THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1881

Mrs. G.W. Bertram and Master Johnnie, accompanied by Wm. S. Langmade, brother of Mrs. Bertram, returned from their visit to New York last week. Mr. Langmade will read law in the office of Bertram & Parker and intends making this his future home.

One of our dealers in general merchandise reports sales to the amount of $499.75 last Saturday.

D.C. Floyd, Clerk of the District Court, died at his father's home in Beloit of consumption. He had been sick for several months.

The County Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on Monday, dispatched their business with the promptness characteristic of them as a Board, and got through with the equalization on Tuesday.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1906

Decoration Day: Bright and clear. At 10 a.m. the band started toward the cemetery followed by the Old Soldiers on foot, a company of Woodmen in regalia, the W.R.C. in carriages, a 4-horse load of children and about 150 buggies — one of the largest crowds that ever assembled for such a purpose. The beautiful ritualistic ceremony was impressively recited. We do not blame the Old Solders for revering it.

At the Rink in the afternoon, H.O.Caster and Rev. Rarick made the principal addresses. The male quartet composed of F.H. Smith, A.C. Banta, W.A. Smith and C.H. Brewer sang several selections.

W.T. Stevenson presented his wife with an elegant two-seated rubber tired carriage that is certainly a nice thing to have in the family.

Everett Eiler returned from law school last week and is gradually breaking himself in to hard work on the farm.

Vincent Larrick returned from college last week. He has grown considerable and looks much improved in appearance.

F.M. Bobbitt died at a hospital in Topeka June 3. He had been ailing for 2 months.

W.O. Hayward of Oberlin, a brother of F.H. Hayward of the Rawlins County High School, will open a jewelry store in the Cochran building next week. — Atwood Patriot

75 YEARS AGO — June 1931

Oberlin was host to a large crowd of visitors Saturday morning for the Midwest Air Tour show. Although the director, Mr. Ewing, stated there were 1,050 paid admissions, it was estimated there were perhaps 2,500 persons located at points of advantage surrounding the airport. The crowd came in so fast and from so many directions that it would have been humanly impossible to collect from all even though the charge was but 25 cents. Perhaps the greatest thrill was given the spectators by the two stunting performances of Freddie Lund. The show closed at noon with a parachute jump after which the pilots took off for Colby for an afternoon show.

There were over 112 entries in the golf tournament at the Oberlin Country Club with Elmer McKinzie winning first place in the championship flight with a score of 113 for the 27 holes, but other prizes were won mostly by out-of-town golfer,s of which there were 80.

Court House News: R. Gale Ridgway, 24, and Miss Genola Southard, 20, were granted a license on the 29th and married the following day by the Rev. Bartholomew.

With the opening of Brookwood Park Sunday almost 400 people hied a way to spend the day picnicking, golfing, boating or fishing at this delightful park. Elmer Shaw, owner and operator of the park, has spared no expense or trouble in making the place as inviting as possible. Mr. Shaw allows free use of the grounds for picnicking on Sundays but throughout the week only members are permitted the use of the grounds.

Miss Effie M. Spiers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spiers of Center Township, and Mr. Geo. Jorn of Norcatur were married on May 21 at Stamford, Neb.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1956

Newly dominating Oberlin's low-slung skyline is the recently completed municipal water tower soaring 100 feet into the air. Soon to be taken down, the old standpipe was an engineering marvel in northwest Kansas when it was completed in 1889.

David McGee, son of Mrs. Walter McGee, is back in Oberlin again after four and one-half years in Denver. Before moving he was employed at Francis Furniture where he did floor covering work and in Denver he continued in that work with a large firm. He will do floor covering jobs for several retailers here, at Norton and one at Selden.

The community Vacation Bible School will hold a program Friday evening at the high school auditorium. A staff of 38 workers has assisted with the school, which was attended by 225 youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Everist and daughter have returned from Manhattan for the summer and will live in the apartment at the Ed Hall home and he will work for Ridgway Electric this summer.

Mrs. Archie Taylor has returned from Denver and has started work as bookkeeper at the Farm Bureau Office. She is making her home at the Driskell Apartments.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leitner, Herndon, daughter, Kathryn Marie, June 3; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Waldo, daughter, Susan Lee, June 4; Mr. and Mrs. James Vavroch, son, Larry Dee, May 29.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1881

Area farmers continue to remain hopeful that some grain can be salvaged from the frost-damaged wheat crop but the county agricultural disaster committee has agreed that a 75 percent yield loss is likely. Looking at the loss in dollar figures ASCS director Mike Gawith said the frost may have cost farmers and land owners more than $12.5 million.

