

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO – July 1885

A great deal of uneasiness has been manifested this week and in adjoining counties concerning the movements and intentions of the Cheyenne Indians.

Wild rumors have been rife and people on the alert to guard against a repetition of the scene of '78. A great many of the settlers of Thomas County pulled up stakes and came to Oberlin but the danger appears to be over and they are returning to their homes.

Slightly war-rum; 96 in the shade Monday.

Two new stores are being erected north of the skating rink.

The Crystal restaurant opened its doors to the public Monday.

100 YEARS AGO – July 1910

Two little girls were burned to death near Rexford the Fourth of July. They took matches to the barn.

Harwood Benton and his aunt and a cousin are said to be having a great time this summer in Honolulu. This is certainly a great trip for a boy.

Perry Bradley and Tom Smith started out with their threshing outfits this week.

Norm Ketchum has a new motorcycle.

A.G. Leist has resigned his position with the Farmers National Bank and will try farming for a while.

Monday afternoon as Art S. Steele and I.O. Wear were recharging their acetylene tanks for their autos the generators blew up, badly injuring Mr. Steele. How the men escaped without being killed seems miraculous. The Wear wash house was completely demolished by the explosion.

75 YEARS AGO – July 1935

A few farmers in the area report 20-bushel wheat yields but most

of the wheat is averaging 7 to 8 bushels an acre. One field, that of John Euhus, made 26 bushels per acre. The disappointing yield is due to the sudden and continuing heat wave that struck just as the heads were starting to fill. The wheat had made such a remarkable recovery due to the late May and early June rains as in early May most farmers had abandoned all hope of wheat worth cutting.

The wheat yields have turned out very disappointing in nearly all of the western Kansas counties due to the heat wave and rust.

After two weeks of thorough renovating and redecorating the bakery formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zimmerman, the new bakery re-opened Monday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Barnes as proprietors. Mr. Ray Stanley, Arkansas City, a baker of 18 years experience, took up his duties yesterday.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holmdahl, Herndon, a baby boy born July 11.

Dresden: The Dresden school board gave contracts to the following teachers for the coming school year: Mr. Raymond Beckwith, 6th, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Malinda Godfrey, 4th and 5th grades and Miss Nellie Gallentine, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the high school Mr. Ewer will be assisted by Miss Nettie Leslie.

Norcat: Funeral services were held yesterday for Mr. Lee Wallace, 54, who died during his sleep of an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his widow and three children, Frank, Margaret and Anabel Lee and eight brothers and sisters. The family lived about a mile northwest of town.

Jennings: Dr. Jeffries took the little Krizek boy to the Norton hospital for an emergency appendicitis operation.

The new residence of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen being constructed on South Cass Avenue will soon be completed and ready for occupancy.

The voice of Sam Francis was heard over the radio Wednesday from the A.A.U. championships being held at Lincoln, Neb. Sam placed third in the shotput contest.

Vallonia: Neva Irene is the name given to the little miss who came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cochran July 11.

50 YEARS AGO – July 1960

Bob Rapp of M-G-M Grain in Norcat sees the current wheat harvest as "the biggest crop we've ever had." Martin Leibbrandt of Decatur Co-op and Melvin Lindemann at Center and Lohoeferer Grain predicted an all-time high yield of nearly 40 bushels an acre.

Charles Frickey, Decatur Community High School junior, will be among the 12 busloads of Kansas high school upperclassmen who will attend part of the Republican National Convention next week in Chicago. The agenda includes a visit with Vice President Richard Nixon.

The Hank Thompson Country Music Show has been signed to appear at the Decatur County Fair in Oberlin on Aug. 8 it was announced by Fair Secretary Boyd Bainter.

The hiring of Mrs. Bess Dashen, wife of the new Presbyterian minister, as a fifth grade teacher has completed the staff at OCS according to Principal Ira Laidig. Other newcomers are Mrs. Erma Bowen, formerly of Culbertson, Neb., fourth grade, and Mrs. Virginia Johnson, formerly of Hays, music.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Urban, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig and Don Zimmerman attended the wedding of Alice Croake and Kenneth Urban in Perry,

Okla., last Saturday.

Jennings: Jimmie Gaumer, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer, is the only Decatur County Boy Scout who will attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Colorado Springs July 22-30.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Depperschmidt, Dresden, son, David Eugene, July 15, 1960.

Larry Laird of Wide-A-Wake 4-H Club is one of four Kansas 4-H club members who received an educational trip to South Dakota July 13-19 made possible by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wenger and Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGee are attending the Lions International convention in Chicago.

25 YEARS AGO – July 1985

The long-awaited performance of the Hutchinson Sky Ryders Drum and Bugle Corps in Oberlin will be July 23 at Smick Field stadium sponsored by the Oberlin Centennial committee.

City and county crews are busy erecting braces and trusses during the initial phase of construction of the new building that will house the Decatur carnival merry-go-round. The canopy will be beneficial to patrons as it provides shade from summer's sun and can be closed off during the off seasons, allowing the ride to remain in place. The building was designed by Wayne Gollt.

