

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1884

107 degrees in the shade. Ed Gilmore and four friends from Nelson, Neb., have located in the southeastern part of the county.

Fred Bliss left the first roasting ears of the season at this office on Saturday.

The band boys will give a grand ball on the 22nd.

An effort will be made to hold a normal institute in Oberlin beginning some time in August.

Klayton Klatter: Saturday Charles Votapka and Joseph Cilek bought a new Agitator threshing machine of our enterprising machine agent, John Thorn.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1909

The rain Sunday morning took on the dimensions of a flood and raised the Sappa for the first time this year.

We hear that the E.E. Moser family will soon move to Omaha.

The largest cherry crop ever picked in the city is now being cared for.

Vern Bradley has been having a lot of fun breaking Howard Vale's motorcycle to ride. It seems to go for Vern but bucks when Howard wants to ride.

Oberlin beat Franklin in a baseball game last Saturday 3-2. O'Toole and Briggs were battery for Oberlin.

Everyone is pleased with the telephone girl at the central office. A real improvement over the automatic system.

Great damage has been wrought in the eastern part of the state by the floods the past week. Sixty thousand visitors have been kept in Kansas City until the trains could be put in service again.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1934

Howard F. Hanson is now owner of the stock of ladies' ready-to-wear, millinery and men's, women's and children's shoes formerly owned by Cadet Gierhart at 146 S. Penn Avenue. Mr. Hanson has been with E.S. Dean for the past five years and Mrs. Hanson will assist in the store. By operating on a cash basis they will be able to give you the best possible values.

The robbers of Feely's Store in Jennings were apprehended in Bedford, Iowa, and Mrs. Feely left Wednesday to go there to identify the merchandise. It was thought that the suspects were driving a car with an Iowa license tag and through a series of long distance phone calls by Sheriff Garver and County Attorney Bremer to sheriffs along the route they learned that the suspects had attempted to sell clothing in exchange for oil and gasoline.

Results of the county teacher's

exams are as follows: Lucile Unger and Murial Barratt, first grade certificates; second certificates go to: Lavelle Carter, Jennings; Lawrence Fink, Morland; Ennis Meyers, Achilles and Rex Nicodemus, Oberlin.

David Brown was visiting with friends here Saturday. Mr. Brown, a former resident of Altoft Township, is living in Osborne at present and he and his family are visiting friends at Kanona.

— The coolest place in town: The Oberlin Opera House. See a good show and enjoy the low temperature at the same time. — adv.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cederburg of Herndon are the parents of a baby boy born July 10 and the young man has been named John Glad.

Lund: Little June Belle Simonson has had many visitors this past week.

Miss Dorothy Koehler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Koehler of Selden, and Mr. Albert Sauvage of Oberlin, were married June 23 at Norton. Mrs. Sauvage has taught several successful school terms in the vicinity since receiving her normal training certificate at Decatur Community High School and Mr. Sauvage has been a capable assistant at the Home Oil Co. for several years.

50 YEARS AGO — 1959

The eternally young lions who have watched proceedings on North Penn Avenue for decades now await completion of their new home. If they are nostalgic about the passing of the former Otis L. Benton home, later a hospital and then a clinic, their stoic faces betray no such emotion. The stone statues flanked the building's entrance from the time of construction and will now flank the new clinic entrance when it is completed about Sept. 1.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Ira Samuel Tritt, 83, who came to Jennings in 1894. He retired in 1947 after 45 years service with the railroad. He is survived by his wife, Anna Emily, and a sister, Maude Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahon and daughter, Sylvia, are moving next week to Overland Park where he will serve as principal of Roeland Park Elementary School in Johnson County. Mrs. Mahon has accepted a position as teacher in the Santa Fe School, district 110, Overland Park. Their daughter Sylvia graduated from the University of Kansas a year ago.

The Mahons came to Oberlin in the summer of 1938 when the present high school building was unfinished. During the first se-

mester school was held in the old high school building, on the site of the present Home for the Aged. During the Christmas vacation the transition into the new Decatur Community High School building was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Dashney of Samoa, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Mae, to Arnold William Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Morton of Oberlin. Miss Dashney is a graduate of Oregon State College where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi and has been teaching at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. Morton is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, and the University of Nebraska where he was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta. He has just completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy. The wedding will be Aug. 1 in Walnut Creek.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson, son, Roger, July 4; Mr. and Mrs. Von Johnson, son, Byron Wray, July 6; Mr. and Mrs. Verma Fringer, daughter, Patricia Ann, July 6.

