

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1886

Threshers report wheat turning out remarkably well. Geo. W. Peterson, postmaster and merchant at Shibboleth, was in the city Saturday.

A new sidewalk has been put down on Hall Street extending from the court house to Ira Wear's Hardware.

The annual school election in Dist. No. 1 resulted in the election of W.A. Burnett as director.

The grove west of town is getting to be quite a camping place for immigrants. From 15 to 25 teams tie up there every night.

The finishing touches are being put on the elegant new building of the Bank of Oberlin.

We noticed by the last issue of the Ludell Settler that the Wild Cat of that place had swallowed the good will and subscription list of The Settler and that the material of the latter office would be moved to Oberlin.

This would be taken as an indication that George Hand again intends taking a hand in the affairs of Decatur County.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1911

Dr. L.C. Tilden and wife left Thursday morning for the Big Horn basin in Wyoming. They expect to be gone for a month or longer.

The junior editor, Ned Colgren, left Tuesday evening for a trip to the Pacific Coast country and Anna Colgren left the same evening on a visit with relatives in Milford, Iowa.

George Ames and family left Monday evening for southern Kansas where they expect to make their home in the future.

Fred Helmkamp and Paul Nitsch shipped out another carload of young horses Saturday night to Illinois.

Supt. M.T. Barnett and his bride returned home from their honeymoon Saturday and were given a rousing charivari by the young people.

Prairie Dog News: Olin Wimer and Belle Cathcart of Norcatour were married last week.

Pete Johnson is making an extended visit back to Delaware state to visit a sister.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1936

Next Sunday the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church nine miles northwest of Oberlin with the Reverend Mr. Wegener as pastor, will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a church.

The Oberlin Opera House is being redecorated under the supervision of Mr. H.C. Benny of Almena who has just recently redecorated the Great Bend and Hoisington movie houses. Mexican-Indian will be the motif for the scheme of decoration in the new light fixtures and the textone wall decoration.

Major changes will be made by the removal of the boxes and the adding of 10 more seats downstairs, moving the screen back about eight feet, a new proscenium arch framing the stage and solid foyer walls around the stairway.

Decatur County folks were harkened somewhat by the fall of a little rain last week with about .40 falling that greened up the pastures somewhat and lowered the temperature.

The month of July had been the hottest ever recorded with the exception of July 1934. The month brought disaster to the corn crop and a plague of grasshoppers attacked the corn, alfalfa and other crops.

In order to avoid the congestion on Main Street on Saturday nights, the city has set aside a parking lot just between the Oberlin National Bank and Ed Hunt's blacksmith shop.

At a wedding marked for its simplicity, Miss Wanda Lee Bell became the bride of Dale Gaines, Dresden, on Aug. 5 at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C.V. Parrott, the Rev. Lowell Bryant of the Colby Christian Church officiating.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Faye Bell and graduated from Selden High School and Mr. Gaines is a graduate of the Oberlin High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gaines. For the present they will make their home on a farm a few miles north of Selden.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson announce the marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Mr. Robert Neale of Lawrence on Monday, Aug. 3. Mrs. Neale is a graduate of DCHS and for the past two years has been attending college at KU.

The book club met Friday night with Mrs. Ben Miller. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Ilonka Lippelmann with a book review by Miss Marian Cathcart.

Hazelle Olson leaves Friday morning by bus for Topeka where she is entering nurses training at Christ's Hospital.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1961

The weather was never more favorable than during this year's county fair and the exhibits, program, livestock sale and parade made is one of the best. There were approximately 1500 4-H entries in this year's fair. Livestock winners included Frank Bennett, Hereford baby beef, grand champion; Angus baby beef, Floyd Lee Lotker, grand champion; in the dairy division, Linda Douglass, grand champion Holstein; in the sheep division Lynn Johnson had the grand champion crossbred and in the swine division, Marilyn Kolsky had the grand champion Duroc entry.

Sunday's Topeka Daily Capitol

had a detailed story of the life of J. Glenn Logan, Topeka's retiring postmaster who became 70 on Aug. 12 and civil service rules require him to retire.

