

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO – July 1885
Col. Hilliard is building a residence on the hill west of town.

38 cowboys represented the States of the Union at Stratton, Nebr., on the Fourth of July.

Tully Scott, Receiver of the Land Office, returned from Beloit Tuesday with his bride.

Grading on the B. & M. extension has been progressing rapidly and dirt has been flying fast the past week in the south part of town from Wind Feed Mill west to the Ike Cole place.

Supt. Hodge has removed his residence from the pathway of the B. & M. railway.

Ordinance No. 1 and No. 2 were duly passed by Oberlin City Council. No. 1 provides for the vacating of the "Public Square" and No. 2 grants right-of-way thru certain of Oberlin's streets to the Burlington, Kansas and Southwestern Railway Company. The latter ordinance provided that the railroad should build suitable crossings over Victoria Street at its intersection with York, Penn, Beaver and Buffalo streets but would not be required to do so on East, Griffith, Rodehaver and Cass Streets.

100 YEARS AGO – July 1910
Misses Goldie Love, Lois Street and Rena Southard went to Denver on Saturday evening for a short outing in the mountains.

W.A. Dale went to Grand Junction, Colo., Monday evening on land business.

Miss Ila Bobbitt, one of the compositors in this office is taking a week's vacation and rusticating in the country.

B.M. Fortney traded his Colorado farm on Monday for a high-wheeled auto.

Norcatour: The wheat stacks of Wm. Kelley, living several miles northwest of Norcatour, were struck by lightning Wednesday evening and burned.

Wheat that has been threshed in this vicinity is said to yield from four to seven bushels and much of it is shriveled and in a very poor condition for market.

Mrs. H.O. Douglas left on Monday evening for a short vacation in the mountains.

75 YEARS AGO – July 1935
A few rumors have been started to the effect that the ice brought to Oberlin and distributed by the McCook Ice Company is the cause of the two cases of typhoid fever reported here. This is totally false as the water from which the ice is made is tested by both the Nebraska and Kansas state health departments which is required by law.

When you feel the desire for homemade ice cream, just drive to

Flemings Creamery and tell Jim. Excavating work for the basement of the new residence being constructed by Ted Addleman on North Rodehaver Avenue was begun Monday with Otis Hughes as the general contractor. The building will be the brick veneer type, frame structure faced with brick.

Big Timber: The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLaughlin was observed Friday with a family dinner and an open house which followed from 2 to 9 in the evening.

Norcatour: Dr. and Mrs. J.S. Smith entertained a number of friends at a seven o'clock dinner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wiggins are the parents of a baby boy born July 18 and named Evan Don.

Big Timber: Miss Edith Cilek writes from Catalina Island that she is enjoying the west and "going places and seeing things."

50 YEARS AGO – July 1960
Decatur County farmers came close to giving the wheat referendum two-thirds approval with 138 voting yes and 74 voting no. The 212 who voted in this county represented about only one fifth of the eligible voters.

The first Oberlin Community Band concert will be held Thursday night at the band shell and will feature marches and popular selections. Director Lonn Richards has returned from a summer session at Wichita University but will attend the High Plains Music Camp at Hays next week. The band is still open to any interested townspeople.

Ira Laidig, principal of Oberlin Elementary School, and Francis Stanley, Decatur Community High School principal, have issued the following statements about the school year and school policies:

Schools will open Aug. 26 as the first football game date set by the high school activities association is Sept. 16 and no boy can participate without three weeks of practice.

The length of the required school term in Kansas is now 180 actual school days and school will close on May 19.

All transportation costs are the grade school's responsibility; high school students may ride the bus only if it does not increase the number of passengers beyond the allowable load.

The tour of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club on Sunday, July 24 was attended by 84 persons including 36 sponsors and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson sailed from Montreal, Canada, for England July 23 and will accompany their daughter and family, Mrs. Bernice Schear, Billy and Becky,

of Aberdeen, Scotland, on a tour of England, Ireland and Scotland.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Dresden, a daughter, Mary Margaret, July 20, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Diehl, Denver, a daughter, Martha, July 21, 1960.

Joleen Miller, Mary Reeves, Nancy Nemeth, all of Oberlin and Gerald Lawson, Norcatour, attended a two-day orientation session at the University of Kansas for prospective freshman students.

25 YEARS AGO – July 1985
A dark, storm cloud hovered over Smick Memorial Field Tuesday evening, providing an appropriate background for the performance of the Hutchinson Sky Ryders Drum and Bugle Corps as the elite group marched and played their way through their especially arranged Wizard of Oz theme. One of the nine "Dorothys" in the colorful production threw a bucket of water on the "witch" just at the onset of heavy rain showers that drenched a large crowd on hand to view the performance. The performance was past mid-point when the rains came and the 110-member corps and their support group of 20 persons continued on to Denver to compete in the annual "Drums Along The Rockies" competition Wednesday evening.

