

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO – June 1885

Sheep shearing is in full blast this week.

Oberlin has doubled in population within the last six months.

Town lots in Oberlin range in price from \$100 to \$1500 and no stagnation.

Three bunches of Texas ponies have been sold recently in Oberlin at prices ranging from \$20 to \$50 a head.

M.E. Mix has sold his interest in the billiard hall to an eastern gentleman.

Geo. H. Hand offers his Ludell Settler for sale and has announced his intention of going to Sitka, Alaska, and engaging in missionary work among the Indians.

There was lively competition between the various stage lines between this place and McCook last week. It finally resulted in one line offering a bonus of 50 cents and a meal ticket to all passengers going over his route.

Travel toward the West continues unabated and there seems to be no diminution to the number of the covered wagons coming into the new West.

100 YEARS AGO – June 1910

The wind blew Sunday and Monday just as if it had not forgotten how. We wish it could forget.

The Sappa was up a few feet the latter part of last week. They must have had some rain farther up the creek as we did not get enough moisture in the vicinity of Oberlin to raise anything.

The Redman-Paddock Lumber Co., has purchased two lots south of their yards and also two lots across the alley east.

Oberlin lost a red hot baseball game to Selden last Friday when Selden scored two runs after two men were out in the ninth, on three successive errors and a single. The score was 2 to 1.

75 YEARS AGO – June 1935

Jennings: Monday was the day for the dedication of the beautiful Decatur County lake near Jennings. A free lunch consisting of coffee and 2,500 sandwiches was served at noon from the spacious shelter house to a crowd estimated at 1,500 persons. Many of these folks had not seen the lake before and marveled at the beauty of the 75-acre body of water which was nearly full. The Norcatour band contributed color to the day's events with their snappy uniforms of red and black with white trousers and their fine music

and led the parade across the dam followed by the enthusiastic crowd while the newsreel man took pictures of the event.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church in Hoxie for Mrs. Emil Ruzicka, 25, who died June 7 at her home southwest of Oberlin. Burial was at Big Timber Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, an infant daughter, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Vaughn, a sister, Marjory and a brother, Herbert.

Dr. L.C. Tilden and John Bivans left yesterday for Wichita where they will board a special Missouri Pacific train bound for Mexico City where they will represent Oberlin Rotary at the First Rotary International convention to be held in a Spanish-speaking country.

Funeral services were held at Sherman Chapel for George Allen Watkins, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Watkins, who died June 10 in Kansas City of pneumonia relating to injuries received in a hunting accident last Dec. 23. He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers.

Miss Marie Graham and Mr. Floyd L. Tice were married at Brewster on June 5, 1935, by the Rev. Ira J. Biber, pastor of the Methodist Church. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graham of Stafford and is one of Decatur County's most successful teachers. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Tice of Dresden and they will make their future home on the farm where he has lived since a youth.

Ray Nicholson has taken charge of the Beatrice Creamery station and invites all who have cream, poultry and eggs to sell to call on him.

Stockholders and employees of the Farmers National Bank held their annual picnic at the home of C.L. Frickey on Sunday, June 16.

50 YEARS AGO – June 1960

"Proud Heritage," the granddaddy of Diamond Jubilee events, would have to be labeled the most successful fare of the celebration. Cool, clear weather Monday and Tuesday nights aided the historical pageant as crowds estimated at 800 and 1,000 respectively, attended.

On Saturday night Dee Anna Krizek of Jennings (Mrs. Benny Krizek) was crowned Queen of the Oberlin Diamond Jubilee at the Coronation Ball. Her four attendants were Roxie Martin, Janice Bainter, Sharon Rush, and Beverly Torluemke.

Another old-time dance has been

added to the Jubilee schedule according to Les Walters. Callers will be Allen Richards of Oberlin and Otto Carper of Jennings with music by the Kanona Hotshots.

Jennings: Nine of the 16 members of the Jennings Class of 1945 attended a reunion a week ago Sunday at the Edgar Keenan home.

Charles Macy of Cedar Bluffs was elected president of the Kansas Auctioneers' Assoc. for the 1960-61 year at the 50th annual convention held at Hutchinson last week.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purcell, son, Gary Lynn, June 15, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Parker, son, Dwain Ross, June 19, 1960.

Lund: Fritz Anderson left for Tucson, Ariz., for David's graduation from high school. He and Mrs. Anderson, Floy and David returned from Tucson last Saturday evening and they will harvest the crops on his land and be here for the summer.

Dresden: Mrs. Alice Walkey and Dewey Miller were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Selden by the Rev. Ralph Long.

