

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1879**

Mr. R.A. Marks is erecting a residence on his claim a half mile east of town and will move his family out from Beloit as soon as it is completed.

Mr. Chas. F. Johnson of the firm of Bowman & Johnson has been appointed deputy County Clerk for Norton County. Those wishing to take homesteads or timber entries can now do so before Mr. Johnson.

Mr. J.C. Latham, formerly of Latham & Hitchcock, has put up a store building at Clayton, on the county line between Decatur and Norton counties and has put in a full line of general merchandise.

The father and mother of Mr. R. Mason and Mrs. D.C. Moser from Taylor County, Iowa, are visiting their children.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1904**

Jerry Cook and family have moved to town and Mr. Correll and family will move to the Cook farm.

The dust is getting deep and becoming a great nuisance to everybody.

Norcatour News: Mrs. Madge Kenney has purchased the Central drug store. Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Hicks are the proud parents of a baby girl, born the 16th.

Andrew Castle of Liberty was quite badly injured in an accident last Sunday while buggy riding.

The Misses Jenne and Olga Barnard and Maggie Lytle returned Thursday evening from St. Louis, worn, weary and footsore, but loudly proclaiming the beauties of the fair.

T. Corcoran is building a new schoolhouse for District no. 43 in Bassettville Township.

Flour is \$3.00 per cwt. and people are beginning to consider eating corn bread during the winter.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1929**

Oberlin should have an airport; we will be lagging behind other cities if a start is not made soon.

Miss Frances Langmade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Langmadei, was married Sept. 21 to Mr. Robert Gants of Downs.

John Nitsch sold a tract of land with a 64-foot frontage on Commercial Street and 100-foot frontage on Griffith Avenue to Jack Bowen of Herndon, who has employed W.H. McClary to erect an up-to-date filling station facing on Commercial Street and with driveways from both streets. (This is the corner where Mrs. Anderson's lunch wagon is now located.)

District Governor W.A. Lewis of Hays paid his official visit to Oberlin Rotary Tuesday. A banquet was held at the Hotel Stapleton with Rotary Anns and faculty members of the schools and their spouses as additional guests. Mr. Lewis is president of Kansas State Teachers College at Hays as well as being the Rotary District Governor, and made a splendid talk.

Big Timber News: Misses Mildred Allen, Helen Hess, Ruth Tacha and Messrs. Julius Tacha, Elmer Tacha and Reo Harris formed a jolly group of young people who enjoyed Sunday evening at Judd Carpers.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1954**

An intersection accident proved quite serious Sunday morning about 11 a.m. when the 1954 Ford pick-up of Goldie Scott and the Plymouth two-door sedan of Dale Johnson collided at the intersection of N. Griffith and Ash Street. The Johnsons were en route to the Methodist Church services and Mr. Scott was en route to the Federated Church to get his children.

Hospitalized are Mrs. Dale Johnson and her sister, Dorothy Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson had come from Chicago for the 50th anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

The Red Devils capitalized on Hoxie fumbles to win by a score of 13-6 in the first home football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen who have operated the Nielsen Dairy south of Oberlin since 1926 have announced plans to close. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fisher have lived at the farm and operated the dairy since 1950. They and their daughter, Paula, plan to continue to make their home there.

A dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cathcart Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Votapka, who will leave for Norfolk, Va., where he will be stationed the next two years with the U.S. Navy.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1979**

Robert Cressler, 18, who was se-

riously injured last week in a one-vehicle accident 18 miles south of Oberlin on Highway 83, is reported still in critical condition at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver.

Evan Wenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wenger, has completed Delta Air Lines' pilot training and the family will be moving from Lemoore, Calif., to Dallas where they will make their home.

Coach Dick Harlan's Red Devil football team ended a two-game losing streak by defeating the St. Francis Indians 13-7.

A bridal shower at the home of Mary Waldo, assisted by Ninia Smith, honored Linda Hamilton, daughter of Art and Wilma Hamilton, whose marriage to Randy Abba of Liberal will take place Oct. 30 at the United Methodist Church in Liberal.

