

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1884

The wet weather has interfered greatly with the harvest work.

The value of the real estate has increased a hundred percent with the last six months and the boom has not come.

A part of the Cedar Bluffs mill dam went out in the recent freshets.

Mattern Brothers below Lyle had 349 sheep drowned by the rising of the Sappa on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. W.D. Street, Mrs. F.H. Smith and Mrs. F.L. Henshaw are rustivating at the residence of J.R. VanCleave in Bassettville this week.

H.F. Leib and Charles Harlan took up land near the state line Monday. They have both tried Dakota and pronounce it too cold and will now try Kansas for a while.

Coard & Douglas and Wilson & Tacha have filled up with earth between the stone pavement on the north and the sidewalk in front of the drug store. This was a much needed improvement.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1909

H.O. Douglas will build a grocery room at the rear of his block for the benefit of its tenants, Campbell, Dean & Wilbur.

Mrs. V.H. Griffith will be home this week from Ottawa. The city of Ottawa has just experienced the worst flood in its history.

Art Steele and wife made a flying trip to Norton on Monday in this new Ford auto. Leaving home before 5 a.m. they made the trip in an hour and 38 minutes, which as far as we know is record time.

The school board met last Friday and elected new teachers as follows: Mr. John Bertram to the primary department, and Miss Josie Heitmann to succeed Miss Acton.

The Atwood Citizen was 29 years old last week and announced that from now on it would be independent in politics.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1934

The month of July seemingly has been bent on setting a heat record that will stand for years to come. In the past 10 days the highest temperature was 113 degrees and the lowest maximum reading was 102.

The County Agent has received word that the continued drouth has led to the buying of cattle of distressed farmers who feel they must dispose of their cattle due to lack of feed and pasture. Cattle will be inspected by a county appraiser and with a government veterinarian will inspect and purchase the cattle. The veterinarian will be determine whether the animals are fit for meat and those condemned will be purchased and killed on the farm. Those to be butchered will furnish meat for relief agencies, none of it to be placed on the market. Cattle 2 years old and over would bring \$6; from 1 to 2 years, \$5 to \$10; and those under 1 year old, \$1 to \$5.

Hazen Richardson, former music instructor at DCHS, and music director for the Stafford schools the past 7 years, has been chosen from among 60 applicants for a similar position in the Ottawa schools.

Determined efforts are being made to acquire sites for lakes near Oberlin and near Jennings under the federal grant to Kansas of a half million to Kansas per month for lakes and farm ponds.

Owing to requests Elmer Shaw, owner of Brookwood Park located four and a half miles northwest of Selden, will be open each Sunday until after the Old Settlers Picnic sometime in August. "Booze parties" will not be tolerated.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Muller are the parents of a baby girl born Sunday, July 15. She weighed 7 pounds and her name is Donna.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1959

Wilbur Hunter, area supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, announced this week that the FHA unit office here will close Friday and Decatur County business will be handled at Norton. The area office will be moved from Oberlin

to Oakley and Hunter will work out of Oakley although he and his family plan to remain in Oberlin.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church for Howard Eiler, 79, who came to Decatur County with his parents in 1890 where they settled on a farm north of Oberlin. He is survived by his wife, Lena; three daughters, Margaret Hurlbut, Pauline Loomis and Phyllis Metcalf; two sons, Floyd and Harry and two sisters, Margaret Eiler and Ada Turner.

Miss Claudine Macfee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Macfee, Lebanon, Neb., and Mr. George W. Bennett, Garnett, exchanged vows July 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin with Father Emil Sinner officiating. They will make their home in Manhattan where the bridegroom is a senior in mechanical engineering at Kansas State University and the bride, a graduate of Kansas State, will teach near Riley.

An Aug. 17 wedding is planned by Miss Eleanor Karls, daughter of Michael Karls, Dresden and the late Teresa Karls and Richard Basgall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Basgall, Offerle. The bride is a graduate of Marymount College, Salina, and has done graduate work at the University of Colorado. She has been a member of the music faculty at Marymount College.

Mr. Basgall is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and served five years as an officer in the U.S. Navy and has been awarded a teaching fellowship from the University of Wichita where he will teach English while pursuing a graduate degree.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kelley, Goldsboro, N. C. son, Kirk Bryan, 7/14/59; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fleenor, daughter, Gwyn Renee, 7/9/59; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hrabe, son, Edward Alan, 7/13/59; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, daughter, Renee Louise.

Karen Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anderson of Oberlin, will be among the 2,000 teen-

age delegates to the 1959 meeting of Future Homemakers of America to be held in Chicago July 13-17. Her responsibilities will be in taking part in devotionals and singing in a quartet.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1984

Aerial spraying has been in full tilt particularly at dawn and dusk as milo fields are being treated for greenbugs.

