

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1887

H.S. Beardsley has bought A.W. Allen's store at Ludell. Allison is soon to have a newspaper.

The new flour and grist mill at the forks of the Sappa was started up Saturday.

The M.E. Church spire is completed and that edifice now appears as stately and handsome an architectural design as any in Northwest Kansas.

The Oberlin Opinion was enlarged to a 6-column quarto last week — same size as the Herald.

The State Bank has established a branch bank at Herndon, which will be known as the German Bank with Owen Phillips, president and J.H. Krider, cashier.

Tilden, Lathrop and Foltz, Oberlin capitalists, invested \$4000 in lots in Summit Addition last week, and will make numerous improvements on the same.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1912

Mr. Suttle, the barber sold his interest in the west side barber shop on Friday to Clarence Van Cleave.

The air was filled with red dust Sunday that must have come from other localities.

The continued dry weather has killed many of the fruit and shade trees on the farms of the county.

Paul Nitsch was in from Logan Township Saturday in his auto. Paul has got so he can make it go all right.

Rev. J.P. Clark preached the Memorial Day sermon at the Christian Church Sunday.

John Handwerk, Joe Matthews and Walter Reznor, narrowly escaped sudden death Monday while making an excavation for a bridge near the Milleson place. The bank caved in on them and it was nearly a half hour before they could be released — a long half hour to them, we'll bet.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1937

And then it rained. In fact it was one of those old-fashioned downpours when almost two and one-half inches was measured in the Herald office rain gauge in 45 minutes. Flooding occurred in some parts of the city along with some hail.

There can be no more talk of a "dry lake" as Lake Morrison a mile and a half north of town filled up rapidly with water going over the spillway for the first time since it was built in 1933. At the new Sappa Lake there was fear of great destruction on the partially constructed dam and Mr. Weir, foreman, estimated it could take two to three weeks to repair the damage done. In the picnic area below the dam the tables built by the National Park Service were

scattered down the creek bed.

Memorial Day services were held at Oberlin Cemetery last Monday with a parade of the band and a group of Legion men to the cemetery where J.R. Betts read the list of soldiers dead of the Civil War, Spanish-American and World War I and their burial places.

While attending the school meeting being held at the McGraw school house Friday afternoon, lightning struck coming inside the chimney and going out the window and knocking Mrs. Naomi Spillman unconscious. Dr. Funk of Dresden was called and wrapped the severely burned right arm in mud and took her to her home.

Mrs. A.A. Dryden accompanied by Mrs. George McMullen, David and Phil, drove to Manhattan Tuesday. Mrs. Dryden returned home the same day bringing her son, Jack, and Miss Pauline Eiler, who have been attending school at Kansas State.

A son, Robert Wayne, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Brewster last Wednesday evening. Little Marilyn Brewster could scarcely realize that at last there was a baby at the hospital that she could take home with her.

With the recent resignation of Elam Reist who has managed the Oberlin Hatchery the past eight years, Mrs. Fred Patton and daughter Dixie will be moving to the hatchery property after some remodeling and modernizing work is completed. She expects to employ an experienced hatchery man by next spring and meanwhile they will continue to operate the milk routes and she is planning to have a complete plant for pasteurization of the milk and cream installed.

The Gierhart family held a picnic on Decoration Day at the Sappa State Park with 18 members present including Mr. and Mrs. John Battin and four children of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Brooks of Topeka. Others at the picnic were Mrs. Ella Gierhart, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark and Evan, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gierhart, Mrs. Cora Patton and Dixie Lee and Mr. Glen Gierhart and son Forest.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1962

In a business deal here last week, Charles Corcoran, owner of Corcoran Furniture Store and a partner in the Corcoran-Ready Funeral Home purchased the entire stock of furniture and business of Cody Furniture. At the same time, Corcoran-Ready purchased Cody mortuary and funeral business.

Mark Torluemke and Lee Martin left Saturday for Wichita to attend Boys' State.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Unger, Oberlin, son, Kevin Robert,

6-4-62.

Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Wennihan of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Rea, to Wallace Lee Henrickson of Logan.

A second dining room will soon be added at the Frontier Cafe with Dale Young as contractor according to the owners Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1987

More than 100 persons attended a public land auction at the Oberlin American Legion with 800 acres of Decatur County farmland located some 20 miles southwest of Oberlin in Cook Township bringing \$436,000. Auctioneer Loren Thiele, Norton, said the cropland was part of the John O. Showers Trust, and brought the top price for any acreage he has sold this year.

The Charles Young family purchased two tracts, each with about 160 acres with No. 2 bringing \$420 per acre and No. 3, \$410 per acre; Tract No. 1 consisting of 320 acres sold to Henry Euhus and Gaylord Shields at \$425 an acre and Tract 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shuler at \$420 an acre.

Allen Richards, theft investigator for the Kansas Animal Health Department, Brand Inspection Division, was honored Saturday night at the Oberlin American Legion with a surprise retirement party. He has given 27 years of service to the State of Kansas.

