

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1883

Mrs. E.S. Miner gives a detailed account in another column of the Sappa Valley camp meeting which was held in a beautiful grove three and a half miles west of Lyle under the leadership of H.G. Breed, P.E. of the Kirwin district, NW Kansas conference. The meeting lasted 10 days — Aug. 3-10 — and was very successful throughout. There are now about 25 teams out for lumber for the new school-house.

The creamery is now making about 125 pounds of butter daily. Last Friday afternoon the first and second Oberlin ball teams played a red hot game, the most exciting ever held in Oberlin, to decide the championship of Decatur County.

The new championship team is composed of the following: Patchin, Allen, Bogue, Kulp, Parker, Marks, Street, Smith, Marshall Riley while the losing team personnel was as follows: Chapin, Douglass, Maddox, Henshaw, Wilson, Hollowell, Wear, Hitchcock, Johnson, Adleman. The final score was 40 to 38.

At a meeting of the Decatur County Exposition Society it was voted to hold a county fair beginning Sept. 26th. Elected officers were: Dan Caster, president; T.B. Wolfe, secretary, L.G. Parker, assistant secretary; H.W. Halladay, treasurer.

Sheridan County Items: Jack Foster is wearing a broad smile. Last night his wife presented him with twin boys.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1908

Many moving wagons are seen passing through the streets of the city.

Jerry Lyons of St. Francis has invented a gasoline plow that is attracting considerable attention.

The Chautauqua paid out under the management of H.O. Caster, after looking for a time as if it would lose a lot of money.

The great speech of LaFollette at the park on Friday was the most talked about of all the addresses given during the Chautauqua. His voice was in bad condition but he did not spare it in any way but put on all the steam at his command, talking for 2 hours and 45 minutes and within 5 minutes of train time before he quit talking.

Frank Beers and family of Pleasant Valley took in the Chautauqua on Wednesday.

Jennings News: Mr. Jesse Carter and family and Miss Sadie Tice

were guests of L. Chenoweths Sunday.

Kanona Items: We are going to have a new blacksmith in town. Sanford's have started the restaurant again. Tim Woods' house in near completion.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1933

To the citizens of this county the delinquent tax list as published in The Herald may have seemed large, and it is much larger than usual, but by comparison with other counties of northwest Kansas, Decatur's unpaid taxes look relatively small.

Failure to get a conviction in the first attempted prosecution of a 3.2 beer case here last week and the subsequent dismissal of the two cases filed, has resulted in at least five business places stocking their coolers with the new beverage. That many places are known to be openly selling the new beer.

Norcatur: Eldon Auker is pitching for the Detroit team now.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller announce the arrival of baby girl born Wednesday, Aug. 2, and given the name Geraldine Regina. A baby boy arrived at the John Heim home on Aug. 5 who will answer to the name of Alfred Joseph.

Lund: Most everyone is busy cutting and putting up thistles as a substitute for the feed they would like to have. It is a good thing the thistle can be put to some good use once in a while.

Fairview-Summit: John Smith, Eldon and Elsie drove to Colorado Springs last Sunday to bring Miss Gladys home. She had been visiting the past two months in Idaho and also spent two weeks at Colorado Springs.

In the Junior League baseball tournament the team captained by Raymond Hague carried off the honors by winning 9-4 over Bob Emerson's runners-up. Other members of the championship team are Glen Miller, Harold Robison, Bob Towery, Bob Lindquist, Bill Smick, Charles Maddox and Earl Raymond.

Don Claussen had his tonsils removed at the local hospital Saturday and is getting along very satisfactorily.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1958

Apioneer doctor, Dr. H. O. Hardesty of Jennings, died Sunday. Though he retired from active practice about five years ago, he had practiced medicine in the Jennings

area for more than 50 years.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Krizek, Jennings, boy, David Lynn, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Ray Lohoefer will leave Friday for Madison, Wis., where he will attend a school of banking for two weeks.

Best groomed boy at the Decatur County Fair was Larry Laird, a member of Wide-A-Wake 4-H Club. Linda Ayers, of Lund 4-H Club, won the best groomed girl award.

Estimated 1959 winter wheat production figures for Decatur County give a 30-bushel average with a county crop production of 3,360,000 bushels.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1983

The heat wave hangs on and the summer of 1983 may be remembered as a paradox. What began in one of the hottest, driest months of July and August in recent memory.

