

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1887

An average of 20 immigrant wagons pass through Oberlin daily on their way to the western counties of Kansas and eastern Colorado. W.E. Reeder has purchased a drug store at Ludell.

The foundation for W.D. Street's new brick building is completed.

It's a mighty poor town in northwest Kansas that doesn't claim from 2 to 6 railroads in the near future.

The Sappa was way up last week from the effects of one of Peck's Kansas dews.

N. Liepold & Co. purchased the Geo. Darlinson property on Penn Avenue, now occupied by Drath & Carmichael paying \$2800 for same. On the same day they purchased the adjoining building and lot of J.R. Caldwell with the merchandise store, and Dr. A.W. Bariteau's office room, paying \$3200 for the same. They will erect a fine brick block on these lots in place of the present buildings.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1912

Down the Sappa some 15 miles they report six inches of rain Saturday.

G.W. Battin lost his best team by lightning Monday night and C.L. Buswell lost a good team.

No mail from Dresden Wednesday — the carrier was unable to get across the Prairie Dog.

Will Curry's new bungalow is rapidly assuming homelike proportions.

H.Q. Banta attending commencement at Ottawa University in his official capacity as a member of the board of regents. Three of the graduates were furnished by Decatur County — Miss Emma Griffith, Miss Augusta Geisenhener and Charles Battin.

Since the rains it is reported that the late wheat is growing fast and there is prospect now that there will be considerable wheat over the county. The rains came too late, however, to save the early wheat.

The Bentons arrived home Saturday. Harwood drove the Studebaker from Topeka in 18 hours, actual running time.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1937

Fifth-eight years ago the first

issue of "The Oberlin Herald" was distributed. The Herald now goes into 30 states, to Alaska, India and Buenos Aires, South America.

War has been declared on grasshoppers with 80 tons of mixed mash hoppers being distributed free furnished by the county commissioners, the township trustees and the Decatur County Farm Bureau. The mash should be scattered at the edge of fields and fence rows about 4 a.m., just before daybreak to get best results.

Sunday Miss Alice Reeves of Almena was injured in a car accident while in a carload of young people returning from a Sunday School convention in Norton. She is hospitalized in Norton with a broken ankle. Mrs. Flora Reeves and her children lived in Oberlin until about a year ago when they moved to Almena.

Decatur County folks were pleased to hear that Eldon Auker, Norcat, had tamed the Philadelphia Athletics when he pitched a one-hit, no-run game for the Detroit Tigers.

Wilcey Robbins, Atwood, won the Oberlin Country Club spring golf tournament when he played 27 holes with a 106, one over par. Second place went to Ray Bobbitt, also of Atwood, with a 108.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hitchcock and two daughters will move to Hays the first of September where he will be the supervisor of the barracks in which men students who work on campus for their board and room, were housed. In return they will have living quarters and he will have a salary and be able to take college courses.

Dresden: Funeral services were held June 13 at the Dresden Methodist Church for Samuel Taylor, 70, who came to Decatur County with his parents in the spring of 1878 locating on a homestead near the present South Bethel schoolhouse. Later the family moved to their farm three miles northwest of Dresden. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary McIntyre and two children, Katherine and Archie.

The new building on South Roddehaver belonging to McCook Cold Storage will soon be ready for occupancy as the exterior stucco finish

has been applied and the manager Roy Thornburg will have an attractive building in which to work.

John Willcoxon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Willcoxon, who is a student at Fort Hays State, has been given national recognition by having his picture and biography in the "Who's Who" among students in American Universities and Colleges. John expects to take up work in the field of mechanical engineering.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1962

Robert Gaines, 24, student pilot from Oberlin, escaped serious injury Sunday when his Luscombe 8A hit a power line near Foster Farms runway and crashed. Gaines suffered a badly bruised hip and multiple lacerations. He plans to rebuild the plane.

Twenty-one 4H'ers left this week for County 4-H Camp at Rock Springs. Jens Nielsen and County agent Ed Hinkle will drive and Miss Barbara Templeton, home economics agent, and Regina Wennihan will serve as counselors.

