

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1887

Some corn fields are in tassel. A breath of air was stirring Sunday. Rev. D.O. Banta was looking over Sherman County last week. The real estate transfers last week amounted to \$10,170.00. The St. John's Day celebration in Oberlin last week was a brilliant success. Four hundred people came in on the special train; 250 Masons sat down to the banquet prepared by F.A. Wonner. H.S. Beardsley, W.E. Reeder and J.R. Case, former Oberlin businessmen, are erecting houses in Ludell. Homer Colvin returned to his first love, Decatur County, on Monday night after an absence of over a year in Illinois. He reports Illinois and Iowa drouth-stricken and crops a failure.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1912

Asister of Mrs. G.H. Lippelmann and a lady friend from Kansas City have been visiting in the city. Married, June 19th, 1912, Mr. George U. Ropert and Miss Grace E. Morton. J.C. Nitsch, one of the energetic young farmers of the west part of the county, is anxious for times to get better so he can stand the expense of getting married. The sessions of the Decatur County Sunday School conventions Wednesday and Thursday were well managed by president H.Q. Banta and state secretary J.H. Engle of Abilene. New officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows; president, G.W. Gilkison; vice president, C.C. Andrews; secretary, Ned Coldren; treasurer, D.G. Campbell; delegate to state convention, G.W. Gilkison.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1937

The H.J. Morrison building, now occupied by the Birdsell Barber Shop, has been rented by the Kansas Pipe Line and Gas Company for its new office. Progress is reported on laying the pipe line from Norton to Oberlin. Miss Margaret "Peg" McMullen and Mr. Glen Gierhart were married by the Rev. David Cunningham at the Presbyterian parsonage last Wednesday evening and left for a short wedding trip to Colorado. They will make their home at 213 South York. Mrs. Gierhart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McMullen and has worked at the Gierhart Music Store for several

years. On June 23, Dr. W.A. DeMay, Fort Collins, Colo., who practiced medicine at Danbury, Nebr., passed away. He leaves three sons, Dr. Griff DeMay of McCook, Dr. Hal DeMay, located somewhere in Nebraska and Dr. Rolla DeMay, dentist at Danbury. A daughter, Mrs. Nan Ashton, formerly of Cedar Bluffs, is with her mother in Fort Collins. Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph New are the proud parents of a six and one-half pound son born June 23. He has been named Roger Gill and all are doing nicely. Dresden: Mrs. Rosena Karls entertained five little guests with a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Mary Kathleen's, second birthday. The Fairview Community Club completed its 10th year of activity with a membership of 27 women who live south of Oberlin. During that time from September through June average attendance at potluck dinner meetings every two weeks averages 17. During their 10 years, 149 quilts have been completed. At the June meeting Mrs. George Martin was presented an embroidered and hand quilted flower-basket quilt for her years of service as president and Mrs. S.R. Willcoxon was given a set of silver knives and forks as appreciation for her long term as secretary and treasurer. Jennings: Our townsmen have contributed funds so that the community can have a free picture show every Saturday evening. Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Wurm are the parents of a baby daughter born last Friday morning at Benton Memorial Hospital and a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith of Dresden the same day.

Selden: Little Joyce Shaw, aged about one year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shaw of Selden, was taken suddenly ill and died June 30. She also leaves to mourn a sister, Doris Jean and twin brothers, Rex and Tex. Funeral services were held for Mrs. F.F. (Fannie Henry) Bliss, 77, who had been a resident of Decatur County since 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss had lived on the farm in Center Township since 1887. Besides her husband she is survived by five children, Mrs. Gertrude Danielson of Russell; Henry Bliss, El Centro, Calif.; Dayton Bliss, Warrensburg, Mo.; Gladys Geiger, LaPorte, Colo., and Hattie Armstrong of Oberlin.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1962

Four persons are dead as the result of a head-on collision which occurred nine miles east of Oberlin on Highway 36 a little before 10 a.m. June 28. A 15-year-old girl remains in critical condition at Decatur County Hospital. Uninjured in the crash was a six-month-old baby. An average yield of 25 bushels per acre is reported by area elevators as the 1962 wheat harvest is completed. A drill-stem test on the Fred Unger farm in Logan Township could mean a new oil field according to the area exploration manager. Gale Harold, Denver, was elected president of the Colorado Chemical Association. A 1948 graduate of DCHS, he received a degree in science from KSU and a master's degree from the University of Illinois. New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cody, Evansville, Ind., a daughter, Diana Lynette, July 1. The marriage of Dorothy Shimnick and Dean Vacura was performed June 10 at the Jennings Methodist Church by the Rev. Wesley Davis.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1987

