

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1881

A herd of two thousand buffalo is reported as being in Cheyenne County near the Colorado line.

Sheriff Ayer and D.S. Lowe started for Cheyenne County Monday night.

Bob Hallowell, who has been clerk at the Oberlin House, has gone to accept a like position at the Hubbell House, Hubbell, Nebr.

Most of the space in the Herald this week is taken up with articles against District Judge Nellis and the local politicians working for his re-nomination.

The B. & M. is talking of extending a branch from Hastings by way of Orleans up the Sappa, and Oberlin can secure it by a little work.

Rev. John Wilson preached Sunday from the text, "And Abraham rejoiced to see my day and was glad."

100 YEARS AGO — July 1906

C.N. Page sports a new buggy and harness.

Peculiar weather. Nights seem cool enough to frost.

Married, July 15, Mr. Roy E. Barr and Miss Frances D. Strange.

A.J. Cox of Grant Township was killed by lightning Wednesday evening.

Married, July 16, Mr. Nels Bystrom and Miss Anna Westfall.

Station Agent W. Bardon has been transferred to Danbury; his place being taken by Mr. Hosteter.

Norcatum Items: The old State Bank is now the First National Bank. The officers remain the same.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1931

Despite the worldwide depression, the statements of banks of Decatur County and northwest Kansas show excellent condition.

The greater part of the wheat crop in Decatur County has been harvested, but little has gone on the market with many farmers choosing to store in granaries rather than sell for between 25 and 35 cents a bushel, less than the actual cost of production.

Oberlin is to have a small creamery soon with J.J. Bollerup of Alliance, Neb., having made arrangements with J.H. Fleming for the use

of part of his ice cream factory to install a 500-pound churn and other necessary machinery.

Cedar Bluffs: Funeral services were held for Shelby Witham, 41, who died at the McCook hospital of typhoid meningitis with complications.

Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen announce the birth of a son on Friday, July 10, who has been given the name Jerry Scott.

Leoville: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller on July 8th and has been named Kenneth. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Trommeter announce the arrival of a fine baby girl on July 10 who has been named Mary Adelaide.

Miss Alice McCaffery of Otis, Colo., and Mr. Joe Pachner of Oberlin were married Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin court house with probate Judge Kulp officiating. They were accompanied by Frank Pachner, father of the groom.

Allison: B.C. Scott and wife were Oberlin visitors Sunday to see the new grandson born to Dr. and Mrs. Thomsen.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1956

Applications have been made by 93 Decatur County farmers to the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office for soil bank payments.

Court House News: Franklin Kester of Oakley and Marie Dean of Cedar Bluffs were issued a marriage license July 10 and married at the Methodist Church on July 15.

Harold Robison has been selected to become the rural route carrier to fill the vacancy created by the death of Leslie Walker.

Funeral services were held for a well-known Oberlin businessman, Ernest Petracek, 56, who was diagnosed with leukemia only a few months ago. He and his wife Capitola constructed the Frontier Motel five years ago which is recognized by the AAA as one of the finest in the Midwest.

Herndon: Funeral services were held July 16 at Evangelical and Reformed Church for Edward L. Portschi, 54, who died of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Leitner, and two daughters, Betty and Anita; a

brother, Albert; two sisters, Mrs. Carl Schreiber and Mrs. Erna Rubenstein. A son Eldon was killed in Korea in 1951.

Raymond Adams was elected new commander of the Oberlin American Legion Post No. 70 succeeding Glenwyn Hayward.

Miss Florence Hawkins, who will become the bride of Ed Vavroch on Aug. 12, was honored with a bridal shower at the Galen Smith home. Miss Beverly Kindler was assistant hostess.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1981

Fair board representatives Floyd Lotker and Wes Gaumer received approval from the Decatur County commissioners for a one-third mill levy to help finance improvements at the fairground noting that additional maintenance is required and that building improvements must be made sooner or later.

Local donations have provided the financial support to install a heater at the Oberlin City Pool.

Two additional teachers were hired by the USD 294 board of education: Teresa Cahoj of McDonald, sixth grade at OES, and Ahmad Nasser, chemistry and physics at DCHS. Nasser, who comes from Iran, has been studying in the States for about 10 years and is applying for citizenship. He has been teaching at the University of Northern Colorado while studying for his

master's degree. He is married and has two children of elementary age.

Dennis Shirley, Norcatum, has been reappointed to the Kansas Wheat Commission for the term through July 1983.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simmons, Selden, girl, Wendy Rose, July 11; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meitl, Dresden, son, Joshua Gary, July 12.

