

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1881
Rain has become so common it is no longer a luxury.

The official vote on the location of the county seat of Rawlins County last week was: Atwood 202; Ludell 114.

Charley Ayer, Henry Campbell and D.S. Moody chased a couple of wild horses on Monday. They found them about three miles south of town, chased them through town north to the Nebraska state line and there gave it up. Moody gave up the chase 16 miles sooner than the others.

The Sappa boys beat the Prairie Dog team Saturday 47 to 13.

At the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the county was divided into three districts as follows: District One: Grant and Jennings townships; District Two: Oberlin and Center townships; District 3: Custer, Prairie Dog, Bassettville and Beaver townships.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1906

Prof. H.Q. Banta and wife left Friday evening for a five-week outing on the Pacific Coast.

One of the colored boys working on the opera house had his right hand badly crushed Monday.

The new cement crossings are fine.

At one o'clock July 4th there were 365 teams in the four livery barns in Oberlin.

The new Citizens State Bank of Oberlin opened for business last week. Capital Stock \$15,000; fully paid up. George Hoadley is president and I.W. Zimmerman is cashier.

Marriages:

July 11: Prof. E.A. VanGundy and Miss Gertrude Leist.

July 11: Supt. A.C. Banta and Miss Mae Gaither.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1931

It was a huge crowd of people who thronged Chautauqua Park the night of the Fourth of July to witness the free fireworks display. The rain earlier in the day forced the parade to be moved from 10 a.m. to the afternoon and the horseshoe contest lasted from 1 to 5 before John Chambers was adjudged the winner by Caleb Smick. The greased pig contest winner was Albert Ulrich.

With the proposal to enlarge, renew and make the local power plant

the central distributing plant of this northwest district, the Central Kansas Power Company of Abilene has made an offer of purchase on the Oberlin plant and distributing system.

Ralph Carey, a mechanic in the Ford garage at Jennings, was killed Sunday evening when his car overturned in making the turn onto the Swede Highway west of here. He was accompanied by two friends, Pete Keenan and Glen Kincaid, also of Jennings, who suffered only minor injuries.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Albert Hoffman, 47, Logan Township farmer, who died of an apparent heart attack. Survivors include his wife, Maude, and four children, Flossie, Eleanor, Junior and Theodora.

According to an announcement from the management of the Opera House, there will be no more Sunday shows, at least for the present, on the advice of County Attorney J.F. Peters.

Henry Taylor of Atwood, 107 years old and probably the oldest person in Kansas, died at his home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay are the parents of a baby boy, Charles Francis, born July 5.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1956

Hardly had the ink dried on the "dry weather" story in last week's *Herald* when the clouds rolled into Decatur County, drenching the county with the biggest general rain in more than a year. The rain was heaviest in the southwest part of the county and Sappa Creek is bankful with water pouring over the dam at Sappa State Park.

Tragedy struck the Hawkeye community Friday evening when Jimmie Bastin, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Bastin, who live 9 miles northeast of Rexford, drowned in a deep water hole near the farm home. Jimmie had been in the field west of the family home with his father, who was fixing fence.

The DCHS Board of Education has released Charley Lyons from his contract to take a position at Hutchinson High School and has hired Melvin Simpson of Mead, Neb., as his replacement.

Phyll Cramer announced this week that his interest in the Cramer Motel, Cafe and Service Station had

been sold to Don Westervelt of Great Bend. Mrs. Westervelt is the daughter of Dr. L.V. Mason of Norton, who retains his one-half interest.

Dr. C.M. Nelson was installed as Oberlin Rotary president for the year beginning July 1. He succeeds the Rev. Luther Kurtz.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. W.T. Stevenson, 86, who came to Oberlin from Ontario, Canada, in 1891 as a bride. She is survived by four sons, Charles and Tudor of Oberlin, Ralph and Richard of Colorado Springs; and two daughters, Mrs. Norman Bressler, Wamego, and Mrs. Kelly Slaughter, Salina. Since the death of her husband, Billy, in 1940 she had continued to live in her spacious old home and in recent years had been cared for by Mrs. Helen Sutton.