Farmers and custom cutters were anxiously eyeing the horizon as thunderstorms were again predicted to move into the area. The wheat harvest ended at the Bill Heilman farm in Garfield Township with 2.30 inches of rain accompanied by hail that lasted 40 minutes. More than half of the wheat in the Jennings

area is yet to be cut according to Jim Britton at Garvey Elevator and Bob Rapp at Norcatur Grain said, "We just can't get started." In the northern tier of the county at Cedar Bluffs and Traer, yields range from 35 to 60 bushels an acre with test weights of 58 to 59. Shoppers in Oberlin welcomed the return of amaranth bread on the shelves last week. J.D. Hooper of Goodland, brother of Dr. Allen Hooper, will be baking the bread and plans to bring his wife and son to Oberlin before school begins in the fall. Jennie Diehl Brown will be honored on her 100th birthday with a family dinner at the Methodist church on July 4 followed by an open house at the Decatur County Long-Term Care Unit during the afternoon. Hospital News: James and Julie Witt, Oberlin, son, Tyler James, 6-25-87; Eugene and Tonya Tally, son, Jeremy Todd, 6-22-87. Renell Erickson, Miss Troia-Thomas County 1987, will be competing in the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt July 7-11. She is the daughter of Ron and Marlene Erickson and will be a junior in business administration at Kansas State University this fall. Neighbors moved into the wheat fields of Lloyd Fowler with five combines and several trucks on Saturday to harvest his crop as he is presently hospitalized. Assisting were Larry Roe, Don Aschwege, Don and Ernest Fowler, Allen Diederich, Jerry and Jack Fortin, Rob Bryan and Lloyd Britton.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Rachel Carter has returned home from the hospital and is doing well.

United Methodist Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church.

There will be a blood drive at the Methodist church on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The temperature has been over 100 degrees. The Jennings firefighters and those from surrounding communities have been busy.

There were eight people at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday to play pinochle. Those attending were: Alice Wagoner, Debbie Shields, Carol Carter, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Diane Carter, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler.

The senior citizens potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

Elaine McKinley, Tulsa, Okla; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Sue Long, Terri Hanke and Tom Votapka visited Mary Votapka at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Saturday. Tom treated the group to pizza for lunch.

Jean Halligan, Goodland and her grandson, Brennan Brumbaugh visited Mary Votapka on June 26. Tom Votapka and Terri Hanke also visited Mary that day.

Mary Votapka will celebrate her

84th birthday on July 8. Cards can reach her at Cedar Living Center, 810 West Columbia, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

The Jennings Book Club met June 26 and enjoying the magic of reading and discussing the book, "Talking God" by Tony Hillerman. Hostess, Kay Brown served Hawaiian breads, fruits and iced teas. leis and beads decorated the serving table. Club members enjoying the treats and the group discussion were: hostess, Kay Brown, Mary Arnold, Julie Carter, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Terri Hanke, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Rachel Mapps, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Helen Rhodes and Lynn Tacha.

There are still table spaces available to rent for the Craft Fair on Fireman's Fun Day August 25. Rent is \$25 and you may contact Terri Hanke 785-678-2333.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited Friday at the home of Warren and Thelma Mauk, Fort Collins, Colo. Thelma and Ramona were classmates at Central Business College in Denver many years ago. On Saturday they attended the open house honoring 50 years in the construction business for Ward Construction of Loveland, Colo. The owners, Frank and Dick Ward, are cousins of Stan.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Elwood and Jeanie May, Andrew and Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac and Brandon May, Leslie Myers and Rivers attended funeral services for Jeanie's sister, Dora Holliday, at the Birzer Funeral Home in Lyons on Monday. Our sympathies to Jeanie and her family.

Hannah May was a counselor June 23 - 27 at the Rock Springs 4-H Camp, nestled in the scenic Kansas Flint Hills. After returning home Wednesday evening, she left the next day with the Decatur Community High School basketball girls and their coaches, Terry Ream and Pat Dorshorst, for a girls basketball tournament at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo., returning home Saturday evening.

Elizabeth Nedland was the Midwest Energy delegate to the Kansas Association of Rural Energy Cooperatives youth tour to Washington. After she toured Midwest Energy, she traveled to Topeka and joined the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association youth and they traveled together to the 2012 youth

tour June 14-21. She returned home Thursday evening.

After Elizabeth returned home, she and her parents, Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, left for North Branch, Minn., to visit Dan's brothers, Fred and Carol Nedland and Sam Nedland and Sonja Sonnenberg. From there they made college visits and drove on to visit Dan's brother, Jack and Gerri Nedland, Rice Lake, Wis., and his mother, Elizabeth McConnell, and brother Paul and Fawn Nedland, in Minong, Wis., returning home Saturday evening.

After looking back this past week, I again give thanks to God that during the fires none of our family or the firemen were hurt and our house was saved. We have much to be thankful for. The firemen have done a wonderful job this past week putting out fires in the excessive winds and heat. I also have to thank all the volunteer farmers who were helping with their water tanks, the EMTs, volunteers, and our family and friends. If you see any of the firemen or volunteers, please thank them.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I have a tomato that will be ripe by the Fourth of July!

The variety is called "Early Goliath." I have never had one that early. I know some who said they already had a ripe one, but this is an unusual year. Everything seems to be about three weeks early.

There will be Farmers' Market this week on the Fourth of July. Beginning at 11:45 a.m., next week at Farmers' Market, I will be serving a stir-fry dish with vegetables and your choice of grilled chicken, beef or shrimp at the market, made with locally grown vegetables. We will be taking donations for lunch. If you know you will be eating here, please

call and leave a message, as I will only do a small amount unless we have reservations.

