

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1885

J.B. Hitchcock has sold his hotel, the Hitchcock House, to eastern parties for \$4,000 and will move with this family to the forks of the Sappa, and will hereafter devote himself to the breeding of fine stock.

In the opinion of many, last week's heavy rains insure the largest corn crop ever raised in Decatur County.

Mart Boyles, Wm. Love, Sr., left for Missouri Tuesday for the purpose of buying two or three carloads of stock hogs and shipping them in.

Thos. Fawcett sold his farm in the Altory neighborhood Monday to J.R. Caldwell of Nebraska for the sum of \$1,200.

W.C. McGonigal was employed the first of the week surveying the south 80 of the old Isaac Cole place and laying the same off into town lot. This will make the fifth addition to Oberlin within the last three months.

Gen. U.S. Grant is dead. The news was received at this place with manifestations of keen sorrow, and many stores and public buildings were appropriately draped with emblems of mourning.

Wm. B. Mead has been appointed postmaster at Oberlin.

100 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1910

Mrs. R.E. Diehl and children left Saturday evening for Nebraska and Illinois where they will spend a couple of months visiting.

Tudor Stevenson is taking a little holiday and visiting his relatives at Leavenworth and Kansas City a few weeks.

Wednesday was one of the hottest days in the experience of the oldest inhabitants –

104 in the shade in front of the Herald office most of the afternoon.

Randolph G. Hitchcock and Lula O. Metcalf were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. E.H. Teall of Norton. They went from Norton to Omaha where Mr. Hitchcock will purchase a stock of jewelry and open a jewelry store at Sturgis, S.D.

It is reported that Miss Emma Simonson, who graduated this spring from Ottawa University, will teach in Nebraska next term, and then go as a missionary to foreign lands.

The O'Toole family have cleaned up their city residence and will occupy it during the Chautauqua.

75 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1935

Returns of samples of Oberlin city water were judged to be 99 percent pure. This report would

indicate that no citizen of Oberlin need fear contracting typhoid fever or any other disease from drinking city water.

Marion Gaumer, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaumer of Custer Township, passed away Thursday evening, a victim of typhoid fever. He graduated from Jennings High School and attended Kansas State College and was employed by the State Highway Department for some time before becoming Decatur County engineer in March 1933. In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Gladis, his grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Gaumer of Jennings, a sister, Bessie Jennings of Dresden, and three brothers, Wesley, James and Walter, Jr.

Funeral services were held at Dresden for Virgil Nelson, 42, who had been suffering from typhoid fever for several weeks in which the courageous young husband and father fought valiantly to overcome his ailment. He is survived by his wife, the former Merle Cody; a son, Dennis, age 13 and two daughters, Marilyn and Carolyn, age 4.

Court House News: News is brief this week as most of the courthouse workers are nursing sore arms from typhoid inoculations and moving as little as possible. One marriage license to report: Dale Bates, Oberlin, and Olive Jordan, both of Oberlin. Bainter Motor Co. in Dresden was robbed Friday night with 7 truck and 3 car tires disappearing. Sheriff Garver searched all day for clues with no success.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Alexander are the parents of a baby boy, Joseph Warren, born on July 26 and weighing 11 pounds.

The Chas. Hawkes family moved into the Harwood Benton home Wednesday.

Dresden: A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Karls at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays on July 20.

Liberty Star: Miss Elsie Cathcart will be the new Rocky Mountain school teacher. She was graduated this year from the Oberlin high school and unless appearances are deceiving, will be a good teacher. Miss Frances David will again teach the Star school and there will be no school at New Liberty with the two pupils attending Mount Vernon and Star.

50 YEARS AGO – August 1960

In the Republican primary contest for governor of Kansas, McDill (Huck) Boyd of Phillipsburg has conceded to Attorney General John Anderson as he trailed some 5,000 votes. In the hotly-contested

Sixth District Republican congressional race, Bob Dole of Russell appears to have eeked out a narrow margin over Norton attorney Keith Sebelius.

In a local contest, Glynn Shaw, five-term county clerk incumbent, was defeated by political newcomer Lloyd Corcoran. A relatively heavy turnout of more than 1,250 Decaturans went to the polls.

Vicious wind and hail, accompanied by heavy rain, wreaked havoc in an erratic path west of Oberlin. Hailstones at Herndon were reported as an inch and a half in diameter and 11 windows were broken at Herndon High School. The Perry Counter farm in Sappa Township was one of the hardest hit where an ash tree was uprooted and carried 37 feet by the tornadic wind.

