

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1886

The Bank of Oberlin in its statement shows loans and discounts of \$70,051.27 and total resources of \$92,461.11; capital stock of \$50,000.00 and deposits of \$35,320.44.

J.H. Lathrop has a large amount of building stone which he has taken out of his own quarry a mile and a half south of town. He is looking for a site and intends using them in the erection of a large business building here this season.

Ludell News:

Ludell is to have a newspaper which will wear the expressive title of "Ludell Wild Cat."

Angels Rest is the name of the new post office in Rawlins County.

Mrs. Toulner of Ludell was bitten on the ankle by a rattlesnake and died the next day.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1911

Today is the great day in London. King George will be crowned. So far we have heard of no Western Kansas people invited to the coronation.

Numerous moving wagons can be seen daily passing through the city going in all directions.

A card from the Griffith-Bivans auto party says they reached Colorado Springs without any trouble and had only one puncture en route.

Gus Lippelmann and wife returned from Kansas City on Wednesday. They had taken down that wonderful baby to show the people of that city what a dry country can produce.

Geo. H. Ashcraft of Ashland, Oregon, and Miss Lettie Tibbels of Dresden were married at Corvallis, Oregon, last week.

Steve O'Toole was in town getting a machine made to sow flour and paris green on his alfalfa in hopes of getting rid of grasshoppers.

Dean Rogers and Gerald Benton are home from Washburn College for the summer vacation. Dean will try his hand at farming.

It is reported that W. A. Dale has traded his row of buildings on Penn Avenue for a Missouri farm.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1936

Last week marked the completion of the 57th year during which The

Oberlin Herald has been a weekly visitor to many of the homes in Decatur County. It is the oldest newspaper published west of the 100th meridian in Kansas that has been continuously published since with its original name—the name given it 57 years ago on the 19th of June by the two men who published it — J.C. Humphrey and J.N. Counter.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued on June 19 to Julius Tacha and Mildred H. Allen of Jennings.

Quite a number of Oberlin people are planning to drive to Herndon to a massed band concert to be directed by Professor Carl Malmberg of Fort Hays Kansas State College. Other bands are from Burlington, Colo., St. Francis, Bird City, Brewster, Atwood and Ludell. The Oberlin band has been invited to take the place of the Benkleman, Neb., band which could not be present.

Dresden: Harold Lohofener of Oberlin has leased the Schroer Grain elevator in Dresden and assumed operation under the same name on June 15.

A full page ad in this week's Oberlin Herald tells of a full program of events to celebrate the Fourth of July. A new and added event is called the "Soap Box Derby" consisting of a coasting race by boys ages 7 to 17 in vehicles built by themselves and is sponsored by Oberlin Motor Company.

Custer: Those from this neighborhood who took an airplane ride at Oberlin Tuesday evening were Doris, Avis and Sammie Willcoxon, Jim Conquest, Jim Vavroch and "Doc" and Atley Muirhead.

Leoville: A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke on June 2 who has been named John Bernard. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goscha are the parents of a son, Donald Lee, born June 9.

Ray Birdsell took the golfers at the McCook tournament to a neat trimming Sunday when he played the 27 holes in 8 under par. When Ray gets going like that he is unbeatable, and he frequently hits that stride.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kirkendall who were married recently in Ellsworth were honored at a reception Friday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Kirken-

dall. The newlyweds are on their way to Colorado where he will teach summer school at the University of Colorado prior to returning to New Britain, Conn., where he will hold the same position as a university faculty member which he held the past year.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1961

Oberlin is to have a new, modern apartment building according to an announcement made by Darrell Shields, president of Noble Homes, Inc., of Denver which firm will construct and own the apartments. The structure will be located on what is known as "Peters Park" two blocks east of Penn Avenue. This site 120 x 125 feet has been purchased from Miss Marguerite Peters and Mrs. Albert Unger and construction will start late this summer. Shields is the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Francis Shields and is a brother of Delbert Shields who had often mentioned the need of an apartment building in Oberlin.

Norcatour: O.G. Bell has sold his insurance agency, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co., to Troy Rubendall, a local grocery store owner in Norcatour. Bell had been a representative for 55 years.

The newly constructed maintenance building and office headquarters of the R.C. Williams trucking center in Oberlin is now buzzing with activity. Young Construction Company had the contract for construction; Ridgway the electric; Guinn's, plumbing and heating and building supplies came from Foster Lumber Company.

