

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — June 1884

J.C. Duncan of the east side was an agreeable caller at this printing ranch last Friday.

Harvest will begin in earnest next week.

5,749 acres of school land are advertised for sale in this issue; double the amount ever offered at one time before.

Prof. C.H. Sternberg, working under the instructions of Prof. March of Yale College, is making a geological survey of Norton County.

Klayton Klatzer: J.D. Tade of Decatur post office is hauling lumber from Lenora to build a large octagon house.

Mr. E.L. Pease surprised the natives by bringing out a fine bunch of bananas, the first ever seen in Clayton.

Cheyenne County has just had the first county road established within its borders.

## 100 YEARS AGO — June 1909

Oakley was visited with a flood last week that nearly drowned out the town. It is claimed that nearly 17 inches of rain fell in a 6 hour period.

Jap Mines shipped 180 head of cattle that he has had on feed last week. The check in payment, to the amount of \$15,000 arrived a day or so ago.

A mighty fine rain came Friday night, just in time to keep the crops growing.

The K.C. Fosters beat Oberlin 7-2 in Monday's game. O'Toole and Briggs were the battery for Oberlin. In a Tuesday's game it took 10 innings to settle who was the winner and 4-3 was the score. Barnes and Coldren were Oberlin's battery. K.C. made 3 hits and Oberlin 4 and each team made 2 errors.

It took Jennings 11 innings to beat Kanona recently and the score was 12-11. Herndon beat Traer 14-4 last Sunday.

## 75 YEARS AGO — June 1934

What harvest, such as it is in the county, is in full swing this week. The best yield we have heard of comes from the farm of Burton Lofton near Cedar Bluffs where a 65-acre field ran 32 bushels to the acre. Art and Bill Powell of Lyle harvested some 25 bushels of wheat and Hiram Warner had 40 acres

that made 12 bushels. In the Sappa Valley neighborhood the average will be around 3 bushels. Many fields are returning 1 to 5 bushels and some is not being cut. Most of the wheat is being marketed as it is cut, the seller getting from 70 to 75 cents a bushel.

With the completion of projects let last week, US Highway 36 will offer an all-weather dustless highway on this popular east-west route across the state.

Dresden: Funeral services were held this past week for Mrs. George A. Launchbaugh, 82, and Mrs. J.B. Bainter, 75.

Danbury: Charles E. Furman, son of Editor A.C. Furman of the Danbury South Side Sentinel, assumed the duties of postmaster at Danbury June 15 replacing W.J. Stilgebouer who had served since 1921.

Norcatour: Our community is grieving over the death of Mrs. Guy Vernon (nee Della Deeter) on June 20. A little daughter was born to her on June 4 and all efforts of doctors and nurses to save her failed.

Miss Vera Preston and Mr. Earl Landau were married at the Federated parsonage June 14 with the Rev. J.D. Bowles reading the ceremony. Mrs. Landau is considered one of the most successful and popular teachers in the county and Mr. Landau is a prosperous farmer. They will be at home to their friends on their farm near Rexford.

Hospital News: Billy Mix Lotker has been dismissed following an appendix operation. Arthur Hamilton had his tonsils and adenoids removed and is recovering nicely.

## 50 YEARS AGO — June 1959

A brand new street is being opened in Oberlin: Ash Street west from its intersection with US-83. The street will give access to several relatively new homes on the hill overlooking the highway.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. L.M. Eiler of Los Angeles. Mrs. Eiler was one of the few surviving Civil War widows, her husband, Daniel, being a veteran of that war.

Mr. and Mrs. Wert Frerichs will leave Saturday for New York to attend the Lions international convention.

Rex Litton, Decatur County native and 1945 Decatur Community High School graduate, was in San

Francisco last week as a guest of the Safeway management. Litton is manager of the Steamboat Springs, Colo., Safeway store.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Francis returned the first of this week from a week's vacation at their cabin in Estes Park. They also attended the AAU track meet at Boulder, Colo., with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Francis of Hays.

