

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1886

We were initiated into the intricacies of a complete outfit of undertaker's equipment which Doolittle & Emahizer received recently.

In speaking of religious exercises held at Ludell, George Hand remarks, "That it is hard to blow sin out and religion in with the audience seated on six-inch benches, nine inches high with two-inch backs." A force pump with steam attachments would fail to relieve George of his load of original sin we verily believe.

Clayton Chips: The school house four miles north of Clayton has been completed and school has been commenced with Miss Jessie Howey, teacher.

Mr. H. H. Chapin has a new gasoline stove; he says the expense is about 50 cents per week. That beats green elm wood.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1911

A small twister Wednesday afternoon made things lively about town for a few minutes.

Perry Bradley and son Vern made a trip to Indianola Monday evening to have a look at the big wreck on the Burlington.

Mrs. Lydia Barnes, who had spent the winter in Illinois, returned home last week. She rode on the ill-fated train that was wrecked at Indianola, but providentially had gotten off at Oxford to visit a daughter-in-law.

Art Hamilton made a flying trip to Oakley last week, driving clear thru in one day.

Cedar Bluffs: Rube Pearson has bought the hotel and livery barn.

Ed Poort, the big catcher for the Norton baseball team, died quite suddenly after catching a game Sunday in the fierce heat and drinking large quantities of ice water.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1936

A 1936 wheat crop is almost assured as light rain came last week barring, of course, a siege of hot winds or hailstorms. Estimates of a county average yield vary from 8 to 15 bushels but there are some fields in the north and east parts of the county that look like 20 to 25 bushel wheat.

At a meeting of the Decatur County Agricultural Conservation Association, Victor Morton was

elected president; H.C. Vavroch, vice president; Neil Rogers, third member; M.I. Kirk, alternate member; Paul Griffith, secretary and Joseph Vavroch, treasurer. County committeemen were also elected in each township.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Paddock and their daughters, Misses Geraldine and Doreen and Mrs. E.S. Dean left Wednesday for Atlantic City where they will attend the Rotary International Convention being held there June 22-26. En route they planned to stop in Chicago where they will attend the wedding of Miss Myra Redman on Sunday, June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Wurm are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, June 3 and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Counter are the parents of a son born Tuesday by Caesarian section.

Amidst strains of music from the DCHS band and under the brilliant light transmitted through 72,000 watts of electric current, the Oberlin and Herndon baseball teams will open play Wednesday evening. Oberlin has the only flood-lighted field in Northwest Kansas.

The 1936 graduating class at Jennings High school consists of eight boys and four girls: Chester Muirhead, Murlin Cramer, Kenneth Erickson, Vincent Stroup, Winfield Green, Kenneth Mulkey, Charles Kump, Merald Carter, Leila Bartley, Opal Rogers, Marie Noone and Francis Votapka.

Norcat: Coach Joe Wilmore of Norcat High School has resigned to accept a similar position at Windsor, Colorado High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomsen and sons, Noel and Rollie, returned Saturday from an 18-day vacation trip on which they drove more than 5,000 miles visiting Old Mexico, San Diego, Catalina Island, the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Boulder Dam, San Francisco and other beautiful California cities.

A group of persons from the Federated Church of Oberlin went out to the J. E. Adamson farm last Thursday to celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary. Family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Adamson and their sons and daughters, Lucile, Inez, Ruth, Elbert, Eldon, Eston and Everett.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1961

Six troops from Coronado Council of Boy Scouts of America pitched their tents and made camp at Sappa State Park Friday evening. It was the beginning of a three-day Scout camporee. Troops are from Logan, Phillipsburg and Oberlin. Lemoin Landau was general chairman and he was assisted by John Dark, Mike Munson, Harold Machart, John Bearley, Laurel Hayward, Calvin Ufford, Joe Corcoran and Marcelus Hickert.

Norcat celebrated its 75th anniversary May 29 with an estimated 2,000 persons in town at various times during the day.

Robbers broke into the Oberlin Jewelry Store owned by Don Zimmerman Tuesday night and made off with watches, cigarette lighters and a camera. Entrance was gained by sawing steel bars in order to open a rear window.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church for Mrs. George (Mary Demmer) Groneweg, 78.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coughenour, Manhattan, announce the birth of a son, Evan, on June 1. He has an older brother, Tim, and a sister, Susan. The Coughenours are former residents of Oberlin where he was the managing editor of The Herald.