25 YEARS AGO – June 1985

Rains have followed the 1985 harvest all the way from Texas and the story is no different here. Harvest information director John Bearley said there appear to be plenty of custom cutters in the area to handle the grain which is ready.

The first load of wheat was brought in June 20 by Gerold Kolsky and the winner in the Harvest Countdown

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Things are heating up at the museum as the temperatures rise around the area. You have been reading about all the wonderful activities being planned for the Fourth of July in Oberlin. We urge you to take part in as many of them as possible. A lot of people have been working hard on this project and many groups and organizations are involved in helping.

The museum is sponsoring one of the later ones of the day, just before the beautiful fireworks display. Our event is a Historical Scavenger Hunt or "Where in Oberlin was...?" This goes along with our presentations that Dick Carman, Judy Groneweg and I have been giving at Rotary and other club meetings.

You will need to team up with a family member or friend with

knowledge of where businesses

were located in Oberlin the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. With them as team leader get a group of two, three or four members together to have fun and enjoy Oberlin History. Those in one car will be a team.

The Historical Scavenger Hunt will start 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. The team that arrives back first with the correct items will win \$100 and the second team, \$25. The Museum Board and Staff will provide snacks after the hunt for all team members.

Our parlor will be open and cool until 9:30 p.m. for people to sit and visit while waiting for the fireworks.

For more information or to sign up your team, come by the museum or call 475-2712.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon PRIDE salutes the Herndon Ox Roast Committee for a job well done. It was a wonderful celebration.

Ox Roast weekend visitors/workers at the Ron and Peach Beims home were Jeff, Les, Payton and Reagan Beims, Ty and Amber Faulkender, St. Francis; Francis, Eddie, Arleen, Felicia Hernandez and friend, Tori, Bill, Amy, Nathan and Jacob Nuanes, Denver; Paul Versch and friend Richard, Omaha; Kaye, Peter, Jaylee, Killian and McKayla, Kansas City; and Kathi and Brendan Moore, Cedar Bluffs.

Ryan Becker of Wichita was a houseguest of the Dean Portschy family for the Ox Roast and to renew friendships with former students.

Stacey and Louis Dawson, J.T. and Kaylynn of Atwood were guests of Jim and Sharon Vogel.

Memorial weekend Jim and Sharon Vogel visited in Hiawatha with Maurice and Darlene Atlan and Maty Ellner. In Horton they visited Sharon's brother, Randy and Denise Fassnacht, Jeremy and friend, Stephanie Gosnell, Mitchel and Kristin Fassnacht, Linda and Glen Obbards and Sharon's' cousins, Karen Faulk, and Nancy and Bill Goins.

Those visiting at the Joe and Nadine Green farm for the Ox Roast festivities were Connie, Jerry and Kylie Reitcheck and Kalen Rasmussen, Jeanne, Mitchell and Brittany Tuma, and Marty Ruda, Paula and Dale Jacob, Colby; Colby; Jeff Ruda, Hays; Patti and Bob Chartier, Debbie and Dave Unger, Tom Ryan and Ross Gustafson, Ozawkie; Greg Unger, Goodland; Dave, Baron and Emma Green, Herndon and their friends of Hoxie, Leon and Angie Weis and John and Karina Fisher; Sr. Cecilia Green, Concordia; Cliff and Shirley Riener and Dennis and Doris Riener, Palisade, Neb.; Kendra Ludtke, Houston, Texas; and Pat and Mel Unger, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil

Portschy enjoyed camping over the weekend at Sheridan State Lake near Hoxie. Family and friends joining them on Saturday to celebrate Marcus' 16th birthday and Father's Day were Pete and Eileen Portschy of Herndon, Emily Chessmore of Atwood, Freddie and Shirley Reed, Scot, Denise and Adam Murchie, and David, Karen, Jon, Makayla and Isaac Reed, all of Stockton.

Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., Keith, Tress, Alyssa and Matthew Pettera and Kurt Levld of Lakewood, Colo., and Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz., came to enjoy the Ox Roast. They all visited Grandma Edie at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Myrna visited her Aunt Esther Pennington Monday afternoon and Kent and Chris Wood Tuesday afternoon.

Visitors this past week of Danny J. and Jean Ann Leitner were Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner of Colorado Springs and Patrick Vogel of Berlin, Germany. Patrick was a foreign exchange student at Herndon in 1997-1998. Joining this group for the Ox Roast and past weekend was Jennifer Leitner of Wichita. They all came to help with the Ox Roast festivities and to attend the wedding of Jason Bergling and Anastasia Easterday in Atwood on Saturday.