Custer: Lawrence Jennings got a 15-day leave from Camp Ardmore, Okla., to come home and harvest his wheat, but the hail Monday night beat him to it and made short work of his harvest.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1981

Rural residents in the northern tier of townships in Decatur County who have mailing addresses from Danbury and Lebanon are in for a change to comply with a new nationwide postal policy which will not permit mail delivery crossing state lines. One Harlan Township

resident told *The Herald*, "We're on the Danbury phone line, we're going to be changed to a Norcatur mailing address, but we transact most of our business in Oberlin. Lots of us would have liked to have had a choice on routes if the change had to be made."

Oberlin city councilmen listened to a proposal to develop a west side subdivision for possible mobile home occupancy to ease the current housing shortage in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Goltl, Morland, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelly, to Monte Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Moore, rural Oberlin. An Aug. 8 wedding is planned.

A ceremony June 13 at Stonecroft Chapel in Kansas City, Mo., united in marriage Julie Bellanti of Kansas City and Gregory Wenger of Overland Park.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bailey will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on July 19 at the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Steve Aten was the winner of the championship flight of the Norton golf tournament held Sunday at Prairie Dog Recreation.

Dan Willcoxon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willcoxon, is spending the summer at the John Brown farm, rural Oberlin. He is a student at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

For the month of June our visitor count totaled 200. The states represented by these guests included: Illinois, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kansas, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Maine, California, Idaho, North Carolina, Nebraska, Missouri, Arizona, Washington, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, New Mexico, Nevada, Alabama, Maryland, and Minnesota.

In doing research this week I found several interesting articles to share with you.

Taken from *The Oberlin Times*, Aug. 24, 1906: "John B. Colt is the only man in the same business now who was in business in Oberlin 27 years ago or even 20 years. Mr. Colt is not only in the same business, but he is in the same building though greatly enlarged." John Colt was in

the livestock and implement business.

Taken from *The Oberlin Herald*, Aug. 20, 1906, which was in the *Oberlin Life*, in the 1881 25-year column: "George W. Shoemaker, from Prairie Dog, brought us some peanuts of his own raising."

This taken from *The Oberlin Herald*, Aug. 27, 1906: "I.O. Wear was the first merchant to have his store lighted by electricity. It made a beautiful sight."

Can you imagine doing business now without electricity?

As you can see, I have been looking through the August 1906 newspapers and researching the opening of the Owl Pharmacy in preparation for the 100-year celebration of Adleman Drug Store.

Jennings News

By Louise Crestler

The Jim Wahlmeiers, the Jesse Carters, Becky Carter, Stan and Daryl Hartzog, and William and Rachel Carter had dinner at the Ken Carters on Tuesday. They were celebrating the Fourth of July and Rachel's birthday.

Rachel and William Carter accompanied Jane, Jim and Amanda Wahlmeier of Phillipsburg to Kansas City on Friday. On Saturday they attended the wedding of Missy Carter and Adam Crawford. Missy is the daughter of Allan and Sherry Carter. Several other relatives from the Jennings community attended the wedding also.

Logan and Bowen Black, sons of Cindy and Danny Black, Carlsbad, N.M., are spending summer vacation with their grandparents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. They are also visiting with Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, Clayton; Katie Wahlmeier, Colby; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; and Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion.

Norton Correctional men will be in town Thursday and Friday trimming trees hanging over into the streets.

Jennings City Council will meet Thursday in the Senior Center.

Work is progressing at the school yard. Sewer and water lines will be laid to the back of the property for the Sardo Upholstery building to be

built. County crews are working to level the yard for paving.

Chris McKenna, a 2002 Jennings High School graduate and a Fort Hays State University senior, has accepted a \$300 Student Alumni Association scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. He is the son of Pat and Shelley McKenna, Jennings, and is majoring in marketing.