Two new Oberlin Herald employees are Judy Rogers of Norcat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Rogers, and Dick Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morris.

Dr. James Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sawyer, rural Dresden, recently graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and is now attending the School of Medicine at the University of Indiana to further his education.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen Randolph, Oberlin, son, Allen Lee, 6-3-61.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pace, Ellsworth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Arlene, to Wayne Alan Zwickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zwickle of Oberlin. Miss Pace attended Brown-Mackie School of Business and is employed at the National Bank of America in Salina. Zwickle is a 1957 graduate of DCHS and is employed at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Salina. The wedding date has been set for June 18, 1961.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1986

Road construction continues on an 8-mile stretch of Highway 83 south of Oberlin despite intermittent showers the past week.

Oberlin official weather observer Randall Braden has recorded a healthy 3.04 inches of precipitation during the month of May and farmers and gardeners are all smiles.

Dena Lauderbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lauderbach, and Jody Whitaker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ren Whitaker, will attend Girls State in Lawrence.

Fair Chiropractic Clinic will open this week at 504 N. Penn in Oberlin, site of the former Oberlin Clinic. Dr. Douglas Fair, St. Francis, had served the Tri-State area for more than 22 years and will continue to do so with clinic hours in Oberlin on Tuesday, Thursday and some Saturdays. Fair works with his son, Chris, who is an associate in the St. Francis chiropractic clinic. Doug's wife, Sandy, has two children, Jeff, 13, and Jennifer, 10, and his family plans to move to Oberlin prior to the fall term. Dr. Fair spent two years at Kansas Wesleyan and graduated with honors in 1964 from National Chiropractic College, Lombard, Ill.

Fritz and Anita Bentrup, Obernkirchen, Germany, are visiting in the home of Chuck and Barbara Young. Bentrups were foster parents of Lisa (Young) Eccles in 1978 when she was an exchange student to Germany.

New Arrivals: Renee and Ronald Harman, Oberlin, son, Chance Lee, 5-27-86; Charissa and Elden Huff, son, Richard Lee, 5-29-86.

The DCHS golf team of Kevin Vavroch, Dustin Nichols, Chad Stanley, Brad Simonsson, Perrell Stanley and Sam O'Toole placed 10th in state competition at Hessian.

In the State Track Meet held at Wichita the DCHS girls 400-meter relay composed of Catherine Braden, Laurie O'Toole, Jeni Peter and Robyn Russell, took second place in the 400-meter relay losing by a split second to Halstead. The 800-meter relay team composed of Terri Harmon, O'Toole, Peter and Russell placed third.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The rose garden at Cedar Living Center has been in full bloom this past week. It not only looks beautiful, but it also smells wonderful. It is worth a drive past the Center to take a peek. The garden is located at the southwest corner of the building.

Ira Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Mary Votapka won the blackout game.

Residents had an opportunity to sit outside on Tuesday afternoon before supper. In the afternoon we have a little bit of shade on the patio off of the sun room.

The Jennings United Methodist Women hosted the June birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Wednesday afternoon. It was a lovely way to start the new month. The ladies served angel food cake with peaches and ice cream. Kay Brown and Terri Hanke provided the musical entertainment. Those being honored with June birthdays were Edith Persinger, Gene Files, and Lillie Corpie. Each received a gift bag filled with treats.

Discussion was held during the

social hour on Thursday afternoon on possible names for the new parakeets at Cedar Living Center. Several ideas were tossed out for consideration.

The baking group made mint chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies turned out great and disappeared quickly. Residents participating in the baking group included Violet Brown, Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka.

Recent visitors: Clois Fiala, Joe Becker, Colorado Springs; Norma Ward, Roselle Mather, David Ward, Clayton; Lila Jennings, Louise Cressler, Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Terri Hanke, Jennings; Keith and Matthew Pettera, Lakewood, Colo.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; George Sayer, Lexington, Neb.

Max and Veanna Carman, Carol Kompus, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will hold morning worship services at 10 a.m. on Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. It will be followed by the Sunday School picnic at Lake Atwood at 11:30 a.m.

