

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1886

The first 26 days of June gave us 13 thunder storms and 6 inches of rain water equal to 24 inches in depth of wet soil.

The display of fireworks Monday night was quite creditable. Those who fired them understood their business and got through without any accident — except Coard who had one of his ears singed, which doesn’t count.

Bassettsville celebrated on the 5th. Geiger of Oberlin and Al Hennings of Atwood were the big speakers.

The ball game between a Rawlins County nine and the Oberlin club in the 5th was won by Oberlin; score 50 to 15.

The band boys report a very pleasant time at Norcatur on the 3rd.

Allison Items: The mail stage connecting Oberlin with Lenora passes through Allison every day. We expect also the routes from Colby and Millbrook.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1911

A great celebration — Oberlin did herself proud in the manner of entertainment — 2500 good-natured celebrators. The feature of the parade was Rev. Clark’s little boy dressed up as Uncle Sam driving a goat.

The Southsiders captained by Hjalmer Alstrom won over the Northsiders, captained by Ed. Kennedy, in the ball game by a score of 10-3. In the big tug-of-war, the Westsiders, captained by Henry Simpson, won over the Eastsiders, captained by Smith Morton.

Just at dusk a small building was pulled to the center of Main Street and set on fire, the alarm given and the hose companies made a spectacular run to extinguish the flames and then turned the water on each other, much to the delight of the big crowd.

Farmers are now wrestling with the query — will it pay to buy 60 cent corn to feed young hogs?

After four sweltering days last week a shower of rain cooled the air to some extent.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1936

Members of the Fourth of July planning committee — Ward Claar, Francis Wilson, Jake Betts, Lester Moody and “Pie” Winget — are to be congratulated for the events which brought a crowd estimated at several thousand to Oberlin to celebrate the Fourth. The half-mile-long parade down main street in the morning was considered the best in past years and the baseball games, swimming pool, free pavement dance on South Main as well as the dance at the Masonic Temple were all well attended. Mr. Inman, owner of the Inman Flying Circus held at the airport, said it was the largest crowd they had had since 1929. Parade winners were: first: Love’s

Jewelry with Joyce McLaughlin and Jack Love as the diminutive bride and groom with a huge wedding ring as the background; second, Claar’s Clothing, a boat with sailors and third, Driskell Beauty Shop featuring Miss Oberlin, Miss Vivian Dowling.

For the first time in over 26 years, the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lorig were home and they celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents. From Durango, Colo., came the eldest son, Marx L.; from Denver, Julius E. and wife and from Washington, D. C., the youngest, Alvin I., and his wife and three children.

After a delay of several months, work has started on the 400-foot dam to be constructed across Sappa Creek in Sappa State Park. A fleet of trucks from Omaha will transport the quarried rocks from the Ruzicka place to the dam site.

Mrs. Jessalyn Odell, St. Francis, who formerly lived in Oberlin, is one of 12 women in the entire United States to attend the International Congress of Women in Paris the last of July. Mrs. Odell will sail from New York City on the S.S. Normandie on July 14.

Public Auction: Lots 3,4,5,6,7 to 12 inclusive, Block 12, Johnston’s addition to Oberlin will be sold Friday, July 17 at one o’clock at site of property. For further information, see Jerry Votapka. —adv.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1961

The extreme heat has hurried the ripening of the wheat and many custom harvest crews are available. Gerald Jacobs, manager of Johnson Grain Co., in Dresden said that wheat in that neighborhood was yielding good with an average of 25 to 40 bushels and a test weight of 60 pounds. Johnson Grain opened their large new elevator the first of the week.

Plans to build a new post office in Oberlin were announced by Postmaster General J. Edward Day. The building will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Griffith Avenue and Hall Street.

Funeral services were held for Ross Riley, who was born in a sod house in the Vallonia neighborhood in 1889 and attended Vallonia school until his family moved to the present home a half-mile south of Oberlin which had been homesteaded by his uncle. Since retirement he had assisted Mrs. Lawrence Claar, the curator of the Last Indian Raid Museum. He was married to Ethyl Guilliams at Jennings in 1921 and they had two children, Robert and Dixie, both of Norfolk, Va., and six grandchildren who survive.

Gordon Bosler has resigned as Decatur County Register of Deeds to accept a position as office clerk and insurance salesman at Nitsch & Nitsch.

Decatur County Farm Bureau has sent four students to a citizenship seminar in Oklahoma City. Students are Bill Eckhart, Norcatur High School, Judy Brown and Carolyn McCartney, DCHS and Carolyn Perrin, Jennings High School.