Misses Sylvia Mahon and Amy Jane Thomsen, brides-elect, were complimented with a kitchen and patio shower by Mrs. C.M. Nelson on Thursday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1884

One obvious advantage for truck drivers hauling grain during this year's harvest is the fact that they do not have to wait in line. M-G-M

Grain Elevator operator Bob Rapp in Norcatur said "We have plenty of storage, plenty of crews and no waiting, except for us here at the elevator."

Township, county and city government officials and both district school boards will be happy to know that the county valuation totals compiled this week show that the totals will be down only 5.5 percent for 1984. Oil assessments will again be down but will not be coupled with the big blow dealt last year when farm machinery was given the exemption from the tax roll.

Holly Stannard attended a two-week session of Midwestern Music Camp held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Greg and Suzanne Crane, Winfield, were among those who completed the Bike Across Kansas tour held in June which began at the Colorado-Kansas state line west of Tribune and ended at the Missouri line near Pittsburg. Mrs. Crane is the former Suzanne Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson, rural Oberlin.

Cindi West and Kyle Grafel, both of Herndon, were united in marriage June 2, 1984, at the Galilee Baptist Church in Loveland, Colo. The bride teaches science in Herndon High School. Her husband is a graduate of Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical School and Colby Community College and is engaged in farming. They will make their home in Herndon.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The museum is being made the headquarters for the updating of the 2010 Decatur Community High School Alumni Directory.

We are asking that if anyone has additions or corrections to the 2009 directory, contact Sharleen at the museum, 475-2712, or e-mail at lirm@sbcglobal.net or Dick at 475-2242 or e-mail at alumni.dchs@gmail.com.

We need the following information for each graduate of Decatur Community High School: name, spouse, deaths, and children. The new 2010 directories will be available for purchase in May during Alumni weekend.

Members and history of the Class of 1890:

Thomas (Tom) Best: I can find nothing about Tom and hope that someone reading this article can help!

Emma McCleery: Emma was never married. Service above self might well be applied to her. She

was the caregiver for her parents, deaf half-brother, and two other half-siblings. In 1892 she was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction of Decatur County. While in office here she instituted the Teacher's Library and the eighth grade examinations and declamatory contests in the country schools.

In 1916 she began missionary work for the Indians in Oklahoma and in 1922 was called by the Methodist Church to work as matron of the home for orphans at Nome, Ala. She then went to California and worked with the incorrigible boys at Cheno, Calif.

In reading her obit she always seemed to be doing for others. She died August 27, 1936, and is buried in the Oberlin Cemetery next to her parents.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Lauri and J.L. Fox, Wichita, left Sunday after spending the past week with Carol Kompus and Doug Bobinmyer. Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., and granddaughter, Kaenzie Marintzer, Yuma, Colo., spent Thursday to Monday with the family. Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Dallas, and Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga., are staying for a longer visit.

The family had a barbecue on Sunday, celebrating J.L.'s birthday on July 5, and Lauri's on July 9. All had a good time being together this week and visiting grandma Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Rachelle Solko spent a few days in Ness City visiting with Mike and Darla Lovelady and their family. They all spent one day at Cedar Bluff Lake and Reservoir, one of the hottest fishing spots in the country with the 6,000 acre lake and wildlife area southeast of WaKeeney. She was also a guest of Mary Ann Padgett on Sunday.

Father Stephen Folorunso thanked Father Dan for his wonderful service to Sacred Heart, St. John's and St. Mary's parishes at Mass on Sunday in Herndon. Fr. Steve was born in Nigeria and has been in the United States for 17 years. Father reminds us to put our faith, great or small, into action by loving God and our neighbors. Welcome Father Steve.

Deanna Cook, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Marlene Cook and Allison Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.; Keleigh Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb. and Julie Hafner, Herndon, visited Hannah Lark on Tuesday, at the Rocky Mountain Village Easter Seals Camp in Empire, Colo. Hannah is a counselor this summer helping people, young or old, living with disabilities. The

campers enjoyed a rodeo, fishing, face painting, bobbing for donuts, dress-up and horseback riding on Tuesday. Hannah is a granddaughter of Mrs. Cook.

John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb., made a visit to Herndon the past week and was put to work in the harvest field by Delmar Solko. Bigger combines are rolling and the semi-trucks are heading for the elevator with harvest in full swing in the area. Yields are looking good with test weights up and moisture content down. Everyone is very thankful for the sunny, breezy days.

Wayne and Linda Bosler, Herndon, returned from a 13-day trip to Fresno, Calif., where they visited Wayne's brother, Gordon Bosler and wife, Nancy. Days were spent relaxing and visiting nieces and family in Fresno and Visalia, Calif. The Boslers viewed the Hoover Dam in Nevada and Yosemite National Park in California.

