

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1887

The Oberlin baseball team defeated Jackson 20-15 last week.

The Oberlin House is to have a new bus.

Frank Heitmann rejoices in the arrival of a daughter at his house Sunday.

J.B. Hitchcock has let the contract for his new house to S.S. Nelson.

J.E. Kulp has decided to give his attention to rural pursuits for a time.

Geo. H. Hand has resigned his position with the Ludell Gazette and has returned to Oberlin.

F.F. Bliss is happy over the appearance of a brand new boy at his place on the 12th, who engaged aboard for 21 years.

A Colby syndicate is now engaged in booming the town of Hawkeye in the southwest part of this county, and as an inducement to those wishing to invest, make the assertion that the place will be the junction of the Rock Island with the B. & M.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1912

A snake, a spreading viper, was killed by Art Steele on the steps of the Oberlin National Bank Monday.

W.P. Branson and Mrs. Ida Cody were married Wednesday evening.

Married, July 17, Mr. Harvey Oscar Daniels and Miss Ruth Louise Bigelow.

The town of Leoville in Dresden Township was laid out last week.

The gas engine that is being used to pump water for the city broke down last week and a threshing engine was brought into play to do the pumping.

Everett McGee of Center who has been working down in the eastern part of the state returned last week to help his folks harvest.

Several fine rains during the past week helps the corn prospect

materially.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1937

A heart attack at a Denver theatre claimed the life of Ray Street, 53, of South Orange, N.J., a former Oberlin resident. Mr. Street was in apparent good health and had come to Oberlin recently to visit family and had persuaded them to go to Denver for a short vacation and was at the theatre in Denver with his mother, Mrs. W.D. Street, his sister, Mrs. C.W. Smick and a cousin, Miss Bernice Colby of Denver. His wife was visiting with her aged mother in Butte, Montana, at the time. Mr. Street had attended Oberlin schools graduating in 1903 and from Washburn University and law school and was engaged in the stock and bond business near New York City.

John Spiers, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spiers of Center Township, died tragically from a severely fractured skull in an accident at the W.H. Ruby farm southwest of Kanona. Apparently while oiling the tractor it went into gear pinning him to a nearby cedar tree. He is also survived by his wife and a 7-month-old daughter.

DeForest Grocery opened Friday morning in the building belonging to Anna B. Morrish and formerly occupied by Driskell Barber and Beauty Shops. O.R. Johnson, McCook, is manager and he and his wife moved into the old Landau house.

Mary E. Munson, 91, who had been living near Jennings and was the oldest resident of Decatur County, died at the home of her son, Mark, July 20. She and her husband were among the first settlers here and most of the city of Jennings is located on what was formerly the Munson homestead.

Bette Jaderberg, age 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jaderberg, received the highest grade point

average in the county grade school examinations, her average being 95 and 3/11. She expects to enter high school here next fall.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1962

The rainfall for July now totals 3.82 with day temperatures in the 80s and 90s and nights in the 50s.

The former Tri-Circle TV network is now part of the Wichita TV Corporation according to James Crabb, local TV station manager. The FCC-approved merger joins KARD, Wichita; KCKT, Great Bend; KGLD, Garden City and KOMC, Oberlin-McCook.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, daughter, Cynthia Anne, 7-14-62; Mr. and Mrs. Gerold Kolsky, Oberlin, son, 7-15-62.

Oakley: Judge Benedict Cruise ruled that Oakley "won" the special relocation election and the court ordered the county seat of Logan County to be removed to the City of Oakley from Russell Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Moore, Westminister, Colo., are the parents of a baby boy, Greg Dem, born June 28. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus.

Midway: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Erickson who were married Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church in Oberlin

25 YEARS AGO — July 1987

Decatur County taxpayers will be looking at a big increase in their tax statements for the second straight year.

Funeral services were held for John Henry Ward Jr., owner and pharmacist of Ward Drug Store in Oberlin, who died July 23 at the age of 56.

The 24th annual Polled Hereford Association tour this week which started in St. Francis made stops in Decatur County at the Sylvester

Meitl farmstead 13 miles south of Oberlin, at the Kent and Pat Reinhardt property and at the Decatur County Feed Yard before moving into Nebraska south of McCook, at Holbrook and Alma.

An Aug. 1, 1987, a wedding is planned for Gina Marie Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Pat) Carroll of Atwood and Ronald Lee Montgomery, son of Bob and Anita Montgomery, rural Jennings.

"Petro-Pal" is the name of the new automated fuel system located at the intersection of Highways 36 and 83 according to John Juemann, manager of Decatur Co-op Association.

Lindsay Martin, age 8, and Bridgette Ostmeyer, 17, received top honors in the Northwest Kansas Swim League meet last week in Burlington, Colo.. Lindsay received both the high point award for the season and for the league meet. Bridgette also received high point award for the season and tied for the league meet high point award at Burlington.