Scott Braden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Braden of Oberlin, was asked by the director Dan Jewett to accompany the group on the remainder of the tour as they were short a baritone player. He is a Decatur Community High School senior and recently performed in the Kansas Lions Band.

Entrants in the Miss Frontier

Pageant to be held at Norton include Renell Erickson, daughter of Ron and Marlene Erickson, rural Rexford; Jody Wells, daughter of John and Louise Wells, Cedar Bluffs and Janet McDaniel, daughter of Denton and Diane McDaniel, Ogallah.

Hospital News: Tami and Kevin Black, Oberlin, son, Carl Curtis, July 19, 1985.

The Oberlin Swim Team traveled to Burlington, Colo., for the Northwest Kansas Swim League meet over the weekend and placed fifth. Individually, the meet was exceptionally positive for Oberlin according to Coach Steve Beaumont with Andy Matson awarded a trophy for the most points accumulated during the swim season and a plaque awarded to the swimmer with the most points for the league meet as well as being an undefeated swimmer during the season. Other awards went to Shannon Addleman and Amy Fowler.

Summer ball results: Wee-Wee teams, Columbia; Pee-Wee, Decatur Co-op; Bantam, Oberlin Herald. The Oberlin All-Star Pee-Wee team composed of Greg Grafel, Chad Addleman, Scott O'Hare, Tracy Stroup, Brian Minnick, Allen Lemman, Justin Pachner, Jeff Rome, Marcus Machart, Shad Metcalf, Darren Fortin and Brian Buchanan won the tournament in Hoxie. Coaches were John Stanley, Al Stroup and Rusty Addleman.

Dresden: Frances and Pauline Ritter drove to Sterling, Colo., July 14 to attend funeral services for her brother, Victor Dempewolf, who died from injuries received while working with the Colorado State Highway Department on I-80 near Sterling.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will help celebrate Oberlin's 125th Anniversary during Fair Week! We will be having a booth Tuesday through Friday evening in the Commercial Building teaming up with the Chamber. There you will find a slide show of pictures from the past, Mini Sapa fliers for Saturday, Oct. 2, Quilt raffle, and Oberlin survivors.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 7, the museum will be offering 125 minutes of free admission to tour the museum. This event will start at 9:55 a.m. and run until noon. Beginning at noon, the Museum Board will be grilling up 125 hot dogs. So bring your family and friends that are here for the Fair and spend the morning

at the museum with a free tour and lunch. The Museum will close at noon and will NOT be open in the afternoon.

Oberlin Quasiquicentennial Tidbits:

In 1878 Oberlin town site was platted and at that time consisted of one frame and one sod store, a log hotel and log blacksmith shop; a frame and sod house were also being constructed.

Spring of 1878, G. Webb Bertram came from Beloit, the first lawyer in the county.

In January 1879, R.A. Marks started the first lumberyard.

The first paper, *The Oberlin Herald*, was June 19, 1879.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Don and Joan Grafel traveled to McCook Saturday morning and enjoyed brunch celebrating Joan's birthday. On the way home they stopped at Culbertson to meet their new great-granddaughter, Kloey Clapp, daughter of Kris and Kristyn Clapp.

Jim and Sharon Vogel went to Salina over the weekend to visit her sister, Janine and Steve Campbell. Those attending to help the girls celebrate birthdays were Kim and Todd Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo.; Randy and Dennis Fassnacht, Mitchell and Kristen Fassnacht and Steph Gaskell, all of Horton. Stacey Dawson, Kaylyn and Jordon Paylor, Atwood, came Sunday afternoon for a surprise party for Sharon's 70th birthday.

Violet Shaw, Oberlin, arrived at the Don and Joan Grafel home Friday with a birthday cake for Joan. Sunday evening Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, Oberlin, and Todd Nelson of Colby surprised Joan with pizza for her birthday weekend.

Jackie Votapka, Oberlin, and Julie Hafner enjoyed lunch together at the LandMark Inn on Wednesday. They spent the afternoon visiting and checking out the nice selection of antique shops in Oberlin.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Pertsch spent the weekend in Stockton visiting family and friends. Marcus and Neil enjoyed attending the combine demolition derby at the Ellis County fair in Hays with their cousins.