Vincent Landau, son of Lemoine and Patty Landau and grandson of Mrs. Flossie Walker, has moved from his position at Kanss Wesleyan University to Washington State University where he will be the assistant director of career planning.

Funeral services were held at the Hoxie United Methodist Church for Patricia Vernon, 27, who died in a vehicle accident east of Garden City. She was the daughter of Archie and Jean Vernon of Hoxie and her father is a 1943 graduate of DCHS.

Walter VanVleet has moved to the McCook Townhouse and would enjoy hearing from friends.

Kevin Vavroch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Vavroch, placed first in the 13-14 year-old category of the Junior Golf Tournament held in Hoxie. Brad Simonsson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simonsson, placed third.

Aaron Wentz, 16, son of Orlin and Kay Wentz, who has worked at the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin the past three summers, recently spent an entire week camping out in the museum sod house and termed it "a real neat" experience. Although there is an outhouse on the museum grounds, he was warned by museum curator Sandy Russell and her helpers, Nola Brunk and Kathleen Claar, "You'd better not use that." so he used the museum facilities for convenience. He kept a diary and for entertainment in the evenings, he watched the grain trucks as they brought their loads to the elevator.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Those meeting for an afternoon of games included Darlene Fisher, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary and Ira Kolsky, Alice May, Joan Noble, Jim Plotts, Aleen Van Vleet, Mary Votapka and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones played the piano for the sing-along group on Monday afternoon.

Several residents enjoyed time outside on Tuesday morning before the day heated up too much.

Darlene Fisher won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Marie Thomas won the blackout game.

Summer is going by quickly at Cedar Living Center and the fair will be here in just a few weeks. The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to start working on projects to take the Decatur County Fair in August.

Teresa Shaughnessy and Margee Wilson brought birthday cake and ice cream for the residents and

staff on Wednesday afternoon. Teresa and Mary Votapka share a birthday on July 8. Teresa gave the Bible study lesson after the party.

Residents met for bowling on Thursday afternoon and a game night was held after supper.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Dianne Bremer gave a piano recital on Saturday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Refreshments were served.

Recent visitors: Carolyn Plotts, Norcatour; Carol Kompus, Julie Hafner, Linda Bosler, Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Alex and Chris Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Stef and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Kristen Bremer, Colby;

Eunice Richards, Max and Veanna Carman, Lyle Gambelin, Mary McEvoy, Sharon Johnson, Earl Brown, Opal Huntley, Dennis Thomas, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The third graduating exercise of the Oberlin High School was held at the old Opera House on May 22, 1891. This was the largest class that graduated from a high school in western Kansas that year. Their motto: "We Build the Ladder by Which We Rise."

The high school teachers that year included Principal W.G. Riste, A.H. Seaton, Emma Herron, Eva O. Guy, Mina J. King, PHEME Logan and Laura B. Munns.

Members and history of the Class of 1891:

Blanche Best: I can find nothing about Blanche and hope that someone reading this article can help!

Fannie and Vada Burnett: Fannie married Art Wilbur and Vada married Edson Dean. Their husbands were partners in the department store known as Campbell, Dean, and Wilbur. Fannie and Art were the parents of Charles, Rex, Myrtle, and Dale. Vada and Edson were the parents of Faye Paddock.

Clarence Branstool: He married Anna Gilmore. Clarence was a hotel clerk here in Oberlin but later moved to Los Angeles, where he was a bank cashier. They had a son, Claude.

H.O. Caster: He married Maude VanGundy. H.O. was a teacher and

principal at Oberlin and later became a lawyer, living in Oklahoma and New York.

Posie Griffiths: She was married to Glen G. Rathbone. She died of consumption at Red Oak, Iowa, on Feb. 6, 1897, less than six years after graduation, leaving two small children.

Alfred Miner: Alfred never married. He attended medical school and received his degree. His father, Selden Miner, was one of the first doctors in this area. He practiced medicine in the area for only a short time, he gave his full attention to caring for his aged parents.

Mertie Monte: She married Art Steele, early-day photographer in Oberlin. They were the parents of Bertha, George, Curtis, and Norine.

Fred Peters: He married Lizzie Wylder and they were the parents of Marguerite and John. Fred was a lawyer and Decatur County attorney.

Frend Walker: I can find nothing about Frend and hope that someone reading this article can help.

If you have additions or corrections, contact me at (785)-475-2712 or by e-mail at lirm@sbcglobal.net.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Ethan and Lacy Walker of rural Ludell on the birth of a daughter, Shy Ann, who was born July 9, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds and was 18 inches long.