Julie Hafner and granddaughters visited Hattie Toth, Atwood, briefly Monday morning. Hattie is a great-great-great-aunt to Allison and Keleigh so this was a very special visit. Julie and Bob shared Sunday dinner with their aunt, Edie Pettera on Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Fourth of July guests of Janice Sattler, Atwood were Jayme Sattler; Brian, Mary, Kate and Collin Clark, Buford Clark and Rodney Rippe, all of Atwood; Dan, Karen, Winston, Margo Sattler and friend, Sam, Scott City; Bob and Julie Hafner; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon and Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays.

All enjoyed a barbecue before attending the talent show and entertainment in the park. Fishing nearly

out-shadowed the great fire-works when Dana toiled and labored snagging a huge channel catfish! Both the fish and the story grew as evening faded. That catfish must have been nearly 15 pounds!

The senior citizens of Herndon will meet at the Senior Center on Wednesday, July 15, for dinner and a business meeting at noon. The event is open to all area residents to share

a good dinner, voice an opinion at the meeting and enjoy bingo following. Plan to attend an afternoon of socializing.

John, Audrey, and Caleb Sattler, Derby, were weekend guests of Emma Lou Sattler and family. Hannah Sattler is spending the summer with grandma Emmie and enjoying Herndon.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Visiting Galen and Meme Carper on the Fourth of July weekend were Tim and Ann Bailey, Broken Arrow, Okla. Saturday they went to visit Charlene and Dan Mangus family in Kanarado. The group attended the fireworks display at the Norton Lake Saturday evening.

Imogene Keenan and family enjoyed a cook-out at the home of Jana and Frank Slanky, Stockton, on June 20, to celebrate being five years cancer free for Jana and also to honor Jim Keenan for his new job at Dighton where he will be Jr./Sr. Principal at the school.

John Keenan, Oberlin and Imogene Keenan enjoyed the fireworks display at the Norton Lake on the Fourth of July with John's daughters Ruth and Jeana and families.

Stan and Ramona Shaw are happy to announce the arrival of a great-grandson, Jackson Matthew Gillespie. He was born Sunday, July 5, at the Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and is 20 inches long. Proud parents are Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays.

Wayne and Louise Cressler traveled to Bison Saturday the Fourth of July to the home of their son,

Russell. Russell's children and grandchildren visiting also were Amber and Johnny Klassen and Keith, Landon, Issac and Aleah, Salina; Nicole and John Porbasco and Adalie, Phoenix, Pierce and Aysun, Derby; Robert Cressler and sons Zachary and Trenton, Salina.

Robert's girlfriend, Brittany Dome, Salina; Amber's and Johnny's grown foster children, Allison Copeland, Hays; Haley and husband Gerald Combs and Kaycie, LaCrosse; and Jeremy Oborny, a friend of Amber and Johnny.

The Jennings City Council will meet Thursday, July 9, at 6 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center.

Sunflower Senior Potluck Supper will be held Tuesday, July 14, starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The United Methodist Church's new minister is Barbara Patterson, Hoxie. Sunday was her first Sunday with us. We welcome her to our church.

Amanda Wahlmeier, granddaughter of Rachel Carter, has been staying with her after she returned home from the hospital. Rachel had knee surgery and is doing well.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Patriotic songs were on the agenda at a game of "Name That Tune" on Monday afternoon. A group of residents met to listen to the music and share a snack. Myrna Jones assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Tuesday was a nice day to get outside. Several residents spent part of the morning sitting outside with Charlotte Kurtz.

Aleen Van Vleet was the big winner on Tuesday afternoon. She won both the first bingo and the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocchio players on Wednesday afternoon. A group of residents also met on Wednesday afternoon to watch a movie. Popcorn and soda pop went along with the movie.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents who met for a game of penny cards on Thursday afternoon included Zola Brown, Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Alice May, Joan Noble, Aleen Van Vleet,

and Mary Votapka. Several residents also met for a game night on Thursday.

Residents and staff celebrated the Fourth of July a day early with a party on Friday. Assorted trivia games started off the fun. When the games were cleared away we brought out the homemade ice cream. Several residents came back for seconds.

The dietary department hosted a Fourth of July lunch on Saturday featuring hamburgers and hot dogs.

Recent Visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carolyn Plotts, Deanna Brook, and Brady Sumner, Norcatur; Cheri Kastens, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood, Alysha Tadlock, Goodland, Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Wray, Colo.; Alex Hosaka, Georgia.

Lyle Gamblin, Eunice Richards, Gladys Geis, Kimberly Davis, Connie Miller, Max and Veanna Carman, Shirley Shields, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Sandra Young, John and Dianne Bremer, Laurene Van Otterloo, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Our Fathers' God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King!

These words are the last verse of the song "America," written by S.F. Scott.