Logan was born in a sod house on the homestead of his parents in Decatur County and graduated from DCHS in 1909 and received both a bachelor's and law degree from Washburn.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and after being discharged had a law practice in Topeka before being appointed postmaster in 1943.

Mrs. Ray (Margery) Adams has been hired to replace Mrs. Archie Taylor in the Farm Bureau office according to Dan Hess, general agent for Farm Bureau Insurance.

Mrs. Taylor was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Gordon Bosler, Decatur County Register of Deeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Corcoran sponsored a farewell party for friends and classmates of Suzanne Jones who is moving to Atwood with her parents in the near future.

Marcia Kay Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward Sr., and Jerry Lee Lohofener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lohofener, exchanged marriage vows Aug. 6 at the First Presbyterian church in Oberlin. They will make their home on a farm northeast of Oberlin where the groom in engaged in farming with his father.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortin, son, Eugene Everett, 8/9/61; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell, Selden, daughter, Charlene Faye, 8/12/61.

Word was received of the death of the Rev. E.C. Schmidt, 58, at his

home in Vancouver, Wash. Funeral services were to be held in Beatrice, Neb. The family resided in the St. John's parsonage nine miles northwest of Oberlin during his pastorate from 1941-48.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1986

Business changes in Oberlin in recent weeks include a new sales manager at Southwest Implement, Tom Beattie. Beattie has been with Southwest Implement in McCook the past seven years as salesman.

The Squire Shop clothing stores in Oberlin and Phillipsburg will be closing according to owner John Wright who plans to return to college and become recertified in the field of education.

Don's Phillips 66 Service owner Don Westervelt observed his 30th year in business with an open house at his U.S. 36 highway location.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays for a former Oberlin resident Vergil McKinzie, 63. Graveside services and interment followed at Oberlin Cemetery with the Rev. Keith Madsen officiating. He was a 1941 graduate of DCHS and a former football coach, retiring in 1985 from Drake University.

The season ended for the Oberlin area softball teams, Bassettville, Norcatour and Larry Ayers Trenching, as they were downed in the state tournaments held in Garden City and Pratt.

Mary Wilson, state Future Farmers of America president, and Duane Dunn, DCHS vo-ag instructor and FFA sponsor, have returned from the National FFA conference held in Washington, D.C.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Remember, the annual Back-to-School Social begins at 6:30 p.m. tonight in City Park.

Barbecue beef sandwiches, water and tea will be provided. Bring a covered dish and table service, plus law chairs if you want.

The forecast says the temperature will only get to 85 degrees, so come on out and enjoy good food and visiting for the evening. *The Oberlin Herald* will have its \$1,000 Shopping Spree drawing and the Chamber will draw for a \$200 grocery card at Raye's Grocery.

The Tripple Creek Riders horse club met Sunday night with 15 people to talk about the group's future. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, at the arena south of the fairgrounds. During this next two weeks, each person is to contact more riders to come to the meeting.

If you are interested and haven't been contacted, you can call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to leave a message and someone will get back to you. This next meeting will be to elect officers for the coming year and talk about what the club wants to do for events. The club is a good way to help beginning riders with their love of horses.

The annual U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt, basically a statewide garage sale, is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 to 18. I will be making up a list here at the Chamber.

If you want your sale listed on our flyer, please let me know your address and any items you want listed by Thursday, Sept. 8. I will have them printed up and ready here in the office on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The cost to get on the map is \$5.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Katlyn Schiefflin and girlfriend, Tyler, of Overland Park, enjoyed a week visiting Katlyn's grandmother, Sue Long, cousins and other relatives in the Jennings area. They attended the Decatur County Fair and went swimming in Colby.

Russell Cressler of Bison visited Sunday evening with his parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Reminders of upcoming events in Jennings: Fireman's FunDay will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, with many fun things going on.

Items are needed for the garage sale; contact Terri Hanke at 678-2333 if you have items to bring in.

Donated baked goods are needed for the Cake Walk and may be left at the Community Hall on Saturday morning.

A bake sale sponsored by the

American Legion, will be held at the Legion Hall. Donated goods may be left at the Legion Building on Saturday morning.