Dresden: The Muirhead reunion at the John H. Muirhead home last Sunday was a great success with 118 family members attending church with Mother Muirhead and 36 present to enjoy dinner together.

## 25 YEARS AGO — June 1984

John Bearley, operator of the Kansas Job Service Center, reports he is getting a lot of calls from custom cutters now located in northern Oklahoma and Southern Kansas inquiring about job possibilities in this area. "I am telling them that demand will be light here," said Bearley, "as close to 75 percent of the wheat crop has been plowed under."

A record number of acres have been planted to milo according to Decatur County Extension agent Allen Dinkel but farmers should be aware of green bugs that have

moved into the area and may cause big problems for the newly emerging crop.

Two Decatur Community High School band members, Kelly Michael and Renell Erickson will be heading for San Francisco Sunday where they will play in the Lions Band at the Lions International Convention.

Ray (Quincy) Adams has retired as part manager as Anderson's Farm and Home Center. He and his wife plan to attend the Lions International Convention in San Francisco. His replacement at Anderson's will be Bruce Olson.

New Arrivals: Teresa and James Bird, Leoville, son, Andrew Lee, June 19, 1984; Dale and Floyd Bryan, Oberlin, son, Benjamin Wallace, June 22, 1984.

Vows were solemnized May 19 at the University Church of Christ in Denver for Kathleen Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Teresa Morgan, Denver, and Mark Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, rural Selden.

They will make their home in Denver where the bride is a flight attendant for Frontier Airlines and the bridegroom is a geologist with Young Geological Services

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

It looks like our summer has started! The heat is here. Maybe that will get the items for the Farmer's Market in high-gear. Remember — Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for the Market, down at the Centennial Park gazebo.

If anyone wants to get their ad in for the U.S. Highway 36 "Border-to-Border Treasure Hunt," remember the deadline is next Wednesday, July 1. Registration forms are around town and in the Chamber office. This booklet lists the sales and is distributed to many areas other than just U.S. 36 counties. This event draws a large out-of-state business.

The Chamber had its first entertainment in the Centennial Park on Sunday. The crowd was a bit small, but I'm sure the heat was a factor. Another one is being planned for Sunday, July 19. The August one hasn't been set.

The Amusement Authority is working at the fairgrounds every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The group could use any and all volunteer help. The fair is coming up fast.

The June Coffee Hour will be today at The Gateway. Hope to see you there.

A key has been turned into the Chamber office. It is attached to two small pieces of wood. They each have a name on them. The key was found on the street by the Catholic Church a couple of weeks ago. If you can identify it, you may claim it.

I receive lots of interesting e-mail here at the Chamber. Recently, I received a poem written by a young girl with cancer. She only has six months to live and as her dying wish, she wanted to send a letter telling everyone to live their life to the fullest. Good advice.

Have a great week.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Relatives of the late Elmer and Laura Shaw met in the Selden City Park on May 31, for a Shaw Family Reunion. Families came from Tennessee, Montana, Washington, Colorado, Nebraska and several areas of Kansas. Those in attendance include Robert and Elaine Koerperich, Tex and Charlene Shaw, Gary and Shirley Emigh, Kyle and Abby Emigh and Garret and Guss, Aaron Emigh, Lance and Lisa Stoll and A.J., Brianna, Ashley and Brooke, Jason and Alisha Rogers and B.J. and Mia, Ron Shaw, Steve and Joni Shaw, Russell Emigh, all of Selden;

Doug and Sandy Wedermyer, Wakeney; Doris Jean Oliver, Rexford; La Vern and Judy Rentschler, Smith Center; Marjorie and Alton McWilliams, Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Karen and Alvin Shaw, Thompson Falls, Mont.; Randy and Adeana Shaw, Two Buttes, Colo.; Roger Emigh, Danbury, Neb.; Shannon and Laurie Titus, and Myrtle Shaw, Colby;