Lloyd Leavitt of Pomono, Calif., visited in Oberlin last week for the first time since 1942. Leavitt was working at the Fred Euhus farm while attending high school in April 1942 when the tornado struck near Oberlin and he was injured and hospitalized in McCook and unable to return to school. His father, who was employed at the Babe Miller Ranch, and his family left six months later. Leavitt, who is a quality assurance engineer for Parsons, a worldwide architectural engineering firm, visited the Herald office and looked at the files showing the tornado damage.

The Oberlin K-18 team won two games this past week, including a thrilling 5-4 decision over a tough Colby team. Dave Whited of Herndon pitched for Oberlin.

The Oberlin American Legion team coached by Dwight Stateham broke out of a slump to down Hill City 14-13, with starting pitcher Jeff Martin giving way to Brian Moore after six innings.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the dog days of summer upon us, we have seen some early morning visitors but as the temperatures rise very few people stop by. We did have the Fort Bissell museum director and his friend from Phillipsburg stop by for a quick tour and a nice visit.

Another couple that dropped by on their way to Denver was doing research on Highway 36.

We were able to provide them with new information that through our part of the state it was called the Airline Highway until the late 1930s.

In an article taken from *The*

Oberlin Times on Oct. 12, 1906:

"The Electric Lights' The electric light plant has been in operation two weeks and we venture the assertion that the Oberlin people who have used them could not be induced for twice the cost to be deprived of the comfort and satisfaction of good lights. Until a town secures electric lights the people do not know that they are a necessity but they surely are right now in this town."

Remember with fair time only three weeks away to schedule some time for a visit to the museum with your out-of-town family and friends.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Norman Wendelin family attended funeral services for Jordan Niermeier in Atwood on Tuesday.

Wayne and Lois Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist attended funeral services on Saturday in Lamar, Colo., for Lois Larson's nephew and great-nephew, Kenneth and James Haas, who were killed in an automobile accident Tuesday near Lamar. Sympathies to all the family.

Shanna Long, Judy Jordan, Wilma May, and Connie Olson enjoyed visiting with John and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga., over lunch on Monday, July 10.

Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset,

Iowa, left for home on Sunday after spending the past week visiting his mother, Thelma Spiers, Ralph and Violet Shaw, Don and Joan Grafel, and Gary and Leola Zodrow and their families.

Hannah and Zach May played in the Oakley Junior Golf tournament on Monday with both taking first place gold medals.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., and her grandchildren, Tori and Tamra Wilson, McPherson, were guests at the Gaylord Shields home Tuesday through Thursday and enjoyed spending time with their family.

John, Eunice, and Jennifer Andrews, Wilma May, Connie

Olson, and David May, McCook, met at a local restaurant Tuesday noon to celebrate David's July birthday.

Karolyn Muirhead returned home Wednesday after spending a week visiting with the Robert Muirhead family at their home in Hays.

Zach May accompanied the Kevin Brown family to Curtis, Neb., on Wednesday where Zach, Kade, and Kelly played in the Kids Golf tournament.

John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer left for Perry, Ga., on Thursday after visiting family and

friends in the Oberlin area. En route home, they visited Andrew and Cathryn Moyes and children at Parkville, Mo., and Lester and Kay Wurm at Overland Park.

Jessica Bremer attended a bridal shower for Valisha Castle at the LandMark Inn Sunday afternoon.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica returned home Friday evening after a short vacation. They left Tuesday morning for Amarillo, Texas, where they visited Kristen Bremer, then traveled on to Colorado and enjoyed a couple of days at Manitou Springs before returning home.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Sunflower Seniors potluck supper was held on Tuesday July 11. Thirty people enjoyed the evening with lively music by the Swingin' Seniors and good food.

Those attending were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jim and Wilma Mader, Merl and Ruth Chance, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Cheryl Roberts of Norton, Mary Votapka, Jay Kump, June Vavroch, Claudine Bennett, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Emma Sanford, Louise Cressler, Dale Leopold of Colby, Barbara Black of Hoxie, Carroll and Edie Reed of Seibert, Colo., Bert and Vonna Basgall of Sharon Springs, Lawrence and Shirley Miller of Genoa, Colo., Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers of Lyle, Marion Wenger of Oberlin, and Robert and Gertie Zwegardt of St. Francis.

Norton Correctional men were in Jennings Thursday and Friday trimming trees overhanging the streets. We appreciate all of their work for our community.