Visitors over the Ox Roast weekend of Frank, Jean and Daryl Huss were Marolyn Hoffmann of Gretna, Neb.; Carolyn and Don Warner of Omaha; Travis Huss of Hays and Morgan Huss and friend, Darin, of Colby.

On Sunday a family reunion was held at the Arnetta Huss home in Herndon with a potluck dinner. Those attending were Melvin Huss, Ken and Janelle VerMaas, Kim Sutton and daughters, Maddie, Kalli and Abbi, all of Lexington, Neb.; Jeff and Deb Huss, Culbertson; Greg, Brenda, James and Ashleigh Peterson, Atwood; Kelton Jones, Colby; Bob and Linda Huss; Arnetta

Huss, and Daryl Huss, Herndon. Brenda surprised her parents, Frank and Jean Huss with a 52nd wedding anniversary cake.

On Sunday, June 13, Leon and Marita Portschy, Herndon; Erik, Amy and Jackson Schlimmer, Volga, S.D.; David, April and Lauren Sattler, Norton; Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner, Colorado Springs; Patrick Vogel, Berlin, Germany and Jennifer Leitner, Wichita were supper guests of Danny J. and Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon.

John Riener visited Carol Kompus Wednesday afternoon. Chris Hosaka and Alex, Alpharetta, Ga., and Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Dallas, Texas, arrived Thursday evening to spend a month with Grandma Carol. All had a great time at the Ox Roast. John and Keri Riener were Saturday evening guests.

On Sunday, family visited Wilma Bobinmyer, Edie Pettera and Hattie Toth at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Sunday visitors at the Kompus-Bobinmyer home were Damian and John Marintzer, Alan Hartner and friend, Gina, Vivian Hartner and Denise, all from the Denver area; Jerry and Nancy Hartner and daughter, Oahu, Hawaii; Cecil, Connie, Cecil Jr. and Adam

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high, Lola Cook took second, Edna Schiltz got low and Ralph Weis had the most nines. Other members present included: Bernita Aumiller, Jeanie Spresser, Janice Kruse, Matt Finnesy, Betty James, Royce Cook, Gail Mumm, Carl Mumm and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 25 - Adam Sabatka, Amy Schieck. June 26 - Marla Rogers, Jennifer Hickert Diers, Zachary Spresser, Terry and Gloria Goscha. June 27

- Carrie Turnbull. June 28 - Shane and Jill Boullinghouse. June 30 - Rick Pauls, Olivia Filmore, Jerry and Dalene Jueneemann. July 1 - Phyllis Trembley, James Schreiner. July 2 - Terra Rath, Terry Goscha, Danny Eatherly.

Summer softball is every Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the Selden Ball Park. Girl Scouts run the concession stand. The Summer Reading Program is on Mondays through June at the Selden Public Library with start time at 9 a.m.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The June birthday party was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Tuesday, June 8. The Jennings United Methodist Women hosted the party. They served angel food cake topped with peaches and ice cream. Kay Brown provided the musical entertainment. Residents being honored for June birthdays were Gene Files, Lillie Corpier, and Ardith Wayne. Each received a small gift from the United Methodist Women.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the patio on June 8.

The Royal Neighbors held their June meeting on the patio on Friday, June 11.

Karl Wendelin attended the Ox Roast in Herndon with family members.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of music when the women of the Prairie Rose Harmony gave a program on Saturday, June 12, in the dining room. Refreshments were served following the program.

Charlotte Kurtz hosted a patriotic program on Monday morning in honor of Flag Day. The craft group made red, white, and blue decorations to display from Flag Day through the Fourth of July.

Joan Noble won the first bingo on Tuesday, June 8. The blackout game ended in a tie between Elsie Goodnight and Mary Votapka. Agnes Pruitt won the first bingo on June 15 and Mary Votapka won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna

Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aileen VanVleet, Mary Votapka, and Delores Wheeler. Several residents also met for a card game in the evening.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. Several staff members and visitors helped to eat the batch of cookies.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Kay Brown, Glenda Johnson, Patty Foster, Helen Rhodes, Pastor Barbara Patterson, Jennings; Wava Reames, Judy Jackson, Norcatour; Carol Kompus, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Rosalie Ross, Atwood; Frank Ward, Norton; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Alysha N. Tadlock, Goodland; Lori and J.L. Fox, Valley Center; Gregg and Amelia Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Noah and Abraham Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Sue and Dean Wiesel, Crofton, Neb.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Keith, Tress, Alyssa, Matthew, Kurt Pettera, Colorado; Mike, Elba, Mikey, and Melissa Noble, Colorado Springs; Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Tim, Lena, and Tyler Lack, McKinney, Texas; Stef and Adrian Hawkins, Dallas; Jane Ratcliff, El Paso, Texas; Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Natalie Hafner, Brandon Gazzlglz, Redding, Calif.; Janene Kleidosty, Luna, Calif.; Delores Scarlett, San Diego, Calif.

Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Gladys Geis, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Dolores Koerperich, Max and Veanna Carman, Connie Olson, Eunice Richards, Lyle Gamblin, and Debra Guinn, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Mader, Jaclyn and Raquel, and Ronny Mader also attended the 65th anniversary of Jim and Wilma Mader. Lorraine had the flu and didn't get to come. Memorial weekend visitors at the Jim and Wilma Mader home from Thursday to Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Mader and family; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crabtree from Thursday to Sunday and Terry and Kay Mader from Sunday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welter spent weekend of June 5 and 6 with Jim and Wilma Mader. Mike restored his great-uncle's pickup and entered it in Selden Parade on Sunday, June 6. The pickup was purchased at the Selden Implement and Car dealer.

Keith and Helen Muirhead recently went to Chicago, Ill., to visit daughter, Joe and Tefanni Zadeh and grandchildren, Dylan and Natalia. They went to Natalia's dance and violin recital and also enjoyed the Million Dollar Quartet show honoring the thrills of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lewis and Carl Perkins.

Andy and Tiffani Glaze and their children, Joshua, Helen and Dallas, Kaysville, Utah, visited at the Tom and Mary Votapka farm from June 9 to 12. On Wednesday evening they enjoyed a cook-out with Tom, Mary, Terri Hanke, Sue Long and Joy Votapka. The rest of their visit they enjoyed riding in the tractors and sightseeing around Decatur

County.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Wayne and Louise Cressler were blessed with the celebration of their 60th anniversary with many of the immediate family members visiting the week of June 11 through June 18.

Those attending were Sharon Gaston, Missy Jones and Ella, Cody Clark, Ames Iowa; Terri Spresser and Lucas, Calhoun, Tenn.; Hannah and Jeremy Spresser, Cleveland, Tenn.; Patsy and Don Harold, Brian and Tammie Harold, Robert and Aubrey; Britt Cressler and Elias, Sylvia Bowersox, Andrea Bowersox and Danny, Grand Junction, Colo.; Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Jessica and Ben Lemmons and Gabe, Manhattan; Genia and Don Teterault, Comstock, N.Y.; Shane Collins, Mobile, Ala.; Russell Cressler, Bison; Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac and Aleah, Salina; Nicole and Jon Probasco and Phoenix, Derby and Robert Cressler and Zach, Salina.

The group enjoyed gathering at the Sunflower Senior Center on Sunday and Monday. Many group pictures were taken. Some of the group went to Sheridan County Long Term Care to visit and take five-generation pictures with Grandpa Walt Cressler, who is 101 years old.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The road to Lyle was too slick to venture out on a good share of the week.

Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen and Margaret "Toots" Magers sewed on Tuesday.

Toots Magers, Carolyn Plotts, Joyce Price and Veda Wood met at Deanna Sumner's for Liberty Star Club on Wednesday. We spent an enjoyable afternoon touring her pretty home and playing a fun game supplied by Carolyn.

Gary Anthony, and Cathy and Keith Anthony went to Cambridge to visit Elsie Lang on Sunday. Gary was to go to North Platte on Monday.

There were so many activities going on last Saturday, there were hardly enough hours to get them done. It was the day of Norcatour's city-wide garage sale. To give it a good start, we had 2 1/2 inches of rain, which slowed traffic down somewhat.

Our club had a table in Plotts shop, where James Plotts had his open house for Zombie Motors (Bringing dead engines to life); Jim had a mower; Carol Moye had small children's clothes; and we had an assortment of food, etc.

After the sale, Carolyn invited us in for some chili and a pecan pie that we hadn't tried too hard to sell. At least, I hadn't. There was a very large assortment of things to choose from; lots of fun!

When I got home, I found that daughter Sandy had called. She and some Sweet Adeline friends were coming to the Cardinal Cafe to sing Karaoke. They had already sang at Dresden, Oberlin Long Term Care and Decatur County Museum that day. Anyway, I got to go listen in. Lynn Scrivner took Toots Magers to Wilsonville, Neb., where he and his sister, Martha Mack, the Carfield family, and other relatives and friends had a memorial for their mother, Ona Scrivner, on Saturday, followed by dinner at the Community Building at Lyle. Toots was pleased by the large number of children present.

Oh yes, it rained another 2 1/2 inches on Sunday!

I have thought of an answer to the puzzle of why I am getting clumsier, and it also has to do with memory. I forgot where my feet are!!!!