

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1887

Watermelons on the market this week, your choice, \$1.00.
Potatoes are now 50 cents a bushel.

The Oberlin ball team lost to McCook Saturday by the one-sided score of 28-13 at McCook.
Born, July 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schultz, a son.

The school bond election resulted in 280 votes for and 18 against the proposition, and Oberlin will have the \$10,000 new schoolhouse.

The city last week purchased the four north lots of Summit addition running west from the school house to the section line at \$50 per lot and the same will constitute a street.

An old soldier's picnic is being held today in the vicinity of Jackson.
Track laying has begun in earnest on the Beaver Valley branch.

Lightning struck the roof of N. Liepold & Co.'s

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1912

The weather this past week has been too hot for comfort but we always get a big rain the last week of July.

The Burlington Railroad has completed its part of the switch connecting with the Rock Island at Norton, but the Rock Island hasn't started their part of the switch.

Marion Johnson says it is impossible to get an extra harvest hand in Sherman Township.

Mr. and Mrs. I.O. Wear and Mrs. H.A. Griffith left Monday evening for Denver where they expect to be joined by Miss Grace Love and Lois Street and go from there to Palisade, Colo., on a vacation trip.

Mrs. E.S. Dean and daughter Faye left Monday evening for Denver and Palisade, Colo.

Miss Maggie Lytle, who has been working at Parsons in a dry goods store, is home for her summer vacation.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1937

For the information of those persons who feel inclined to "step on the gas" too heavily while driving about the streets of Oberlin is the news that city officers made several arrests last Saturday night for this particular infraction of the law.

Two fires occurred last week in Center Township, the first when during the rain and electrical storm,

lightning struck the Center school-house and the building and contents were entirely destroyed. The other was on the Colbert place occupied temporarily by the Wesley Cullison family when the barn caught fire and burned to the ground.

An all-church party was given July 21 in honor of the Rev. Mr. Wickstrom who recently began serving as pastor of the Federated Church. Supper was served to about 125 guests and both he and his wife gave informal talks.

Fred Kirschke, who has been assistant cashier of the Ludell bank since 1933, has accepted the position as assistant cashier in the Peoples State Bank in McDonald.

Mr. Kirschke worked in the Benton-Hopkins Investment Company here for several years and his wife, the former Relma McCartney, taught in the city schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beardsley, Alice and Henry Jr., returned home Saturday after having spent two weeks in California visiting in Riverside at the home of Mrs. Beardsley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Dunn and in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held in Indianola for a former Oberlin man, Walter Curry, 57, who died when exploding gasoline set fire to his clothing while working on his farm. He was in partnership with his brother, Will Curry, in the monument business at the time of his death.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1962

The Federal Communications Commission has promised fast action on granting approval of two new micro-wave KARD-TV stations between Oberlin and Wichita. The new stations would give near-flawless reception according to station manager James Crabb.

The Robert Henningson family has purchased a new home in Colby and plan to move there Aug. 3 where he will teach in the Colby school this coming term.

As of Tuesday afternoon, 1,334 4-H entries and 177 open-class entries had been received at the county agent's office for the 14th annual Decatur County Fair.

William (Bill) DeKnight has purchased the Oberlin Recreation Parlor from Bert Berls.

Helen Pelkey, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Merle Pelkey, Oberlin, will leave Aug. 9 for the campus of Western State College, Gunnison, Colo. She will take private lessons in flute and piano and play in the band and orchestra.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1987

Oberlin is one of seven cities in Kansas awarded funds through the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program administered through the Dept. of Commerce. News of the \$150,000 grant to the boat plant facility located east of Oberlin in the industrial park was received by Oberlin City Administrator Bob Finkbinder.

Fairgoers at the annual Decatur County Fair will be able to see a prototype of the bus being made by Kansas Coach Manufacturing.

Kevin Black, 22, a lineman for Norton-Decatur Cooperative Electric was in serious but stable condition at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver from electrical burns received while he and his co-worker John Horesky were attempting to repair a transformer some six miles northwest of Oberlin. In an attempt to rescue his co-worker Horesky was knocked from the pole and suffered a broken

right arm.

Cyrus Thomas, a native of Danbury, will be honored on his 100th birthday on Aug. 9 at Good Samaritan Center.

New Arrivals: Bill and Karen Buxton, Brighton, Colo., a daughter, Bethany Anne, 7-16-87; Adrian and Paula Tadlock, Midland, Texas, a daughter, Alyssa Karolyn, 7-16-87.

A neighborhood baby shower July 28 honoring Megan Barrett was held July 28 at the home of Maxine Bryan with Mirla Coleman and Karen Bryan as hostesses.

First place in the women's softball league tournament went to Decatur Co-op composed of Tammy Horesky, Teresa Carlson, Barb and Carolyn Juenemann, Tina Johnson, Patty Dorshorst, Sarah Fredrickson, Laurie O'Toole, Kristi Richards, Karla Krause, Teresa Buchanan and Carol Sullivan.