Zodrow Construction moved the Highway Park bulletin board to the Community Hall yard. The city will be doing some work on it to make it usable. They will be removing a large dead tree from the park also.

Jennings City Council met

Thursday. Council members present were: Bill Gawith, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler. Stann Hartzog and Don Bolt were absent. Guests were Sue Glodt, Anna Shaw, Teresa Shaughnessy and Mirla Coleman of Oberlin who came to give information on plans to repair or replace the Oberlin swimming pool. Do you want this on county taxes? Let them hear from you.

Steve Hirsch of Oberlin reviewed the 2007 budget and the council approved it. Budget hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 3. The council discussed the trash billing. Bill Cathcart is asking for a \$2.12 per month raise on the family rate and a \$1.06 per month raise on the single rate. Council approved the rate increase beginning Aug. 1.

A concern of the Jennings community about the election voting site at the Gateway in Oberlin and no voting site in smaller communities was expressed. It was suggested we write to our county officials. There was no word on when the damaged door at the Community Hall might be finished. It was broken at the Alumni dance.

Seems it is now illegal to have sheep at the sewer yard. They have been removed.

Cedar Living News

LaVergne McClelland is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday. He served colorful plates of cheese, meat, crackers, and vegetables.

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

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

We had a lively afternoon on Tuesday when the Swinging Seniors paid us a visit. The group, from the St. Francis area, played old-time music. Several visitors and residents joined in the dancing. The ladies from the Lyle United Methodist Church served refreshments.

Pastor Charlotte of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday.

Bingo was played Wednesday afternoon this week due to the party on Tuesday. Kayo Sattler won the first bingo and Betty Harden won the blackout game. Bingo volunteers Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Ann Martin, and Jerry Temple assisted.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father Henry said Mass on Thursday.

On Thursday Frank and Velda Ward brought their phonograph player to show everyone and shared music and comedy records with their fellow residents and guests. The phonograph, which belonged to Velda's family, was purchased

around 1918 and still works well today.

The baking group made butter-scotch chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Mike McVay of the United Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Rick and Tammy Shaw played pinocle on Sunday evening with Don Shaw, Frank and Velda Ward, Elsie Goodnight, and Zola Brown. Several residents met on Sunday night for a social hour and enjoyed eating ice cream bars.

Recent visitors: Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Elmo; and Marguerite Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, Julie Carter, Lila Jennings, Jennings; Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Roxie Jankovits, Michigan; Dorothy Ward, Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatum; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Peg Smith, McCook; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden;

Lyle Gamblin, Dana Winstead, Laurene VanOtterloo, Barb Solko, Carol Shirley, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Melanie Anderson, Rosella Meitl, Helena Bruggeman, Oberlin.

Parts Counter & Warehouse Person

Martin Tractor Company has an opening for a parts counter person at their Lawrence store. Applicants should have basic knowledge of parts and components, computer skills, be a self-starter with good communication skills, and be willing to work some overtime and some Saturdays. Send cover letter and resume by July 28 to HR Administrator, Martin Tractor Co. 1737 SW 42nd Street, Topeka, KS 66609. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rental Coordinator

Martin Tractor Company has an opening for a rental coordinator at their Lawrence store. Applicants should have computer skills, superior communication and people skills, and ability to work independently. Experience with rental services preferred. Send cover letter and resume by July 28 to HR Administrator, Martin Tractor Co. 1737 SW 42nd Street, Topeka, KS 66609. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Service Supervisors

Martin Tractor Company has immediate openings for service supervisors at both their Manhattan and Lawrence facilities. Responsible for maintaining efficient and profitable management of service department, providing service support for all products sold, promoting and marketing service capabilities. Bachelors or associates degree preferred. Minimum 2 years mechanical experience and prior management experience preferred. If interested, submit cover letter specifying location preference and resume by July 28 to: HR Administrator, Martin Tractor Company, 1737 SW 42nd St, Topeka, KS 66609. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Ordinance Number 418

AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2007 FOR THE CITY OF JENNINGS.

WHEREAS, the City of Jennings must continue to provide services of protect health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this city continues to increase.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Jennings:

Section One. In accordance with state law, the City of Jennings has scheduled a public hearing and has prepared the proposed budget necessary to fund city services for January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2007.

Section Two. After careful public deliberations, the governing body has determined that in order to maintain the public services that are essential for the citizens of this city, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount exceeding the levy in the 2006 Budget.

Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect after publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the governing Body on this 13 day of July, 2006.

Attest: Robert Jones, Mayor
 M. Sue Long, Jennings City Clerk

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