaritan News

Our mission statement reads "In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone" and it is our mission to show God's love through word and deed. It has always been our goal to give our residents the very best care possible - mind, body and spirit. We have been searching for ways to make our facility as home-like as possible, created the Garden of Hope to better serve our residents with dementia, adjusted the activities programming to give purpose and meaning to those participating, but still, something was lacking... until now.
 Our Director of Nursing, Loretta McFee attended a conference featuring Erin Bonitto, founder of Gemini Consulting as the speaker. She returned from that conference excited to share what she had learned and encouraged all department heads to seek Erin's teaching at various conferences we would attend.
 Janice Shobe, Lisa Davies and I all had the privilege of hearing her speak. We, too, returned excited to pass on what we had learned, but just couldn't translate her energy and expertise. Janice saw the training to be the very thing we were lacking. As it would be impossible to send everyone to a conference, Janice brought Erin Bonitto to us, for an all-day mandatory training for every employee in every department.
 The most beneficial part of this training was that we were able to see the techniques and approaches she was teaching used with our own residents. Residents who were involved with this training were: Elsie Macy, Nadine Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Glenn Martin,

John and Muriel Ready, Arlene Rissotto, Ruby Shuler, Eleanore Demmer, Leo Mooty, Ruth Laidig, Dorothy Bryan and Dorothy Hunt.
 In addition to an overview of the changes that take place in the brain associated with Dementia and Alzheimer disease, Erin taught us communication strategies and how to create a "memory care environment" for all the residents.
 She introduced us to what she calls a "Butterfly Lounge" which will be a tremendous supplement program for the Garden of Hope, so we will probably call it our "Butterfly Garden"
 Our thanks to Janice for her dedication to the vision of Dad Hoeger, the founding father of the Good Samaritan Society and her willingness to give her employees the tools and the training necessary to carry out that vision. Already we see some simple changes having a very positive effect on staff and residents alike.
 Come join us for the Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social this Friday at 7 p.m. If you are walking or riding in the parade, meet in the parking lot behind Good Sam. If you are coming to watch, we will be parading around the entire block. Ice Cream will be served on the front lawn and patio. Hope to see you there!
 Visitors included: Chris and Sharee Dempewolf (Norcat); Marian Thornton for R. D. Thornton. Eleanor Rogers, Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden), Anogene Rogers (Rexford), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) Alberta Ritter and Gordon and Judy Smith (Greeley, Colo.); Delores Raile (Hoxie) for Hubert

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Summer visitors to the hospital are likely to encounter closed interior doors. This is not meant to keep visitors out, but to keep cool air in.
 In the spirit of conservation, please observe the signs and keep the doors closed, but feel free to come in and visit friends and loved ones who are in the hospital.
 The Diabetic Support Group meeting has been moved from the first to the second Thursday in July. The group will meet in the Specialty Clinic lobby at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 10 for a program on carbohydrate counting. There will be no meeting in August, but they'll resume in September.

Letters have been sent out to the golfers who requested a spot for the Eighth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 16. The field is full, but anyone who would like to be a part of this fund raiser can buy tickets for the 7 p.m. dinner at The Gateway.
 A silent and live auction will take place that evening. Money raised will be used for doctor procurement.
 The Decatur Health Systems Relay for Life team repeated its record of being the top money raiser in Decatur County. A few Relay for Life bracelets are still available for \$15. Inquire at the front desk.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Karen Larson left June 7 for Brisbane, Australia, to meet her son and family, Ryan and Stacy Dunsen, Taylor, Ashley, and Madison. After vacationing together for a week, they traveled on to the Dunsen home located on the beach at Tatum Sands. While in Australia, Karen also enjoyed snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef and visiting the Steve Irwin Zoo. She returned home June 23.
 Alfreda Seeber and John Meyers were guests of her daughter, Anna and Richard Shaw, this past week and will soon return home to Lake Chapala, Mexico.
 Mark Shields and Keric, Oro Valley, Ariz., arrived Thursday to spend a few days visiting his parents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields.
 Helen Brooks, Shelby Hackney for Ethel Nemeth. Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas. Elda Youngs (McCook) for Eva Bryan. Eva Messenger (McCook) for Arlene Rossitto. Wendy, Garrett and Gage Scott for Evelyn Olson. Becky Hunziker (Houston, Texas) and Alyce Avery for Amy Rehm. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer.



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