Ed Hinkle Jr., assistant Cheyenne County agricultural agent, will assume the position of county agent in Decatur County Aug. 8. Hinkle and his family – wife and one son, William Dean, have rented the home of Henry Gronewoller, present county agent, who is moving to Manhattan to work toward his Master's degree.

Doreen Kay Roe, Salina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roe, Oberlin, and Keith Alan Lindberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Lindberg, Salina, were united in marriage Sunday, July 24, at the Oberlin Methodist Church. The Rev. Ray Bressler officiated.

The couple will make their home in Salina where the bride is employed by Great Plains Mutual Ins. Co., and the groom is with Kansas Power and Light.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pitner, Herndon, daughter, Lori Jane, July 30, 1960.

Virginia Sulzman, daughter of Mrs. William Sulzman of Selden

and David Campbell, son of Mrs. Helen Campbell of Hoxie, were married Saturday morning, July 23, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

25 YEARS AGO – August 1985

Heavy rain clouds hung over the fairground much of the day Tuesday as fair entries were being brought in but by evening sunny skies greeted the visitors to the home-owned carnival.

Jessie Barrett noted that in the past 12 years she could only remember one night when the rides and concessions could not be started on time due to weather conditions.

Rains in the past 10 days have perked up fall crops. In Prairie Dog Township Mrs. Don Ashley said they have received over 4 inches.

Steve and LaDonna Harrison are the new owners of the Dairy Inn in Oberlin having purchased the business from Bill and Betty Ulery.

The couple reside on a farm three miles east of Danbury and presently operate Beaver Valley Processing and she is librarian at the Beaver Valley School. They have a son Doug, 23, of Lakewood, Colo., and a daughter, Donna Lee, 20, a junior at Kearney State College.

Mary Lynn Christensen, a granddaughter of Mrs. Amanda Noren, leaves this week for Zaire, Africa where she will serve as a missionary.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roberts, Oberlin, son, David Edward, July 23, 1985.

Centennial Bowl will have a new look as owner Merle Snyder plans for the reopening this Sunday. Among the improvements have been the refinishing of the 10 lanes. Noon lunches will again be served starting in September.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Can you believe it is the first of August, fair week, and only two weeks before school starts? I have heard that the older you get the faster time flies. I know now that they were right!

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will help celebrate Oberlin's 125th Anniversary during the fair. We will be having a booth Tuesday through Friday evenings 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.

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.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Correction: Kaylee May, not Kelsey May, as previously reported, was among the youth from St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin attending the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, La., July 17 to July 21.

Greg and Janice Cundiff left Sunday, July 25, for Des Moines, Iowa, to help Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff move back to St. Louis, Mo., where Quintin will begin his final year of Seminary this fall now that he has completed his vicarage in Iowa. Greg and Janice returned home on Thursday.

John Tate left Monday for Houston, where he attended funeral services for his sister-in-law, Ann Tate (Mrs. Walter Tate). Also attending the funeral was their sister, Judy (Tate) Rumble of Jacksonville,

Fla., and John's son, Jon Austin Tate of Gulf Breeze, Fla. John returned home early Saturday morning.

Keric Shields, Tucson, Ariz., met his grandparents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, at the Denver airport on Tuesday and returned home with them for a visit and to enjoy the Decatur County Fair.

Ralph and Violet Shaw, Vince and Peggy Carswell, Lynn and Roberta Johnson, and John and Dianne Bremer enjoyed dinner at an area restaurant Thursday evening to celebrate the four ladies' July birthdays.

Forrest and Pat (Euhus) Junod, Sacramento, Calif., were Friday overnight guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Mark and Corby Shields, Tucson, Ariz., arrived Saturday at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields to

join their son, Keric, and enjoy the Decatur County Fair.

Janice Cundiff, Karen Eskew, Peggy Groneweg, Dorothy Moore, Bruce Wendelin and Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg were among those attending Immanuel Lutheran Church's new building dedication in Norton Sunday afternoon.

The Decatur Area Theater Association and the Decatur Community High School Drama Club presented three showings of the comedy "Stanton's Garage" this weekend at the Oberlin Gateway Civic Center. Among the young and very talented cast was Rory Wendelin, daughter of Norman and Joanne Wendelin. Rory, who played the character of Mary, will be returning to Concordia University, Seward, Neb., this fall. Having been very active in the theatre department her past

two years at Concordia, she has participated in a musical and four plays and is an active member of the Improvables group at the university as well.