Funeral services were held for L.F. Cushenbery, 71, a prominent Oberlin attorney for many years, who moved to Oberlin following his discharge from military service in World War II.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The next several weeks mark several historic events for Decatur County. Thursday, Sept. 30, is the 126th anniversary of the Last Indian Raid in Kansas.

Saturday, Oct. 2, is the 46th year of the opening of the Decatur County Museum and the Mini Sapa Celebration. And in November, 125 years ago, the county was officially organized.

What a great weekend to spend time in downtown Oberlin and be part of history for the 125th year celebration.

I know that none of us will be

around forever, only our legacy, like those that were here 125 years ago.

The weekend starts with a parade downtown Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., in conjunction with the Decatur Community High School Homecoming. Then at 7 a.m. on Saturday, activities start at the Museum with a pancake feed. Throughout the day until 5 p.m., events featured include a bake sale, games, exhibitors, lunch, and free admission to tour all 13 buildings and see the new things that have been added this year.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

We are very thankful for the rain that we received this week. It was just beautiful and gave us all a boost!

Seth Gilbert recently moved from Rexford to Selden. He bought the Gus Juenemann home in town, a nice little brick place built by Bobby Koerperich in 1996.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Trenton, Neb., over the weekend, but the weather wasn't very cooperative for fishing.

The youth group kick-off was on Wednesday evening. A number of young people came out to help with a city-wide scavenger hunt, stopping at various homes and looking for some rather strange items. Sponsors for the high school are Lane and Patty Purcell and Shawn Spresser. Sponsors for the middle school are Vicki Allison, Annie Staats and Dwight Williams. They will welcome all middle school and high school students to join them every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Rexford Community Church would like to invite any children from first through sixth grade to join the Kids Club, which meets every Wednesday after school until 5:30 p.m. They will begin on Sept. 29 with an exciting party! A fun-filled year of food, fun and fellowship is in store for the children. An instructor for the first grade is still being sought. For more information, call Lane or Patty Purcell at 687-3333; Peggy Dible, 855-2387; Marcie Gilbert, 687-4956 or Joan Todd.

Visitors at the home of Sondra Barnett last week were Jeannie Bacon, Marcie Gilbert, Peggy Dible, and Dennis and Vicki Allison.

After spending a couple weeks with her mother, Zula Horinek, Linda Lunsway returned to her home in California. Her brother, Gary Delzeit, took her to Denver on Tuesday and picked up his twin brother, Terry, at the airport. Terry is from Austin, Texas, and they wanted to spend their 50th birthday together with Zula and Lawrence

Horinek. Gary's friend, Tina Walters, Rexford, made a beautiful cake and she and her children, Aisha and Ethan, joined the party. The next day Terry and Gary went fishing, along with Larry Horinek of Colby, at the lake at Norton. Gary took Terry back to board his plane in Denver on Saturday.

Attendees at Koffee Klatch last week were Deb Stepper, Velma Barnett, Liz Rall, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Sondra Barnett, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark and Grace Cheney.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Logan Manor held a potluck dinner for the residents, family and friends. Delores and De Ann Dible went as guests of Hazel Richardson.

Several members of the 1954 graduating class from Rexford had a luncheon party at the Colonial Steak House at Oakley last week. Those attending were Connie Phillips, Concord, Ark.; Eunice Sanford, Rexford; and Lewis Forbes and his wife, California. Lewis' sister, Alberta and husband Don Sites, Grinnell, also joined the group. Donnie Hughes is also a member of that class, but was unable to attend.

Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett went to Logan last week to visit Hazel Richardson. They also made an attempt to visit Clara Gillum. However, after a 15-mile scenic drive trying to find their farm, it was put on hold for another time!

Margaret Arasmith's daughter, Linda and Rocky Parker, and his father, R.J., La Grange, Ill., were here for the funeral of their grandmother, Eleanor Muse.

