

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1887

Oberlin was truly a deserted village July 4th, and 102 in the shade. The street sprinkler is kept on the double-quick move these days.

H.O. Douglas won a horse race from F. W. Casterline last week.

W.D. Street and C.C. Reynolds of "The Opinion" exhibited themselves at Norton the 4th.

G.F. Bogue is preparing to sink another well on his premises west of town, with the expectation of striking coal, gas or artesian water.

A.N. Burch, a junior member of the Herald combination left Saturday morning for a month's visit in the East.

W.D. Street, W.E. Ufford and Wm. Love have been appointed by commissioners to assess damages sustained by certain parties by the building of the dam at the forks of the Sappa.

Chas. H. Tilden was elected treasurer and A.J. King, trustee, at the annual school election held Thursday last.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1912

Lars Bystrom has moved his tailor shop to the Maddox building north of the Owl Drug Store.

Lightning struck the Methodist Church steeple; no great damage.

The G. Gilbertson barn in Alton Township was struck by lightning during the storm Monday night and burned to the ground.

A.A. Fish drove his Studebaker out to his farm every day last week to help with the haying.

D.C. Moser says he has been planting corn all spring and expects to have roasting ears until after Christmas.

Dr. Cevely expects to move his family to Holton, Kan., soon.

Miss Edna Rogers is home from Nebraska University where she took her degree as a classical graduate from that noted institution.

Some sneak thief had the gall to come to J.E. Kulp's at the dead hour of midnight and by the light of a lantern pick the cherries from one of the trees.

Mark O'Toole had a runaway while going out to the ranch Friday, demolishing the wagon and scattering 18 bushels of corn, a case of pop and a sack of sugar along three miles of roadway.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1937

It is estimated that several thousand people attended the Fourth of July celebration at Sappa Park. The Civilian Conservation Corps check at the entrance gate showed that 800 cars entered Sappa State Park during the day. In the evening the crowd commenced pouring into town for the baseball game between Herndon and Oberlin played under the floodlights and the fireworks display which followed. A pavement dance and two public dances attracted large gatherings as the finale of the day's activities.

First reports indicate a light wheat harvest. Although yields on 100 acres of summer fallow land near Norcatgur on land farmed by Jess Alexander averaged 30 bushels an acre, yields in the Traer and Dresden area were 5-8 bushels per acre. Some binders are in use but combines are just getting started.

Lund: The two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Evald Rydquist was completely destroyed by fire the afternoon of July 7. The fire is thought to have started in the wood shed adjacent to the house and some furniture of the downstairs rooms was saved but little clothing. Mr. Rydquist was working in the harvest field at the George Higgins farm at the time and Mrs. Rydquist was working in the kitchen but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to stop.

The number of grasshoppers is increasing despite the efforts of farmers to apply poison. The invasion seems to be coming from Colorado and the south.

Grant: Bert Huff was injured in a runaway on the John Huff farm while raking hay and is hospitalized with a severe fracture of the skull.

Miss Pauline Eiler who graduated from Kansas State College this spring has accepted a position in the high school at Fostoria, a small town about 25 miles north of Manhattan. She is spending the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eiler.

Andy Thomsen is walking with a limp this week because of an injury when he jumped over a fence out at Sappa Park while he and Wally Wolfe were helping young Jerry Thomsen shoot off his fireworks.

Lund: About 50 relatives and

friends gathered at the S.T. Marcuson home Sunday for a farewell dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wenemark and family who are leaving to make their home in Oregon.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1962

Reported wheat yields vary from 18 to 40 with most reports in the 25-30 bushel range.

Construction is progressing on the new Oberlin Post Office located on the corner of Hall and Griffith Streets.

Summer music students of instrumental music director Lonni Richards will join the Oberlin Community Band for a concert next Tuesday evening at the city park.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rima of McCook announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Beth Ann, to Lairy Goltl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goltl.

The new young lady at the reporter's desk at the Herald is Miss Eva Sue Myers who will fill the position vacated by Mrs. Lyman Black who resigned a week ago. She will be a senior at Kansas University this fall and is the daughter of Mrs. C.W. Richards and Mr. Richards.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dean, Oberlin, son, Dwayne Lynn, 7-8-62.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward Jr. have moved into the former Tudor Stevenson home at 207 N. York which they purchased recently.

City Court: Rolland Avery paid a \$12 fine for reckless driving.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1987

USD 294 Board of Education members began a new fiscal year at their July meeting with new Superintendent Wayne Steinert.

Board members present were Lee Martin, Ward Sauvage, Pam Harmon, Stan Morgan, Ron Temple and the newly elected member, Connie Grafel.