Saturday lunch guests of Ron and

Cindy Sattler were John and Ardythe Cederberg, Oberlin, and Raleigh Cederberg, Lakewood, Colo. They enjoyed steaks at Roger's Bar and Grill Saturday evening with Jerry and Connie Olson, Oberlin. Payton and Paycie Jueneemann, Hays, spent from Friday to Monday with Grandpa and Grandma. Chase and Dana participated in a softball tournament in Ellis as part of a fundraiser for a baby battling cancer.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent the weekend in Scottsbluff, Neb., visiting the Joe Hafner family. David Joseph was baptized at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Sunday morning. Family and friends gathered after Mass for dinner to celebrate David's baptism and Matthew's fourth birthday on Monday.

Julie's Memory Joggers
Beaver Tales, 1958: Herndon High Superintendent: Mr. D.J. Chittenden, Faculty: Darrel Buss, Math, Industrial Arts; Mae Roth, Commerce, Constitution; Esther Engwicht, Home Economics, American History; Curt Engwicht, Music; D.J. Chittenden, Math, Science and Maurice Shields, Coach, English. Yearbook Staff: Gerald Solko, Editor; Myron Kleidosty, Assistant Editor; Marlin Marintzer, Sports; Mae Roth, Sponsor; Vernon Franke, Business Manager; JoAnn Barenberg, Junior; Doris Allacher, Senior; Nadine Riener, Freshman; Lois Sattler, Sophomore.

School cooks: Mrs. Mary Pitner and Mrs. Alvena Ecker.

Sammy's Snowplow: Sam Solko.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day!

On Wednesday, we had no rain... so we made it ourselves (always a poor substitute for what God can do) but we had fun singing in the rain just the same. "Rainy Days" was the theme for this week's Butterfly Garden Small Group. Stations were set up with appropriate rainy day items. We sang lots of songs related to rain: "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head," "Singing in the Rain," "It's Raining, It's Pouring," etc. This was all done while holding umbrellas in the Court Yard as "sprinkler" rain poured down.

Personal stories were shared about rainy day fun; puddle jumping and digging for night crawlers... and then a box of slimy worms was passed for everyone to hold. The faces that were made had everyone laughing. Cheryl Hill, Doris Marintzer, Dorothy Hunt, Eileen Laird, Ethel Nemeth, Eva Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Faye Miller, Olive Arnold and Leo Mooty all took part.

Our Story Telling group wrote another story this week. Make sure to come by our Fair Booth this year if you are curious about this exciting new program. It gets a little crazy. There is lots of silly fun and the participants enjoy the interaction of the staff trying to capture the story.

This week Edla Olson, Elden Long, Olive Arnold, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Leona Helmkamp, Cheryl Hill, Violet Schissler, Leone Porsch and Walt and Betty May were the contributing authors.

Rainy Day Theater has made a comeback! Walt and Betty May, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson and Leone Porsch read scripts re-enacting a mystery that need to be solved. At the conclusion, they had to figure out who dunnit!

On Friday, we learned about the Klondike Gold Rush, played a "golden" word game and then "panned" for gold. Evelyn Olson

struck gold and was the winner.

The weeks go by so quickly, it is hard to believe summer is winding down. We are excited for Fair Week and invite you to meet us on the Midway on Tuesday night! Earl Brown wants his friends to know he'll be there!

Again, our thanks to Pastor Keith Reuther and the entire congregation of Herndon Covenant church for coming to worship with us on Sunday. This was the last of the summer services and we are already looking forward to next year! You are such a blessing!!

Opal Bryan told me not to forget to mention the gathering of women who encircled little nine-month-old Grady Leitner trying to make him laugh. Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Eulaine Benda and Eva Bryan thoroughly enjoyed his impromptu visit.

Other visitors this week were Lori Brewer (Limon, Colo.), Julie Gardiner (Hutchinson) and Ann Mines for **Leona Helmkamp**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Mert McEvoy, Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) and Pastor John Paulson for **Lucy Schissler**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) Penny Fringer and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Sue, Erin and Ryan May for **Walt and Betty May**. Janelle Morel (Norton) for **Goldie Stapp**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek, Dawn Hayes, Lynn, Candi, and Jackson Pachner, and Donnie Lemman (Hays) for **Mary Lemman**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Jerry Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Norma and Ralph Unger for **Earl Brown** and **Leo Mooty**. Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Eleanor Rogers (Selden), Delores Raile (Hoxie) and Alberta Ritter for **Hubert Mumm**. Kendra and Jessica Kelley (Frederick, Colo.) and Dick and Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Many of us see the white transportation bus around town, often loading or unloading senior citizens at the clinic, grocery store, or the beauty shop. Those who have not needed the bus for themselves or for a loved one may not realize what an important service the bus is to our community. The residents at Cedar Living Center often need the bus to go to appointments around town and for many, getting in and out of a car is just not an option. The drivers, dispatch, and the county clerk's office do a wonderful job of accommodating the needs of our residents and the many other older people in the community who rely on this service. We would especially like to recognize Eldon Huntley for taking such good care of everyone.

