

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1879
L.C. Morrison is erecting a commodious residence on Rodehaver Avenue.

It happened Sept. 30th and is a bouncing girl. L.G. Parker is now the proudest man in the county.

Mrs. Tinder, from Concordia, has opened a millinery and dressmaking establishment. This is something that has long been needed in our midst.

A festival for the purpose of raising money to aid in the construction of a parsonage for the M.E. Church was held in the Oberlin House on Thursday.

Quite a number of corn cribs are being erected in town.

Miss Mary Aldrich is teaching the school at Slab City, this county. The term expires in five weeks. She has about 25 in attendance.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1904
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Wilbur are notably proud of the arrival of a bright little daughter at their home on Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch left for the west Tuesday after a brief visit with relatives and friends.

Married: At the residence of the bride's parents near Kanona, Sept. 25, 1904 Mr. Oscar Johnson and Miss Dora Landau.

District Court has been in session this week. The following jury brought a verdict of not guilty in the case of the State of Kansas vs Albert Zakem for the shooting of Albert Dallal: A.L. Nitcher, G.L. Stephens, R.E. Diehl, Wirt Bartlett, A.E. Gibson, Kenneth McRea, H.S. Morton, O. Dimmick, O.E. Preston, Gabriel Brown and L. Pankaskie. County Attorney Langmade was assisted by Judge Bertram, while J. C. Wilson and J. F. Peters appeared for the defense.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1929
W.T. Stevenson has had erected a dandy new sign above the entrance to his store building; just about the finest in town. When asked about it Mr. Stevenson said it ought to be a good one, as it cost more than \$100.

LeRoy Barratt, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barratt of Olive Township, broke his arm in a fall from the seat of a wagon while attempting to put on the brakes.

This issue of The Herald, as well as that of the coming week, contains

the personal recollections of F. F. Bliss on the Indian Raid of Sept. 30, 1878.

Funeral services were held for an aged Decatur County mother, Martha Frances Voorhees, 79, who came to this county in 1879.

Eight students from Decatur County are enrolled at Kansas State Teachers College at Fort Hays: Arnold Anderson, Rhobia Anderson, Lillian Claar, Lela Caster, Oberlin; Margaret Miller, Dresden; Wayne Carter, Jennings; Audra McLeod and Nettie Carter, Lucerne.

At Lawrence among the 4,000 students are six from this county: Bertie Conley, Jennings; Ralph Bump, Wilma Bump, Estil Kiouss, Norcatur; Helen Campbell and Gladys Griffith, Oberlin.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1954

The parade which marked the second annual observance of the last Indian raid in Kansas was well attended. It included the Decatur Community High School band, the McCook Shrine Band, floats and saddle clubs. Janet Wagoner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wagoner, was crowned Princess Cheyenne. She is a senior at Decatur Community High School.

Prior to the parade, the Old-Timers Club, composed of those who lived in Decatur County on or prior to the raid in 1878, met at the Temple Cafe for their annual get-together. Those attending this year were Henry Steffen, Guy Allen, Malinda Traxler and D.G. Addleman of Oberlin; Rosa Petracek and Charles Rohan, Jennings; Ella Sines, McCook; and Wise Wiggins, Lebanon, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus, Pat and Vernadene attended graduation exercises in Denver for their daughter and sister, Mrs. Gaylord Shields, who received a degree as a registered nurse.

Kanona: Funeral services were held for Mrs. L. E. (Emma Rohan) Griffin who died of a heart attack.

Court house News: Wayne Golt of McCook and Dixie Rathbun were issued a marriage license Sept. 29 and were married at the Methodist Church on Oct. 3 by Rev. Sanders B. Clayton; Gordon Bosler and Nancy Stanton were issued a marriage license Oct. 2 and will be married at the Federated Church on Oct. 9.

Construction is under way on a service pipe line from Fort Laramie, Wyo., to Freeman, Mo., in which 68 miles of the line will run through Decatur County. Dick Leake, Oberlin, is in charge of reseeded the right-of-way. At present time, pipe is being laid south of Herndon.

Mrs. L. Margiat Hollerung of Czecho-Slovakia will be giving piano lessons in her apartment at Pad-dock Seed House. She was assisted in coming to this country by the Joe Ruzicka family and has a son, Ingo, who is in the 6th grade in the Oberlin City School.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Manning, son, Jerry Allen, Sept. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Norton Frickey, daughter, Janet Lynne, Oct. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Marcuson, daughter, Lynn, Sept. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delimont, son, Thomas Lee, Oct. 1.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1979

Some 75 persons participated in the Sunday CROP Walk in Decatur County, generating over \$2,000 in pledges to alleviate world hunger.

Volunteers working at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin Saturday morning were caught by surprise as they unearthed a well in the back yard during cleanup of the grounds which measured 5 feet across and was an estimated 30 plus feet deep.

Norcatur: Velda Ward has been officially sworn in as postmaster by Marion Pulliam, sectional center manager at Hays.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kent Grafel, Herndon, girl, Kathryn Ann, Oct. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Davis, Jennings, boy, Oct. 8.

Quarterback Rohn Hamilton did all the scoring as the Oberlin Red Devils downed the Goodland Cowboys 16-6. Top defensive players named by Coach Harlan were Kevin Unger and David Stapp.

Mrs. Ila Landau and Mrs. H.O. Johnson were honored on the 50th anniversary of their membership with the order of Eastern Star Chapter 106. The observance was attended by 85 persons, including the Worthy Grand Master of Kansas, Lynn States of Logan.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The first frost has appeared and fall is underway. The sweatshirts felt good this weekend.

