

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1886

Corn looks fine. Indian summer weather.

Colby is now a city of the third class.

J.D. Riggs, postmaster at Norcat, was a caller at the Herald office one day last week.

The heaviest rain of the season fell Friday last.

Oberlin ice dealers are furnishing Colby and Hoxie with congealed moisture.

Otis L. Benton of Topeka came in last Wednesday and remained until Tuesday, the guest of G. Webb Bertram.

The Oberlin Herald modestly claims the largest circulation of any paper in Northwest Kansas, and hence a most valuable advertising medium.

The contract work for the brick-work on the new Methodist Church building has been let to Mr. LePlant of the Oberlin brick yard. Henry Pelkey, the contractor, will have charge of the wood work. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$2500.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1910

Last Friday the third and last advertising trip for the Oberlin Chautauqua was made to Kanona, Norcat, Norton and Oranoke.

The rain and wind storm Saturday evening wrecked the Catholic Church. It also blew down the big Chautauqua tent, and another had to be ordered out by express. Dan Caster reports four inches of water fell in less than 30 minutes. Since the 3rd of July, Oberlin has had nearly 7 inches of rain and crop prospects are entirely different now than then.

The immense crowd that greeted Dr. Cook Sunday night was a surprise to many; fully 1500 people heard his lecture.

The new tent was set up Tuesday and the seats and lights moved to the tent from the temporary location after the Hanley lecture in the afternoon and had everything in readiness for the evening entertainment in the big tent.

Colby won two of the first ball games of Chautauqua week by scores of 5-3 and 1-0; Oberlin won the second game of 10 innings 2-1.

Earl O'Toole pitched the first and third games and Crane of Norton, the second.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1936

The entire community was shocked Sunday afternoon when word reached Oberlin that Lee Reeves, 26, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eber Reeves had passed away in St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook following an appendicitis operation. Lee had played ball Wednesday night with the Danbury baseball team and few people were aware that he had surgery on Saturday but little hope was held for his recovery as a gan-

grenous condition had developed. After graduating from DCHS in 1929 where he excelled in sports, especially football, he attended the University of Oklahoma and after graduating 1933 began work at the Tulane School of Medicine where he was planning to return this fall.

Glenn Tilton, the adopted son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Levi Tilton of Cedar Bluffs, died at an Omaha hospital after an 11-day illness of what was thought to be spinal meningitis.

He had graduated from DCHS with the class of 1924 and for the past seven years had been employed at the Kent Hotel in Norton before moving to Omaha to begin a new job.

Otis Hughes, well-known carpenter and mason, is now on the job as Sappa State Park project superintendent in the National Park Service, Dept. of the Interior. Mr. Hughes has followed the building trade for a number of years and built some of the finest homes in Oberlin and with his brother, Walker, constructed the Atwood High School a few years ago. He succeeds Glen Gierhart who resigned several weeks ago to devote more time to his music store business after serving in that capacity since the CCC camp was located here early in January.

The Oberlin team continued its winning streak by beating Danbury 10-7 in 11 innings and McCook 14-5. Floyd and Charlie Holliday pitched for Oberlin. More folks are enjoying the games played under the floodlights in the cool of the evening.

Miss Geneva Counter of Oberlin and Mr. Lynn Morford of Emmett, Kansas, were married at the Federated Church parsonage Sunday morning at nine o'clock with Rev. J.D. Bowles officiating.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1961

Oberlin is on the march and advancing as she never has before! During the past year, and currently, Oberlin has progressed and is growing at a pace believed unequalled in the 76 years since incorporation. And the end is not in sight with several projects in the planning stage. The town's population is 2,450 and all available homes and apartments are occupied.

The almost daily thunderstorms last week brought pleasant weather but with hail in some areas. At the Robert Brown and J.A. Smith farms south of Oberlin hail fell the size of baseballs. Damage was also received in the Norcat area with extensive damage to the Lyle Methodist Church which had been newly remodeled and decorated the past year and where 17 windows were broken out. Herndon, Traer and Cedar Bluffs were also in the storm's path and in Norton County a 120-mile an hour wind with hail covered a strip 5 miles wide and 25 miles in length.

The Board of Decatur County Commissioners screened a list of 11 applicants for the position of Register of Deeds which was vacated by Gordon Bosler effective Aug. 1 and they chose Mrs. Archie Taylor. Mrs. Taylor has been secretary in the office of the Decatur County Farm Bureau since June 1956 and will assume her official duties Sept. 1.

During August the office will be handled by Mrs. Glen Gierhart who has been an assistant.