Ira Laidig began his year as Rotary Governor of District 567 on July 1. The Laidigs recently returned from Tokyo, Japan, where they attended Rotary International. During his year as governor he will visit the 36 clubs containing 1,550 members in northwest and central Kansas.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaw, Selden, daughter, Christina Marie, born June 27 at St. Thomas Hospital, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fidele, Oberlin, son, Gregory Stewart, July 2.

Courthouse News: James David Klich, Lakewood, Colo., and Phyllis Elaine Anderson, Oberlin, were issued a marriage license June 24; Darroll Banzet, Bartlett, and Virginia Sue Steelsmith, Norcatur, were issued a marriage license June 30th.

David Donnelle Gaumer was one of 67 students who passed the Kansas State Bar exam given June 28 in Topeka. He plans to take the Colorado bar as well and form a legal partnership with his uncle, Norton Frickey, in Denver.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1986

Tornado-like winds hacked off tree limbs in every direction during a brief wind and rainstorm that pounded pounded Oberlin and the west central part of the county Sunday evening. Insurance agents reported numerous calls regarding damage to roofs and windows with the major claim coming from Shaw Aerial Spraying to a building housing two airplanes and a pickup. In Oberlin some 1.77 inches of rain fell in 15 minutes and in Liberty Township hail seriously damaged crops and rain filled terrace channels to the brim.

The first load of wheat was dumped at the new condo storage unit at Decatur Co-op Wednesday evening. Improvements at the local elevator allowed trucks to dump readily with the average wait in line less than 10 minutes.

Area elevators report that about two-thirds of the crop is in the bins and although some producers were talking about 60-bushel yields, the majority seem to be looking at yields nearer 30. Wheat closed under \$2 a bushel on Monday.

G.R. “Rusty” Addleman began his duties as president of the Oberlin Rotary Club last Tuesday establishing himself as the third generation member of the Addleman family to hold the post. His father, Ted, held the post in 1952-53 when the family took the opportunity to attend the International Rotary Convention held in Mexico City. His grandfather, Dott, served as Rotary president in

1943-44.

Laura Kitzke, Hill City, has been hired to fill the position of director of nursing at Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin and will begin her duties on July 21. A native of Canada, Ms. Kitzke earned her nursing degree from St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital at St. John’s in Newfoundland in 1967 and came to the U.S. in 1973. She has resided in Hill City the past six years where she worked at the Graham County Medical Clinic. Kitzke has two sons, Christopher, 10, and Paul, 7, and the family is currently looking for housing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wurm, rural Oberlin, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy, to Norman Shores, Goodland. The bride is a music teacher in Goodland and her husband owns and manages Shores Brothers Auto Supply in Goodland.

Norcatur: All of the nine children of the late William H. Roe and Nancy (Roe) Cox met on June 14 at the Norcatur Community Center for a family reunion.

New Arrivals: Wilbur and Jill Reichert, rural Dresden, son, Gannon Stephen, June 22, 1986, Decatur County Hospital; Mark and Kathleen (Aschwege) Whitley, Garden City, daughter, Kayla Renee, June 27, 1986.

The Oberlin Swim Team took fourth place at Burlington, Colo., with 332 points and Coach Jerry Carpenter noted several outstanding performances: the 11/12 year-old girls team composed of Amy Fowler, Amy Walter, Chanda Stanley and Jodi Wildeman won the medley relay and placed second in the freestyle while the boys 13/14 year-old relay composed of Jason Sullivan, Scott Waterman, Dave Unger and Ken Erickson won both the medley and the freestyle relays. Bridgette Ostmeier was a triple winner in the 100, 200 and butterfly and Andy Matson won the 50, 1000 and butterfly.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

It has been a wonderful week of activity here at Good Sam this week. The “clubs” that we have established have been a very good thing! As we age, our likes and dislikes change, as do our abilities and energy levels, sometimes day to day, so to find ways to meet the ever changing needs of 40 residents is always a challenge and delight. It is a task made easy when many gifted people join together with ideas and talents, utilizing friends, volunteers, staff and the residents themselves; and that is exactly what these clubs have done.

Here is the weekly “Club” report: the “Humming Bees” met on Monday with Anita Hirsch. Music has a way of caressing its way into the heart and soul of one who is otherwise locked away from other forms of communication due to the varying stages of dementia. Anita has the gift of reaching those tender places with song and rhythm.

