

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1879

Dr. Wm. B. Mead from Glen Elder in Mitchell County has located in this place and has his office in the drug store of S. & C. S. Maddox.

A school district, six miles square with Oberlin in the center, was formed last Saturday by County Superintendent Colvin. A meeting will be held on Wednesday next, Sept. 3, 1879, for the purpose of electing school district officers.

Deaths: Aug. 24th, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Caldwell; Aug. 21, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Judkins; Aug. 21, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Miller.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1904

Joe Young moved his family last week into the residence recently vacated by O.J. Taylor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Pierce of Beaver, a 10-pound girl.

Mrs. Bertha McCalla returned from Philadelphia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Douglas and little son Hugh have been enjoying a vacation in the mountains and returned home Friday.

W.D. Street has returned from his trip along the proposed railroad and is quite enthusiastic over the prospect for the building.

Hooker beat Plainview 36-16 last Saturday with batteries for Hooker being Cullison and Montgomery and for Plainview, Army and C. Morton.

Allison Items: W. . Brooks has the foundation for a new barn.

Vallonia: A tabernacle meeting will be held on the farm of Chas. Wishner on the Beaver three miles west of Danbury conducted by Jackson, Dibble and others.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1929

Ernest May was a caller Tuesday to tell us he had threshed his wheat the day before and that a 10-acre

field which had been summer fallowed averaged 36 bushels of 61-test wheat per acre, while the field which had not been summer fallowed yielded only 15 per acre.

Family reunions:

Aug. 24-25, the lineal descendants of John and Louisa Fair to the number of 80 met at the home of J.W. Fair in Olive Township.

Aug. 24-25 at Elmwood Park in Norton, the descendants of Ezra and Elizabeth Blickenstaff with about 125 persons present. Tents were furnished for the overnight stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yarnell and son John of Topeka stopped in Oberlin a few hours Saturday on their way home from a vacation in Colorado. Mr. Yarnell, a graduate of Decatur County High School, is the editor of the Capper's Weekly.

Funeral services were held for Lee Virgil Cochran, 7-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cochran. His twin brother, Rea Edgar, died at birth.

School will open next Monday and extensive remodeling has been done at the basement of the high school building, including installation of a new furnace and a water heater to furnish hot water for the shower baths for the boys and girls.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1954

By a margin of 81 votes — 428-347 — the Oberlin voters decided against the proposition of issuing \$68,000 in bonds for building and equipping a new swimming pool. The pool proposition, sponsored by Oberlin American Legion, brought out a good sized vote although there are probably 500 eligible voters who did not go to the polls.

President Eisenhower will make a 40-minute stop at the old army air base nine miles north of McCook shortly before noon Saturday, it has been announced by the McCook

Gazette. With President Eisenhower will be Ezra T. Benson, secretary of agriculture, and reclamation officials.

A ground-breaking service for the new Oberlin Covenant Church, which will be located just south of the Decatur County Hospital, will be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, according to the Rev. Clarence Swanson, pastor of the church.

Allison: New carpet was laid this week at the Allison Church, which helps to beautify the interior.

New teachers at Oberlin Elementary School are Miss Eleanor Nielson, sixth grade, and Mrs. Mildred McMains, who will teach in the 7th and 8th grades..

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1979

Enrollment at Decatur Community High School showed a decline of 26 students, 233 compared to 259 in 1978. In junior high, enrollment dropped from 120 to 104.

Numerous volunteers assisted in hauling sand to the fairgrounds in preparation for laying the railroad

track next month.

The Decatur County Amusement Authority voted to give \$7,000 to the County Improvement Fund from the proceeds of the carnival.

Construction of an office, truck garage and pipe yard for Matador Pipeline, formerly known as Koch Oil, is underway at its new site on U.S. 83, north of the Oberlin Livestock sale barn, according to Frank King, local manager.

Juanita Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paulie Neff, left Aug. 20 for Laramie, Wyo., where she has enrolled as a junior at the University of Wyoming and is a member of the women's cross country squad. She is a recent graduate of Dodge City Junior College and plans to major in special education.

A smaller than usual crowd of about 1,200 turned out in Danbury for the Back-to-School celebration. A cloudburst hit shortly before 8 p.m., dumping five inches of rain, and the frog jumping contest and the dance had to be canceled.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

Our church project had its start Wednesday as the steeple and bell were taken off and set on a trailer. Doak Construction removed them from the Norcatour St. Mark's Lutheran Church in preparation for the move. While the steeple and bell are off, plans are to have the shingles repaired and that part of the church painted and repaired. They will be put back on the building after it is moved to the Museum grounds.