Will Wesley Holle, son of Orrin and Beth Holle, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther. Sponsors were Brandon and Lori Back, Albuquerque, N.M.

Guests for dinner following the services at the Orrin Holle home were Howard and Suzanne Wehrman, Sylvan Grove; Kevin and Mary Holle, Herndon; Larry Holle, Conifer, Colo.; Shelly Holle, Chanute; Paul Collard, Wenatchee,

Wash., Brandon and Lori Back, Kaylee, Colton and Kenna, Pastor Keith Reuther, and Henry, Eli and Maggie Holle.

Violet Holle is a patient at the Rawlins County Hospital. Among others who have been here to see her include her daughter, Cheryl Holle and Bob Keller, Kansas City, Mo.; and her sister, Lila Thorson Silverdale, Wash. Mrs. Thorson has been a houseguest of her sister Eunice Martin, in Oberlin.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther took Harland and Naida Ginther out for supper at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon on Saturday to honor them on their 65th wedding anniversary.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy have been in Benkelman, Neb., to be with his brother, Curtis McEvoy who is hospitalized.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Last week when I mentioned all the things I appreciated about the things I appreciated about the Norcat Memorial Day service, I failed to mention the way the National Anthem was sung by Andrea Spanier, which was perfect! No trills and frills, which sometimes messes up a perfectly good song.

The American Legion building at Lebanon, Neb., was the scene of a combined hog roast/birthday party on last Saturday evening for Dean Jolly, Eric and Lynette Pew and Charlene Springer. A large crowd helped celebrate, including Dean's brother, Carroll Jolly and his friend, Ron Wiesch from Iowa.

June Jolly hosted her KT club at the McCook Senior Center on Thursday, and that evening helped with Bingo.

Von Sumner is entertaining her grandchildren this week, or it could be the other way around. I called to ask if it was all right to report Greg's accident on his 'Rhino'. He was spraying musk thistle when it hit a hole and threw him off, breaking his collar bone. Let's pray that he will heal fast, and be ready for harvest.

The Liberty Star Club will meet on Thursday this week if everyone can get their appointments out of the way in time.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

It feels like summer has arrived, and everything has been growing so fast since the rains during the past month. I noticed the wheat has developed a light shade of green. It won't be long before it will be turning that beautiful golden color.

Chamber board members will be having a Spaghetti lunch community fund raiser at Norcat in the old school building on Saturday, June 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Norcat is also having their city-wide garage sales on that day.

The June and July table tents are out. Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsor this and we print them every two months. It has been a little rushed the last two times I have gathered information for these. If you have something that fits on the table tents for the next set, August and September, please have the information to the Chamber office by July 13. For the months of October and November, the information needs to be in by Sept. 13.

The Chamber is in need of two board members again from our membership. Normally each serves for three years, but if anyone would

just be willing to serve for the remainder of the year that would be great. Our Chamber needs the help for developing some new ideas and working our fundraising events. If you can help fill one of these positions, please contact the Chamber office at 475-3441.

Oberlin Business Alliance had a successful Burger Fry again this year during the alumni weekend. They also served root beer floats at the Museum on Friday evening during the Cruise-In for the Car show this past weekend.

The playground equipment arrived last week at Sappa Park. The company representatives were here to install the larger pieces, with the city workers to do the smaller ones. It will be a nice addition to the park. This equipment was purchased with a grant that was written by our local business, Dream Makers, which is operated by Kem Bryan and Shayla Williby. Their office is in the Bee Building which is located at 104 S. Penn Avenue in Oberlin.

Farmers Market will be starting in June. The date will be announced next week.

Have a great week!

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Club happenings this week included the "Good Sam Gals" taking a walking tour to view some amazing antique china collections. They were delighted to see over 60 Biscuit Jars, some dating back to the 1800's. Collections of more than 100 Hen and Baskets, a Japanese arrangement of vases complete with an authentic kimono and other pieces came from Bohemia. My favorite was a beautiful Handkerchief Box covered with dainty hand painted flowers!

The "Praying Mantis Club" invited the ladies to join them for some fun! Hillbilly Horseshoes was the game! The guys came out full force, Ben Jorns, Loren Schrock, Walt May, Laddie Kacirek and Dave Meyer competed against the ladies,

Charlene Meyer, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Crystal Moore, Edla Olson and Myrtle Ross! We were so excited to have some first timers and now they, too, are hooked after everyone had such a great time!