Enrollment has been completed in USD 294 and classes begin Aug. 25. New staff members at Oberlin Elementary School are: Chris Stiemel, physical education; Jeri Buchholz, first grade; Earl Barber, gifted coordinator and Casandra Stallman, Chapter I math teacher. Mrs. Buchholz, who previously taught 11 1/2 years at OES, replaces Michele (Dixon) Aspleaf who asked

to be released from her contract.

New staff members at DCHS and DCJHS are: Duane Dorshorst, biology; Patricia Dorshorst, part-time math; Earl Barber, business and gifted coordinator and Sarah Woods, physical education.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ken Kaufmann and children will leave Monday for Cheney where he will serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Wm. Roten of Grace Lutheran Church, Atwood, will serve as interim pastor.

Funeral services were held from Lyle United Methodist Church for a longtime Norcatur area farmer, Claude Kelley, 78. He was born in a sod house on a farm in Grant Township 14 miles northwest of Norcatur. He attended rural school and graduated from DCHS in 1927 and maintained his farming interests on the family homestead until his death. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two daughters and five sons.

The 54th annual Gilbert reunion held at the fairgrounds Aug. 13-14, 1983, was attended by 300 members.

A bridal shower was held at the fellowship hall of Faith Lutheran Church honoring Julie Helmkamp. Miss Helmkamp's wedding to Chris Gardiner will take place Aug. 27 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking Back from *The Oberlin Herald*, Aug. 28, 1958:

"This week finds us knee-deep in tentative plans for our Pioneer Pageant and official opening of the museum which is scheduled for the latter part of September. This is a fitting date as it is also the anniversary of the Indian raid. Watch this column for more detailed plans of this event. But in the meantime start hunting out your garments of yesteryear.

Our new highway signs are up and as a result, more visitors are coming to the museum each day.

Volunteer help has been drawn upon and will be needed daily for some time. Mrs. Ross Riley, who works six days a week at Duckwall's, volunteered to help at the museum on Sunday afternoons.

The soddie is shaping up well, finishing touches will soon be added,

then comes the furnishing. We are still in need of many things for the soddie: a cow-chip burning stove, washbowl and pitcher, and an old-fashioned washstand of some sort. We will also need help from our green-thumb friends for blooming soddie windows."

Back to August 2008: We are still up to our knees in plans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Many things are being planned for Saturday, Oct. 4: a parade, live buffalo, authentic Indian tepee, Indian beadwork, melodrama, food and Indian dancers. Watch this column for more detailed plans of this event.

Talking about highway signs, I am sure many of you have noticed that our outhouse signage north of town was taken by the tornado several months ago. Plans are to have a new one built to replace it.

Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Herndon Covenant Church will hold their Sunday services in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24. Guests are welcome to join us for the service.

We received a generous donation from the family of former Cedar Living Center resident, LaVergne McClelland, with which we purchased a set of wicker patio furniture for the sun room. It really dressed up the room and gives it a very home-like feel.

Tara Votapka has returned to school in Manhattan after spending the summer working in the activity department at Cedar Living Center. Her cheerful presence will be missed by the residents and staff.

The birthday party schedule for Cedar Living Center and the Good Samaritan Center is ready to be mailed out this week to participating clubs. There are many empty spots on the calendar this year. If you or your organization would be willing to host a party at either facility, please contact Lisa Paulson at Good Samaritan or Teresa Shaughnessy at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, and Blanche Skubal.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Several residents sat outside on Tuesday morning. Some of them

were put to work shucking roasting ears.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Edie Pettera won the blackout game. In addition to the usual candy prizes, residents could also win home grown tomatoes.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The activity department hosted the August birthday party on Thursday afternoon in the dining room. Joy Russell gave a recital on the new Clavinova and she also assisted Tara and Teresa with serving cake and ice cream. Those honored with August birthdays were Agnes Pruitt, Don Thomas, Velda Ward, and John Schuhart.

The baking group fried eggplant and zucchini on Friday afternoon. The eggplant came from our garden boxes in the courtyard and Teresa donated the zucchini.

Recent visitors: Keith and Helen Muirhead, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Donald and Donna Lukich, Dolores Scarlett, San Diego, Calif.

Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Marilyn Gamblin, Pat Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Connie Olson, Ana, Jon, and Spencer Wishon, Edie Tate, Jodie Wenger, Eunice Richards, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Larry and Meghan Anderson on the arrival of a son, Ian Joseph, on Aug. 13, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and has three brothers, Brice, Andrew and Eric, to welcome him.

Memorial services for DeAnn Breen, 35, were held Thursday at the home of Peggy and Richard Thompson in Homosassa, Fla. She died Aug. 8, 2008, at her home in Lakeland, Fla. Memorials were established to the Humane Society of Polk County, 555 Sage RD-1, Winter Haven, Fla., 33881.

Among survivors are her husband, Bo Breen, Lakeland; her mother, Peggy (Bergling-Hanson) and husband, Richard Thompson,

Homosassa; a sister, Debbie and Mike Woods, Monument, Colo.; and a brother, Brian and Jacquie Hanson, Atwood, and families. Mrs. Breen was a niece of Andy Hanson.

Bill and Marilee (Nelson) Beggs of Branson, Mo., visited her aunt, Edla Olson, and Steve and Arianna Arnold last week.

Morning worship services for the Herndon Covenant Church will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Mary Lou Olson took her granddaughters, Mary Rachel Olson and Ashley and Whitney Witt to McCook on Wednesday to help Ashley celebrate her birthday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

A pancake and sausage benefit for the Julie Schiessler family will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, in the fellowship hall at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, sponsored by members of St. John's.

Stean Olson, Hays, and Kelly Olson, Manhattan, were weekend guests at the Gerald Olson home since Kelly left Tuesday, Aug. 19, for K-State University in Manhattan where she will be a senior this fall.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica left Thursday to move Jessica to Washburn University in Topeka where she is a freshman this fall majoring in business. On Saturday, they drove to Olathe and visited Lisa Sonsthagen and new baby Zach, Lyn and Linda Tomasch, Lori Taylor and Marisa, and Riley Frasure. They were unable to visit Larry Sonsthagen, Matt and Emily since they were gone on a weekend camping trip. John and Dianne returned home Sunday evening.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." *Jeremiah 29:11.*

That was the message given to the 180 Boys as they joined us for the last time, Friday night. Because of school and programming requirements for the boys, we will be unable to meet in the evenings. Ten residents, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, David McGee, Dorothy Pryor, RD Thornton, Doris Marintzer and Evelyn Olson, shared some final words of advice to send the boys on their way.

David McGee gave each one a wooden creation carved with love and Ten Cent Evangelism provided Bibles for each one which the residents each signed. Emphasis was made of the fact the God created them to be unique, one of a kind, with individual gifts and talents and that He has a good plan and a purpose for their lives.

This particular intergenerational partnership with the 180 House was such a good match, because our Mission statements are very similar. Both homes believe in sharing the love of Christ in word and deed with the residents we serve, making Him the foundation and reason we do what we do. Both strive to help those living within our walls to understand and fulfill the plan God has laid out for them, giving them a future and a hope.

We have had several groups of young men come to our home through this program, but these five boys have been the most responsive in forging friendships and we have enjoyed them immensely. Three of the boys have been attending the Working Man's Church with Opal Bryan, David McGee, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Lora Zwickle and RD Thornton on Sunday mornings. We hope through church we can continue being involved in their lives. Will you please join with us as we commit to pray for them daily?

Their names are Andrew, Josh, Randy, Christian and Casey.

David McGee celebrated his 81st birthday on Monday. He had some special guests come to help him do just that, including Lynette Donaldson and Enid Foland, Almema, and Holly and Hannah Donaldson, Hays. Happy Birthday, David!

Last week I reported Eva Bryan celebrated her 94th birthday when it was actually her 95th. She has such a bright twinkle in her eye and such a contagious giggle, it's just hard to believe she could be that old.

Nine residents headed to the ReLoad to enjoy Taco Tuesday. Jeanette Conway and Edla Olson were able to join the "regulars." They hadn't been to lunch with us for quite awhile, and we were so pleased to have them along.

The Butterfly Garden was open for residents on Tuesday afternoon. Elsie Macy, Dorothy Hunt, Glenn Martin, Faye Miller, Leo Mooty and Helen Marintzer participated. Connie Noren was our butterfly in training. We are in need of some items to complete various stations. If you have any of the following items to donate, please bring them to the office or call for us to pick them up. They include tractor items, six umbrellas, three large wig forms, nuts and bolts, fishing items and various sized churches.