Sarah Emigh, Grainfield; Tyler Robinson, Adam Robinson, Dean and Lola Robinson and Robby, Alen Robinson, Clayton; James and Laurie Long and Carla Jo, Collin and Christopher, Norton;

Shane Ryburn, Allie Ryburn, Tray Ryburn, Tyson Ryburn, Grinnell; Kelvin and Vicky Sulzman, Oakley; Pat Sharp, Dighton; Richard and Nikki Rowilson, Jennings; Wanda Schritter, Melissa Schritter, Colestin Schritter, Goodland; Barbara Bittel, Greeley, Colo.; Steven Bittel, Levi Kledyn, Kansas City, Mo.; Louise Davis, Seattle, Wash. After a delicious pot luck many enjoyed playing games while others enjoyed visiting. It was a beautiful day and they all departed, looking forward to another reunion in June of 2012.

On June 4, at Senior Citizens, Ralph Weis won high, Carol Shaw took second, Alfred Albers got low and Lola Cook had the most Aces. Other members present included

Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spreser, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Royce Cook, Betty James, Janice Kruse and Mary Goalden,

There was no Senior Citizens on June 11, Royce and Lola Cooks son passed away and member of the group attending the funeral.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries: June 12 - Jodi Ryburn, Katie Aumiller, June 13 - Rose Bainter, Megan Ochs, June 14 - Darrel Dipman, Beve Delano, Kevin Carman, June 15 - Michael Schiltz, Dan and Annette Spreser, June 16 - Larry Juenemann, Chris Wessel, Bernie and Bobbi Koerperich, June 17 - Jaclyn Schreiner, June 18 - Dennis Rogers, Cameron Spreser, June

19 - Dawne Stevenson, Bailey Koerperich, June 20 - Dan and Nikki Campbell, Royce and Lola Cook (married for 62 years), June 21 - Joe Broekelman, Janella Benoit.

June 22 - Dan Bainter, Renee Ochsner, June 24 - Marlee McKenna, June 25 - Adam Sabatka, Amy Schieck, June 26 - Marla Rogers, Jennifer Hickert, Vic Goeken, Zachary Spreser, Terry and Gloria Goscha, June 27 - Carrie Turnbull, June 28 - Shane and Jill Boultinghouse, June 30 - Rick Pauls, Olivia Filmore, Jerry and Dalen Juenemann, July 1 - Phyllis Trembley, James Schreiner, July 2 - Terra Rath, Terry Goscha.

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By Julie Hafner

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Bob and Colette Kramer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Lea Ann Deulen, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Keith, Alyssa and Matthew Pettera, Lakewood, Colo., were in Herndon visiting their mother and grandmother, Edie Pettera. Tuesday Les, Myrna, Colette and Chris Wood were morning visitors of Esther Pennington. The family traveled to Loveland on Wednesday after visiting other relation in the area.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent a few days in Lexington, Neb., with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, returning home Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo., were brief visitors. Sunday Julie met the David Foxhoven family, Parker, Colo., at Burlington, Colo., and enjoyed Father's Day dinner together. Granddaughters, Allison Foxhoven, Parker, and

Keleigh Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb., are spending the week with their grandparents.

Coffee, juice and assorted rolls were served after Mass on Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church hall in honor of all fathers. A good crowd enjoyed the patriotic theme and socializing after the nice rains.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Gerald Keith Hafner of Bremerton, Wash., who died Saturday, June 20, 2009. Mr. Hafner was born Jan. 13, 1935, to Walt Rowland Hafner and Elma Cecelia Pearson. He graduated in 1953 from Herndon High School. Survivors include his wife, Carol; two daughters and one son; brother, Wally and Olive Hafner, Herndon; sisters, Shirley McDonald, Denver, and Mary and Bill Lewis, Atwood.