Morgan was elected president of the board and Mrs. Harmon vice-president. Eloise Smith remains as clerk and Vickie Lippelmann, who began work at the district office this month, treasurer. Elmo Lund was re-appointed attorney for the board.

Descendants of Frederick Christian Helmkamp (1830-1865) and his wife Louisa (Van Osthaar 1831-

1908) gathered at the Helmkamp farm in Logan Township over the fourth of July to celebrate the centennial year of their family homestead. A beef and hog roast prepared by Richard Grafel was served to 133 persons. Current residents on the family farm are the third generation, Frederick and Leona Helmkamp and daughters Lori and Julie.

Norcatgur: Congratulations to Bertha Harmon who was honored on her birthday June 29 at the Norcatgur Library for her many years of service to the Norcatgur community. She has served as city librarian since 1973.

Michael Shimmick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shimmick, Jennings, has returned from a 5-day trip to Washington, D. C., sponsored by the Norton-Decatur Co-op Electric Co., headquartered in Norton.

New Arrivals: Mike and Mirla Coleman, Oberlin, daughter, Molly Dee, July 2, 1987, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Hays; Duane and Peggy Reynolds, Oberlin, daughter, Mackenzie Jane, July 5, 1987, at Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin.

Among those attending the Benton family reunion held July 2-4 at the Dr. Lucia Coffey home in Kansas City which included a Royals game, barbecue, dinner at the Embassy Suites and sightseeing were Howard and Irene Benton of Oberlin, their son, Lt. Col. Howard H. and Jeanie Benton, Brian and Holly, Vienna, Va., and their daughter and family, Barbara and Rick Kiser, Jennifer, Ryan and Travis, Greeley, Colo.

The Oberlin swim team placed third in the home meet held Saturday at the Oberlin pool. According to swim coach Janice Vavroch, Valisha Castle, Melissa Fowler and Lindsay Martin took points in the age 8 and under classification while Mandi Shirley, Lisa Walter and Selena Ulrich placed in the 9/10 class. In the 11/12 grouping Sara Walter, Adam Ulrich and Kortney Aten won awards and in the 13/14 age group Amy Walter maintained her undefeated record in three events.

Other point takers were Bridgette Ostmeyer and a boys relay team composed of Steve Krause, Ken Erickson, Jason Sullivan and Dave Unger.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

An ice-cold glass of lemonade really hits the spot on these hot summer days.

Our old drink dispenser has not been working well, but a new one arrived in the Cedar Living Center dining room last week just in time to save the day. The new machine has room for both lemonade and orangeade. Residents, staff, and guests are really enjoying these refreshing beverages.

Thanks go out to the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for a social hour which featured discussion and trivia on things related to the month of July and to Independence Day. Cookies, chips, and beverages were served.

Mary Ann Amack and Donna Fortin assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Several residents spent time outside in the courtyard after breakfast on Tuesday morning, before the heat of the day kicked in. Feeding the turtles and checking on the progress of the tomato plants and flowers continue to be the highlights of going out on the patio.

There was a nice turnout of residents at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Those attending included Audra Duncan, Floyd Edgett, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

The Fourth of July was a fun day at Cedar Living Center. Residents were encouraged to wear their red, white, and blue. Prizes were awarded for the most patriotic attire. First place went to Darlene Fisher. Others receiving prizes were David Shepard, Norman Wendelin, Mary Votapka and Juanita Eckhart.

The dietary department served up a great holiday lunch including hamburgers, macaroni salad and watermelon. The activity department provided a cake decorated in red, white and blue for an afternoon snack.

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

The craft group met on Thursday

afternoon. The crafters continue to work on decorating bird houses which they hope to display at the fair in August.

Several residents met on Thursday evening to play dominos. Mary Votapka was the big winner of the evening.

The baking group made ginger snap cookies on Friday afternoon. Everyone played a game of dominos while waiting for the cookies to come out of the oven. Mary Votapka was the winner of the game.

Residents enjoyed a short vocal and guitar concert at noon on Saturday by Fr. Barnhill of Cambridge. Fr. Barnhill came especially to visit Helen Helm.

Several residents met to play games on Saturday afternoon. Dessert was served following the games.

Mary Votapka was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family in the Cedar Living Center dining room at noon on Sunday. Residents, staff and guests were treated to an assortment of pizzas. The dietary department provided a delicious salad bar. Three homemade cakes and three flavors of ice cream were on the dessert menu. The whole dining room sang a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" to Mary at the end of the meal.

Family members attending the party included Joy Votapka, Oberlin; Ann Rowh and Jodi and Christopher Inguanza, Cimarron; Drake Rowh, Sue Long, Tom Votapka and Terri Hanke, Jennings; and Rollice and Jean Hallagin, Goodland.

