

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1880

Between five and six thousand head of Texas cattle will go north on the trail, a few miles west of town, this week. This is the advance guard of the largest drive to ever go over the trail.

Special elections have been called in the new townships of Center and Custer for the election of township officers.

Mrs. Williams has rented the Tremont Hotel and will start a boarding house.

Born, Monday morning last, June 21st to Henry Baumgarten and wife, a 10-pound girl.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1905

Howard Noyes sold his lumber yard at Dresden last week.

Will Montgomery has returned to Decatur County after having spent the last 15 years in Oklahoma.

Married: Clyde Ward and Gladys Frewen, both of Norcat, June 26, 1905, by Judge Patchin.

Married: Homer Hitchcock and Miss Alma Southard, June 18, 1905, by Rev. Crain of the Presbyterian Church.

Norcat News: Elmer VanGundy had the misfortune of getting his leg broken in a runaway last week.

At the annual school election, H.O. Borin was elected treasurer to succeed C. Borin.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1930

Numerous questioners have wondered why the rain of three inches in less than an hour last Wednesday flooded Oberlin so much worse than other rains in the past 20 years. Flooded basements of business men have cost the owners several thousands of dollars.

Chas. Houghtaling, 85, is a hospital patient after breaking his leg while untangling one of the ponies hitched to the wagon in which he travels. He has friends among the old settlers in this county and is said to have homesteaded the last 40 acres in the county. He holds a 50-year membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge. He is improving and

entertains with some mighty interesting tales of pioneer life and frontier characters.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Al Bruggeman announce the arrival of a baby girl on June 20 who has been named Mary Magdalene. Mother and baby are in the McCook hospital and are doing well.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Perry Norris are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Norcat: Howard Benton is driving a new Buick sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Berry are the parents of a baby boy born June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ehler are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday of last week. They have named their daughter, Helen Marie.

Melba Waldo left this week for New York and will sail for Europe on June 28 on the Bremen, returning in September. The trip is under the supervision of the Open Road Company.

Everyone is glad to have Howard Banta home to help his father in the mill. He is another Decatur Community High School graduate who has made good.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1955

Kump Motor Co., has recently added the Mercury dealership to go with the Ford franchise.

According to information received from the Social Security Administration office in Salina, there were 89 retired workers in Decatur County at the end of 1953 receiving a total of \$80,000 in benefits.

June is the fifth straight month in which Decatur County has received below-average rainfall. Despite this, the crops and pastures continue to look good.

Mrs. Don Lawver was dismissed from the hospital last week and Carol was brought home from St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays.

Hal DeMay accompanied by his sons, Bill and Bob, and David Banta attended the National A.A.U. track championship field meet in Denver over the weekend.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Bruggeman, Selden, girl, Regina Ann, June 26; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leitner, Herndon, girl, Judith Ann, June 17; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Province, Cedar Bluffs, girl, June 28, Glynda Gay; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shuler, Selden, boy, June 18; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waldo, boy, June 28.

Norcat: Open house was held June 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ward in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1980

First District Congressional candidate Pat Roberts, who is campaigning for the position of retiring Keith Sebelius, visited Oberlin this week. Roberts said he was supportive of Senator Bob Dole's push to end the suspension of grain sales to Russia.

Selden: Mrs. Joe (Agnes) Duesberg, Selden, accompanied by her daughters, Carol Raburn, Denver, and Shirley Sharkey, Detroit, Mich., returned recently from a visit to Germany where they visited the ancestral home of their grandfather,

John Zimmerman, who was born in 1842 in Hanover.

Two students from overseas sponsored by Youth for Understanding will soon be returning to their home countries. Adriana Galvao of Brazil, whose host family was the Rev. and Mrs. James Carmon and daughter Janell, and Juha Tuominen of Bori, Finland, whose host family has been Marty and Sharon Martinson and their children, Jarl, Heidi and Jarad.

Bob Berls, Nichols Building Supply employee, has been kept busy full-time since the June 15 hail storm repairing hail damaged windows and screens. More than 200 units have been repaired including some in the Traer area for the second time.

Don Cameron, a 1969 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been appointed the new head basketball coach for Newton High School. He has compiled a 77-18 record at Canton-Galva the past four years, including three trips to the state I-A tournament.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With harvest underway, moving the St. Mark's church building has once again been delayed. We are now looking at middle of July, when we will not slow down farm trucks on the highway and country roads.

June has been a busy month with over 200 guests from 28 different states and one visitor from Australia.

Included in our guest list last week were Paul and Leatrice Chelf and their son Shookie. Paul is the great-grandson of James G. Smith, one of the pioneers killed during the last Indian raid here in Decatur County. They were here for a company get-together and brought down many others from the reunion to tour the museum. It is so interesting to hear "the rest of the story" of

what happened to the wives, mothers, and children of the 18 who were victims of the raid. Paul and Mr. Smith's great-great-grandson, Shookie, make the second set of their family members we have had visit this summer.

Lynda and I have both been busy with genealogy research on the following surnames: Enes, Ridgway, Barnell, Queen, and Patton, all from the Oberlin area; and Mavity, Bruck, Bradbury and Felton from the Norcat area.