Heritage Associates of Jennings held their monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Czech Museum. Neoma Tacha, president, conducted the meeting. Present were board members Jay Kump, Larry Mizer, Roger Shimek, Lawrence Jennings, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, and Steve Hirsch.

The minutes and treasurer's report were given. Memorial gifts have been received in the names of Vivian Cilek Bishop and William Mrstik. The handicap ramp along the side is almost completed. Rails still need to be added.

Eric and Jeremy Green and Tony LaRue Jr. have removed the cedar trees along the alley and two dead trees to the north. Wachendorfer Construction Company is to begin construction of the addition in the middle of July. It is hoped the building will be up before Fireman's Fun Day in August.

Discussion was held concerning

where to place the Jennings Coyotes sign from the school when it is moved. New doors for the church will be installed. The machinery and two Sol Reese buildings will need to be moved before the construction begins. A work day will be scheduled next week. A brochure will be made for the museum by volunteers from Colby.

A report concerning the school sale was given. Everything went well. We want to thank the school district and the community for the

gift of the contents and property. The dirt work is almost completed and BCI will be closing on the sale soon.

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 3 in the museum. The public is always invited to attend.

Recent visitors at the Lawrence Jennings home were Chad Kier and daughters of Clayton. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings visited Galen Carper on Thursday and with Nadean Stoney at Oberlin last week.

Selden News

By Jacqu Boulinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 13 - Clem Mumm, Daniel and Jannela Benoit; July 16 - Shawn Spresser, Mark Wessel; July 17 - Edna Schiltz; July 18 - Mark and Lori Miller, Jeffrey Shaw; July 19 - Art and Karla Wessel.

On July 6 at Senior Citizens, Betty James got high, Cecelia Ottley took second and Leone Porsch got low. Other members present included Lola Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt and Julie Pope. Since this was the first Thursday of the month the group enjoyed potluck.

Kids softball is every Wednesday evening with ages 4 through 6 at

6:30; 7 through 9 at 7:30; and 10 years and up at 8:30.

This was taken in part from an email that I received:

"Within all of us there are two wolves - one is evil. It harbors anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

"The other wolf is good and is made up of joy, hope, peace, love, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

"We simply need to remember that the wolf within us that lives is the one we feed."

Cedar Living News

The Cedar Living Center residents had a fun day on the 4th of July. Several sat outside in the morning and enjoyed a few snapping firecrackers.

The dietary department served a hot dog buffet lunch with pie and ice cream for dessert. The pies were donated by Roberta Petracke. The afternoon included a lively game of bingo with help from volunteers Ann Martin, Jerry Temple, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, and Opal Huntley. Don Shaw won the first bingo and Paul Sass won the blackout game.

Pinochle players Zola Brown, Elsie Goodnight, Mildred Tacha, and Frank and Velda Ward met for a game on Wednesday afternoon. This group meets in the evening several times a week to play and additional guests are always welcome.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents and staff helped Teresa Shaughnessy celebrate her birthday with a party on Thursday. Joanne Wendelin and Margee Wilson brought the cakes and Teresa provided the ice cream. Juanita Williby assisted with serving. Many staff

members wore black in honor of the day.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Friday morning. Opal Huntley assisted the baking group with making sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Jeanette Diederich and Kim Solko provided special music for the worship service on Sunday afternoon. Father Henry led the service.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatur; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Harold Sulzman, Judy Menges, Colby; Vendla Tacha, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Larry Wolfram, Liberal; George and Rhonda Wurm, McCook; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Lyle Gamblin, Don Stapp, Eunice Wenger, Barb Solko, Catherine Neal, Karen Bennett, Marie Jean Vavroch, Eula Juenemann, Charlotte Meints, Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

"Where in the world have you been?"