Father's Day guests at the home of Richard and Theresa Rippe were Kevin and Megan Rippe, Lilly, Mi-

chaela, and Allison; Tim and Alicia Rippe and Wyatt; Rodney Rippe and Richard's brother, Ed, and son, Jonathan. Ed is spending time with the Rippes this summer helping on the farm, and Jonathan is visiting for a couple of weeks.

Cheryl Hicks, Mountain Home, Ind., traveled to Loveland, Colo., after leaving Herndon to visit her Aunt Rita Eckerd and other family in Denver. She is now in Bayfield, Colo., visiting her son, Jim and Drew Anderson and grandsons, Avan and Coen. Daughters, Wendy, Taylor and Jasmine from Fredericksburg, Va., and Lauren Hicks, Spokane, Wash., will join the family and be together for the first time in five years.

Payton Juenemann, Hays, enjoyed staying at Grandma and Grandpa Sattler's last week. Deanna Cook, Scottsdale, Ariz., came on Friday along with Marlene Cook,

Parker, Colo., to help celebrate the 75th birthday of Janice Sattler at Roger's Bar and Grill Friday evening in Herndon. Others joining in the celebration with Janice were Rob Sattler, Oakley; Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays; Jayme Sattler, Brian, Mary, Kate and Collin Clark and Eric Sattler, all of Atwood; Jake Sattler and Kat Mullen; Ron and Cindy Sattler and Rodney Rippe, Herndon. A good time was had by all. The birthday cake and homemade ice cream were especially yummy. On Saturday the group went antique shopping in Oberlin and enjoyed lunch at the LandMark Inn. They visited their Aunt Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center in the afternoon.

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## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Last week's opening was rain, rain, go away... and it did... but came back on Saturday just in time for our Sammy's Safari Carnival. We didn't let that dampen our fun, we just moved into Town Square and about 15 children came to participate. Our thanks to the Star Valley 4-H Club for helping run the games: Hillbilly Horseshoes, Fun Roller, Frog Pond, Water Ball Toss, Tiger Darts, Parachute Play, Jungle Safari Upset and Cat Walk. Leone Porsch, Alice Bobbitt, Shirley Hayward, Opal Bryan and Evelyn Olson played with the kids, while Amy Rehm and Myrtle Waldo passed out prizes. Myrtle Ross supplied animal crackers for the children. Janice Shobe made the popcorn and everybody had a good time!

Start praying for sunny weather for our Fourth of July Parade! Then plan to join us. Staging will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Good Sam and the parade will begin at 7 p.m. Homemade ice cream will be served.

Tuesday afternoon, the Rainy Day Theatre, under the direction of Coleen Rippe, put on a skit entitled "Salty Soup." Actors were Leone Porsch, Lora Zwickle, Earl Brown, Alice Bobbitt and Evelyn Olson. It was a hoot!

After the skit, everyone stayed to get a "taste" of the ocean. This sensory activity was planned to incorporate as many of the senses as possible. We listened to waves rolling and crashing against the shore. We saw pictures of several different ocean views. We searched for buried sea shells and feeling the coolness of the sand, we laid them one by one on black paper to admire their beauty. Then we licked saltine crackers to get a taste of the ocean.

As we ended our time together, each resident was given a tiny amount of sand to hold in their hand and then asked to count each grain as *Psalm 139:17-18* was read. "How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You."

Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Earl Brown, Opal Bryan and Lucy

Schissler took to the country to see the beautiful wheat crops Wednesday after dinner.

A special luncheon was set up in the quiet room, as Lois Carlson, Lora Zwickle, Lucy Schissler, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Evelyn Olson and Amy Rehm were treated to prime rib dinner donated by Joyce Carlton.

The Vic Mowry Band, Hoxie, will be playing Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Town Square. Everyone is invited to attend.

Another wonderful week gone by, but we look forward to yet another. Remember our motto: "In Christ's love, everyone is someone." God Bless You.