Monday afternoon residents gathered for an afternoon of word games followed by sing-along time. Mary Ann Amack led the singing.

The weather cooperated on Tuesday morning, giving a group of residents the chance to sit outside for a while.

Edna Mott won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Aleen Van Vleet won the blackout game.

Several residents worked on crafts on Wednesday afternoon, while others met for a game of pinocle.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There was lots of good-natured gambling going on at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon.

Residents trying their luck included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Wilma La Salle, Edna Mott, Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler, Aleen Van Vleet, Fern Wenger and Delores Wheeler.

The Old Time Band from Hoxie entertained residents and guests at a dance held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Thursday evening. Nora Bell Manning and Mabel Bailey donated cookies for the dance. Julie Hafner and Mrs. Manning assisted with serving the refreshments.

The baking group made oatmeal chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. They disappeared very quickly and there were no leftovers to worry about putting away for another day.

Dianne Bremer entertained residents on the piano Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bremer also brought cookies to serve to the group.

Robert and Penny Fringer ate lunch with Irene Fringer on Sunday.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Eileen Pertsch, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Karen Focke, Shirley Williams, Jan and Jayme Sattler, Atwood; Natalie Merica, Clay Center; Susan Wright, Lawrence; and Mark Allen, Florida.

Gerald Olson, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Jody Betts, Gladys Geis, Eunice Richards, Veanna Carman, Dolores Koerperich, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, and Loyd Waldo, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Tyler and Cassidy Shields, Kelsey May, Jori Diederich, Elizabeth Nedland, Ryan May, and Zach May were among the approximate 25,000 youth ages 14-20 who attended the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, La., from July 17-21, with their sponsors, Paul and Kelly Shields. The theme of this year's 11th triennial national LCMS youth gathering was "We Believe"

based on *John 20:31*. Our youth and sponsors, members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, returned home Wednesday evening, tired but full of enthusiasm from attending the youth gathering.

Caitlin Shields was a guest of her grandparents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, while Tyler, Cassidy, and her parents were in New Orleans at the youth gathering.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The days are getting busy as several events are coming up around the area. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Decatur Area Theater Association group will present "Stanton's Garage" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Gateway.

The Decatur County Fair is gearing up with the Clothing Review this week plus the Horse Show on Saturday. The rest of the entries will be on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The complete schedule is in the little pink books that are available around town and at the County Extension Office.

Remember also the Museum is offering free visits to the first 125 visitors on Saturday, Aug. 7, and 125 free hot dogs to those first 125 visitors. Hot dogs after those first 125 served will be 125 cents each.

That same evening, there will be a free barbecue at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, sponsored by the City of Oberlin and Hansen Mueller Grain Co. in honor of Oberlin's 125th anniversary.

The following week at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, will be the annual Back-To-School Picnic in the City Park, which is sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, the Oberlin Business Alliance and Oberlin School District. Meat and drink will be provided and each is asked to bring a choice of vegetable, salad, fruit, or dessert and your own table service. This is a time to get to know others and enjoy some good food and conversation.

School will begin Tuesday, Aug. 17. Whatever happened to school starting after the Labor Day weekend?

The business of the week is TBI Computers, which is owned and

operated by Michael Beaudette. TBI is located here in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center (BEE Building) at 104 S. Penn and offers a full-service computer repair. Michael is a Microsoft certified systems engineer and A-plus certified. Several used computers are on hand and new ones are available on request.

The game Yu-gi-oh is enjoyed by some that come to his office on Saturday evenings. If you are in need of computer help, come see Mike or give him a call at (785) 269-9550. He might even make a house call if needed.

How would you like to spend a couple days by the mountains in Colorado? The Chamber is sponsoring a raffle to win a \$250 gift certificate for a stay at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, which is located at the beginning of the Big Thompson Canyon between Loveland, Colorado and Estes Park, Colorado. This Ranch offers several lodging units to choose from; the Wagon Wheel Bunkhouse Room, the Bunkhouse Loft, the Sweetheart Cabin, the Tommy House, which is a two-bedroom guesthouse, The Hagen House/Homestead, which is a three-bedroom guest house and Mama J's, which is a four bedroom guest house.

Extra activities are going on at the Ranch, also at various times during the week. I have some printed literature about the Ranch in the Chamber Office if you want to look.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office and will be available at our booth in the Commercial Building during the fair on Tuesday through Friday evening.

Have a great week!!

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