While most of our requests now come by email we still have people coming in to do research. That personal feeling of being in the same area where your relatives once lived, and even homesteaded, is hard to beat.

Cedar Living News

Betty Jenik of Mayock, N.C., was a special guest all week. Betty is a former resident of McDonald and Oberlin. She was in town visiting for the week and spent part of each day with her friends at Cedar Living Center.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Darlene Stanley won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Don Shaw won the blackout game. Residents, staff, and guests enjoyed homemade ice cream on Tuesday afternoon in honor of the first day of summer. The bingo volunteers, Jerry Temple, Ann Martin, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, and Alice Shirley, assisted with serving.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service Tuesday afternoon.

Judy Stark of Sun City, Ariz., and Joanne Dolance of Dallas visited all week with their mother, Helen Lindquist. They were guests for several meals during the week.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Wednesday afternoon.

The players included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Tressie Samson, Eva Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Barb Solko played pinocle

Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Scrabble Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George officiated at Catholic Mass Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed an extra afternoon of bingo last week. Heather Glodt and Betty Jenik assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with the game.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make cookies.

The Oberlin Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday services.

Recent visitors: Merlin and Lola Diederich and Carol, George Wurm, McCook; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon; Dave Cox, Hays; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Gary Anthony, Lowell Sebaugh, Norcat; Walter and Waunetta Stright, Columbia, Mo.; Ora Clover, North Platte, Neb.; Tara Votapka, Topeka; Keith Mines, McPherson; Dale, Avis, and Diana Hazuka, McDonald.

Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Rita Garver, Dana Winstead, Wayne and Lois Larson, Mert McEvoy, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Butch Diederich, Alvina Gamblin, Catherine Neal, Fern Wenger, Rosella Meitl, Eula Juenemann, Helena Bruggeman, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

In devotions Monday morning, June 20, we learned from the message "Kin" that there is "nothin' like a whippin' from the Lord," reminding us everyone should reach out to those less fortunate.

Fern Anderson, Lucy Schissler, Ruth Laidig, and Jan Conway enjoyed folding fellowship Monday afternoon. Enjoying carbon paper art were Edla Olson, Virginia Ike, Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer, and Ruby Shuler.

On Tuesday, residents and staff enjoyed a whole day of events with a western theme. Phil Erickson led morning worship, with many of the staff attending from an all-day inservice. Junior volunteers Serena Stacy and Joey Hirsch helped with campfire story fun.

The barbecue grill was fired up for a community gathering of residents and staff at noon Tuesday. Residents Council was held with Coleen Rippe and residents. Cowboy poet Jerry Lohofener took center stage for an afternoon performance enjoyed by many of the residents. Little Sam's Daycare hosted a watermelon feed for all.

Songs of worship was held Wednesday morning. Cheryl Miller provided accompaniment. Bill Duncan brought the morning Bible study. Nail care was given to the residents by Roxie Erickson and Dorothy Alstrom. Summer reading participants were the Richard Anderson family.

At social hour Wednesday afternoon local clergy representing the mission of spirit in our center were honored. Included were a message on appreciation from Jan Badsky, the center's volunteer coordinator, and a skit called "Name That Old Tune," by Lisa Stacy and Jan. Many residents also expressed their appreciation. Clergy in attendance were Rick Langness, St. John's Lutheran Church; Bill Duncan,

Church of Christ; Father George, Sacred Heart Catholic Church; and Royce Leitner, Assembly of God Church.

Dennis Brown presented devotions Thursday morning, with a message taken from Corrie Ten Boom. Providing accompaniment were Edla Olson and Lucy Schissler. Garden Party ladies including Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, and Garrah Gaumer gathered to create daisy topiaries for table centerpieces.

Catholic services were held Thursday morning by Deacon Stan Chapin, with Lois Buchholz in attendance. Everett Fisher, Marguerite Fullerton, Elsie Macy, Bonnie Weskamp, Hilda and David McGee, and Leo Mooty enjoyed games. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Devotions were shared by Lisa Stacy Friday morning with the message, "Cracked corn or popcorn Christians?" Volunteer Jeanette Diederich and resident Marilyn St. Clair made homemade chocolate chip cookies. Eva Bryan, Muriel Ready, Jeanette Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, and Ruth Laidig enjoyed folding fellowship.

Current Events was led by Carol Duncan Friday afternoon. Jeanette Conway, Nadine Anderson, and Eva Bryan enjoyed Scrabble. Social hour was served by Bethany Smith. The Friday evening Bible study, led by Lisa Stacey, was entitled "Yearning."

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions. Tika Hall, a new volunteer, served social hour.

Sunday services were shared by Faith Lutheran Church. Social hour followed with Florence Vavroch.

Recent guests: **Ruth Laidig** - Angie Wilson; **Eva Bryan** - Detta Anderson; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch; **Doris Miller** - Catherine Neal.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Vacation Bible School attendees learned the significance of encounters that Jesus had with five individuals during His ministry. The children shared a new song learned that week, a verse, and the crafts they had made with the public Friday evening. Vicki Allison, coordinator, acknowledged staff and helpers, commenting on the importance of working with the youth in our communities. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed.