New Arrivals: Tina and Gary Meitl, Oberlin, daughter, Ramsey Nichole, July 9, 1985; Gwen and Kevin Slinker, Hugo, Colo., daughter, Kezie Marie, July 14, 1985.

Marie Ann Stalder and Joseph Frank Shobe exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony on June 15, 1985, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center. The Rev. Dennis Schmidt, assisted by the Rev. Bill Surmeier of Salina, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Atley Muirhead recently attended a reunion in Nashville, Tenn., of Army friends who served in the 88th Chemical Mortar Battalion during WWII. En route they visited their daughters, Joan and Ruth in Wichita.

ADenverman, Richard Schissler, who is a 1934 Decatur Community High School graduate and has been in the tile roofing business for many years, has donated a new tile roof for the old jail building which was on a farm northeast of Oberlin and will be moved to the museum grounds.

Winners in the championship flight of the couples golf tournament held Sunday at Oberlin Country Club were 1. Dave Wards 2. Steve Atens 3. Roy Hoovers and 4. Bob Glens.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Thank goodness for air conditioning! The hot weather has arrived which means that sweaters, of all things, are popular at Cedar Living Center. Many of our residents get a little too cold sitting around during the air conditioning season, but we still count this as one of our many blessings. So if you need to beat the heat, stop on by for a visit with us. We can probably find you a cool glass of lemonade to quench your thirst too.

Monday afternoon residents cooled off by sharing a big bowl of nice cold grapes along with some trivia games. Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper.

Ruth Havel won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Linda Shuler won the blackout game. Volunteers helping with bingo included Opal Huntley, Ila Ray and Marian Dempewolf.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

There were lots of winners at the penny card game played on Wednesday afternoon. Residents joining in on the game included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler, Mary Votapka and Fern Wenger.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Com-

munion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Fifteen residents gathered for the bowling game on Thursday afternoon. Some played and some just watched and cheered everyone on. The baking group made zucchini cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were such a hit that several staff members copied off the recipe.

The dietary and activity departments teamed up on Sunday to celebrate National Ice Cream Day. Ice cream sundaes were served along with supper. Residents enjoyed a variety of toppings on the ice cream and everyone reported that they were delicious.

We have begun receiving a few donations of garden treats, including cucumbers and zucchini. These fresh items are always a hit.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Mildred Welter, Dresden; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; Meredith Hrnchir, Karen Focke, Shirley Williams, Jan Sattler, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; LaVina Waters, McDonald; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Eda and Jay Allen, Miami, Fla.; Jeani Hengst, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mildred Holmdahl, Connie Olson, Mirium Fisher, Veanna Carman, Robert Fringer, Loyd Waldo, Mary McEvoy, Evert and Doreen Shuler and Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Ron and Cindy Sattler and John and Ardythe Cederberg went to Lakewood, Colo., last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Penny Cederberg, wife of Raleigh Cederberg. Raleigh was the son of Clarence and Betty (Olson) Cederberg and he spent his boyhood years in the Midway area.

Diane Howsare of Hebron, Ind.; and Tom and Tammy Howsare, Jacob, Alex and Brian of North Judson, Ind., are visiting their daughter and sister, Sandy and Pastor Keith Reuther and family, this week.

Samantha Anderson spent from July 11 to 16 at Butler Show Choir camp at Butler Community College. The Richard Anderson family spent the night visiting Maureen's cousin, Sister Virginita Hearing, at the convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita.

Larry and Lisa Sonsthagen, Matt, Emily and Zach of Olathe were overnight guests of Mildred Holmdahl on July 8. They were en route to Estes Park, Colo., to attend the Bremer family reunion.

John and Ardythe Cederberg went to North Platte last Sunday evening to help Tate Pettera celebrate his

fourth birthday at the home of his grandparents, Denise and Larry Pettera. They also celebrated the birthday of Grandpa Cederberg as well.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson visited Tyler and Tiffany Witt at the hospital in McCook on Thursday evening to make the acquaintance of their infant son, Trevor James, who was born that day. He weighed 8 pounds, 1.8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Other callers were Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis; and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek, Kearney, Neb.

Brunch guests of Mildred Holmdahl last Tuesday to visit her house-guests, Jeani Hengst, Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Sherrill and Janet Vermillion, El Dorado, were Merlin and Bonnie Anderson, Eloise Smith, and Janciel Jensen. Other callers were Tony Henningsen, Linda and Lynn Tomasch and David Bremer.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will hold services at 10 a.m. Sunday at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

She sells seashells by the seashore! Say that fast five times!

Dorothy Hunt, Faye Miller, Cheryl Hill, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Olive Arnold and Doris Marintzer all tried during a "Summer-time" small group activity in the Butterfly Garden.