Do you remember your mother asking you that? Or have you ever asked your children that question? Well, here at the Good Sam that is the question of the month. On our bulletin board is a huge world map with stick pins marking all the places our residents and staff have visited. The residents enjoy remembering and telling about vacations and places they were stationed in the war. There is a travel table set up with artifacts and souvenirs brought back from exotic places for all to see.

Because of the Fourth of July, our week didn't really get going until Wednesday.

We started off with Songs of Worship led by Anita Hirsch. This is a favorite activity for our residents. They love singing the old hymns, especially when Anita leads. It seems the whole place is filled with His glory. Mert McEvoy comes next with Bible in hand to teach from the scriptures, or often a Max Lucado book. Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan, Dorothy Bryan, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Walt Mosier, Alvin Unger and Pauline Zander joined her this week.

Linda Hollowell filled in for Don Farr for the morning exercises. Twelve faithful residents showed up to get their joints and muscles moving, and the ladies got their nails done in the afternoon. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn. Wednesdays can't end without a rousing game of bingo in the evening.

Thursday was our first traveling day. The destination? Old Mexico! The Country Reflections neighborhood staff treated us all with Mexican food for our buffet lunch. Homemade tamales, enchilada caseros, tacos, burritos and green chili were just a few of the choices for the day. The dining room boasted piñatas, sombreros, maracas and festive table decorations. Several of our residents had visited Mexico. Marie McChesney had several pictures and souvenirs that can be seen at the travel table.

On Friday, the FROGS Camp kids came for a Pet Parade. Residents gathered under the linden tree on the front patio to see and touch a wide variety of pets. There was the littlest pet, Spud, a hamster; the largest pet, Curry, a beautiful golden retriever; and lots of pets of varying sizes in between. Most of the pets were dressed in silly costumes, adding to the delight of the morning.

Men's Coffee, hosted by Pastor Keith Reuther, met later on Friday over donuts to tell some pretty fishy tales, from what understand. After Social Hour Ali Samson, a certified nurse aide, assisted Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson as they sand painted beautiful seascapes in keeping with our travel theme.

Last on Friday's agenda Joan Evans from dietary, along with her daughter Kristy, gathered 11 residents in the Angel Lane dining room to start preparations for Saturday's "Home Cookin'" event. This event is modeled after the "Little Red Hen" story, so if you help prepare the meal, you get to eat the meal. Several peeled apples, some made pie crust and still others put together a Jello salad.

Saturday finally came and the anticipation of the "Home Cookin'" lunch heightened as the smell of pan-fried chicken made its way down the hallways. Fifteen residents helped prepare lunch which included pan-fried chicken, real mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, Jello, and homemade biscuits with butter and honey, followed by apple pie and ice cream. Yum! Yum! Thank you to Joan, Kristy, and Mert McEvoy for making this a special day.

On Sunday, 43 members of the Herndon Covenant Church arrived ready for church. What an awesome treat for our residents to be able to worship with friends and family from the community. When I asked the residents if they enjoyed it Ruth Laidig said, "Oh, it was really nice, just like going to church." Thank you so much, Herndon Covenant. You were a blessing to us.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Concert in the Courtyard on Monday, July 24, at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs.

Well, we're off to Hawaii. Aloha, everybody!

Recent guests: Doris Marintzer - Nelly Mumm of Gem, Catherine Neal; Lucy Schissler - Margaret Fikan and Sally Olson, Atwood; Lucille Davis - Norma Richards, Violet Foster and Pat Hall, Jennings; Mae Guy - Norma Richards; John and Muriel Ready - Norma Richards; Pooch Portschy - Catherine Neal; Marie McChesney - Judy Menges of Colby; Eva Bryan - Detta and Elden Anderson, Donna and Dick Kelley; Thelma Spiers - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon, Steve Nelson, Violet Shaw, Ralph Shaw, Joel Shaw, Anna Shaw, Dante and Tami Shaw; Edla Olson - June Vavroch.

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