Recent visitors: Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Kathy Brashear, Curtis, Neb.; Jim and Janis Helm, McCook; Helena, Hunter and Colton Perks, Harlan Wyneth, Cambridge, Neb.; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Mike, Matthew, and Timothy Helm, Norcatgur; Tony Krizek and family, Hays; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Bob Heller, Palco; Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Robert Fringer, Gary Bruggeman, Sherri Lotker, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Thursday evening guests at the home of Chris and Sherri Schmidt to honor Chris on his birthday were Daisy Schmidt, Tobina Norris, Josey and Trent, Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Tanner Schmidt, and Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher.

Steve and Arian Arnold were last Monday overnight guests of his niece and her husband, Vicki and Dave Hampton, of Lakewood, Colo.

Annette Frenzl of Salina brought her mother, Sally Olson, to her home in Atwood last Monday for a visit. Keith and Mary Lou Olson visited her, Bob Olson and Scott Olson on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, Bob and Sally Olson and Scott Olson went to Denver, then flew to California where they visited Sally's relatives for the past week.

Sandy Reuther and Becca took Bob Reuther to Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo., on Sunday, where he is working as a counselor for two weeks. Pastor Keith Reuther spent a few days helping at Covenant Heights Camp.

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, T.C. and Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and Kainin enjoyed eating out on Friday evening to help Jordan celebrate her 13th birthday, followed by cake and ice cream at the McDonald home

in Colby.

Elden and Detta Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, Gary Anderson, and Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, went out for dinner in McCook on Sunday to honor Detta Anderson on her birthday.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson received word of the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Tessa Dawn Witt, who was born on July 2, 2012, at Community Hospital in McCook to Tyler and Tiffany Witt. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 and 1/4 inches long.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday for morning worship services at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Those who enjoyed pizza and cupcakes, followed by a pool party at the Atwood swimming pool on Saturday evening to honor July birthdays and anniversaries were Sara Connor, Payton and Alyssa, Keith Barnett, Daisy Schmidt, Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Tobina Norris, Josey and Trent, T.C. and Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher, and Chris and Sherri Schmidt.

Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson enjoyed a Mexican dinner in Norton on Thursday to help Mrs. Hess celebrate her birthday.

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

On June 28 during Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high with a score of 703, Carlene Bruggeman took second with a score of 662, Betty James got low with a score of 447 and Jeanie Spesser had the most kings. Other members present included Pat Wessel, Matt Finnesy, Ann Hazlitt, Paulie Neff, Lillian Sulzman, Ralph Weis, Carl Mumm, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Bob Wessel and Wilma Ritter.

On July 5 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis won high with a score of 617, Bob Wessel took second with a score of 598, Pat Wessel got low with a score of 465 and Carl Mumm had the most aces. Other members present included: Jeanie Spesser, Ralph Weis, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Matt Finnesy, Betty James, Lillian Sulzman, Ann Hazlitt, Bernita Aumiller, Paulie Neff, Shirley

Emigh and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 1, Jeremy Hunter, Phyllis Trembley; July 2, Terra Rath, Terry Goscha, Danny Eatherly; July 3, Michelle Juenemann, Lee Albers; July 4, Curt Spesser, Scott Boullinghouse, Troy and Nicole Moore; July 5, Dale and Gale Smith, Cathy Broeckelman, Jesse Miller, Alessia Vargas; July 6, Sam Astlosh, Jason Rogers, Carol Hill; July 7, A. J. Stoll, Joe Lobato Jr.; July 8, Dan Spesser, Larry Radovich, Gabrielle Schiltz; July 9, Eric and Pam Washington; July 10, Landee McKenna, Jeremy and Nicole Schiltz; July 11, Kayla Wurm, Delores Juenemann, Chris Koeperich; July 12, Darrel Bruggeman, Lakyn Rogers, Jamie and Judy Hankins; July 13, Clem Mumm, Dan and Jannela Benoit; July 14, Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh.

Norcatgur News

By the Norcatgur News Committee

Carl Lyon did his usual excellent job of roasting a hog last week. He prepared a hog that was served at a benefit for the Haven in Norton.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts were Sunday supper guests of Gale and Mary Jo Montgomery, Norton.

Scott Spencer and his sons, Dakota and Austin of Kearney, Mo., and Sheryl Mulberry, Conway, Ark., came June 22 to visit their grandmother, Arlene Hix at Whispering Pines, Norton. Scott is the son of Marjorie Prince, Liberty, Mo., who has been helping her mother, Mrs. Hix, since May 20.