On Monday, Sept. 12, a "Decatur Tomorrow" meeting and supper will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center for the community, sponsored by the American Legion and the Historic Building Preservation Committee. The supper will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

Kolaches will be baked on Friday, Aug. 26, starting at 9 a.m. in the former Masonic Hall. All help is appreciated. These will be for sale at Fireman's FunDay.

Ten senior citizens enjoyed potluck supper at the Sunflower Senior Center on August 9. Those attending were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob

and Neoma Tacha, Ann Szwetits, Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Rachel Carter and Ruth Chance and Louise Cressler.

Curt Wahlmeier, son of Carl and Linda Wahlmeier of Jennings, has been named an All American Agent by American Family Insurance Group. He joins a select group of agents who have distinguished themselves through outstanding sales. He has been an agent in Norton and Hill City since April 2005.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Post met at the Czech Museum on August 8. President Neoma Tacha led the group with the flag salute. Chaplain Rachel Carter gave the prayer. Those attending were Ann Szwetits, Rachel Carter, Alice Wagoner, Pat Hall, Mary Wahlmeier, Darlene Hartzog, Alice

Mizer, Lila Jennings and Neoma Tacha. The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected and the treasurer's report was given. Dues for the coming year were collected.

The auxiliary has received money from the state organization for sending in all of its 2011 dues on time.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Neoma Tacha, president; Alice Mizer, vice president; Lila Jennings, secretary, and Pat Hall, treasurer. Rachel Carter was appointed as chaplain and poppy chairman. The 2012 District 6 conference will be in Norton in April. At the next meeting, contributions will be collected for the "Vets Christmas Fund." Members will work on the Christmas wreaths for the cemeteries at the November meeting.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center and the Good Samaritan Center continue to appreciate the area clubs which play host for our monthly birthday parties.

We are working on the calendar for birthday parties and it should be ready to mail out by next week. There are still several empty months. Groups who have been on the schedule in the past will remain on the calendar, but we would welcome new clubs, church groups, or youth groups. Call Teresa Shaughnessy at 785-475-2208.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday. Players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Darlene Fisher won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on the patio on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday.

Several residents tested their skill with bowling on Thursday afternoon. Everyone reported having a good time and snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made homemade chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served up to an appreciative group of residents and staff.

Staff members from Decatur Health Systems met in the dining room to volunteer as sandwich makers on Saturday morning. The group packed the lunches for the golfers at the benefit tournament held on Saturday. Once an assembly line was formed the sandwiches were ready in record time. Residents enjoyed watching the work and laughing along with everyone.

The Herndon Covenant Church met for their services in the dining room on Sunday morning. Residents joined in the service which included scripture reading, prayer, a sermon, and lots of music. The residents especially enjoyed watching the children who were present. We will look forward to having the group again next summer.

Recent visitors include: Susie Youngblood, Linda Files, Delpha Sis, Atwood; Norma Ward, Clayton; Eugene Kleidosty, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Linda Brunswick, McCook; Patsy Marintzer, Colorado.

Miriam Fisher, Wendy, Gage, and Wyatt Scott, Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Church morning worship services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church. The following Sunday, Aug. 28, the congregation will meet with the Oberlin and Lund Covenant church congregations for a worship service at 10:30 a.m. at the Oberlin City Park, followed by a potluck dinner.

Detta Anderson celebrated her 78th birthday at the Richard Anderson home on August 9. Guests were Gary Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, and the guest of honor and her husband, Elden Anderson, all of Oberlin.

Karl Noren and Erick of Topeka were Saturday overnight guests of their aunt, Esther Noren. Karl spoke at morning worship services on Sunday at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Marla Papaelious of Las Vegas, Nev., is visiting for two weeks with her friend, Sandy Reuther, and family.

Mildred Holmdahl was hospitalized last week at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., but has returned to Oberlin and is a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center while recuperating.