The men's softball league was won by the Decatur Feed Yard team: Wally Wilson, Don Relaford, Kary Anderson, Chris Weibert, Mike Bailey, Chris Bailey, Steve Slinker, Don Shuler, John Fortin, Chuck Look, Gene Gallentine, Clarence Banzet and Ron and Rusty Montgomery.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The slots are filling up fast for the volunteer helpers at the fair for the rides and games, but there are still some shifts available. A sign-up sheet is here in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building on the table in the center of the building, so stop by and help fill it up this week.

Float Friday will continue, but I hear they might add a new treat. Come check it out on Friday at the gazebo.

Oberlin Business Alliance will meet at noon today at the LandMark Inn. All members are welcome to attend.

The Chamber Board will have their regular meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building.

Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet at noon, Thursday, Aug. 9, at the LandMark for a noon meeting. The bureau now meets on the second Thursday of

each month.

The "U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt Across Kansas" will be happening on Sept. 14, 15 and 16. If you are planning a garage sale and would like to get your address and items on the map and lists provided by the Chamber, you may bring your information and a fee of \$7 to the Chamber office. If you want your information on the Highway 36 website, the information needs to be in the Chamber office by Friday, Aug. 24. I will also be making maps and lists as in the past for distribution around town and sale sites. If you don't get your information to me in time for the website, you can still get on the local list and map with that deadline being Friday, Sept. 7.

Also remember the Farmers' Market beginning at 8 a.m. each Wednesday morning in front of the Chamber office.

Have a great week!!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Matthew Chance Tallant, 25, who died Wednesday, July 25, at Fayetteville, Ark. His mother is the former Alicia Solko, daughter of Barbara Solko and the late Elmer Solko. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale, Ark.

Paul and Sheryl Noren, missionaries to Africa, were weekend guests of his aunt, Esther Noren, and also visited other relatives and friends.

Morning worship services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Doug Mason spoke at the services on Sunday at Cedar Living Center in the absence of Pastor Keith Reuther, who was on an Alaskan Cruise with his wife, Sandy.

Arian Arnold and Galen Olson are compiling information on those who have been buried in the Bethel (Enne) Lutheran, Herndon Covenant and Baptist Church cemeteries. Anyone who has information or obituaries are asked to send copies to Arian Arnold, 13409 Road 35, Herndon, Kan., 67739, or call her at (785) 322-5221.

Sunday supper guests in the home of John and Ardythe Cederberg

included Renae Wolf of Pierre S.D.; Diane and Donny Ruppert of McCook; Eric and Jayda Sattler of Atwood, Ron and Cindy Sattler, as well as Chase, Dana and Parker Juenemann of Herndon.

Renae Wolf is spending a couple of days visiting her parents, the Cederbergs, as she makes her way back home from two recent rodeo events where her son, Jamie competed. He competed in the National High School Rodeo finals in Rock Springs, Wyo., the first week, and last week his father, Jim and sister, Christa joined them in Pueblo, Colo., where Jamie competed in the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals there. Jamie won the short round of the Little Britches finals in the tie down calf roping. He also won the average on three calves for the week. After a year of competing for points, Jamie was the winner of the World Little Britches Rodeo tie-down calf roping title and saddle. He added five more buckles to his collection of hardware, as well. Jamie will be attending Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo., this fall where he will compete on the NEJC rodeo team and major in pre-veterinarian medicine.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Recently, Jan and Jayme Sattler, Atwood, accompanied Rob Sattler of Oakley to Littleton, Colo., Friday and returned Monday. While there, they spent time visiting Marlene Cook, Tommy and Susie, Cassidy and Chandler Cook, Deanna Cook and friend Mary.

Kim Hoffman of Castle Rock, Colo., Stacey Dawson, Kaylynn and J.T. Nuss of Atwood recently visited Jim and Sharon Vogel. The girls dug out and built a new fish pond for Sharon's 72nd birthday in July. J.T. celebrated her 14th birthday on Saturday, July 21.

Herndon City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Herndon Senior Center. Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month but August was rescheduled due to Election Day. All residents are encouraged to attend and stay involved with city issues.

Brenda and Aaron Schilde and Addison of Minneola spent last Wednesday and Thursday with Richard and Theresa Rippe and family. They were on their way to Denver to visit with cousins and spend a few days in the mountains. They returned this week and Brenda and Addison will stay for a few days

visiting family.

Herndon received word of the death of Dale Zwickle of Hutchinson. Dale was a 1950 Herndon High School graduate and was an adopted son of Julius Kleidosty. Details will follow at a later date.

Julie's Memory Joggers

The 1921 influenza outbreak is abating.

There are an estimated 600 cases in Territory Tributary to Herndon.

The death loss has been put at 3 percent.

Nineteen deaths have been credited to the influenza; three from other causes.

Deaths from influenza: Martin, May, Mrs. Adam Thumser, Michael Leitner, Sr., Mrs. Geo. Schmelzer, Mrs. Math Allacher, Arthur Murphy.