Jean Loop has begun her job as Decatur County Home Economist replacing Elsie Robinson, who retired.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kinsman, Oberlin, son, Joshua Lee, May 27; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bachman, Oberlin, son, Richard Junior, May 28; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shuler, Oberlin, daughter, Lindsey Elaine, May 29.

Lois Scott, Decatur County board representative on the Health Association of Western Kansas, reported that operations will cease by Sept. 30 as qualified staff cannot be recruited in the time allowed.

Robert (Bob) Wilson, a political science and economics major at Fort Hays State University, is the recipient of a Torch Award as the outstanding senior man. A graduate of DCHS with the Class of 1977, he made his home with the John Bearley family the last two years of high school after his parents moved out of town.

He is the recipient of a Leon Jaworski Scholarship to attend the Baylor School of Law.

The dental office of Dr. Joan Albrecht-Pratt reopened last week after remodeling. Sherri Johnson is again employed this summer as an assistant. Becky Vollertsen plans to return to work Aug. 1.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

The fifth annual Museum Summerfest Car Show is now behind us and what a great day it was. A total of 114 vehicles lined the street of downtown Oberlin, making it the second highest in five years. Needles and Pins Quilt Guild displayed over 80 quilts in the various buildings on the museum grounds. Oberlin was the place to be Saturday!

The board and staff want to thank all who participated in any way to make it such a success. We greatly appreciated all the local car owners sharing their antique cars and vehicles with us.

Many research projects had been put on hold while we prepared for the car show so this week I hope to get some of them done. One of interest is regarding the man for whom Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M. is named. Roy C. Kirkland married a local Oberlin girl and the request comes from the historian for the base.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

On Saturday, May 27, a large crowd attended the last Alumni Banquet to be held in Jennings Prairie Heights School. The meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, roll and dessert was prepared and served by Leanna Sloan and her helpers of Hoxie.

The Alumni Association gave a bouquet of cut flowers to Mildred Tacha from the class of 1929 and to Mary Votapka for her many hours of work each year getting the alumni paper updated and printed. Some chairs and tables will be purchased at the City-Heritage auction of school contents. Later a decision will be made of where to hold next year's banquet. A dance followed at the City Community Hall.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed on Memorial Sunday at the Senior Center by over 50 people. There were two birthday parties in Jennings that day, one at the church for Imogene Keenan and one at the American Legion building for Agnes Wahlmeier.

Out-of-town guests who came for the 80th birthday party for Imogene Keenan on Sunday, May 28, were Clara Johnston, Cope, Colo.; Jerrie Wheaton, Haigler, Neb.; Carlin and Kinsey Kuhlman, and Pat Smith and family, Topeka; Deann, Darrel, Darla and Delores Dible, Rexford; Betty Walker, Hoxie; Dan Walker, Salina; Don and Sharee Harris, Colby; Tony and Michelle Dorenkamp and family, Hoxie; John and Darcie Roberts, Lincoln, Neb.; Wayne and Linda Bosler, Denver; Von and Joy Johnson, Pueblo, Colo.; Aden and Ruth Schillig and family, Norton; Angie Harris, Colby; John Keenan, Oberlin; Janeil Dilling, Goodland; Frank and Jana Slansky, Stockton; Jim and Letitia Keenan, Oakley; Nicole Keenan, Oakley; and Nadine Chandler and Connie, Denver. Monday, May 29, guests were Dan and Jeana Yost and family, Norton.

Guests of Mary and Tom Votapka over Memorial weekend were: Rex and Ann Rowh, Cimarron; Jodi Ingunanza, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher, Kalvesta; Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park; Betty Votapka, Oceanside, Calif.; Howard and Nancy Votapka, Houston; Joy Votapka, Oberlin; Nancy Ellis and Nicole, Topeka; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken and Sue Long.