Two local men, Warren Bainter and Jon Brown, are making plans to join some 200 bicyclists on the eight-day Biking Across Kansas ride scheduled for June 6-13. They will start

west of St. Francis Saturday.

The Donut Shop will hold a grand opening on Monday, June 8, according to the new owners, Don and Jean Ann Kump.

Hospital News: Cheryl and Kenneth Timm, Ludell, daughter, Emily Nicole, 5-23-87; Kim and Kenneth Carter, Oberlin, daughter, Casey Jo, 5-28-87; Judith and Alan Marietta, daughter, Lora Elizabeth and son, Bret Alan, 5-28-87; Diane and Ronald Hagan, Oberlin, daughter, 5-29-87; Shanna and James Brooks, Clayton, daughter, Jodie Marie, 5-31-87.

Three DCHS music students, Kim Fringer, Toby Nichols and Brandon Russell, will leave June 11 to join a three-week musical performance tour of five European countries. Neal Russell, junior high band instructor, will also be a part of the group of 150 students and counselors in the Mid-America Band and Chorus.

The Red Devil squads finished off the season last Friday and Saturday at the State Track Meet in Wichita. The girls 4x100m relay team (Catherine Braden, Kristy Unger, Laurie O'Toole, Jeni Peter) placed second in a time of 50.9; Darren Horn placed third in the 1600m with a time of 4:39.4 and fifth in the 3200m in a time of 10:10.2; Jody Gaskill received a third-place medal in the 3200m run in a time of 12:05.6; Kent Winder was fourth in the shot put with a mark of 47'11" and seventh in the discus; sixth places went to Laurie O'Toole in the high jump and to sprinter Greg Unger in the 100m dash.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Church will hold worship services at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. The Sunday School potluck picnic will follow at Lake Atwood.

Jim and Jan Gilbert of Vero Beach, Fla., have been visiting his mother, Doris Gilbert. Charles and Wilda Walker joined the couple and Doris Gilbert for dinner on Friday together at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin.

Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe of Chetopa visited her parents, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, last week. Other visitors were Earl and Dixie Giessler of Portland, Ore., and Bob and Sharon Huddleston of Conway Springs.

Judy Scott of Erie, Colo., visited from Tuesday to Thursday with

Steve and Arian Arnold.

Nancy Holste and Cody of Colorado Springs, and Howard and Suzanne Wehrman of Sylvan Grove were weekend guests of Orrin and Beth Holle and family.

Daisy Schmidt, Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Tanner Schmidt and Chris and Sherri Schmidt were among relatives who attended the wedding of Anne Marie Wasson and John Franklin Emert on Friday evening at the First Lutheran Church in Manhattan. The bride is the daughter of Dan and Carol Wasson.

Bob and Marsha Espenson of Bingham Lake, Minn., were weekend guests of Tony and Trish Henningsen and they all joined other relatives for a Henningsen family reunion at the American Legion in Atwood on Saturday.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the families of Clarence Hoppas and Dale Young, who passed away at Cedar Living Center this past week.

Several residents spent the afternoon of Memorial Day playing dominos. Snacks were served following the game.

The bingo players had a fun game on Tuesday afternoon.

The bowlers were out in force on Wednesday afternoon. Those trying the game included Floyd Edgett, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Floyd Lotker, Joan Noble and Alice Shirley.

Alice Shirley assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with planting a pot of petunias just before it rained on Wednesday afternoon. We have also planted our tomato boxes in anticipation of a good harvest later in the summer.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents

on Thursday morning.

Several residents met for a craft project on Thursday afternoon. The group has been painting birdhouses.

Doughnuts were served during the social hour on Friday morning in honor of National Doughnut Day. The baking group met in the afternoon to bake up a fresh batch of cookies.

Recent visitors: Bell Grace Helm, Jaime Helm and Mishae Lepper, Jim and Yanis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Ralph Hinton, Alfred Hinton, Cambridge, Neb.; John Rinehart, Colby; Doyle and Kay Brown, Roberta Petracek, Jennings; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Mike, Deb, Ma thew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Joyce Sumner, Norton.

Marian Dempewolf, Lois Lamb, Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Willby, Connie Olson, Stephani Hawkins, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

We enjoyed some beautiful weather on Saturday morning, those of us out at Sappa Park for the Decatur Health Systems 5k Fun Run/Walk.

Deb Klima and her gang of volunteers did a wonderful job of having everything ready bright and early for the 35 participants, some of whom ran, and some of whom took a more leisurely pace. The first place for the men, as well as overall, was Kelly Stamm, who crossed the finish line at 22:24. Lacy Ream was the first woman to cross, at 23:47. For the youth winner, we had a tie — twins Morgan and Molly Jansonius came in together, appropriately enough, at 29:00.

After the race, while the runners were drinking water and eating fruit to keep their hydration levels up and some sore knees were being iced down, drawings were held so that even those participants who aren't quite as fleet of foot as the front-runners had a chance to win.