Eunice Sanford accompanied her son, Ken, to Hays where he underwent ear surgery. A couple of months ago a hot coal flew into his ear while he was welding, which was very painful and did some damage before burning out. He was in the hospital overnight and the doctor is hopeful that after all heal-

ing takes place, Ken will again have normal hearing. We all hope so, too.

The junior varsity Golden Plains high school volleyball team took first place in their pool at the tournament at Brewster Saturday. There were three pools of four teams each. They didn't have a play-off between the pools. The next game was scheduled for Tuesday at Jennings.

The middle school lost both their volleyball and football games last week. This week they will be playing Grinnell here on Thursday. The volleyball game will start at 3 p.m. and the football game at 4:30 p.m. The high school boys lost their football game last week. Hope we do better this week when we play at Brewster.

There is a computer room with internet available to the public for use from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday to Friday, at Golden Plains High School. This is quite a nice opportunity for us. We are asked to stop in at the office to check in before going to the second floor computer room.

Sondra Barnett and Velma

Barnett attended the Kansas West Area Aglow fall retreat in Hays on Friday and Saturday.

The city is putting in a new sidewalk on main street at the south end, west side. They have completed the one in front of the old hotel. Things are looking really nice!

I'm sorry to say it has been reported to me that someone in town had an antique tractor stolen. If there is any information about this situation, please call the Thomas County Sheriff's office.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to the Honor Society at Golden Plains School. They picked up litter for two miles east of Rexford on Highway 83. Mr. Kinkade is the sponsor and members are Kristin Wark, Niki Spresser, Darcie Spresser, Valerie Broeckelman, Ashley Albers, Jessica Shaw, Scott Johnston and Jesse Miller. Thanks so much for your concern for the environment and for making the road to Rexford more beautiful. Hopefully, our community will continue to help show our appreciation by keeping trash inside our vehicles until it can be properly disposed of.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Golden Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on Sept. 9. Those present were Dorothy Englemann, Bernie Fred, Wilma Bobinmyer, Lillian Wahrman, Helen Marintzer, Ann Martin, Edie Pettera and guest, Carol Kompus.

Ron Solko of Oberlin was a Sept. 18 dinner guest of Monica Solko. Diana and Kimberly Solko came later with a bouquet of flowers for Grandparents Day.

Nikolaus Martin earned semester honors from Kansas State University for academic performance during the spring semester. He is the son of Bob and Liane Martin of Herndon.

Doug Bobinmyer, Carol Kompus

and her daughters, Lauri Fox of Valley Center, and Stephani Hawkins of Fort Worth, Texas, hosted a Labor Day party and barbecue on Sept. 6 with over 60 family members and friends in attendance at the Bobinmyer home.

Lucy Evans of McCook spent last Saturday with her mother, Ann Martin.

John Pochop of Colton, Calif., was a last Thursday visitor of Monica Solko and was her dinner guest at the Down Home Cafe.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko.

Tom Solko was a Saturday visi-

## Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Louise Nauer who died at Cedar Living Center on Saturday.

The bowling group met for an afternoon of fun in the dining room on Monday. Those participating included Maxine Chambers, Mildred Cochran, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Axie Sass, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Myrna Jones gave the music program before supper.

Marie Thomas was the guest of honor at a birthday party held at noon on Tuesday. Cake and ice cream were served to residents and staff.

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freda Gamblin, the blackout game.

Helen Juenemann assisted residents with playing penny cards on Wednesday afternoon. Margee Wilson and Charlene Shields served fresh-baked bread. Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study lesson.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made butter-

scotch oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Lund Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday service. The Rev. Tom Smith was assisted during the service by several Lund parishioners.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Joan Gaul, Denver; Sharon Temple, Sandpoint; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Merlin and Lola Diederich, McCook; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Marissa Chambers, Dan and Donna Chambers, Holyoke, Colo.; Marie and Marie McVay, Colby; Miki Law, Lakewood, Colo.;