Family members attending the memorial service for William Mrstik on May 26 were his brothers, Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Jennings; Eldon and Cruz Mrstik, Fillmore, Calif.; his sons, David and Jodi Mrstik, Oshkosh, Wis.; Micheal Mrstik, Milwaukee, Wis.; grandchildren, Christopher and Shelley, Washington, D.C.; Michelle Mrstik, Norman, S.C.; goddaughter, Judy Gambino and her grandson Zach, West Bend, Wis.; nephew, Terry Mrstik, Topeka; as well as family cousins from Jennings, Oberlin, McCook, Nebraska and Colorado; and many family friends, including Max and Charlotte Cox, Doyline, La., and Dean and Bonidel Clyde, O'Neill, Neb.

Terry Mrstik planned to spend a week with his parents, Dona and Eugene. Charlotte and Max Cox also plan to spend some time with them. Charlotte and Dona are sisters.

William Mrstik died on March 19, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. The Mrstik family expressed appreciation for all the cards, food and telephone calls received here at the Mrstik home, and to Lila and Lawrence Jennings for offering their home to family members. The family also appreciated the Methodist Church women who provided the meal after the memorial held for William Mrstik.

Guests of the William Carters for Memorial weekend were Ann and Dick Graner, Allan Carter, Jim and Jane Wahlmeier, and Amanda and Keith Carter. They attended the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening while Amanda babysat the Carter great-grandchildren. After church Sunday they all enjoyed dinner at the Ken and Julie Carter home with Ann and Wes DuBois, Abbie and Madi; Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna joining them. Monday morning they all went to the cemetery for the military service. It was a good weekend ending with a nice rain Monday night.

Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa, came May 22 to visit her parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. She returned home on May 30. Russell Cressler, Bison, came Sunday, May 28 to visit his parents and sister, Sharon.

Sunflower Senior Carry-in Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at the senior center.

Visiting Imogene Kennan Sunday were her granddaughter, Jeana and Dan Yost, and children, Shane Cozad, Vanessa, Natasha and Danielle Yost of Norton.

We still have Alumni papers for sale. Send $4, your name and address to Mary Votapka, HC 1 Box 81, Jennings, Kan., 67643, and we will mail them to you.

Michelle Zodrow of Grapevine, Texas, and Tamala Schulze of Salina attended the alumni banquet at Jennings High School on May 27. Michelle and her son, Austin, stayed for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead of Dresden.

Christina Coiner of Jennings was among 119 Kansas Wesleyan University students who were named to the President's Honor Roll for the 2006 spring semester. Full-time students with a semester grade point average of at least 3.75 and no incompletes are listed.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Those interested in having a garage sale during the community wide sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, in Rexford may contact Nancy Dahl at (785) 687-3600 after 5 p.m. for more information.

The Red Barn Trunk Sale is scheduled for the same day as the community-wide garage sale. This event helps raise funds to keep gas in the van and cover costs for vehicle repairs.

Funds are also used during the Christmas season for purchasing small gifts for residents when visiting the nursing homes. Contact Jolene Hansen if you want to participate so she can get your car placed for the sale.

The Rexford PRIDE Committee is taking new memberships for the Fitness Center. Contact Evelyn Johnson to get started.

Jeremy Gould of San Diego was visiting family and friends over the weekend of Mother's Day.

Jerry and Louise Latimer spent Memorial weekend with her sister, Nancy Dahl and Jay. They also attended the Barnett reunion.

Connie Phillips of Arkansas visited Deb Stepper on Sunday afternoon, May 28. They also visited Connie's aunt, Frankie McIntyre, on Monday afternoon at Prairie Living Center in Colby.

Over Memorial weekend Delores Dible, Darla Kaye Dible and John Ray Gould went to Beaver City, Neb., to meet cousins from eastern Nebraska to visit and to decorate family graves at Bethel and Precept Cemeteries.

Guests of Chad and Desiree Wark on Sunday, Memorial weekend, were Chad's uncle, Shawn Anderson and wife, Niki, of Grandview, Mo. Other visitors were Dennis and Vicki Allison.

There were 20 relatives and friends gathered at the Red Barn Senior Center for the annual Dible Memorial Day dinner. This event began many years ago to celebrate the birthday of Julia Dible. All plan to return next year on Memorial Day.

Deb Stepper was a guest of Bert Dible in Colby on Memorial Day. Other guests for several days were her daughter, Kay and Ben Benham; grandson, Mike and Laura Garcia, Zach and Zane; granddaughter, Michelle and Jim Lincoln, twins Savannah and Mackenzie; and nephew, Jim and Judy Carmack of Washington.