Norman Taylor is office manager; Ernest Goetz is terminal manager and Vernon Gross is pusher. Other employees are drivers of trucks or helpers: Walter Dreher, Clarence Bissett, Johnnie Hoskins, Dwane Klaus, William Bird, Bernard Boone, Corlis Merchant, Dennis Vernon, Fred Stubblefield, George Roda, Kenneth Cantrell, Billy Key, Norman Taylor, C.A. Easley, and Ralph Marks.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson, daughter, Kathy Lynn, 6-16-61; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stanley, Oberlin, daughter, Nanette Ruth, 6-16-61.

Deloris Musgrave, Oberlin, was one of five students who have been

awarded academic scholarships to Fort Hays Kansas State College for the year 1961-62 from the Alumni Association. Since the death of her parents several years ago she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1986

Several members of the Decatur County Historical Society appeared at the Tuesday session of the Decatur County commissioners to request that the museum be added to the mill levy as in surrounding counties.

The USD 294 board members voted unanimously, upon the motion of Ward Savage, not to increase the salaries of top level administrators. Supt. Adams told the board that projected enrollment for the coming year is 575 students down from 609 the past year.

A resident of Dresden, Jim Burt, and a friend from high school and military days, Gayle Bainter, rural Dresden, participated in the Norcatour Centennial celebration by firing up Burt's homemade cannon for several bursts during the weekend. The cannon is modeled after a type of artillery used in the Civil War and was built by Burt, a pipefitter and boiler maker with the assistance of Dick Campbell, a gunsmith, in 1969 while both were living in Wichita.

New Arrivals: Jan and Gary Matheny, McCook, son, Randy Jay, 6-9-86; Kimberly and Thomas Weishapl, Atwood, daughter, Bethany Dawn, 6-13-86.

Josephine Slagle, a native of Decatur County, was honored at Scottsbluff, Neb., for 61 years of membership in the Rebekahs. Mrs. Slagle joined the Esther Rebekah Lodge in Oberlin in June 1925 and her mother, Minnie Grice, was the Noble Grand for the initiation.

Norcatour: Kortney Michele Stapp, daughter of Dave and Patty Stapp, was baptized June 1 at the Norcatour United Methodist Church by the Rev. Wesley Davis.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stackhouse were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on July 5 at the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Quintin Cundiff was ordained into the ministry Sunday afternoon, June 19, at his home church, St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, on Trinity Sunday. Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg led the service with Pastor Chad Eckles, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evansville, Ind., delivering the sermon, and Pastor Joel Hiesterman, First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, officiating during the Rite of Ordination. Other pastors involved in the service were Pastor Don White, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood; Pastor Rick Rostek, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton; and Pastor Dave Hutson, First St. John Lutheran Church, Kensington. Quintin has been called to serve at a dual parish with churches in Coos Bay and Reedsport, Ore., and will be installed there in July. Quintin and his wife Lindsay, have one child, Carter, who is four weeks old. Quintin's parents and grandparents are Greg and Janice Cundiff and Martin and Evelyn May of Oberlin. John and Dianne Bremer are Quintin's baptismal sponsors and Dianne was the organist during the ordination service. A reception and light meal

followed the ordination.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory hosted a garden soiree for the Oberlin-Area Concert Band and friends after a performance for the Relay for Life event Friday evening. Guests were Neal and Joy Russell, Linda Willey, Chris and Sharon Nelson, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Darrin and Joan Glading, Brad Larson, Kathy Almqvist, Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; Lori Hilker, Jim and Donna Garretson, McCook, and Suzanne and Jay Cooper, Wichita.

The following news was submitted the previous week but not printed due to management error; my apologies to the Mount Pleasant community on this news not being printed timely.

Caitlin Shields, Garrett Scott, and Kaine Fredrickson were confirmed Sunday, June 12, during morning worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Among those attending Confirmation services and the potluck dinner following were Caitlin's baptismal sponsors, Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha; Garrett's baptismal spon-

sor, Stean Olson, Hays; and Kaine's baptismal sponsors, Esther Jording, Bob Kelley, Dr. Mark and Barb Olson, and Susan and Leo Siebert. Cassidy Shields and Zach May sang a duet, "Seek Ye First" during the service to honor the Confirmants.