Norcat: Funeral services were held for Mrs. O.G. Bell, 81, who has served as news correspondent for The Oberlin Herald for many years.

The Rev. Alvin Zeilinger of Oberlin officiated and burial was in the Norcat Cemetery. She joined St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Norcat in 1900. She is survived by her husband, nine children, a sister and two brothers.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hanslip, Denver, son, Ronald Patrick, 7-20-61; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelson, Oberlin, son, 7-25-61; Mr. and Mrs. John Urban, Colby, twins, Marvin Ralph and Marlene Linn; 7-17-61; ; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Staats, Jennings, son, Sidney Scott, 7-19-6.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1986

All is ready for the Great Northwest Ah's Festival to be held in Oberlin Wednesday and Thursday. Highlight of the Festival is the evening performance of the Sky Ryders Drum and Bugle Corp based in Hutchinson and a concert by the Central Plains Brass Quintet of Pittsburg. The evening will end with a fireworks display by the Oberlin Jaycees.

Entrants from Decatur County in the Miss Frontier Scholarship Pageant to be held in Norton Saturday

are Renell Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Erickson, Susan Unrein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Unrein, Jennings, and Terri Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harmon. Theme of the pageant is "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody" and a former Miss Frontier, Donna Kump Tucker, now of Dallas, will be among the entertainers. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kump and a 1969 graduate of DCHS.

Western Hardware, owned by Mike and Marie McVay, will hold a grand opening at their new location at 149 South Penn which was formerly occupied by Kids & Co., and Peddlers Two.

Kristy Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice, Winfield, and Rohn Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, were married May 31, 1986, in the First Baptist Church of Winfield. Following a wedding trip to Bella Vista, Ark., the couple is at home in Frankfurt, Germany, where he is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

Theresa Brown, daughter of Trish Wild and Jon Brown of Oberlin, has returned from England where she visited her great-aunt and uncle the past five weeks.

New owner of The Flower Shop is Diana Fox, whose husband Jim was transferred from Wellsville to Herndon recently by Amoco Oil Company. The family includes three children, Jake, 12, Jon, 9 and Jenny, 7, and they plan to make their home in Oberlin. Current employees include Claudia Byant, Eunice Olson and Mavis Urban.

Andy Matson carried off the High Point Award at the league swim tournament held at Colby Friday and Saturday. Matson remains undefeated in swim competition in the 15-18 age group.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I have had to be out in the hot weather more than I would like to be, and I am ready to start complaining. In late winter and early spring, I said I was ready for some warmer weather. Now I'm ready for a bit cooler weather.

I guess that's a luxury of living where there are four seasons. Just wait a bit, and the weather will change. We can look forward to a different temperature.

How do you like the flower planters on Main Street? I have to admit, I wasn't fond of the color they chose to paint them, but with the flower arrangement that Mona chose, I think they look beautiful. The whole street looks very nice.

I attended the garden tour on Sunday, and it was beautiful to see what others have put together in their yards. I always like to get

new ideas.

Volunteers are still needed for the carnival rides and games. There is a sign-up sheet here on the long table in the BEE Building, or you may call the office in the afternoons at 475-3441 to pick a spot.

A few more vendors attended the Farmers Market last week, with more variety of items. The market opens every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.

The Dustin Evans Concert will be at the Gateway at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. This will be a good addition to the events for The Gateway and a nice ending to our fair week.

Also, don't forget the "Salute to Sarah" at the Sunflower Cinema featuring a free Oberlin Area Concert Band performance at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Have a great week!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,

When it is in the power of your hand to do so. Proverbs 3:27

Several years ago, a special guest consultant, Erin Bonitto, came to train us on better caring for our Residents with dementia. In addition to an overview of the changes that take place in the brain associated with Dementia and Alzheimer disease, she taught us communication strategies and how to create a "memory care environment" for all the residents.

We have been implementing these strategies now for four years, and thought you might like an update on how they are working and the changes we have seen, and also as a mini refresher course for staff, volunteers, friends and family alike.

The most effective strategy is simply approaching the Residents in a different way.

There is a 4-step guideline to follow, and if you have a loved one struggling with dementia it would be a great thing for you to adopt as well.

Step 1: Approach from the front. (So not to surprise or frighten). Get down a little lower than eye level (puts your loved one in a place of honor and respect). Call her by her familiar name ("Sally" or "Mom") extend your hand (wait for her to reach for yours).

Step 2: Say your familiar name and a simple statement (7 words or less) of who you are ("I'm Lisa, your daughter").

Step 3: Make a simple statement

of what you are doing ("I'm here to have coffee with you"). Avoid questions ("Do you want to have a cup of coffee?")