Janice Vavroch was the team's coach.

The Rev. Scott Stinson is the new pastor of the Lund Covenant Church and he and his wife, Lou, two daughters, Tyler and Kalie and son, Cody, are residing in the parsonage at 110 E. Oak in Oberlin. He is a native of Champaign, Ill.

Rea and Dee Magers have combined their respective hobbies of redoing old furniture and designing with antiques and their mutual love for the plains of northwest Kansas into an attractive retirement home in Norcatur.

Although Rea grew up in the Lyle community and Dee near New Almelo, they lived most of their lives in Colorado before returning to the Norcatur community and restoring the A.P. Coppedge/Witham place.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marian Miller, who passed away on Tuesday.

Several residents have been learning to play Po-Ke-No. The group met for a game on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Alvina Gamblin was the big winner at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Several members of Helen Helm's family have been helping us with bingo, but next month they will be back in school and we will be looking for some extra helpers to assist Ila Ray and Earla Connell.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon to snap beans. This is always a fun time that leads to lots of reminiscing about canning, cooking and gardening.

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

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon. They are busy working on several types of projects to take to the Decatur County Fair. We are

excited to show off some of the fun things the residents have made this past year.

Several residents met to play games on Thursday night.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon for an appreciative group of residents and staff.

We have two new patio chairs by the front door, thanks to an anonymous donation. The chairs are a great improvement and will come in handy if it ever cools down enough to go outside again.

Recent visitors: Kathy Davis, Riverside, Calif.; Lois Behrmann, Orange, Calif.; Lillian Rutsch, Vista, Calif.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Dylan and Leah Downer, Cambridge, Neb.; Jim Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Linda Bosler, Julie Hafner, Sharon Ecker, Herndon; Jalyn Shaw, Selden; Veda Woods, Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Mirium Fisher, Cynthia Matson, Dolores Koepferich, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

It is still HOT outside with no relief in sight, but that is not stopping the museum from planning for the start of the restoration of the 1886 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Depot.

The restoration will include scraping, replacing rotting boards, filling, priming and painting. It's set to start in about two weeks.

This is an expensive project and if you would like to donate to this restoration, checks can be sent to: Decatur County Museum, 258 S. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749 or dropped off at the office during regular hours.

For any donation over \$100, a plaque will be hung in the depot showing names of donors. We are a nonprofit institution and all donations made to the museum are tax deductible.

Railroad History

After many rumors and surveys, Oberlin finally got a railroad. The branch line of the Burlington and Southwestern Company, terminating at Oberlin, was incorporated March 11, 1885. The company was organized June 12 and the first train arrived Oct. 19, 1886.

By spring of 1886, passengers were riding the trains into Oberlin by the hundreds; as many as 150 passengers were arriving daily.

Livestock shipping was heavy from this point and every Saturday night a special livestock train left for eastern markets. Often 25 cars were loaded from here and in the late 1800s Oberlin was second to the McCook division in point of livestock shipments.

Be watching for Friday and Saturday fair specials at the museum.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon received word of the death of Velma M. Portschy Hower, 90, of St. Joseph, Mo. She was born to Walter and Gertrude (Kleit) Portschy and was a 1939 Herndon High graduate. She was an elementary school music teacher for the St. Joseph School District, and a member of First Presbyterian Church where she directed the children's choir and sang in the church choir. Services were Monday at Meierhoffer Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., Keith Pettera, Matthew and friend Mary Beth of Lakewood, Colo., spent a few days in Herndon visiting family and friends. Thursday evening guests were Chuck and Eileen Unger. Sunday dinner guests of Les and Myrna's at Roger's were Keith, Matthew, Mary Beth and Bob and Julie Hafner. Sunday evening Les and Myrna visited Alan and Ann Solko and Esther Pennington before returning home Monday morning.

Recent visitors of Greg and Rita Marintzer were Jacob, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer, Westmoreland, helping with harvest. Kade spent time with grandma and grandpa while Jacob and Phoebe returned

home. Kade had fun on the farm feeding the kitties, dogs and birds and going swimming. Rita and Joe took Kade back home and spent the weekend. Fireworks were short-lived with the much needed rain storm.

Bonnie Franke celebrated her birthday in Denver with Dean, Carrie, Heidi and Abbie Franke of Jefferson City, Mo., and Brian, Tracy, Ellen and David Franke of Albuquerque. They visited the 16th Street Mall, the Children's Museum and the Denver Zoo.

Rita and Joe Marintzer, Herndon, traveled to Neosho Rapids to visit Abe, Alex, Addi and Amilee Marintzer. Addi returned home with Rita and Joe to spend the week. Family returned home with Addi last Wednesday after a fun visit.