Lavern (Vern) Holle has joined the staff of the State Bank of Herndon as farm representative. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and has served as county agent and owns and operates a farm and livestock operation in Rawlins County.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Jochums, Camarillo, Calif., daughter, Martha Louise, 6-16-62; Mr. and Mrs. Max Carman, Goodland, daughter, Lynn Denise, 6-5-62; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Zwickle, Oberlin, son, Tommy Alan, 6-8-62.

Dr. Guy M. Simons, dentist and rural mail carrier at Cedar Bluffs for many years, died June 17 at the home of his son, Paul F. Simons in Wichita at the age of 88. Funeral services were held at Palisade, Neb., with Corcoran-Ready Funeral Home in charge.

Miss Anita Torluemke became the bride of Larry Wolgast in a candlelight ceremony June 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Following a six-week summer institute which Mr. Wolgast will attend at the University of Hawaii, they will make their home in Topeka

where she will resume her teaching at State Street Elementary School and he will be an instructor at West Topeka High.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1987

The State Bank of Atwood will open a branch bank at Herndon on July 1, 1987, according to Joe Kanak III, executive vice president of the Atwood bank which purchased the Herndon bank building from the FDIC last September.

What local woman would know the ins and outs of the 1987 farm program as well as a veteran farmer even though she had never operated a tractor or lived on a farm? The answer, of course, is easy. Cecil Hess, counter and production adjustment clerk at the Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation Service office, has chalked up more than 30 years on the job and plans to retire from her post this month.

Jennings: A block grant has been received from the Kansas Department of Economic Development to construct a new 24x50 firehouse.

Youth from the Oberlin United Methodist Church who attended camp last week at lakeside near Scott City were Jeff Groneweg, Sarah Walter, Jenna Williams, Chanda Stanley, Amy Walter, Steve Krause and Devan Castle.

Hospital News: Kimberly and Kendall Towne, Oberlin, daughter, Kenice Esther, 6-10-87.

Oberlin Swim Team coach Janice Vavroch reported that the team did well at the Goodland Invitational June 13 with Amy Walter winning first in the 200-yd freestyle and 100-yd breaststroke.

Hazelle Pearson, coordinator of the Meals-On-Wheels program in the City of Oberlin, said that about 14 meals are prepared at the Decatur County Hospital daily and delivered by volunteers.

Kevin Amack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Amack, was recently re-elected president of the Student Government Association at Fort Hays State University. A proposal to change the name of FHSU to the University of Western Kansas was included on the ballot but 83 percent of the students polled were against changing identities.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Herndon Covenant Church will hold its Sunday services in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 10 a.m., Sunday. The service is open to the public.

The Cedar Living Center residents received a lovely donation of hand crocheted lap robes from Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo. Nola was a frequent visitor during the time that her cousin, June Harold, was a resident.

The dice players met on Monday afternoon for a game. Snacks were served following the game.

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

Bingo players on Tuesday included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gambelin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Joan Noble, David Shepard, Alice Shirley, and Mary Votapka.

Audra Duncan was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by Bill and Carol Duncan following the bingo game on Tuesday. They served cake and ice cream to residents, staff and guests.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the patio before supper on Tuesday.

Several residents met for a game of penny cards on Wednesday afternoon. The Bible study group continues to meet before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. The craft group was hard at work on Thursday afternoon painting bird houses. They hope to have them ready to display at the Decatur County Fair in August.

The dining room came to life on Thursday evening when the domino players met for a lively game.

The baking group served up lots of fresh baked cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Dads at Cedar Living Center reported having a good time on Father's Day. Many had visitors, phone calls, cards and guests. The activity department joined up with the dietary department to serve ice cream sundaes for dessert on Sunday evening in honor of Father's Day.

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center deeply appreciate the members of the Decatur County Ministerial Association who host the Sunday Worship Service each week. Unfortunately, some of the churches have had to drop out of the Sunday rotation, which leaves us with an occasional Sunday with no service scheduled. We are looking for volunteers to fill in on these Sundays with a time of Scripture reading, music, or other program. Anyone interested in helping out may contact Teresa Shaughnessy or Earla Connell at 475-2276.