Happy birthday to Bill Dible and Bill Gilchrist on June 2, and Glendora Bastin, June 4.

Congratulations to Rex and Betty Carswell who celebrated their 60th anniversary on Tuesday, June 6. They live at HC 1, Box 88, Selden, Kan., 67757.

Ron Boller's wife, Pam, has now joined him and we welcome her to the community.

Lonnie Ketchum has returned home after having surgery in Hays.

Hulda Wark continues physical therapy at the Hays Medical Center after breaking her hip.

The community was saddened to hear of the loss of Edna Colson's grandson, Henry Elling.

At the Red Barn: Wednesday Ladies Bible Study had six attending including Doris Jean Oliver, Margaret Arasmith, Grace Cheney, Delores Dible, Jolene Hansen, and Deb Stepper.

For Friday's Koffee Klatch there were 10 present: Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Liz Rall, Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Berneda Zoberst, and Evelyn Profitt.

Advice from my column this week: Have an extra car key made and keep it in a strategic location for unexpected emergencies.

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June 30-July 4	Wild West Festival - Hays
July 1	The Great Race - Garden City
July 3-9	U.S. Senior Open - Hutchinson
July 12-15	Hutch National Auto Races - Hutchinson
July 28-30	Kustom Kemp Car Show - Salina
July 28-Aug. 6	Dodge City Days - Dodge City
Aug. 4-6	Southwest KS Pro-Am Golf - Garden City
Aug. 26-27	Tumbleweed Fest & Hot Air Balloon Classic Garden City
Sept. 2-Nov. 5	Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch - Hutchinson
Sept. 16	Midwest Deutsche Oktoberfest - Hays
Sept. 22-23	Historic Fort Hays Days - Hays
Sept. 23	Santa Fe Day - Salina
Sept. 29	34th Annual Oktoberfest - Hays
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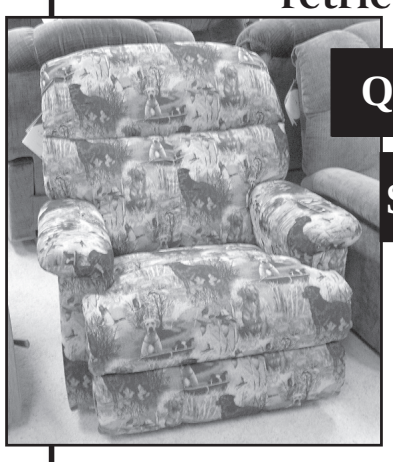

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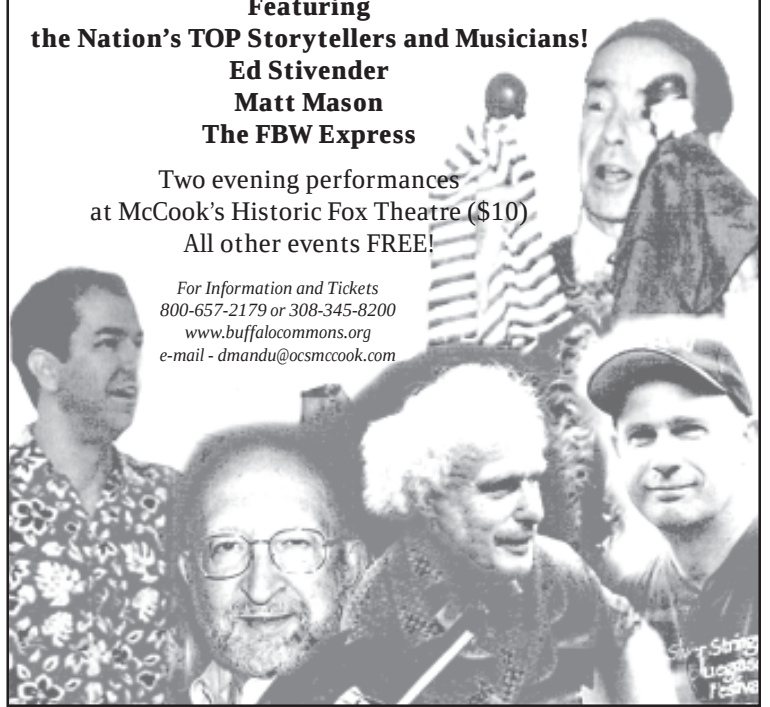

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