Family gathered on Saturday evening to help John Cederberg celebrate his 75th birthday. Those present included: Ward, Jan, Chloe, Mariah and Cianna Olson, Colorado Springs; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon; Eric Sattler, Atwood; Chase, Dana, and Payton Juenemann, Hays; Donny, Diane, Derek and Megan Ruppert, McCook; Larry Pettera, and Erin and Tate

Pettera, North Platte, Neb.; Renae Wolf, Pierre, S.D.; and Ardythe Cederberg.

Maggie Holle, daughter of Orrin and Beth Holle, was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday, July 5, at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther. A dinner for relatives and friends followed at the Holle home.

Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson took Detta Anderson out for lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday to help her celebrate her birthday.

Kendra Kelley of Frederick, Colo., spent a week during harvest with her grandparents, Dick and Donna Kelley.

Lila Thorson, Silverdale, Wash., has returned home after visiting two weeks with her sisters, Violet Holle of Atwood, and Eunice Martin, Oberlin, and their families.

Rex Olson, Boulder, Colo., visited over the July 4 weekend with Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary. They all enjoyed fireworks at the Mark Olson home on Saturday evening.

John and Ardythe Cederberg traveled to North Platte, Neb., on Sunday, where they had dinner in the home of Larry and Denise Pettera to help celebrate the third birthday of Tate Pettera.

Rennie Olson and Scott, Celina, Texas; Bob and Annette Frenzl, Salina; and Deb Marks and Joe, Mulvane; visited their parents, Bob and Sally Olson, last week and helped with the harvest.

Those who enjoyed a cousins reunion recently at Lake Atwood were

Elma Lee Erickson, Rex Erickson, Delbert and Joan Erickson, Wendy Fields, Emily and Alex, Atwood; Tony and Trish Henningsen, Phil Erickson, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Oberlin; Alan Erickson, Colby; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford; Roger Holmdahl, Andy Hanson, Herndon; and Donna Reagan, Denver.

Mary Lou Olson is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing knee replacement surgery in Kearney, Neb., on June 15.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation met for services on Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. Services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Reminder: Sunday, July 19, at the Masonic Hall in Jennings, there will be a program, meal and displays honoring World War II veterans and veterans of other wars. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. with the program starting at 2:30 p.m. with a meal following. A donation would be very much appreciated. If you have recipes or dishes you would like to prepare to share with us, please do so.

The Jennings City Library is in the middle of automating. Because of the help of Julie Carter and Merle Snyder, they are making good progress. Starting Thursday, July 16,

and every Thursday through Aug. 6, Summer Children's Reading Program will be held in the Community Hall. It will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please call Jennings City Library for more information.

Government commodities will be given from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, at 403 S. Pennsylvania to qualifying households.

A "Get Acquainted" coffee will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the United Methodist pastor's study on Wednesday, July 22. Come meet the newly appointed pastor, Barbara Patterson.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Billy T. Henderson and Rhonda, Rogers, Ark., visited Pete and Eileen Portschy on Monday morning. They were en route to see Martha and Nick Korbe in Hays before returning home from a reunion with family in Atwood.

Family celebrating the 75th birthday of John Cederberg of Oberlin at Roger's Bar and Grill Saturday evening were the honored guest and this wife, Ardythe; Ward, Jan, Chloe, Mariah and Cianne Olson, Colorado Springs; Donnie, Diane, Derek and Megan Ruppert, McCook; Renae Wolf, Pierre, S.D.; Larry, Erin and Tate Pettera, North Platte, Neb.; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon; Eric Sattler, Atwood; and Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays.

After enjoying supper, they went to Oberlin for cake and ice cream. After singing "Happy Birthday" to Grandpa John, Payton dug into the cake. Happy Birthday, John!

It was an eventful Fourth of July at the Ron and Peach Beims home this year. The family all gathered for the festivities of the holiday. Fred, Alisha, Connor and Caden Beims came from Ulysses, on Friday evening. Leslie, Payton and Reagan Beims from St. Francis, joined everyone for Lake Atwood Days activities. Saturday evening,

the crew enjoyed barbecued ribs and yummy food. Late arrivers were Jennifer Beims and Justin Davis, Herndon, who came back from the Atwood sand volleyball tournament, and Jeff Beims who was able to make it out of the harvest field in time for fireworks. The grandkids had fun shooting off many different fireworks and watching the PRIDE show too at the Herndon park. Everyone returned home on Sunday afternoon. The time with family was fun and exciting as always.