Recent visitors: Loretta and Dick Belknap, Wausau, Wis.; Chris Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Eunice, John and Jennifer Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Kathy Brashear, Curtis, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Loren Newell, Damar; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Dave and Barb Ulmer, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Arlene Glad, Linda Files, Susie and Joe Youngblood, Atwood; Nyla Gebhard, Long Island; Diane Stutterheim, Prairie View;

John Bremer, Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Carol Kompus, Catherine Neal, Eula Juenemann, Connie Olson, Robert Fringer, Henry Edgett, Sherri Shuler, Laurie Wasson, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Two weeks ago we were privileged to host a Teens for Christ Mission Trip send-off. Teens were headed to South Dakota and they promised to come back to give a report on their experience.

On Monday night, Town Square was filled with 19 very excited young men and women eager to share their stories. About 30 more friends, family and residents were there to hear about their journey. Amy Rehm opened the evening with prayer. The evening ended with a TFC rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Amy.

Jenny Tally came on Monday for Drum Sticks Club, bringing rhythm to the Quiet Room. Phil Erickson, Earl Brown, Connie Cramer, Amy Rehm, Margaret Vacura, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch and Loren Schrock got a lesson in drumming. That was good, because on Tuesday, Jenny came again this time to lead the 180 Boys in a jam session with Loren Schrock playing spoons. This was just a wee bit louder and a lot more spirited! It served as the entertainment for Amy Rehm's 92nd surprise birthday party.

On Wednesday, Marilyn Horn was in charge of the day's activity while the whole Activity Department attended an Alzheimer Workshop in Colby. Jenny Shipman of the Alzheimer's Association graciously accepted a check for \$1,526.32, proceeds from last year's Rock-a-Thon.

We are looking forward to partnering with them again on June 20 when we participate in Alzheimer's Association "The Longest Day", a sunrise-to-sunset relay.

Other volunteers that helped were Rosella Meitl and Penny Fringer who took care of manicures, Bernice Martin brought her yummy homemade treats for Social Hour and Bingo went off without a hitch. Thank you ladies; we appreciate all you do.

In House Club gathered to snap beans; Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Vera Kacirek, Margaret Vacura and Marcella Leitner compared green thumbs while enjoying company and conversation.

Visitors included: Kelly Olson (Manhattan) for Evelyn Olson. Lairy Goltl for Lee Foley. Pat Tongish, Barbara Leitner and Gene Leitner for Marcella Leitner. Jeanne Hafner for Eva Bryan. Nadine Tacha (Jennings) for Galen Tacha. Peggy Carman and Deb Campbell (Hoxie) for Myrtle Waldo. Connie and Johnnie Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Carol Duncan and Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Gerald Benda for Elaine Benda. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Pat Fringer for Margaret Vacura.

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Anniversary wishes go to: Mark and Deb Ward, June 14; Greg and Mary Long, June 15; and Dean and Arlene Thornton, June 16.

Norcatatur Senior Citizens will play pinocle in the Norcatatur Methodist Church Educational Building at 1 p.m., Thursday.

Senior Citizens met Friday in the church's educational building.

The combined congregations from the Clayton, Almena and Norcatatur United Methodist Churches met for Sunday services with Pastor Woods officiating. A pot luck dinner followed with Darrel Barnett grilling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Matt Lynch, son-in-law of Deb Scott, Norcatatur's Postmaster, continues to recover from injuries he suffered in January. Matt spent three months in intensive care before returning home.

He is now in the process of having oral surgeries to repair teeth that were broken in the accident.

He is able to put some weight on his injured leg and is moving around more and more.

James Reames, Dover, Okla., is visiting his grandmother, Wava Reames. He expects to stay two weeks. He is looking forward to helping with harvest.

Bob and Anita Montgomery and Renee Harman, Oberlin and Carl Lyon recently attended Scott Harman's graduation from Northwestern University in Alva, Okla.

Marcy Russell, California, was a May 28 caller at the Bob and Anita Montgomery home.

Memorial weekend guests of Bob and Anita Montgomery were Donna Knutson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; David Knutson, Omaha; and Sarah Knutson, McCook.

They also spent time with Ron and Gina Montgomery, Jennings, Renee Harman, Scott Harman and Bobbie Frakes.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of the Rev. Edwin Noren, 88, who died June 15, at Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a 1943 graduate of Decatur Community High School and was the son of the late David and Amanda (Carlson) Noren. Funeral services will be held Thursday in Grand Rapids. Graveside services and inurnment will be held later at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two sons, Paul and Daniel; a daughter, Janice Quakenbush, and families, a sister, Geneva and husband, Gordon Christensen, Plantation, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Esther Noren, Oberlin.

Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., were weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley. Sheldon returned home Sunday, but Mrs. Kelley and

the girls remained a few days.

David and Michael Noren were among members of the Oberlin Teens For Christ who returned home recently from mission trips. David went to Pierre, S.D., and Michael went to Cary, Miss.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina were weekend guests of her father, Bob Olson. Scott Olson is also helping him during harvest.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday for morning worship services at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. Their son, Clint Schmidt, of Denver, was also a weekend guest.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Mike and Joan McKenna attended the baptism of their grandson, Tate Michael McKenna, at Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin on Sunday. Celebrant was Father Charles Mazouch. Godmother is Amy McKenna Osborn, and Godfather is Chris Weber. Brett and Tracey McKenna held a luncheon at their rural home. Also attending were Roy and Susan Weber and Anne Weber.

Mark Shaw, rural Logan visited Saturday morning with his parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. He is helping Jim and Wilma Mader with wheat harvest.

Those enjoying potluck supper June 12 at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Eleanor Morel, Ruth Chance, Alice Mizer, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Doreen Zimmerman, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Scott and Denise Taylor, Candace, Rayna, Sidney, Abe, Quinley and Vincent; and David and Diane Carter. Some beautiful piano solos were played by Candace, Rayna and Sidney Taylor. We appreciate and thank their teacher, Diane Carter and the girls for the entertainment.

Card players Wednesday at the senior center were: Alice Wagoner, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Alice Mizer, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Carol Carter, Doreen Zimmerman, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Carla Latimer, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler.

City water meters will be read on Thursday. If your meter is still inside, please read and post on your door.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received word that their 15-month-old, great-grandson, Gunnar Jones, had fallen from a second story apartment window. He is the son of Brian and Missy Jones, Boone, Iowa. He was flown to Des Moines, Iowa hospital by Flight For Life. He broke the orbital bone at his eye and had a concussion plus a very skinned up face. All tests have come back good. He is at home recuperating.

Rachel Carter is now at the Oberlin hospital and doing well. She had heart surgery at Good Samaritan hospital at Kearney, Neb., about two weeks ago.

Martin and Darlene LaRue are both in the Oberlin hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Toots Magers is much better than she was last week. In fact, she says she feels OK. She played cards on Friday, where 16 people met to play, snack and visit. Judy and Charlie Easton came to her home on Sunday.

Later, Ceanne Rinehart visited her. Ceanne had been to visit her mother, Helen Helm, and to check on Deb Helm's father, who had heart surgery. I had not heard that Debby had had back surgery, but wish her continued healing. Marty and Ceanne had been to Minnesota, fishing.

Kathy Van Meter is still in much pain from her fall. She went to the hospital last Thursday. She said there is a chip from a vertebra that is causing concern. We hope she will be getting better soon.

Her kids, other relatives and friends have been to see her. Of course, wheat harvest goes on as usual, and Lloyd has to keep busy with both.

June Jolly had just returned from swimming when I called her. She

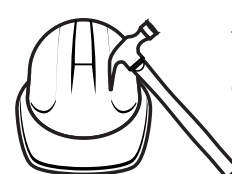
has been doing her usual things, bingo, cards, quilting, and to spice it up, picked cherries and made cherry pies.

I talked to my sister, Dixie Wood, of Canadian, Okla., on Sunday. She plans to see a rheumatologist in Tulsa soon. She is also considering a trip to visit Kansas and Nebraska relatives, and would probably be mainly at her sister Sheryl's in McCook. She is unsure of long-range plans at this time.

Liberty Star Club met at the home of Carolyn Plotts last Wednesday. We were happy to see how much progress has been made in the remodeling of their home. The beautiful floors were the first thing I noticed; the walls; additions to the kitchen including the great little pantry; and much more.

Members besides Carolyn were Joyce Price, Toots Magers, Sandy Gade, Carol Moye, Veda Wood and two guests, Lori Shields, the lady who manages The Haven at Norton, and her little daughter, Emma.

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