On Wednesday flags were hung at each doorway, Town Square was decorated and everyone dressed in red, white and blue to usher in the celebration of the rich heritage of our nation! At noon we kicked off the festivities with a Yankee Doodle Dandy barbecue for residents and staff. Good Sam furnished hamburgers and hot dogs and the staff brought in delicious family recipes to round out the fixin's. Duane Carman offered a heartfelt prayer for our nation and the men and women who serve to protect our freedom. We all sang Yankee Doodle together before we enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

Saturday, was the week's finale. Approximately 80 people gathered for our second annual Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social. Families of the residents, members of the community and even some travelers came to watch. The parade began with ten year old Miranda Long singing the National Anthem, then a prayer by Pastor John Paulson. Eight year old Kaylen Townsend led the parade dressed as our official Uncle Sam waving flags. He was followed by Erin May, 8, walking Kaylen's dog "Otto," a miniature Doberman Pincher. Kelsey May, 11, rode her decorated bike as did our youngest entry, Wyatt Amlong, 2 1/2. Next our residents paraded: Elsie Macy, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Eileen Laird, Opal Bryan, Doris Marintzer, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Shirley Hayward, and Amy Rehm with "Ollie." Jim Marshall was our last entry as he rode an electric cart all decked out in red, white and blue. After the parade everyone enjoyed ice cream on the front lawn and patio while Miranda Long sang Grand Ol' Flag!

Our thanks to the following staff and volunteers that contributed to

a memorable celebration: Colleen Rippe, Carol Duncan and Nici Thebert, Ice cream scoopers and wheelchair drivers; John Paulson, Prayer and Sound System; Bill Duncan, Photographer; Anita Hirsch and Earl Brown, Decorations; Esther Ready, Parade Entry co-ordinator; and the City Police for traffic control!

Faith, Hope and Charity were back rehearsing on Sunday! What a joy to hear them sing! Rita and Maurice Schaller also sang for the residents Sunday afternoon. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

Visitors this week were Phyllis Nicholson and Bill Knox (Salina) and Wayne, Phyllis and Amy Zwickle for a family dinner with **Lora Zwickle** in the Quiet Room on Tuesday. Mert McEvoy came to see **Lucy Schissler**. Jim and Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited their mom, **Dorothy Hunt** as did Tami Cook (Norcatur) and Bob and Helen Gaines (Brighton, Colo.). **Leone Porsch** entertained her niece Kathy Porsch (Lawrence) and husband Frances (Selden). Marvin and Sharon Slaybaugh and Christy Wesch and Verna Mae Anderson (Topeka) were guests of **Opal Bryan** and **Eva Bryan**. Leona and Lyle Hilker and Laurene Van Otterloo were guests of **Opal Bryan**. **John Ready**, was happy to see his daughter Esther and son-in-law David from NYC. **Elaine Thomas** had a visit from her sister, Barbara Castor. Wendy, Gage and Garrett Scott were here to see **Evelyn Olson**. Rita and Maurice Schaller (Larned) were guests of **Faye Miller**. **R.D. Thornton** had two daughters visit, Lynn Streit (Larned) and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatur) as well as M.J. Dempewolf (Norcatur). **Hubert Mumm** and **Alice Bobbitt** had Jim Rogers come to see them from Selden. Arian Arnold (Herndon) came to see her mom, **Edla Olson**. Jeanne Hafner looked in on **Eva Bryan** and **John Ready**. Eunice Richards came to see **Opal Bryan** and **Lora Zwickle**.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary Anthony received a pace-maker at St. Anthony's Hospital on Friday and came home on Saturday. We're thankful he is doing well.

Carolyn Plotts' eye looks as good as new, no scars or anything. The small growth removed by the eye specialist was cancer, and it's so good that she had it done early. She and Jim took his father to his farm on his birthday, which was as good a gift as they could give him.

Carol Moye took her mother and great-granddaughter to visit Kylie's baby sister, Skylar Rayne, who was born on June 25 at Hays. The baby's parents are Adrienne Vacura and Brad Hawkins and the maternal grandmother is Tracey Pershing.

Charles and Inez Keller visited the Lyle sewing group on Tuesday. Those sewing were Margaret

"Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen and Veda Wood, who came out after working on the Norcatur news sheet but too late to see the visitors.

Vic Mowry's musicians played at the Good Samaritan Center on Thursday night, so Kathy Van Meter took Toots Magers and Veda Wood and we had a "wheel chair" dance. We always have a good time, ending with a few hymns sang by all.

Kathy and June went to Oberlin for our Prairie Land Food on Saturday.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots on Sunday and did more mowing.

I have been happy to have James Plotts do mowing and yard work this week.

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