Cameron Nedland and Kelly Olson, Manhattan, were weekend guests of their parents, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and family and Gerald and Connie Olson.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a weekend guest of the Dan Nedland family and also visited his parents, Walter and Betty May, and other family and friends.

Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, a weekend guest of the Norman Wendelin family, came to watch her sister, Rory Wendelin, perform in the comedy "Stanton's Garage" presented this weekend at the Oberlin Gateway Civic Center.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer took care of grandson, Kade Marintzer, last week while his parents went to Oregon for a wedding. Thursday evening they hosted a family get-together for Jacob, Tara and Kade Marintzer, Westmoreland; Justin and Lori Marintzer; Isaac Marintzer and Pete and Eileen Portschy, all of Herndon. Jacob, Tara and Kade headed back home on Friday. Grandpa and Grandma will miss all the fun playing time and report the house seems too quiet now.

Mike, Kati and Brooke Latulip, Colorado Springs, traveled to Montana to spend time with Mike's parents. Jerry and Kim Niemeth are dog sitting while they are gone.

spent Wednesday and Thursday with aunt, Janelle Solko, in Hays. They had fun enjoying the local attractions including the SuperCroc exhibit at the Sternberg Museum, Putt-Putt golf, bowling and a movie. Thursday, Donovan and Ceanne met up with cousins, Braden and Caleb Anderson of Ness City, at the Water-Park in Hays. They then spent the remainder of the weekend in Ness City with Uncle Mike, Aunt Darla and Kourtney, Caleb and Braden. Saturday afternoon they visited Boot Hill in Dodge City, took an exciting tour of Front Street; watched the gunfights, enjoyed a chuck wagon dinner and saw a variety show at the Long-Branch.

St. Mary's Assumption church will be celebrating its Feast Day on Sunday, Aug. 15. Mass time will change for that day from the regular 8:30 a.m. schedule to a 5 p.m. Mass with a picnic following at the hall. All are invited to celebrate together and welcome Father Nick Parker. Food and drink will be provided.

Herndon welcomes newcomers Frank and Colleen Tartaglia from Denver. Frank was born in Chicago and Colleen, California, but small town living is for them. Relatives in town, Traer and Oberlin helped with the decision. The move on July 21 took them away from family all over the country including 23 grandchildren and three and 1/2 great-grandkids. Frank is retired and Colleen works from home and they both just love the area and find the folks very friendly. Two

dogs, Shadow and Leddy and about three household cats join Frank and Colleen and a stray cat wandering by might just be fed. Welcome to Herndon!

Rachelle Solko and Julie Hafner were Wednesday morning guests of Viola Frick. They enjoyed zucchini bread and coffee while visiting with Viola and Vernon.

St. Mary's Altar Society will be volunteering their talents on Friday, Aug. 6, and Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood for the beauty salon. Please call 322-5219 if able to help.

Shirley Williams, Karen Focke, Janice Sattler, all of Atwood, and Julie Hafner were guests of Hattie Toth and Edie Pettera Sunday for dinner at Cedar Living in Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

When planning activities for the residents, there are always three "P's" to consider; "peace," "pleasure" and "purpose;" the most important of the three is purpose. We all need to be needed.

One of the leading causes of depression is the feeling that one's life doesn't matter anymore. Here are some actual comments made from your loved ones here at the Good Sam: "There is no reason (purpose) to get up in the morning," "Why doesn't God just let me die," "What can I do? I'm old ...nobody cares what I think," "My family doesn't visit anymore ...what good am I? It breaks your heart doesn't it?"

God alone knows our birth date and our death date, until He calls us home, we still have a purpose! The challenge is helping each resident find purpose, no matter their physical or mental limitations.

The residents probably tire of me saying "God woke you up this morning, so He must have something for you to do."

For some residents with physical challenges their job for the day may be to pray for specific needs, to praise God by listening to music, to learn something new, to greet visitors, or to share Jesus with someone who is caring for them. I met a young man this weekend that worked as a Certified Nurses Aide in high school and gave his life to Christ when a 90-year old resident shared her love for Jesus with him. He is now in ministry! Wow, that is purpose for eternity!

When someone has purpose it automatically takes care of the other two "P's" it gives both peace and pleasure!

Myrna Jones came on Monday to play Ol' Time Music for the residents as they enjoyed fresh baked chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies baked by Faye Miller, Opal Bryan and Alice Bobbitt.

Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor and Betty May tapped their creative abilities and

made colorful butterflies and Japanese Carp windsocks.

