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*Couple celebrates 65 years

(Continued from Page 1B) and he really liked Dottie.

"One day, he told us, 'I have this money in savings and stock and instead of me drawing the interest, I might as well give you \$30,000 so you can build a new house.' We still have a picture of him handing that check to Dottie."

Nichols Construction built their house, he said, but only as they were able to pay for it. Each year, Mr. Lotker, said they would try to add another room or some improvements until it was finally completed.

Railroads are another of Mr. Lotker's passions. He recalled accompanying his father on the "No. 8" from Norton to Kansas City to visit his Grandmother Lotker and a maiden aunt.

"One time my mother got so mad at me, she bought me a ticket for Kansas City, put me on the train at

Norton and made me make the trip alone," he said. "However, since I had gone so many times with my dad, I had no trouble finding the right street to my grandmother's house."

"When I was a boy, I admired a Lionel train at Hayes Hardware, which I really wanted for Christmas one year. When I told Roy Hayes I didn't have enough money to buy it, he offered me a job. I was to operate the train in his store window before Christmas. He said that if I would do that, he'd pay the other half, and I still have and cherish that original train."

Today, he said, it is in a special railroad room, which was added to the house.

Three daughters, Sherri, Laurie and Jackie, joined the family. The Lotkers were members of the Oberlin PRIDE Committee and Mr.

Lotker said that Dottie often would ramrod projects, which included selling memorial bricks for the gazebo, the Decatur County History Book, the Pioneer Family statue, promoting the canopies downtown, The Gateway, and others.

When she would go to businesses, he said, the owners would say, "What are you selling now, Dottie?"

Mr. Lotker was president of the Decatur County Amusement Authority when plans were made to form a home-owned carnival and spent countless hours helping to buy and assemble rides. For many years, Mrs. Lotker's father came to Oberlin and enjoyed dressing up as a clown for the fair.

Today, their son "Skipper" lives in Redondo Beach, Calif.; Sherri Shuler and Laurie Wasson are in Oberlin, and Jackie Myers lives in

Cozad, Neb.

Mr. Lotker said he believes that loyalty, love and supporting each other have helped the couple have a happy life.

"We always start our day reading the Bible," he said, "and we have read clear through it together seven times."

"After we retired, we did a lot of traveling, and while Dottie was busy looking up genealogy in libraries, I enjoyed taking various topics in the Bible and researching them."

After a family dinner on Sunday, the family and friends toured the museum, which the couple has supported over the years. Among other items which Mr. Lotker said they have donated to the museum include the old Warm Morning wood stove and the gas washing machine from their original farm home.

Good Samaritan News

Hands to Work. Hearts to God

This is a common Amish quote that seems quite appropriate for the residents here. They like to stay busy and productive. Often when asked what they did for "fun" when they were younger, an almost universal answer is "we didn't have time for fun." The most successful activities are those that have some work value. We would love to do more for the community. If you have a project that we could do for your club or business, please contact Lisa Paulson or Anita Hirsch. "Will Work for Fun!"

This week R.D. Thornton spent time on the front patio staining our lawn furniture. Shirley Hayward and Amy Rehm enjoyed doing their own ironing. R.D. also loves spending time and caring for our daycare resident, Paul Miesner.

Emma Sanford and Alice Bobbitt

sorted and untangled necklaces that were donated for our new Butterfly Garden. Pooch Portschy proofs all the Daily Activity Sheets for errors. Several ladies weed and water the flowers in the front planter. Folding Fellowship on Mondays and Fridays are times for the ladies to visit and fold, nice and warm from the dryer, clothing protectors. Myrtle Ross, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Kathryn Post, Ruth Laidig and Opal Bryan take part every week, then they enjoy a cup of coffee together when all the work is done. These are the things that make living here more like home.

On Tuesday, instead of Lunch Bunch, we headed to town to get acquainted with Barbara, the owner of Coffee, Tea and Me. We enjoyed hearing her story over freshly baked blueberry scones and coffee. Faye

Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Emma Sanford, Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle or Dorothy Pryor would be happy to give you a restaurant rave review!

On Wednesday, the Golden Ringers rehearsed for an upcoming performance. On Friday, Aug. 1, they will perform for our Fair Days Family Potluck. They now have three songs in their repertoire. "The Lord's Prayer," "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "Glory, Glory Alleluia." Families, mark your calendar, we will be serving porkburgers and fixin's.

On Sunday, Ruth Laidig celebrated her birthday with lots of friends and family. Her guests were: Ernie, Janice and Eric Mehl, Deb Farr, Brenna, Chris, Allen and Travis Nichols, North Platte; Eugene, Tonya, Jeremy and Jordan Tally, Kenzie Fisher, Harold and Glenva

Nichols, Gerry, Teresa and Jebb Tally, and Mike and Raye Kasson.

Other upcoming dates to anticipate will be our First Fair Days Balloon Launch to kick off Fair Week on Tuesday, Aug. 5. This will be a "fun"-raiser with the proceeds going towards an ice cream machine.

We will also have Nanette Zander come to speak to us about her orphanage in Haiti. The date will be announced, so watch for more information.

Other visitors were: Jessica Luck and Corbin (Hays) and Nora Bearley for **Amy Rehm**. Barbara Castor and Beverly Eiler (McCook) for **Elaine Thomas**. Mildred Black Reva Marshall and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Mariar Thornton for **R.D. Thornton**. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Mer McEvoy and Mable McLaughlin (Missouri) for **Lucy Schissler**.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Wally Marcuson, 83, who died July 11 in Greeley, Colo. His parents were the late Walfred and Selma Marcuson and his mother, the former Selma Holmdahl, was born and reared in this community. Several from this community attended funeral services on Friday at the Lund Covenant Church.

Elma Lee Erickson accompanied Pat Erickson of Colby and Sharon Lohofener of North Platte, Neb., on a trip to Bingham Lake, Minn., where they visited Bob and Marsha (Henningsen) Espenson and family. En route, they visited the Ice Cream Capitol of the World in LaMars, Iowa and also enjoyed seeing the Windmills of the World. Pat climbed to the top of one and Sharon went up half-way. They enjoyed ball games of the Espensons' grandchildren and a visit to Fragment of a Dream, the area where Laura Ingalls Wilder was reared and the films, "Little House on the Prairie" were filmed. They also attended a summer theater production, "Leaving Iowa," presented by local people.

Cole Lohofener accompanied

the women from Lincoln, Neb., to North Platte, where he lives with his grandparents, Bill and Sharon Lohofener, and they were met by a big "Welcome Home, Cole" sign. The women returned home on July 13. Mrs. Erickson visited on Wednesday afternoon with Jean Erickson in Colby.

Rennie and Jeanee Olson of Celina, Texas, visited last weekend with their parents, Bob and Sally Olson of Atwood and Orville and Evelyn Roy of Palco.

Congratulations to Bill Reuther and Noah Jones who are among 216 students chosen to play in the 25th Annual Kansas Masonic All-State High School Marching Band Camp at Emporia State University this week. Bill will play percussion and Noah, the melophone. Their parents are Keith and Sandy Reuther, and Greg and Gwen Jones.

Mark and Barbara Olson vacationed over the weekend in Breckenridge, Colo.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will hold morning worship services at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

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