Stations reflecting beach themes were set up; sand castles, sea shells, fish, flip flops, sunglasses and pictures of trendy bathing suit fashions were on display. After exploring the stations we took our own trip to the beach to beat the heat! Anita and I were surprised when the ladies saw the wading pool in the courtyard, and eagerly began shedding their shoes and socks...we anticipated a little more coaxing would be necessary!

Delightful squeals and laughter could be heard as they inched their toes into the cool water which brought other staff and residents out to watch. Another surprise was the all-out water fight Dorothy Hunt started with Anita Hirsch. Dorothy was no stranger to squirt guns, water play or fun!

Hillbilly Horseshoes is another summer time favorite also played in the courtyard under the shade trees. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Elden Long, Goldie Stapp,

Alan Addleman, Olive Arnold, and Earl Brown were all serious contestants. Alice Bobbitt was our first place winner with a score of 130! Spectators were Leona Helmkamp, Dorothy Pryor, Myrtle Ross, Eileen Laird and Cheryl Hill.

Gabe Moore came Thursday evening to play the piano for everyone. Gabe is studying music at Bethany College in Lindsborg. He came in after the parade on July 4th and casually began to tickle the keys and the musical fancy of the residents as they made their way home. So, I recruited him to do a more formal performance, and he agreed. We so enjoy the talent of the young people of the community, and their willingness to be a part of our Good Sam family.

Story Tellers for the week were Elden Long, Olive Arnold, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Leona Helmkamp, Cheryl Hill, and Walt and Betty May. This week's story was left untitled. The title will come this week after hearing it again.

Saturday activities included Devotions by Dennis Brown, a Movie in Town Square and Broom Ball played by Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Elden Long and Eva Bryan. Cheryl Hill, Marie Thomas, Goldie Stapp and Cheryl

Hill cheered them on!

Visitors this week were Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm, Doris Marintzer Francis Janousek**. Mert McEvoy, Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) and Pastor John Paulson for **Lucy Schissler**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Sharon Slabaugh, Jeanne and Kerri Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Sue, Erin and Ryan May for **Walt and Betty May**. Janelle Morel (Norton) for **Goldie Stapp**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Jerry Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Jeanne Hengst (Mechanicsburg, Pa.), Janet Vermillion (El Dorado) and Mildred Holmdahl for **Edla Olson, Eulaine Benda Evelyn Olson**.

Nancy Landau Jackson (Atwood), Darrell and Mary Landau (Garden Grove, Calif.) for **Eileen Laird, Earl Brown and Edla Olson**. Peggy Carman (Hoxie) for **Myrtle Waldo**. Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson and Myrtle Ross**. Anogene Rogers (Rexford), Eileen Murphy (Selden) and Clem Mumm (Colby) for **Hubert Mumm**.

May God Bless your week and always remember "In Christ's Love Everyone is Someone"

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Oberlin Quasquicentennial Tidbits:

The red brick streets, which have become a hallmark of Oberlin, were laid starting in 1922. The city in July 1922 let a contract for seven blocks of brick pavement on Penn Avenue, two blocks on Hall Street and two on Commercial Street.

Total cost, including curb and gutter and a system for storm sewers, was \$125,526.10.

"This type of paving same as the cities Norton and Colby have put in recently and is supposed to be the best to be had and will last until Oberlin is the Capital of Kansas," observed *The Herald*.

The light poles for the White Way were in place and connected with city current and were turned on for the first time Sunday evening Nov. 19, 1922.

From *The Oberlin Times*, Nov. 30, 1922:

"Paving, Sewers, White Way — Are All Completed Oberlin Takes Its Place Along With Other Progressive Kansas County Seat Towns.

In June of 1874, Logi Booth killed a boy known as The Kid, supposed to be connected with stealing horses.

The first doctor was A.W. Bariteau and he built a drug store the fall of 1875.

The first school, a dugout, was

taught by George Worthington in 1875-1876.

The Museum will be celebrating Oberlin's 125th Anniversary during fair week on Saturday, Aug. 7. Watch for details in the coming weeks.

MIDWEST INTERNET AUCTION

Bidding starts to close Thurs., July 29 AT 10 A.M. CDT

Item #6510



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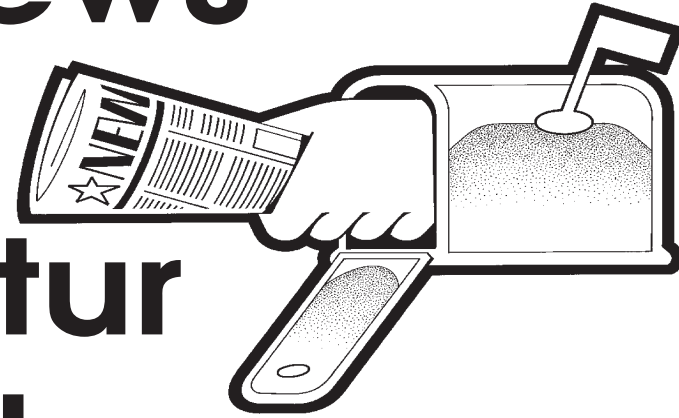
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