Congratulations to Roseanne Stoney on winning "Yard of the Month!" Roseanne says keeping the yard mowed, trimmed and watered is a family affair and she appreciates the award.

Don't forget to check out www.herndonkansas.com. Information is updated regularly. There is also a link to the Rawlins County History page. This info is needed from families wanting to up-date family history for the new volume being prepared. The deadline is coming soon in August. Check out the web page!

Sympathy is extended to the family of Betty (Lorentz) Smith, 84, who died Friday, July 10, 2009, in Anchorage, Alaska. Betty was born to Pete and Anna (Wudtke)

Lorentz, on May 3, 1925, and was a 1943 Herndon High School graduate. Services and burial were in Anchorage. Family surviving are a son, Mark and family, Anchorage; brothers, Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, Herndon; and Marvin and Dixie Lorentz, McCook; sisters, Dorothy and Kieth Alstrom, Oberlin; Eleanor and Elden Odle, Prairie View; and Hazel Rippetoe, Oklahoma City.

George R and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson, surprised Julie and Bob Hafner with a visit Monday afternoon as they were headed to do a little fishing. They really surprised Grandma Janice in Atwood!

A must stop for fresh garden veggies is at Kat and Jake's, 420 Radnor in Herndon. They are offering a nice variety of homegrown produce in season from their manicured garden. The community is lucky to have this market with such a wide variety of tasty vegetables. Market is open daily.

Herndon PRIDE is asking anyone with additions or changes to the Community Birthday calendar to please contact Deb Portschy 322-5212 before Aug. 1. You can also e-mail the changes from the link at www.herndonkansas.com.

Roseanne Stoney and Aaron and

Shauna Stoney, McCook, traveled to Logan this past weekend to celebrate the third birthday of Ryan Prewo. Celebrating with Ryan were Paul, Michelle and Melissa Prewo, the Larry Stoney family of Herndon and many other relatives joining in the fun at the party.

Julie Hafner enjoyed homemade ice cream at Cedar Living Center last week with her two aunts, Joan Noble and Edie Pettera, and the other residents in Oberlin.

Roger, Bonnie, Megan and Molly Leitner of St. Augustine, Fla., were here last week visiting Bob and Lila Leitner and family, and the Verol Bergling family. Sam Leitner, Arvada, Colo., also came to help with the harvest.

The Herndon Nonpareil, 1918 "THAT'S NEWS---PHONE IT"

If anyone died, elopes, married, embezzled, had a fire, had a baby, had a party, sold a farm, got divorced, has been ill, went visiting, came on a visit, had an operation, committed murder, has been arrested, had an auto smash, fell from an aeroplane, is sued for breach of promise, is building a new home, barn, or other building — That's News — Phone 41.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Fourth of July is the day we celebrate our nation's independence and appreciate the fact that we are still Americans.

Recent rains have made the farmers anxious to get into the fields. We hope they can, soon. It seems that things always work out.

A recent rain left little puddles in the streets. At dusk yard lights come on and the fireflies are turning on their little lights. Yards are green and there are lots of beautiful flower gardens around. How can we help being thankful?

Kathy Van Meter went to Ellis recently to attend the rosary and wake for her sister-in-law, Alice Gabel. She also went on to WaKeeney where she met her other sisters-in-law, Dorothy Miller, Great Bend, and Ellen Rockwell, Grapevine, Texas. Saturday, they all went to the funeral at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ellis, followed by a dinner and family visiting. Only one grandson was absent out of the large family.

On Fourth of July, Mrs. Van Meter went to Glen Elder to help celebrate the first birthday of great-grandson, Colton Jarde and the 30th birthday of his mother. On her way home, Mrs. Van Meter was stopped by 60

mile per hour winds. She learned that a tornado had gone through her family's homestead. A tree was the only casualty. She returned home July 5.

Elvin Wood, brother-in-law of Veda Wood, called to report that he is at home in Canadian, Okla.

Carol Moye, Tracey Pershing, Brooke Glosser and Kylie Gruwell brought lunch to Veda Wood on June 27.

It's been tough going for the Earnest Huff family. Mr. Huff had started cutting wheat and his wife, Donna, had started dressing chickens. The rains started and cutting stopped; Mrs. Huff fell and broke a rib; and their son, David, came home on crutches from a four-wheeler accident. He was scraped and bruised, but nothing broken.

June Jolly recently attended her KT Club and Norcatour Senior Citizens.

Margaret Magers went to the home of Rea and Dee Magers on July 4. They took her with them to watch the fireworks at Prairie Dog State Park. Her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Charlie Easton, met her there and presented her with some new potatoes from their garden.