Recent visitors of Esther Pennington were Joan, Rich, Mike, Tom and Celeste Noble; Shirley Barenberg; Eileen Unger; Sharon Ecker; Chris Wood; Char Hartner; Joyce Gibson; Ken, Sam, Del and Pat Solko; Mary Padgett; Jane Waterman; Cheryl Hicks; Beth Chartier; Voni Sattler; Kathy Leitner; Valentine Solko; Jared, Vanessa, Bailey and Avery Solko. Esther enjoys the visits and conversations.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jay and Suzanne (Larson) Cooper, Wichita, were weekend visitors of her father, Wayne Larson, Norman Wendelin, and other family and friends.

Jay Cooper, Wichita, was recently appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to sit on the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals, an independent executive branch of the government. One of the three judges in this position is required to be a Certified Public Accountant. Jay, a CPA, recently retired from the firm of Kirkpatrick, Sprecker, and Co., where he worked for over 40 years. He began his four year term on the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals in Topeka on May 1.

Liam Nedland was honored on his second birthday Tuesday evening with a birthday dinner and party at the home of his grandparents, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland. Additional guests were Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland, Elizabeth Nedland, Cameron Nedland, Lisa and Gareth Davies, Cerys and Meaghan.

Brian Moore, Las Vegas, Nev., Dorothy Moore and Janice Cundiff were Wednesday evening visitors of Martin and Evelyn May. Brian Moore left Thursday morning to fly home to Las Vegas. Brian is Martin and Evelyn's nephew.

Thursday evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May were Ernest and Donna May, Tonganoxie; Rebecca May, Austin, Texas; and Greg and Janice Cundiff.

Rebecca May accompanied her father, Ernest and Donna May, to Kansas City on Friday where she flew home to Austin, Texas.

Ralph and Violet Shaw visited with Duane and Phyllis Berry of Grand Junction, Colo., Saturday evening. Duane and Phyllis are here to visit his sister, Eva Bryan, for her upcoming 99th birthday.

Hannah May, a member of the Decatur Community High School Singers, attended the Butler Show Choir Showcase July 15-20 at the Butler County Community College in El Dorado. Activities included choreography, costuming, music technology, barbershop ideas and

music theatre. Roland and Pam May attended the concert Friday evening and Hannah accompanied them home.

Elizabeth Nedland and Darbi Rouse left July 15, for Hays where they and other youth spent the week working with outstanding musicians from around the country at the High Plains Music Camp on the Fort Hays State University Campus. Elizabeth's instrument was the French horn and Darbi's was the oboe. The camp concluded with a concert and awards program on Saturday where Elizabeth and Darbi were both awarded top musician awards, including scholarships for them to attend this camp next year. Rhonda May and Dan Nedland attended the concert and Elizabeth accompanied them home.

Zach May attended the 49th annual Kansas Student Council (STUCO) Leadership workshop "Treasure Hunt for Leadership" July 15-20 on the Emporia State University campus. Rated as one of the best leadership training programs in the state, the curriculum focused on goal setting, organization, meeting skills, leadership ideals, self awareness, group process, and other issues leaning toward development of student leaders. Zach returned home Friday evening.

Nancy Shields, Omaha, Neb., arrived Wednesday to help with the Karli Fredrickson wedding. Her husband, Mike, joined her Saturday for the Fredrickson/Hubka wedding.

Brett and Ali Shields, Sam, Levi, and Halle, Harlan, Iowa, were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Karli Fredrickson and Brett Hubka were married Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, officiated by Pastor Chad Eckles, Evansville, Ind. Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Paul and Kelly Shields, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah and John and Dianne Bremer were among those attending the wedding, followed by the reception, dinner, and dance at The Gateway.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Donna Kelley met Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., on Wednesday in Wray, Colo., and the girls accompanied her home. They will be visiting their grandparents, Dick and Donna Kelley, through the Decatur County Fair.

Their parents flew to England on Thursday, where they met his brother, Dr. Kirk Kelley, who has been there with students from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, on a mountain biology class.

He teaches microbiology and anatomy at the university. He and Sheldon and Brenda are doing genealogy research on the Bryan family and sightseeing in the London area for two weeks.

Steve and Arian Arnold had supper on Monday with Duane and Phyllis Berry of Grand Junction, Colo., who were visiting in Oberlin with his sister, Eva Bryan, and other relatives and friends.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday at Cedar Living Cen-

ter in Oberlin for morning worship services.

Elden and Detta Anderson and Samantha Anderson visited Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Bryan and Cole, of Lawrence over the weekend.

They also attended the wedding of Kristin Babcock and William Weyhrauch at the First United Methodist Church in Baldwin City on Saturday. Among others attending were Donna Kelley and Kendra and Jessica Kelley.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Debbie Babcock of Baldwin City and a granddaughter of the late Robert and Beverly (Bryan) Fleenor.

Monday dinner guests of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson were Ron and Arleen Overbeck of Beatrice, Neb.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended the birthday supper and party which honored their great-grandson, Trevor Witt, at the home of his parents, Tyler and Tiffany Witt and Tessa on Sunday.

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