Tuesday, the “Stage Hams,” also under the direction of Anita, met together to listen to and act out a Radio Mystery Theater. Usually this would be performed at Social Hour, but we had a surprise performance by the staff members in honor of Frannie Nothdurf’s retirement party. Janice Shobe, Montine Alstrom, Loretta McFee, Joey Hirsch and Sara Kyte starred in the skit, “Old Dogs, New Tricks.” Frannie will be sorely missed, but our love and prayers will go with her.

The “Praying Mantis” Club met on the front patio for a game of Washers. How nice to be out in the sunshine enjoying skill, competition and fellowship. Later, Kelley May took Loren Schrock, Walt May and Ben Jorns out to the fields to get an eye witness account of the golden mounds of harvest.

The “In House Club” choir provided the music for Devotions, Thursday morning. Coleen Rippe leads this club, and they brought a sweet time of worship to begin the day.

The St. John’s Lutheran Ladies brought homemade pie on Thursday night to celebrate the June birthdays. Hannah May, Elizabeth

Nedland and Kaitlyn Shields all performed musical pieces for everyone’s enjoyment.

“The Good Sam Gals” were busy, too. They met at Bessie’s for prayer meeting on Thursday and then got together to make the delicious rhubarb cobbler to serve at the “Red, White and Rhu” 4th of July, Community Ice Cream Social. Loren Schrock and Marilyn Horn entertained a crowd of about 60 people with lively patriotic music.

To top off the week, we had a full house of guests: Gladys Geis, Edie, Mollie, Grace and Dakota Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Steve and Marilyn Horn and Carol Duncan for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and “Sable” for **Charlene Meyer**. Barbara Custer (Salina), Betty and Emily Miller (Salina) Bobby Hill and Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**. Max Carman, Ryan Herlic (Salina), Mark and Kitty Carman (McCook) and Gene Van Vleet (San Diego, Calif.) for **Myrtle Waldo**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) and Lyle and Leona Hiker for **Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy, Scott Beims (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler**, **Alan Addleman** and **Earl Brown**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Stan, Becky and Muriel Faimon (Stratton, Neb.) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Gerald and Connie Olson, Kelly Olson (Manhattan), Stean Olson (Hays) for **Evelyn Olson**. Chris Dean and R.G. (Herndon/Atwood) for **Don Gilbert**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Breckyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Von Johnson, Carolyn Strevey and Diane for **Crystal Moore**. Gary Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Sarah and Bailey Wolfe (Colby), Ellen, Martin, and Iris Osborne (Wichita) and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Denise Abbey and Brooke Young (Wichita).

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A rain storm with tornadic-like wind hit Jennings late Saturday evening causing a lot of tree damage. The strong wind was high and not on the ground or more damage would have been done. The streets and parks were littered with tree branches. A total of 1.30 inch of rain was received in town.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to the home their son, Rus-

sell Cressler, in Bison on Sunday. We enjoyed a barbecue and fireworks with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those attending were: Robert Cressler and Zach, Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac and Aleah; Preston Cressler and friend, all from Salina, and Addie Schroter from Derby, and Wayne and Louise and Russell.

The Sunflower Senior potluck

supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evening, July 12. We will play bingo afterwards. Please bring a bingo prize (\$3), come and join us.

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 14, at the Senior Center.

The Jennings Alumni papers may be purchased at “The Bank” or the Museum in Jennings.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Several residents tried their luck at rolling the dice on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The bingo players met on Tuesday afternoon for a game. Ila Ray assisted Tara Votapka.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Tuesday afternoon before supper.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make patriotic decorations in honor of Independence Day.

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

Julie Hafner brought in a big box of pastries to share with the residents during social hour on Thursday afternoon.

Residents and guests enjoyed an evening of music and fun on Thursday. The Old Time Band from Hoxie provided the musical entertainment. There were a few dancers and even more toe tappers. Margaret Magers provided some of the cookies served for refreshments.

The baking group made oatmeal banana cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies turned out nice and moist and were a big success.

The holiday weekend brought in

several extra visitors. We are always happy to see old friends.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Issy Gane and Linda, Atwood; Linda Bosler and Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Chris and Alex Hosaka, and Jake, the dog, Alpharetta, Ga.; Norma Ward, Clayton; Stephani Hawkins, Euleess, Laura Fox, Valley Center, Patsy Marintzer, Colorado, Martin, Ellen and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby.

Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Dolores Koerperich, Penny and Robert Fringer, Marion Wenger and Estella Waldo, Oberlin.

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