June 23 supper guests of Gail and Denise Bailey were Luke and Ashley Bailey, Mark, Raelyn and Rustin Bailey, Sheryl Mulberry, Marjorie Prince, Scott, Dakota and Austin Spencer and Arlene Hix. Arlene's family also visited Betty Reid at Whispering Pines.

Marjorie Prince visited with her aunt and uncle Vi and Veryl Van Der Wege and Virgil and Joyce Price.

Happy Birthday wishes to Bee Nelson, July 4; Dickie Beachel and Gwynn Ward, July 9.

Happy Anniversary to: Gerald and Judy Jackson, July 5; Russell and Karyn James, July 7; Rea and Dee Magers, July 9.

Senior Citizens will meet to play pinochle at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building.

Norcatgur Senior Citizens met June 29 for a po luck dinner with 20 present. They played pitch in the afternoon with Jodi Lyon, Joyce Price and Rea Magers going home the winners. The group met Friday to play pitch.

June was a busy month for Gust and Kay Foth. On June 14 they drove to Burlington, Colo., to bring grandchildren Noah, Morgan and Brian Bristol home for a week-long visit. On June 24, the whole group drove to York, Neb., to attend the wedding of Amanda Grant. The children's mother, Karen Briston, Aurora, Colo., also attended and took them home with her after the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Foth visited Clinton and Brenda Bender, Kenesaw, Neb., and returned home June 24.

The Decatur Co-op elevator has

about 132,000 bushels of wheat on the ground north of the railroad tracks and about another 70,000 bushels in the elevator itself.

James Reames visited his grandmother, Wava Reames, in June. On June 23 Shawna and Johnny Crum came to pick him up. James plans to come back soon to finish his visit.

Larry and Penny Bishop, Denver, were surprise visitors at the home of Wava Reames. The Bishops are on their way to Canada.

Kortney and Jerrod Poire and Kynleigh, Kaitlyn Stapp, Michael and Gabby Schamberger and Sam Stapp were recent weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp. The group went to Ray and Deann Schamberger's to celebrate Gabby's first birthday. Other guests included Marian Dempewolf, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook, and Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints, Oberlin.

Betty Meis of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Hays said there will not be a distribution of food during July or November.

Don't forget children's Story Time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Norcatgur Library.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

What a blessing - cooler weather and rain over the course of the past few days! It is so much more pleasant to be outside and out in the garden when the weather is cooler.

Sondra Barnett and Julie Ross, Colby, took a pickup truck, loaded to the max with donated clothes, musical instruments, school supplies, sewing machines, fabric, tools and many other items, to Mexico on a mission located in San Luis, Mexico, 20 miles south of Yuma, Ariz.

Sondra was the emissary to deliver money raised by the Vacation Bible School at the Rexford Community Church, for the purpose of erecting a building suited for indoor play for the many children that are fed daily and ministered to by Margarita and Eladio, the couple that began the ministry only four years ago. The name of this ministry is, "The Lord Is There", taken from Ezekiel 37. Because of the tremendous and continuous heat in the summer, many of the people go to cooler places to work in vegetable fields until the fall, when they will return to work in this area, so the number of children that are fed daily is probably less than 30 at this

time. However when the populace returns, they will feed between 45 and 75 meals a day. While there, Julie helped organize their kitchen and supply room; Sondra gave hair cuts; and Roger Wark, who flew in for that week, built shelves for their kitchen cabinets. It was a very productive adventure.

The Gem 4-H Club met Sunday for the club tour in preparation for fair. Members from Rexford and Gem were able to show the various projects they are working on and answer questions about each project.

Village Missions will be holding their Summer Connection conference at Shepherd's Staff this week. Missionaries from all over the midwest and plains will convene in Rexford for training and refreshment.

Free produce is available again this year at the Stepper building (south of the Post Office) on Tuesdays and Fridays.

That seems to be the news for this week. As always, I welcome your news and special happenings. Just call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

appreciated all who donated cookies and those who helped to make Bible School a success.

The American Red Cross spent a full day Friday drawing blood at the blood drive held at the church. There was a very good turnout.

Creta (Carter) Nichols, St. Simons Island, Ga., visited Rachel Carter and other relatives recently. She was en route home from Colorado Springs, where she had spent several months helping care for her brother, Keith Carter, before his death on June 18.

Ann Graner, Bethany, Mo., is visiting several days with her mother, Rachel Carter. Rachel is doing well

after having heart surgery.

Those enjoying cards at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spesser, Alice Wagoner, Ann Szejewitz, Wayne and Louise Cressler. We welcome anyone who would like to come join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. at the senior center.

The Jennings City Council will be meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda is the approval of publication of the 2013 budget and the acceptance of the resignation of one council member. Anyone who wishes may attend council meetings.