Beth Harmon, Chloe and Toby of Osborne were last Tuesday supper guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended funeral services for his classmate, Jannette (Pollnow) Hutfles, of Arvada, Colo., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon on Thursday morning. Her husband, Gene Hutfles, is a former resident of this community and he and Keith attended country school together.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On August 4 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Shirley Emigh won high; Pat Wessel, second; and Bernita Aumiller and Jeanie Spresser had the most tens. Other members present were Edna Schiltz, Ralph Weis, Betty James, Matt Finnesy, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Lillian Sulzman and Paulie Neff.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens, Carl Mumm won high; Lola Cook, second; Pat Wessel, low; and Betty James had the most jacks. Other members present were Edna Schiltz, Royce Cook, Ralph Weis, Matt Finnesy, Shirley Baker, Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Paulie Neff, Helen Karls and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 5 - David Zodrow, Marilyn Kaus, Paul and Karla Bruggeman, David Kruse, Corey Shaw and Sara Juenemann. Aug. 6 - Dick and Pat Stevenson (50 years), Robbie Koerperich and Mike Beckman.

Aug. 7 - Cory Wurm, Laura Ritter, Jesse Mumm, Ben and Kelsey Rhodes. Aug. 8 - Rick and Tammy Shaw, Clara Gillum, Casey and Shannon Shaw. Aug. 9 - Ty Gillum, Robynn Wessel and Nick and Elaine

Koerperich. Aug. 10 - DeLeana Neff, Dallas Koerperich, Kevin and Kayla Wurm, Rochelle Kennedy and Doug Wessel. Aug. 11 - Mike Ritter, Rhonda Sabatka, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum.

Aug. 12 - Charlene Worth, Mike Spresser and Kanisha Carman. Aug. 13 - Austin Mitchell, Dan Shaw, Rodney Brantley and Stan and Ramona Shaw. Aug. 14 - Monica Neff, Julie Kennedy Munden, Kaycee Miller and Kellee Snyder. Aug. 15 - Elaine Koerperich and Chris Lyon.

Aug. 17 - Amy Schieferecke, Leanna Schultz and Homero Vargas. Aug. 18 - Cheri Bainter Rosno. Aug. 19 - Cody Wurm and Tate Preston. Aug. 20 - Sandra Lobato, Alisha Broeckelman, Kelvin Sulzman, Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Joe and Phyllis Trembley and Norbert Korte.

Aug. 21 - Melissa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz and Royce Cook. Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Alan Bruggeman and Tammie Stevenson. Aug. 23 - Eileen Murphy, Kelly Stevenson, Tim Schieferecke.

School Calendar: First day of school will be next Wednesday.

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Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral of Stuart Euhus at St John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Tuesday. After celebrating her birthday on Saturday, they came to the community picnic at the Powell picnic grounds on Sunday and then went to Hoxie for the open house and supper in honor of the 90th birthday of her cousin, Ina Miller.

What a hailstorm and rain we had Tuesday evening! I don't know how far north it started, but it made a path through McCook to Norcatour and on south. There was 1.5 inches of rain with the hail and another 1.1 inch

by Wednesday morning. The town lost several windows and there was other damage. Probably roofs and crops sustained the most damage.

Larry Sumner took his mother, Joyce, Margaret Magers and Veda Wood to Fred Helm's funeral at Indianola, Neb. on Saturday. Afterward, they met at the parish hall for lunch and visiting. It is always good to see the family, but hate for it to be on such a sad occasion.

June Jolly attended the funeral for Fred Helm. On Saturday she played in the pitch tournament at the Old Settlers Picnic in Indianola. On Sunday she and Linda and Dennis

McFarland had dinner with Dean and Rhonda Jolly.

Carroll Jolly received word that his friend Ron Weiss has lost a son.

The Powell picnic grounds looked prettier than I ever remember. Allen Powell mowed it for the different festivities that have taken place there recently. The picnickers on Sunday were Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen, Kathy's son and grandson, Tim and Clinton Nejd and friend, Danny Weyen, James and Charlotte Plotts, Wayne Filly, Joyce and Virgil Price, Carol and John Moye, Sandy and

Larry McNames, Cathy, Gary and Keith Anthony, Allen Powell and Veda Wood. There was water in the creek and several were adventurous enough to brave the goat swing. This old lady declined, and didn't even go down the slide this time. Now I almost wish I had.

Larry and Sandy McNames made a quick trip to Taos, N.M., to see their daughter, who was sworn in as a district judge.

Aubrey got our attention when she said, "There's a bee in the refrigerator." When we looked, it was an egg with a printed "B" so I would remember it was boiled. Whew!