The List of Dead: Blanche Pitner, Edward Leitner, William F. Barenberg, George J. Sattler, William Reckel-School, Martha Sattler, Eric W. Sovern, Mrs. B. E. Stires, Edward Bonser, Gertrude Olson, Mrs. Mary Pitner, Mrs., George J. Sattler, Mrs. W.R. Reckel.

Deaths from other causes: Mathias Kaiser, Sr., Mrs. John Larson, Mrs. Eric Johnson.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Restoration on the 1886 Oberlin Depot will be starting sometime this week. 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 501 non-profit institution and all donations made to the museum are tax deductible.

We are also preparing for Mini Sapa, which this year is on Sunday, Sept. 30. Note the change of date. A Historical Cemetery Tour in the older section of the Oberlin Cemetery is being planned. So mark your calendars and be watching for more information.

Oberlin's Railroad History: Large creameries were once located at Orleans, Superior and Holdrege, Neb. Much of this milk and cream was sent and the empty cans returned by the trains of Oberlin until the 1960s. A regular milk weight bill form was attached to each can as well as tagged with the point of origin and destination.

Comfortable living quarters for the depot agent and his family were in the second story of the depot.

The Oberlin and Norcatour, stations were the last open agencies on the branch. The Oberlin depot closed in September 1985.

Knowing that the depot was to be closed and feeling strongly that the historical value of the old Burlington Depot should not be underestimated, the Decatur County Museum Board voted to bid on the depot at the Nov. 14, 1984 meeting.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Preparations for the Thomas County Fair kept a lot of Rexford youth (and their parents) busy this week. It seemed like we could have spent the entire week in Colby if we had wanted! We did go to Colby for the Fashion Revue on Tuesday evening and were pleased to see two Rexford girls win awards. Tylor Todd earned the Special Merit award in the junior division of clothing construction for an apron she made. Jesalynn Griffiths was awarded the Reserve Grand Champion award for her buymanship project. Both girls seemed to have a lot of fun modeling their projects!

As the fair officially begins on Tuesday, all of the 4-H projects will be on display. Stop in and see what the kids of our community have

been working on this year.

We also attended the Todd Becker Foundation Block Stop Party in Colby on Sunday evening. There was a good crowd, with a few Rexford citizens attending. We are so thankful for everyone who provided cookies for this event.

This week Shepherd's Staff will be hosting Celebration Community Church's high school camp. This group of kids from Hays will keep busy learning about God, serving the community and having a lot of fun!

That seems to be the news for this week. Don't forget to call 687-2076 or email griffithsgang@gmail.com with your special happenings. Have a great week!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

What is that saying? "When an irresistible force meets an immovable object?" In my case it was my knee and the cement driveway. I certainly wouldn't claim that my knee is irresistible, and the cement didn't move at all, but the force was enough to cause me a few days of immobility and pain. The good part was that it was temporary and I see a lot of improvement every day. But, enough about me.

On the good news list: Joyce Sumner is doing really well and is expected to be home in a day or two. Von Sumner's kids and grandkids are at her place and are having fun. Kathy Van Meter says she feels that she has finally turned the corner and can walk about as usual. They had .60 inches of rain last night.

Merlin Wood is feeling better but says his blood pressure may be going a little too low now, and medication may need a little adjustment.

Dixie Wood has made a second trip to Tulsa, Okla., and says she may be a little better, she is coping anyway. She may come for a visit, but no definite plans yet. She and

David, who lives a short distance away, have had 110° temperatures.

Dwight and Teresa Wood came by on Saturday and left a good batch of home-grown blackberries to be made into jelly. They were headed for Westmoreland, to celebrate birthdays, her mother, dad and other members of the family.

When I told June Jolly we had a nice rain, she said, "Shut up!" June went to the fair and played Bingo, played cards on Friday, and "fair sat" at the open class 4-H building on Saturday.

We have not heard if Virgil Price is better yet. He is still at Kearney and Joyce and their son Bob Price are with him. There were 32 members of the Powell family from Kansas and Nebraska at their picnic which was held at the Lyle Community Building on Sunday.

Notice: The community picnic sponsored by the Liberty Star Club will be held the third Sunday of August, the 19th, this year. Everyone is welcome. It is potluck, drinks furnished, bring your own table service.

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NOTICE

On Thursday, July 5, the Mayor of Oberlin declared a Stage 2 Water Warning due to the continuing drought and the lowered water level in our city water wells.

The regulation actions of a Stage 2 Water Warning are as follows:

Regulation Actions

An odd/even lawn watering system is imposed on water consumers. Residents with odd-numbered addresses will water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; even addresses will water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. A rotation system for non-resident water consumers will be developed by the City Administrator.

Outdoor water use, including lawn watering and car washing will be restricted to from **12:01 AM to 9:00 AM**, and from **8:00 PM to midnight**.

Refilling of private swimming pools will be allowed one day a week after sunset.

Emergency water rates may be imposed.
Waste of water is prohibited.

Rationing until further notice.