Myron and Alberta Scott, Hill City, attended the June 12 Confirmation services at St. John's Lutheran Church for their grandson, Garrett Scott.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields; Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin; Phil and Karen Shields, Justin and Anna, Salisbury, Md.; and Mark and Corby Shields and Keris, Tucson, Ariz., were among those attending the June 4 wedding of Corinne Shields and Patrick Hickey at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. Corinne is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Shields of Omaha and the granddaughter of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Following the Shields/Hickey wedding, Paul and Tyler Shields, Phil and Justin Shields, Mark and Keris Shields, Mike and Brett Shields, and Gaylord and Shirley Shields enjoyed fishing at Whitlock, S.D. Gaylord and Shirley returned

home Thursday evening.

Ralph and Norma Unger were in Portland, Ore., from June 3 to 9 where Ralph represented Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) at a Public Risk Insurance Management Association (PRIMA) seminar.

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth returned home Sunday evening, June 12, after spending the weekend attending a 4-H Geology State Field Trip based in Topeka. Elizabeth, a student leader and action team Vice-President, gave a seminar on "Lapidary" and a talk on "Lake Superior Agates in Kansas."

John Bremer returned home the evening of June 10 after attending a combined Spring Judicial Conference/Kansas Bar Association meeting in Topeka.

Linda and Lyndon Tomasch and Riley Frasure, Olathe, were Monday, June 13, overnight guests of John and Dianne Bremer. They, accompanied by Mildred (Miller) Holmdahl and Janeil Jensen, arrived in Oberlin Monday evening after spending a few days in Grand Junction, Colo., attending a Miller/McKay family reunion.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead. Romans 1:20

With the nice warm weather, the Lora Marietta Memorial Courtyard will be a frequent meeting place. This week the "Praying Mantis Club" met there to take in some of the wonders of God's beautiful creation. We marveled at the sound of the birds singing, examined some robin nests that they had built to raise their young families, an abandoned wasp nest so intricately designed, acorns and pine cones along with wheat and milo heads. The discussion centered around God and His amazing attention to detail and beauty. Walt and Betty

May, Ben Jorns, Eulaine Benda, Glenn Martin, Dorothy Hunt, Dorothy Pryor, Eva Bryan, Charlene and Dave Meyer, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Emma Sanford, Leone Porsch, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward and Eva Bryan all came out to enjoy the sunshine and to think about God!

Nothing gets Residents talking more than reminiscing about life on the farm. Anita Hirsch hosted the History Buffs with a well-done presentation entitled "Barns Tell a Story." This activity was also a popular draw for the week. Opal Bryan, Violet Schissler, Mary Waldo, Dorothy Pryor, Earl Brown, Lucy Schissler, Leone Porsch and Alice Bobbitt shared interesting stories about the barns right here in Decatur County, the highlight seemed to be

the dances held at barn at the Don and Ann Mines farm. What fun; I wish I could have been there!

The Artsy Craftsy club made pretty torn tissue paper floral scenes that will be entered in the Jennings Art Show, thanks to Vi Krizek. Myrtle Ross, Charlene Meyer, Amy Rehm and Dorothy Pryor will all have an entry!

Recent guests: Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Carolyn Strevey and Von Johnson for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Loyd Waldo for Mary Waldo. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for Charlene Meyer. Johnny and Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and "Ollie." Max Carman and Peggy Carman (Hoxie) for Myrtle Waldo. Steve and Arian Arnold (Hern-

don) and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Jim and Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek and Donnie Lemman (Hays) for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Gerald Olson, Kelly Elyson and the Scott family for Evelyn Olson. Gary Metcalf (Denver) for Eva Bryan. Chris Dean for Don Gilbert. Breckyn Jensen for Violet Schissler. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler, Walt and Betty May, Earl Brown, Leona Helmkamp, Ben Jorns and Alan Addeleman.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Leopold, who passed away on Friday at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the dice game on Monday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Residents who tried their hand at the game included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka. Snacks were served following the game.

Max Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Aleen Van Vleet won the blackout game. Volunteers helping at bingo included Ila Ray, Marian Dempewolf, Anna and Clayton Carter, and Brecken Rowh.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Tuesday afternoon. The group sang birthday greetings to Gene Files who celebrated his special day on Tuesday.

Several residents met in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon to watch Johnny Carson and enjoy a snack.

Julie Carter provided special music during supper on Wednesday evening. She played a selection of old favorites on the Clavinova. Julie is the daughter of CLC resident Max Ward.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents celebrated National Fudge Day during a social hour held on Thursday afternoon. Teresa Shaughnessy provided homemade fudge for the group to share.

Residents enjoyed a visit on Thursday evening from a four-legged friend named Allie. Allie is a Red Heeler mix puppy belonging to Tara Votapka. Allie and Tara went from room to room making friends.