Bessie's Prayer Meeting met again on Thursday night. Our resident Prayer Warriors are Bessie Peterson, Amy Rehm, Mary Waldo, Lucy Schissler and Phil Erickson, who are faithful to gather. If you have a request you would like them to lift up, give us a call!

On Friday night, all the families came out to enjoy a barbecue together! Chris May manned the grill turning out hamburgers and hot dogs for all. It's official now; summer is in full swing!

A reminder of June dates: On June 9, Loren Schrock will celebrate his 98th birthday with pizzazz! A dance with Michael Milbauer performing live with Loren at 6:30 p.m. This will double as our monthly Birthday celebration in honor of Shirley Hayward, Loren Schrock, Cheryl Hill, Barb Beisner and Amy Rehm. Everyone is invited!

Don't forget Saturday, June 11, our very own Garage Sale all day in the Garden of Hope side yard opens at 9 a.m.

Recent guests: Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Carolyn Strevey and Von and Joy Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer

and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Johnny and Connie Simonson for **Amy Rehm** and "Ollie". Max and Veanna Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Linda Tomasch and Riley Frasure (Olathe), Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy and Del and Rena Gran (Denver) for **Lucy Schissler**. Jim and Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Chris Dean for **Don Gilbert**.

Recent family gathering for the Marintzer reunion were Damian Marintzer, Jackie Bowers, Joe Marintzer, Jeff and Amy Reed, Cork and Jacque Riene, John and Keri Riene, Jim and Amy Riene, Jeff and Jessica Riene, Calvin and Kayla Hughes, Cecil and Connie Walker and Becca, Becky and Muriel Faimon, Bud and Vicky Mumm, Anita Mumm and friend, Marco; John Marintzer, Steve and Lydia Bryan and Chris Halling.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Keith and Matthew Pettera, Lakewood, Colo., arrived on Thursday to visit Grandma Edie Pettera and other relatives. They returned home on Friday.

Joe and Nadine Green traveled to Ozawkie to visit Dave and Debbie Unger and Bob and Patti Chartier for a few days last week. Over the weekend, they attended the 2011 Jubilarian celebration of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Concoria. Herndon-born Sister Cecilia Green and Leoville Sister Rosalyn

Juenemann were celebrating their 60 years and Sister Marilyn Wall, formerly of Oberlin, celebrated 50 years. Fifteen Sisters celebrating, represent 850 years of loving God and neighbor with Mass, dinner and a reception. Joe and Nadine returned home Sunday evening.

Julie Hafner visited Jason Hafner last week in Lexington, Neb., while Raquel traveled to Fayetteville, Ark for meetings.

Kade Marintzer, grandson of Greg and Rita Marintzer, spent

last week with them. He spent lots of time with Great-papa Pete and Great-grandma Leen. He got to feed grandpa's cows, and feed grandma's birds, cats and dogs. After a fun-filled week, Grandma Rita took him home on Sunday. Grandma Rita will be taking care of Phoebe for the week.

Dean, Carrie, and Heidi Franke of Jefferson City, Mo, spent the past week with Bonnie Franke. Brenda Van Horn and Cody Fisher were additional guests over the weekend.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Eugene Wurm, brother of Wilma May, is still hospitalized and would enjoy receiving cards at Room 3295, c/o Good Samaritan Hospital, P.O. Box 1990, Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Landon James Shaw, son of Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw, was born Saturday, June 4 at Andover, Kan., and has an older brother, Caden, to welcome him home. His maternal grandparents are Marvin May and the late Candy May, and his maternal great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May and Fred and Theda McKee.

Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie attended a swim meet Saturday at Holyoke, Colo., where Mollie received first in the breaststroke, second in the backstroke, and second in the Individual Medley.

Mollie Tate received straight A's during her entire fourth grade year at Oberlin Elementary School this past year. Congratulations on a job well done!

Rhonda May, Dan Nedland and Elizabeth, Cameron Nedland and Stacy Hauck, Manhattan; Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah were among those attending the wedding reception for Shane and Brianna (May) Stecklein held

Saturday at Terrace on the Green in Lenexa. Brianna is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Delayne May of Lawrence.

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