We have been getting some nice donations and memorials but we are still about \$2,000 short of meeting

our goal to just get the church building moved. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The museum will be sponsoring the first football game tailgate party this Friday. Proceeds will go towards the church project. We will start serving around 5:30 p.m. and have brats and porkburgers until the game begins at 7 p.m. Come out and support the Museum and the Decatur Community High School team.

Today the Museum goes back to its fall hours of 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Marty Houston of Castle Rock, Colo., visited her brother, Lawrence and Zula Horinek, en route to Great Bend for the Polka Fest. There were 600 people from all over the U.S. and Canada in attendance.

Royal Neighbors members and their husbands had their birthday party at the Colonial Steak House at Oakley, with 13 present.

There were door prizes and gifts for the birthday honorees, Lula Thieler, 99, and Deb Stepper, 92.

The pinochle players on Monday usually have between two and four tables, with less playing in the Thursday group. Others are always welcome.

Koffee Klatch attendees were Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth, Freda Ketchum, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Fran Leach, Hulda Wark, Tabitha, Obadiah, and Sondra Barnett.

Barb Farmer was here for a short visit with her mother, Berneda Zoberst. Cory and Tessy Barnett, Tabitha, Corbin and Obadiah, Liberal, spent several days visiting his mother, Sondra Barnett. Cory does home improvement work and had gutters to make in Norton, Oberlin and Ludell.

Each day when he went to work, he would leave a couple of the children, which gave some special time for Sondra.

De Ann and Delores Dible went to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson, who recently celebrated her 89th birthday.

Lance and Deborah Sprick, missionaries to the Philippines with Crisstar Ministries, were guest speakers at the Rexford Church on

Sunday. They presented the work they do there and the great opportunity that God has given them. The congregation had a fellowship dinner following the morning worship service.

Several men from Rexford attended the "Men On The Move" seminar held at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

The men were able to choose to attend two out of six sessions offered in the morning.

Pastor Lane Purcell was one of the speakers. At noon there was a whole-hog barbecue and all the trimmings served by the ladies.

The afternoon included trap shooting, horseshoe competition, archery, and a black powder gun demonstration. Between 175 and 200 men from the region attended.

Marge Leh had surgery on her shoulder to reattach muscle which was torn almost three years ago when she fell during a trip with the Red Barn Gang in a bad wind storm.

She's had trouble with it ever since and we're all hoping that she'll be back to her old self again real soon.

There were about 200 supporters at the barbecue, volleyball and football soap scrimmage on Friday.

On Saturday, the Golden Plains girls volleyball team took first place out of eight teams, at the Healy Invitational Tournament.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rexford was to host a volleyball meet with Hoxie and St. Francis at 4 p.m.

The first football game is here on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with Healy. Let's all get behind our teams and support them.

The Alumni weekend begins

with the football game on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday the parade will start at 10:30 a.m. on Main Street, followed by registration.

The park is the setting for afternoon activities, from noon to 6 p.m., which include live music on the stage, sand volleyball tournament, kids games, and vendor booths. The school will also have an open house on Saturday.

At 6:30 p.m., the barbecue will begin, followed by the business meeting and then a free street dance, with music by Lady Heskett. On Sunday morning at 10:30 a church service will be held in the park. We hope to see many people this weekend!

On Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. there will be an open house at the Sondra Barnett home. Many have asked to see the changes I've made since I moved back to Rexford, so I thought this would be a good time to open it up and encourage you to come over!

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN! Hats off to the Gem Lions Club! There were between 700-800 people that attended the hog roast in Gem on Wednesday.

There was some great live entertainment by some very talented local folks.

I was thrilled to be a part of the casual and friendly fellowship, seeing old friends and meeting some new ones.

There were people from Selden, Oberlin, Oakley, Mingo, Menlo, Hoxie, Colby, Rexford and Gem. Thanks for working so hard, Lions and others, to make our area one of the best places to live.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Anna Shaw, Jennifer Shaw, and Zane Pauls helped Isaac Shaw move to Wichita on Aug. 15, where he is a freshman at Wichita State University. Classes began Aug. 19. Isaac is majoring in Business with an emphasis in E Business.