The baking group baked up a batch of really delicious cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served to residents, staff, and guests.

Edna Mott attended funeral services on Saturday morning for her niece, Sandra Young.

The dietary staff teamed up with the activity department during supper on Sunday evening to make ice cream sundaes in honor of Father's Day. Each resident selected favorite toppings to be layered onto ice cream. Topping choices included chocolate, caramel, and strawberry syrup as well as bananas, nuts, whipped cream, and cherries.

Recent visitors: Norma Ward, Clayton; Susie Youngblood, Isabella Gamo. Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Sharon Blachaul, Colorado; Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Kelly Olson, Manhattan.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Veanna Carman, Dolores Koeperich, Marilyn Gamblin, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Our local Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau met last Thursday with several interesting topics. Most of the playground equipment is up at Sappa Park close to the Shelter House. The bathroom project by the Shelter House is ready to be sent out for bids.

Electric hookups are being started at the campground site. I think it is wonderful to see the progress being done. Some have said, "Why is it taking so long?" If you only knew all the hoops that have to be gone through!!

Did you know that through all this research in getting the bathrooms and the wetlands done, it was discovered Sappa Park was the first National Park in Kansas back in 1936-1938? Some of the original campground below the dam is still there. There is information about it at the Museum. Gary Anderson and Sharleen Wurm have been digging it up and it is very interesting.

Another project they have been working on is finding the original Great Western Cattle Trail as it made its way north. The Kansas Cattle Trails Association is working

on getting all these sites marked in Kansas. CVB is purchasing two stone markers to be erected sometime in the fall. One will be south of Oberlin (point to be announced later) and one west of Oberlin. A new book is coming out later this fall also about the trails. A day will be designated for a celebration when all this is finalized.

A reminder that all information needs to be in by July 13 for the August, September table tents. The printing company needs at least two weeks to get them to me before the first of August, and it takes me a few hours to get them folded and delivered. So please help me out by getting the information to me early.

Farmers Market will start today. If there are any home business representatives that would like to set up inside the Bee Building during the market time, please call the Chamber Office at 475-3441 to reserve a spot. Please bring your own small table for your display. There is no charge for the space.

Have a great week!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at 10 a.m. for morning worship services on Sunday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina visited over the weekend with Esther Noren, and Steve and Connie Noren, David and Michael.

Chris and Gabe attended wrestling camp at Kearney, Neb., from Saturday to Monday. Invited guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe on Tuesday in honor of Father's Day, and Elden Anderson's birthday were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna

Kelley.

Matthew Doty attended camp at Camp Lakeside near Scott City over the weekend. His grandparents, Sylvester and Lynda Hurst, and Daniel took him down and brought him home.

Francis and Florine Hurst visited Betty Beckley, who is a patient at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, on Sunday afternoon, then visited at the home of A.J. and Jodie Hurst.

Margaret Thoren visited on Thursday with Jennie Capps of Phillipsburg.

Galen and Lynn Olson of Oberlin were Saturday supper guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Summer Reading Program is underway. The program began the first Monday of June and will run through the last Monday of June. Anyone interested in attending should meet at the Library with start time at 10 a.m.

On June 16, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis won high, Pat Wessel took second, Betty James got low and Carl Mumm had the most wins. Other members present included: Shirley Emigh, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finney, Jeanie Spresser, Shirley Baker, Cecelia Ottley, Paulie Neff, Gail Mumm, Helen Karls, Ann Hazlitt and Lillian Sulzman.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 17 - Jaclyn Schreiner. June 18 - Dennis Rogers, Nicole Wessel, Cameron Spresser. June 19 - Dawne Stevenson, Bailey Koeperich. June 20 - Dan and Nikki Campbell,

Royce and Lola Cook. June 21 - Joe Broeckelman, Janella Benoit. June 22 - Dan Bainter. June 24 - Marlee McKenna. June 25 - Adam Sabatka. June 26 - Marla Rogers, Jennifer Hickert Diers, Zachery Spresser, Terry and Gloria Goscha. June 27 - Carrie Turnbull. June 28 - Shane and Jill Boultinhouse. June 29 - Kat Steadman, Puddy Sloan. June 30 - Wally Brantley, Rick Pauls, Olivia Filmore.

Joe Keating will be doing a fireworks display again this year. Anyone wanting to donate may leave your donation with the City or at the Midway Cafe, The Bank or Karls Store.