Lyle Gamblin, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Carol Allen, Vayle Rohan, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Carol Allen, Irel Lohoefer, Mary Ann Amack, Barb Solko, Jeanette Diederich, Rita Garver, Laurene Van Otterloo, Catherine Neal, Fern Jording, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

In preparation for Founder's Day, Lisa Stacy presented devotions Monday, written by our Good Samaritan Founder, Dad Hoeger. Volunteer Janette Votapka played the piano. Little Sam's fun gathered in the Town Square to make cereal necklaces, led by Barb Berry and assistant, Lisa Stacy. Those attending were Marilyn St. Clair, Eryline Nichols, Leo Mooty, Ivah Alexander, Bonnie Weskamp, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer, and LuVerne May.

Ladies gathered in the quiet room for Folding Fellowship. Those attending were Ivah Alexander, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Irene Wagoner, and her daughter, Elda Youngs. Don Farr led morning exercises and Social Hour featured music by Myrna Jones. Volunteers Margaret Magers and Kathleen Van Meter shared for a game of pinochle.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions. Volunteer Myrna Jones accompanied on the piano. Garrah Gaumer, Neva Campbell, Ivah Alexander, Elsie Macy, Fern Anderson, and Jan Conway made grocery lists of yesteryear prices to be compared later this week with an actual trip to Raye's Grocery.

Parachute Play was next with many residents enjoying the games while getting some exercise. Resident's Council met in the Quiet Room to discuss family life at the Good Sam with Coleen Rippe in charge. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Lisa Stacy brought a 1930's prom dress, borrowed from Times Past Antiques, to spark some memories. An old treadle Singer sewing machine was also on display. We learned that Florence Jones used to volunteer sewing lap quilts on the very machine.

On Wednesday Jan Badsky led morning songs of worship, accompanied by Myrna Jones, volunteer. Founder of the Good Samaritan Society, the Rev. Dad Hoeger, wrote the devotional message, entitled "The Evil Spirit." Jan Badsky led morning Bible study. Those attending were Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Eva Bryan, Veda Pingetzer, Marilyn St. Clair, Hazel Flaska, and Irene Wagoner. Morning exercises were held in the Town Square with Don Farr. Volunteers Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, and Ellen Horn provided nail care. Bingo concluded

the day's events.

Dennis Brown had Thursday morning devotions on the promises of God. Lisa Stacy brought Serena's home school P.E. to morning exercise. The ladies had fun doing a revised version Russian Bear and Crab Crawl. Agnes Chambers, LuVerne May, and Bernice Brown, Jan Conway, Dena Gillespie, Marilyn St. Clair, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, and Ruth Laidig participated. Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Elsie Macy, and Fern Anderson went shopping at Raye's Grocery. They were a little shocked and surprised at how their grocery bill had grown through the years. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Janice Shobe led morning devotions on Friday. Merry Mums gathered with Lisa Stacy in the Town Square to do some musical therapy. Those attending were Eva Cuthbertson, Marilyn St. Clair, Lorna Bishop, Erma Holt, Florence Fisher, Ruby McKenna, Hazel Flaska, Ella Peterson, Helen Styles, and Mamie Unger. Janette Votapka, volunteer, shared *The Oberlin Herald* with Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Ola Mapes, Muriel Ready, and Marilyn St. Clair. Bethany Smith served Social Hour. Bethany also shared some piano music as entertainment. "Fruit of the Spirit," was the Bible study lesson presented by Lisa Stacy.

Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions.

Sunday church services were led by the Lund Covenant church. Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Muriel Ready** - Esther Ready; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Virginia Fullbright, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna and Anita Chambers; **Erma Holt** - Don and Carolyn Metcalf, Hoyt; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Virginia Fullbright, June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Maxine Chambers** - Sharon Temple, Sandpoint, Idaho; Joan Gaul, Denver; Carol Chambers; **Marilyn St. Clair** - Lauren Becker, Ian Douglas, St. Clair, Greeley, Colo.; **Genevieve Erickson** - the Brad Erickson family, Rexford. Robert Jellun, Denver, also visited.

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