Hillbilly horseshoes in the courtyard was played by Elden Long, Amy Rehm, Walt and Betty May, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan and Mary Lemman. Alice and Faye tied for first place with scores of 125!

Another story is hot off the press! Authors were Violet Schissler and Chelsey, Edla Olson, Paul Miesner, Ruby Shuler, Elden Long, Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Walt and Betty May, Cheryl Hill, Eulaine Benda and Dorothy Hunt. The stories are funny but the recorded words cannot convey the sheer fun of getting to the plot of the story.

After all that fun and foolery, everyone looks forward to social hour with Bernice Martin who brings homemade goodies!

Bingo, the old favorite, took place on Wednesday night, thanks to Marilyn Horn and Reva Marshall. Nineteen residents joined them.

Thursday, staff members brought their kids to have a pool party in the court yard! It was great to watch the energy and excitement in all the kids! Root beer floats were served all around!

Visitors this week were Merv McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) for Lucy Schissler and Eva Bryan. Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) visited Hubert Mumm, Francis Janousek and Doris Marintzer. Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post. Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt. Brian, Pam, Breck and Nathan Simonson for Opal Bryan. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Eunice Richards for Opal Bryan and Earl Brown. Helen Brooks and Vicki Heisel (Fort Morgan, Colo.) visited Ethel Nemeth and Dorothy Hunt. Diana Alstrom (Hoxie) for Myrtle Waldon. Mike and Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) to celebrate Eileen Laird's birthday. Marcia Lemman (Salina), Janet Knipp (Hays) and Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor.

See you at the fair!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ardith Wayne who passed away at Cedar Living Center on July 26.

Our craft projects are nearly completed and it looks like we will be ready in time for the Decatur County Fair. We have opted once again to display our work, but we will not have it judged for ribbons or premium money. Please take a minute to stop by the open class building at the fair grounds to see what our residents have accomplished.

Mary Waldo and several of her friends met for lunch on the Cedar Living Center patio on Monday afternoon.

Monday afternoon was filled with music. Residents enjoyed a game of Name-That-Tune. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper.

Residents who spent time outside on Tuesday morning included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Edie Pettera, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler and Aleen VanVleet.

Joan Noble won the first bingo on

Tuesday afternoon and Dale Butler won the blackout game.

The crafters worked hard both on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several residents met on Thursday evening to listen to music and share jokes.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon. These are a good old-fashioned cookie that always hits the spot with the Cedar Living Center crowd.

Recent visitors: Dorothy Avery, Norton; Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; Meredith Hrnchir, Shirley Williams, Karen Focke, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Elton and Ella Mae Keller, St. Francis; Elizabeth Koch, Houston.

Ruth Richards, Veanna Carman, Lyle Gamblin, Jody Betts, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Mary McEvoy and Loyd Waldo, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Martin and Darlene LaRue enjoyed having their son, Troy and Anne LaRue of Fulton, Mo., visit last week.

Last Tuesday guests of Galen and Meme Carper were Carol Topliff, Goodland, and Theresa Hopson and Rebecca, Bethune, Colo. Rebecca wanted to visit her grandparents before she starts college in Fort Collins, Colo., this fall.

Becca and Jerry Gathcoat, Brasher, Texas, spent a couple days at the home of Rachel Carter. Becca is a niece of Rachel's. Thursday evening the Carter families gathered at the Dave Carter home for a potluck supper.

Jennings is making preparations for the 19th Annual Fireman's Funday on Saturday, Aug. 28. The theme of this year's parade will be "Celebrating the Past, Present and the Future." Donated baked goods are needed for the Cake Walk held in the Community Hall. Mary Wahlmeier is in charge and you may contact her if you would like to donate. There will be a Bake Sale held in the American Legion building (proceeds go to the Legion) and a Garage Sale at the same place, with proceeds going to the fire department. Items for both projects would

be appreciated. Contact Terri Hanke to donate items for either.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marjorie Shearer Tacha of Huron, S.D., who died Friday. Her funeral was Tuesday morning at the United Methodist Church in Jennings with burial in the Jennings Cemetery.

Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper will be held August 10 at 6 p.m.. Everyone is welcome.

The Stramp family reunion was held Sunday at the senior center.

Stan and Ramona Shaw met Warren and Thelma Mauk, Fort Collins, Colo., for lunch on Thursday at a restaurant in Colby. The women were classmates at Central Business College, Denver.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the annual Carman-Shaw reunion Sunday at the Selden Community Center. Approximately 50 relatives were in attendance.

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