I will be visiting Klooz Market, east of McCook, on Tuesday evening before the market on Wednesday. If anyone needs some of the veggies they have, I will have a cooler with me to pick them up. Just call the office, 475-3441, on Tuesday afternoon.

The Chamber will be serving root beer floats from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the City Park for Fourth of July activities, including the Community Band Concert.

Have a great week!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Laverne and Sharon Frick took Denise Holbrook to Denver to fly home to Tennessee. She had been here since April helping with her mother, Viola Frick, who now resides at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

Julie Hafner spent Thursday to Sunday in Parker, Colo., with Jackie Foxhoven and family. Dave and Caitie were attending a family wedding in Sioux City, Iowa, and visiting colleges in Chicago and Omaha. While in Omaha they attended the Olympic trials, watching Missy Franklin, classmate of Caitie, qualify in seven swimming events for the Olympics to begin July 27 in London.

Jacque Riener and Jerry Niemeth teamed up Saturday to sacrifice half a case of beer and put out a pasture fire. Jacque and Kayla Hughes spotted smoke from a lightning strike west of Highway 117 north of the state line around 6:40 p.m. They went to Niemeth's to call the fire in. Fire crews were all out, so they returned with Jerry to see if rain put out the fire. Entering the pasture in Nebraska north of the Bob Bobin-

myer place they found three yucca plants on fire. Several beers did not put out the flames, so Jacque went for shovels and called Cork and Jeff Riener to bring a water tank. Kayla stayed at the highway to flag down the water brigade. After 200 gallons of water, the fire was doused and at least 10 beers were still in the box that had been purchased an hour earlier.

Call Sharon Frick at 322-5375 if interested in renting the Herndon Senior Center.

Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon, and Bob, Lawson and Matthew Cook of San Carlos, Calif., were Wednesday morning coffee guests of Bob and Julie Hafner.

Joe and Nadine Green were hosts to a family barbecue in honor of Wayne and JoAnn Riener of Concord, Calif., and Tom, Julia, Lance and Olivia Riener of Seattle. Also in attendance were Dennis, Dorsey, Cliff and Shirley Riener of Palisade; Cork, Jacque, Jeff and Jessica Riener of Herndon; Calvin and Kayla Hughes of McCook; John, Keri and Barrett Riener of Atwood; Dave Green of Herndon and sisters, Jean-

dry spell.

Julie's Memory Jogger's J.O. Foster, Achilles, 1898

One of the chief industries of Rawlins County is the raising of hogs. There is no better alfalfa land in the world than found in the streams in Rawlins County. Alfalfa is one of the principal articles of food for hogs. With good alfalfa pasture it takes little corn to fatten hogs in shape for market.

The above photo represents one of the prosperous farmers, Jonah Foster, feeding his fine branch of

hogs. Mr. Foster's ranch is located two miles west of Achilles on the North Sappa and consists of 1,280 acres. Mr. Foster was born Nov. 24, 1831, near West Millgrove, Wood county, Ohio. He moved with his father in 1875 to Kendallville, Indiana where he formed a partnership with one of the best girls of that county, Miss Olive Elkhart. In 1887 they moved to Rawlins County and homesteaded a piece of land where they now live. He has made a suc-

cess of raising hogs and cattle. Each year he ships 200 head of fat hogs. He claims a cross between Duroc Jersey and the Poland China is the best to raise. The entire Foster family belongs to the M.E. Church at Achilles. J.E. Foster is well known in Rawlins county as a staunch Republican, having twice run for an office. At present time, Mr. Foster has about 125 head of cattle and claims there is more money in raising cattle than in feeding them.



K-STATE
Research and Extension

K-State Research and Extension- Twin Creeks District, with office in Hoxie, Norton, and Oberlin, is seeking an Extension Agent, 4-H Youth development. Primary office location is yet to be determined. See: www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs for responsibilities, qualifications, and applications procedure. Application Deadline: July 26, 2012. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Employment is contingent upon results of a Background and Driving Record Check.

Notice

Due to replacing water lines, there will be water shut off intermittently from Hall Street to Cass Avenue and Commercial south to Mill Street.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Last week I missed printing that Kursten Guy, great-granddaughter of Toots Magers, was back home from her student exchange trip to Germany.

Toots joined the Senior Citizens for a potluck dinner and pitch on Friday, went with Dennis and Veda Wood and Joyce Sumner to the hog roast at Norton for The Haven on Saturday evening and attended church and potluck at Lyle on Sunday. The hog roast was changed to the 4-H Building because of the heat.

Jane Engelhardt and Charlie and Judy Easton were included in the people who gathered at Lyle. They were celebrating their anniversary, and their anniversary gift was .80 of rain on Saturday. Kathy Van Meter is at home now. She is still having a lot of pain, and having trouble retaining food. After x-rays, her doctor says there is nothing they can do unless the bone chip in her back moves. A Van Gundy cousin, Beverly Bowman, sent word from California that they are now great-grandparents to numbers 2, 3 and 4. Three little girls, all doing well. I couldn't find out any more particulars.

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