We'd like to express our thanks to the sponsors and to all of the volunteers, who helped organize the participants, prepare the course and made everything run smoothly. We'd also like to thank everyone who came out to take part. It was good to see so many people out, and your contributions will form



RUNNER KELLY STAMM

of Oberlin approached the finish line at the Decatur Health Systems 5K Fun Run/Walk at Sappa Park on Saturday. He took first place overall with a time of 22:24.

the first step in getting updated playground equipment for the Oberlin City Park.

People have already asked if this is to be an annual event, and while we can't absolutely guarantee that the run will be back next year, I would advise you to keep your running shoes handy, just in case.

Norcatcur News

By the Norcatcur News Committee

Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, graduated from the Colby registered nursing program on May 12. Attending her commencement were her parents, sister and a niece from Rapid City, S.D.; Rea and Dee Magers, Norcatcur; and Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs.

Three more young people from Norcatcur have been added to the list of recent high school graduates. From Decatur Community High School: Nolan Henningson, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson; Emily Bader, daughter of Delvin Bader and Tiela High. From Norton Community High School, Casey Temmel, son of Ed and Elsa Temmel.

Bill Woods donated a 1924 Rutacron (Norcatcur High School yearbook) to the museum. David and Karen Cozad donated several items related to the elevator, other businesses, another Rutacron and an old biology book that had belonged to Esther Jackson.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm on May 24-25 were Peggy Mast and Jerry Rule, Emporia. All were visitors of Lila Rule, Norton. Bev DeLano, Wichita, was a guest May 26-27.

Lynn Temple, Aransas Pass, Texas and R.D. Temple, Corpus Christi, Texas, were in Norton for Memorial Day. They were visited by Stan and Carol Miller.

Becky Rohr, Colorado Springs; Dale and Emily Waldo, Salina; Bill LaSalle and Stan and Carol Miller, Clayton.

Jodi Lyon (and Willy) drove to Wichita May 23 to attend the eighth grade graduation of her youngest grandchild, Morgann. She stayed with her daughter Sharlynn. While there she and her family visited the Wichita Botanical Gardens.

George Anthony and family of San Antonio, Texas, a nephew of Keith Anthony and Gary Anthony, surprised them with a short visit.

David Johnson, Lenexa; Lester Gilhouse and Jake of Lyndon and Fred Molzahn put a new roof on Beth Johnson's house.

Clason Rupp, Springfield, Mo., spent the Memorial weekend with Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn. On May 26, Clason and Beth attended the Long Island Alumni Banquet.

Memorial weekend guests of Dorothy Ward were her son, Mark Ward and his wife, Debby of Hugo, Colo. Additional guests on Sunday were Ronald Leichliter and Bee, Colorado Springs; Jay and Marilyn Mavity, Cunningham, and Fay Mavity, Lochbuie, Colo. They all attended memorial services at the cemetery and spent the evening at Mrs. Ward's house visiting and having dinner.

Guests of Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, for a barbecue on Memorial Day were: Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp and Gabby, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, Dan and Jolene Dempewolf, Andy Dempewolf, Jenna Braun, Doug Dempewolf, Rose Riffle and Doris Gilbert. Jim and Jan Gilbert from Florida

were also there.

Visiting over Memorial weekend with Bee Nelson were Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay. Wayne and Norma McCallister joined them for grilled steaks one evening.

Dave and Sam Stapp went to Erie recently and spent the night with Jerrod and Kortney Poire and Kynleigh. They brought Kynleigh home to spend a few days. Another granddaughter, Gabby Schamberger, was also a guest of Grandma and Grandpa Stapp. Kynleigh's parents picked her up and returned to their home. Other visitors at the Stapp home were Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, Dewaine Stapp and Marian Dempewolf.

The Norcatcur Museum was a busy place over Memorial weekend. New additions to the museum include an embroidered emblem of the Woodmen's Club from June Jolly and yearbooks from the 1950s from Ralph and Phyllis LaSalle.

Ben Rohne donated flowers for the pots on Main Street.

Rea and Dee Magers attended

his 65th class reunion on May 26 at The ReLoad in Oberlin. They attended the banquet at The Gateway that night and then went to Lyle's Memorial service Sunday and the pot luck lunch in the Lyle Community Building. Later that afternoon they went to Norcatcur's services. On Monday, they picked up Toots Magers and went to Lebanon, Neb., for Memorial Day services there. Later that day they visited with their son, Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto at Cedar Bluffs.

Bob Kelley, Marquette, was a Memorial weekend guest of his sister and her husband, Carolyn and Jim Plotts. Mr. Kelley attended his 65th class reunion on Saturday. He and Rea Magers were classmates.

Don't forget Story Time is at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Norcatcur Library. A children's reading program will start June 13. All children are welcome, even if they don't live in Norcatcur.

The next Outreach Clinic will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, June 19.

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