Our thanks to Pastor Keith Rutherford for agreeing to take Heidi Wiebe's place in offering Communion to our residents each month. He also hosts Men's Coffee for us and Sunday brought his whole congregation for church services.

Dolores Koeperich came Thursday to pray the Rosary with Hubert Mumm, Pooch Portschy, Doris Marintzer, Helen Marintzer and Loren Escher. Thank you, Dolores.

Some upcoming events for September will be a Community Baby Pageant, a Founder's Day Celebration and a Lewis and Clark presentation. Watch for more details. Families and the community are

always welcome to join us!

Other visitors were: Bill and Edla Oilex Beggs (Fringer, Mo.) for Edla Olson. Doris Fringer for Lora Zwickle and Kathryn Post. Dick and Donna Kelly and Elden and Delta Anderson for Eva Bryan. MJ and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatur), Marian Thornton, Kella and Gleason Drupler for RD Thornton. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) and Jim Rogers (Selden), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm. Ron Snyder (Colby) and

Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Jim Rogers (Selden) for Alice Bobbitt. Linda Smith (Atwood) for Dorothy Pryor. Shelby Hackney and Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Daisy Rhein for Jeanette Conway. Ernie and Janice Mehl (North Platte) and Glenva Nichols for Ruth Laidig. Breck and Nathan Simonsson and Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Wendy, Garrett and Gage Scott and Stean Olson (Hays) for Evelyn Olson.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

June Jolly returned home after an eight-day tour to Washington and Oregon. It included a trip to Mt. St. Helen's, which they found very interesting. She reported a great time.

Windy Farr made a trip to Ohio for the wedding of her brother, Fredrick Farr. Her friend, Chris Kuhlman, had some tests on his heart at the Hays hospital. They found no blockage and felt his condition could be controlled by medication.

The weather changed our plans for a community picnic, so the dinner took place in the Lyle Community building. Five hungry people braved the moist and misty weather to attend, and had a good dinner and a good time.

David Huff came for the county fair and was visited his parents, Earnest and Donna Huff from Friday to Sunday.

Joyce Sumner took a load of clothing and quilts to Gwynn Ward, who delivered them and things from the Clayton church to Garden City on Aug. 11. Joyce's granddaughter, Amanda, had some surgery and tests, and will have more surgery later. Joyce's son, Larry, returned from his motorcycle trip.

Speaking of motorcycle, the last week in July, Todd and Deanna

Sumner cycled to Grand Mesa, Colo., where the Sumner family met for a week of cool weather and good times. Then Todd and a friend took an extended trip to California, traveling 4500 miles and visiting 13 states including Kansas. Last week, Deanna's family went to Ellsworth and stayed with Michelle and Sumner Homolka, then went to Great Bend for an overnight stay with Buddy Zimmerman. (Von Sumner's mother) and brought Von and Buddy home with them.

Dwight Wood had an emergency with his dialysis site and had to make a quick trip to the specialist, who, fortunately, was in North Platte that day instead of Grand Island, where he ordinarily would have gone. He came home on Friday.

Margaret "Toots" Magers made Kathy Van Meter a birthday cake, and the ones at the Sunday dinner got to have some of it, and sang, or squeaked out, Happy Birthday to her.

Veda Wood's great-grandchildren spent the week with their mother, Tielia High. She and A.J., Aubrey, Carol Moye, Emily, Mariah, Garrett, Grant and Mariah's friend visited during the week. Veda and Dennis visited Alta May Van Gundy at the Andbe home on Saturday.

Mona's Market

320 E Main Dresden Just follow the signs!

The perennial greenhouse will open September 1st. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Large selection of perennials, flowering shrubs and vines well adapted to this climate are available.

Make your work load lighter and your rewards greater by getting them established this fall so they can bloom next summer.

Coming this Fall to the Stiefel Theatre - LIVE shows you'll never forget!

Billy Bob Thornton and the Boxmasters - Aug. 26
George Winston - Sept. 25 \$21, 28, 35
Capital Steps - Oct. 16 \$32, 38, 45
Los Lobos - Oct. 18 \$35, 42, 45
Crosby & Nash - Nov. 7 \$55, 69, 80
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy - Dec. 3 \$38, 42, 48
Phil Vassar - Dec. 19 \$38, 41, 45



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