Step 4: Always end your interaction with an endorphin boost ("I love you"). I'd like to give you a hug".

This approach is proven to set the mind at ease by gently re-orienting her. Your mom may recognize you, but be unable to retrieve your name, causing great frustration that will hinder further communication during your visit. Remember while conversing to again avoid questions. Instead of saying "Do you remember Dad and how hard he worked?" Replace the question with a statement like "I was thinking about Dad, he worked hard." This will facilitate much more meaningful conversation.

Lora Zwickle, once told me, "Old people are slow, we need everyone to slow down." This technique causes us as caregivers to slow down. It puts the focus on relationship vs. tasks. It makes our jobs more enjoyable and the residents more relaxed. It has been a very good thing to do for those we love and easily in the power of our hands to do so. (Proverbs 3:27)

Our week was one of sweet routine, and most often I report on what the various clubs are doing, but this week I want to highlight the "little" very "BIG" things that happen every day to make this house a home. The following are some things I witnessed this past week and I know that there are so many things that happen that we never see: a staff

member singing to a resident who is fearful at bath time, the tender handling of baby dolls, precious to Dorothy Hunt. A box of hunting material complete with skins and pelts to identify delivered to Jim Colgan. Eva Bryan was tucked into her shawl and blanket to keep out the chill (makes me warm just thinking about it). A three-day search for a lost mechanical kitty ended with a tearful reunion with Don Gilbert.

The pony, Butterscotch, got some new batteries so Ethel Nemeth could enjoy the company of her furry friend. Bessie Peterson's story on CD gets changed and cheerful chatter about the purple feather in her hair can be heard in the hallway.... "little" very BIG things that are so important! If you have a "little" time, won't you consider trading it in for a very BIG return of your investment...come spend it with us!

Music Circus Day specifically designed for kids grade 1-6 on Thursday, August 4th 1-3:30. For more information call Jennifer Tally (785) 470-9121. Then on Friday,

Aug. 5, bring your favorite, cutest, most unusual pet to be part of the Pet Parade! Both events will be in the Lora Marietta Memorial Garden (Courtyard).

Visitors were: Audrey and Murry Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan, Edla Olson and Opal Bryan**. Wendy Scott for **Evelyn Olson**. Luanne Laird (Celina Texas) and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Von Johnson and Carolyn Strevey for **Crystal Moore**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Steve and Arian Arnold and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Marian Railsback (Fort Collins, Colo.) Carolyn Hackney, Leslie Plottts and Lisa Milhorn for **Rowena Cathcart**. Dave Meyer for **Charlene Meyer**.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

After a week of illness at Cedar Living Center, residents were excited to get back to normal. It was great to see a room full of smiling faces in the dining room and have a full slate of activities all week.

Several residents met on Monday to try their luck with the dice. There were several winners. Refreshments were served following the game. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday for an appreciative audience.

Alvina Gamblin won the first bingo on Tuesday. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie among Wilma LaSalle, Ira Kolsky, and Joan Noble.

Tara Votapka hosted the July birthday party on Wednesday. Mary Votapka was recognized for having the only July birthday.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several residents assisted Tara with a craft project on Thursday afternoon. A variety of craft projects made by the residents during the

past year will be on display in the Open Class building at the fair.

The baking group made pineapple cookies with vanilla chips and they were just delicious. There were no leftovers to be found anywhere.

The Herndon Covenant Church held their Sunday service in the dining room on Sunday. Orrin Holle was in charge of the service and Pastor Tom Smith gave the sermon. The CLC residents who attended the service especially enjoyed watching the many children who attended the service, including several babies. We appreciate the extra effort that the church goes to when they include the area nursing homes in the summer worship schedule.

Recent visitors: Stephanie Hawkins, Euleus, Texas; John, Eunice and Jennifer Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Judy and Gerald Jackson, Norcat; Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; David Ward, Norma Ward, Clayton.

Carol Kompus, Robert and Penny Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin.

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Brenda Kopriva, M.D.
 will soon practice general surgery in McCook!

Community Hospital welcomes Dr. Brenda Kopriva to our surgery team and community.

Dr. Kopriva graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2006 and completed her five-year residency at the same institution in May.

Dr. Kopriva will begin her practice at Community Hospital in August, where she will join Dr. Walter Eskildsen of Surgical Associates in McCook as a member of Community Hospital's medical staff.

Natives of Ness City and Atwood, Kansas, Dr. Kopriva and her husband, Jim, look forward to raising their son, Nathan, in the McCook area.

To make an appointment with Dr. Kopriva, call the Community Hospital Surgical and Orthopedic Clinic at 308-344-8376.



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