Visitors this week were Mert McEvoy and Ralph Crimm (Atwood) who came to see **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited **Dorothy Hunt**. Kerri and Jeanne Britton (Denver) were guests of **Opal Bryan**. **John Ready** was happy to see Gail and Kay Marcuson. Donna Lincoln and Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) were the guests of **Faye Miller**.

**Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer** had family in, Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem). Gladys Geis and Edie Tate visited **Lois Carlson**. **Edla Olson** saw her son, Galen Olson (McKinney, Texas), as well as Lee and Amanda Munsell (Lee's Summit, Mo.). **Leo Moity** had some out-of-town visitors, Melissa Marie, Ben and Jeremy Sparks (Arlington, Texas), and Ralph and Norma Unger. **Amy Rehm** got to see her daughter, Connie Simonsen. **Shirley Hayward** was visited by her grandson, Jeff Hayward, and her two great-grandsons. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) dropped in on **Leone Porsch** and **R.D. Thornton** did quite the entertaining: Dean and Eloise Thornton (Charleston), Shelby Thornton (WaKeeney), Chris and M.J. Dempewolf (Norcatour), Sharee Dempewolf, Aaron and Hayden Mann (Colby) all were here. Cheri Kastens ate lunch with **Pooch Pportsch**, **Loren Escher** and **Hubert Mumm**. Eunice Wenger came for coffee with **Lora Zwickle**.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

I'm getting worse! Last week the log house came out as 'hog house.' I'm very sorry , and am determined to take more care in the future. And I'm so happy these nice people will be living in a big LOC house.

Last week Kathy Van Meter went to Garden Plain, on June 4, for the Annual Hilburn family reunion at the home of Brian and Maria Joplin, hosted by the Nejd families. A total of 70 present enjoyed fishing, golf, swimming, scavenger hunt, karaoke, dancing, visiting, telling tall tales, and most of all — eating! She returned home on June 7.

Margaret "Toots" Magers and Kathy Van Meter quilted on Tuesday. Veda took some home to finish, as it was looking rainy. As it turned out, it didn't rain until evening, but was drippy all day. They attended the funeral of Verl Cook on Thursday.

Deanna Sumner hosted the Liberty Starclub in her home on Wednesday. Toots, Kathy, Cathy Anthony and Veda Wood enjoyed the trip out in the country, her beautiful home, and a delicious fruit lunch, and, of

course, plenty of chatter and laughter. We left just in time to get home before a hard rain.

June Jolly spent the last week on a trip to Savannah, Ga., arriving home on Sunday evening. The group visited a museum, saw Paula Dean's restaurant, visited some islands off South Carolina, took pictures, and went to the top of St. Louis' arch in a small capsule. They crammed a lot of fun activity in to a few days.

June was telling about a lot of rabid skunk activity, where a litter of new kittens had to be destroyed after being attacked by a rabid skunk; and the family who had handled the kittens have to have shots. It sounds like people need to have an extensive "skunk hunt," and have domestic animals vaccinated.

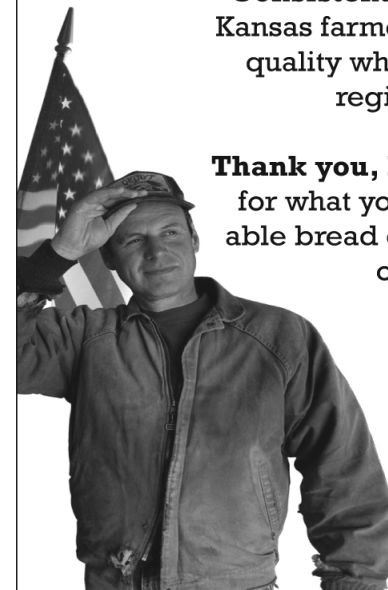
Marilyn Mann, Almena, Carol Woodmansee's mother, was taken to the hospital by ambulance. We hope she is better.

Visitors at Veda Wood's home during the week were Carol Moye, Kylie Gruwell, Tielia High and Aubrey High.

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