Friends helping Rory Wendelin celebrate her 15th birthday Friday evening at her home were Kenzie Fisher, Leanna Sheaffer, and Jessica Bremer.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Keith and Roma Grafel.

Kelly Olson, Danica May, and Jessica Bremer were among members of the Decatur Community High School Teenagers Acting and

Caring Together group who attended a weekend retreat at Camp Lakeside, Scott City. Wendy Scott was the leader and one of the sponsors. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Allen and Neta Jeffus were weekend guests of his sister, Barbara Young.

Relatives joining Neta for the Sunday School Rally potluck dinner Sunday noon at St. John's Lutheran Church were her sister and brother, Wilma May and Eugene Wurm, Betty Bean, Jerry and Connie Olson, Shanna Long and Miranda, Judy Jordan, Karyn, Sean and Daniel.

After the dinner, the St. John's Lutheran Youth Group shared their

experiences from the National youth gathering they attended in Orlando, Fla. Allen was unable to join them for dinner since he was playing in the golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Oberlin.

Mike and Nancy Shields and Brett and Ali Shields, Omaha, were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Karen Larson returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Lincoln, Neb., visiting her daughter, Kimberly Duyson. While there, she also attended a bridal shower held in Kimberly's honor.

Arthur and Alice May were Sunday noon dinner guests of the John Bremer family.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers visited Pat Schwab, who has returned home from Cedar Living Center in Oberlin and is feeling better. She would enjoy visitors.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, was sewing day for the Lyle Ladies and United Methodist Women. Those present were Veda Wood, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and Jackie Porter of Norton.

They also made plans for a hog roast, to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Community Building.

Gene and Laurene VanOtterloo was an Aug. 18 visitor of Toots Magers.

Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, and Joyce Price attended a salad luncheon in Almena with their United Methodist Women.

Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly and Toots Magers played cards in Norcatour on Friday evening, Aug. 20.

Sunday, Aug. 15, Toots Magers and Rea and Dee Magers went to the home of Judy and Charlie Easton on Sunday, Aug. 15. J.T. and Denise Guy and girls were there and they celebrated August birthdays. From there they went to visit Jeff and Joy Magers, Cedar Bluffs, for the rest of the evening.

Kathy Van Meter went to Denver on Saturday with the Heartland Bus tour to a dinner theater at the Country Dinner Playhouse where she saw "South Pacific."

Saturday, Joyce, Deanna, Brooke and Brady Sumner went to Wichita on Saturday to see Amy Archer in Wesley Medical Hospital where she is recovering from an appendectomy. The Summers also visited with the Kasson family at Via Christi Medical Center.

John Helm celebrated his 89th birthday with a steak fry at the home of Martin and Ceanne Rinehart. Present for the carry-in supper were John Helm II, Redmond, Wash.; Jim and Yanis Helm, Jaime Helm,

Danbury; Kathy and Robert Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Zachary Brashears, Burwell, Neb.; Brian Perks and Helena Helm, Chadron, Neb.; Maria, Derek and Dylan Downer, Bartley, Neb.; Mike, Deb, Aaron, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, and Timothy Helm, Norcatour; Jan Juenemann, Rexford; Rod and Fauna McFee, Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, John Rinehart and Father Dana D. Clark, all of Colby. Instead of birthday cake, a special friend, Kelly Richmond, made three beautiful pies for dessert.

Mary Helm, Tucson, Ariz., arrived at the Rinehart home in time to see her brother, John Helm II, Redmond, Wash., before he went home. Mary will stay with her parents while Martin and Ceanne are in Nashville, Tenn., for the National American Legion Convention. Also going to the convention were Jim and Yanis Helm, Danbury; John Rinehart, Colby; and Mike, Deb, Aaron, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, and Timothy Helm.

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies.

Saturday Toots Magers had lunch in Norton with Richard and Jane Engelhardt, and also visited Kevin Engelhardt of Omaha, who was also there.

Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter went to Garden City on Wednesday to take another load of goodies to the Mission. They met Kathy's sister from Cimarron for lunch.

On Saturday June Jolly, Toots Magers, and Kathy Van Meter did Shares in Norcatour, then June and Kathy went to Jennings to the Fireman's Fun Day.

Kathy Van Meter went to Republican City, Neb., on Sunday to the Ol' American West Theatre to see "Something Funny Happened On The Way To The Forum." It was sponsored by her bank.



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