Ben and Kelsey Rhodes hosted a barbecue for the youth group Thursday evening at their home. The Mt. Pleasant Youth Group were invited and a game of sand volleyball followed.

Friday afternoon was a celebration of pizza and bowling at Colby Bowl for the last afternoon session of summer school. Melody Leach, Lori Miller, and Marsha Rogers thank everyone for supporting summer school.

Adam J. May, son of Randy and Cheryl May of Plano, Texas, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Black of Rexford, and Jack May of Denver is a recent graduate of Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Adam graduated Magna Cum Laude and received the National Dental Honor Society Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award.

Dr. May is beginning a residency program affiliated with Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University. He received his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Kansas in 2001 and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. His wife, Amanda, is also a graduate of the University of Kansas and they make their home in Boston.

Kathryn Richard and Chris of Norton attended services at Lund Covenant Church on June 19, then they and Edna Colson drove to Colby for a picnic dinner at Fike Park with Cheryl Colson and Marcus of Colby. Roberta Colson and Alexandria, and Deloris Cody of Goodland joined them. Amie Richard was with Roberta after spending Saturday night with her. Amie was on her way home to Norton from a trip sponsored by Girl Scouts to England and Scotland. She is the youngest daughter of Kathryn Richard.

Koffee Klatch had 13 in attendance Friday.

Obe Hokanson, guest of Pastor Lane Purcell, began teaching on Israel, Jerusalem and the temples at the Rexford Community Church on Sunday. A fellowship dinner followed. Obe has been giving tours of

the Holy Land since 1978 and the next one is scheduled for the first two weeks in May, 2006.

Jay and Brandy Todd, Taylor and Tyler, had dessert and an open house Sunday following the church dinner.

The Rexford Church service and a picnic will be at the park on Sunday. The Youth Group will be serving lunch as a fund raiser for Merritt

Youth Retreat at Merritt Reservoir, Valentine, Neb., hosted by Dean Ostrander Ministries. Everyone is urged to join in fellowship and help support the Youth Group.

The mosquitoes are becoming a problem in the area and it is hard to enjoy any outdoor activity. Can we please have our communities fogged to get rid of the nasty pests?

Wheatridge News

Everyone is settling into the summer routine. Even sleeping in late is not out of the question!

The cucumbers and cantaloupe had to be replanted, but everything has taken off following the wonderful rains.

The Forget-Me-Nots entertained twice. We had a hot bingo game on June 9. No other caller can compare to Dennis Brown. Prizes were from Ward Drug.

Residents and their guests enjoyed lunch when the new gas grill was broken in by Jerry Lohofener, our volunteer griller, cooking porkburgers. Guests included: Bob Wurm, Charlie Corcoran, Max and

Veanna Carman, Connie Cramer and Elaine Thomas.

Bible study is on hold until fall so our teacher, Richard Russ, can farm.

Besides cards and dominoes, our activities include: movies, going out for lunch, and riding around town admiring the yards. We have puzzles to trade if anyone is interested.

Out-of-town guests have been Kathy Madsen, Portland, Ore.; Eugene Van Vleet, San Diego; Leo Van Vleet Jr., Phoenix; Janene (Brunk) Kleidosty, Lancaster, Calif.; Fen Shafer, Denver; and Bob and Shirley Gaede, San Antonio.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Denzel Gilbert, 81, who died on Wednesday at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. He was a native of the Achilles community. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Sam Williams officiating. There will be a private family inurnment at a later date.

Steve and Arian Arnold received word on Thursday of the death of his sister, Geraldine Morris, of Boulder, Colo.

Paul and Sheryl Noren of Cadillac, Mich., shared about their work in Africa during morning worship services Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

They and their daughter, Kristine, and son, Eric, will be returning to Africa soon. A potluck

dinner honored them following the service.

A potluck supper was held Friday at the home of Quentin and Olive Bergling in Atwood to honor Amy Bergling of Las Vegas. Others present were her parents, Richard and Susan Bergling, Megan, Sarah and Cassidy, Ness City; Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; and David and Sherry Bergling.

A potluck dinner is planned at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Prairie Development Center meeting room in Atwood for the former congregation and neighbors of Enne (Bethel) Lutheran Church, which was located south of Midway in Rawlins County. Those attending are asked to bring table service and a covered dish.

Matt Cisneros left Monday for

his home in Texas after spending the past month visiting friends in the area.

Guests for supper on Sunday at the home of Elden and Detta Ander-

son to honor Elden on his birthday were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner took a carload of goods to the Mexican American Mission in Garden City on June 20.

Rea Magers came out to Toots Magers' house on Thursday and repaired the mowers for her. That evening Lyle had 1" of rain.

Lyle ladies who sewed quilts on Friday were Veda Wood, Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Toots Magers,

Kathy Van Meter and Leone Purton of Oberlin.

Toots Magers, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter did SHARES in Norcat on Saturday.

Ruth Vise and Carla Clason visited Toots Magers after visiting the cemetery on Sunday.

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