Friday loomed gray and dismal in the morning with heavy mist, not a good day for Homecoming and the rest of the activities planned for the day. At noon the sun came out and blessed the Homecoming parade. The Homecoming queen and her court were escorted by members of the football team, and the floats made by each of the high school classes appeared in the parade.

The Homecoming floats were followed by various entries in celebration of Decatur County's 125th anniversary including floats, cars, tractors, county equipment, fire department trucks and ambulances. The anniversary celebration ended with cake served on the first floor of the courthouse.

The evening was topped off with a Chamber tailgate party and a good football game. That's the way to go, guys.

This shows that when we all work together many things can happen and the attendance was great.

It was a good weekend for the Mini Sapa Days at the Museum and the Antique Thresher Show at the fairgrounds. If you took it all in, you were very busy. It looked like a good crowd at both events.

This coming weekend don't be surprised to see lots of red hats and purple dresses parading the streets of Oberlin. The Red Hat Ladies are having a jamboree here and there will be women from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska getting together for a day of fun. They will be meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Let's welcome them and show that we would like for them to return again.

Coffee hour will be held from 9-11 a.m. at Decatur Co-op with Karol and his employees on Oct. 12. Stop by and see what's going on. If the weather holds corn and milo trucks could be on the roll.

Remember the Halloween Parade down main street is Oct. 29. There will be more about this as the time draws closer.

Stop by and have a cup and rest a bit.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Again, we are very thankful for the moisture!
Pastor Lane Purcell and his brother, Pastor Gene Purcell, of Arnold, Neb., attended a workshop in Kearney, Neb., presented by Josh McDowell from Campus Crusade for Christ. The class was on working with kids, which is Josh's primary focus.

Marge and Darrell Leh are healing nicely. He broke his hip and she underwent shoulder surgery.

Worthwhile Social Club met at the barn with Grace Cheney as hostess. Other members are Glendora Bastin, Edna Colson, and Betty Carswell. This club has met consistently for over 70 years. During the '30s, the name of the group was Hardtimes Club, but later they had the foresight to change their name. The next meeting will be in October with Glendora Bastin as hostess.

Nancy Dahl broke her arm in Goodland during one of the calls for her job with home health care. Her daughter, Tina Anderson, of Goodland, took her to Denver for surgery. She is on the mend now, but will be off work for a while.

There were eight Barnswallows who met on Monday to play cards and celebrate Dick Sanford's birthday.

The District Convention of the Royal Neighbor Lodge was held in Indianola, Neb. Members attending from Rexford were Betty Carswell, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, and Marge Leh. Darrell Leh took them.

The Red Barn Gang sent out a letter to ask anyone who would like to have one of their "concerts" to set a date, as they get real busy near Christmas. They performed five different sets during four hours at the Kids Safety Day at the 4-H building in Colby. Jolene Hansen substituted for Jean Hawkins on the drum. Marjorie Leh substituted for Zula Horinek on the toaster and they drafted a volunteer for each set from the audience to play the tub.

Doris Jean Oliver has returned from a two-week visit with friends and family. After some time in Salina and Independence, Mo., she spent 10 days near Kingston, Ontario, with Shaw relatives, some of which she'd never met before.

Koffee Klatch attendees last

week were Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Liz Rall, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Vesta Roth, Berneda Zoberst, Doris Jean Oliver, Delores Dible, Nancy Dahl, and Sondra Barnett.

This Saturday night, Teens for Christ of Northwest Kansas will host the annual Pun'kin Chunkin' contest. Everyone is invited to watch the event. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, and drinks will be served at 5 p.m. for a nominal price. They are expecting 150 young people. Next month will be movie night on the second Saturday of the month.

Robert and Bobbie Korte, Johnson, were weekend guests of Tim Dahl.

Vesta Roth had a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tolle of McPherson. Bob had worked in Lions with Vesta's husband, Leon when Leon was the District Governor. The Tolles were to Colorado for a vacation.

Zula Horinek expressed her appreciation to everyone for their kindness, visits, cards, flowers and phone calls during her surgery and recuperation time. She is doing just great. She and Lawrence visited Larry and Summer Horinek and children in Colby. Zula said it feels good to feel good.

Alicia Rall arrived in France safe and sound. She had some meetings and took language tests to determine what level of understanding she has of French and to determine what classes she will be in. Classes start this week. She said the weather has been chilly and until now, there has been no hot water!

Sunday dinner guests of Betty Nickols were Betty Schieferecke, Selden; and Steve and Terry Allen, Levi and Josiah, and Jolene Hansen, all of Rexford.

Overnight guests at the Shepherd's Staff were the men of the Colby Berean Church board.

The middle school won all their games in both volleyball and football last week. This week both will compete at Sharon Springs on

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Sept. 27, in preparation for Founder's Day, Jan Badsky presented a devotion written by our Good Samaritan founder, "Dad" Hoeger, entitled "How Should We Pray." "Chef Zucchini" made an appearance advertising the afternoon baking activity. Little Sam's Fun brought children from the daycare to enjoy an autumn treat of apples and peanut butter with residents. Enjoying the activity were Ivah Alexander, Bernice Brown, Hazel Flaska, Leo Mooty, Mamie Unger and Ruby McKenna.

Sharing conversation at Folding Fellowship on Monday were Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson and Jan Conway. Don Farr led morning exercises. Afternoon brought homemade pie preparation. Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Neva Campbell and Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour.

Card Sharks who gathered Monday afternoon for canasta were Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Hildegard Euhus, and Mildred Holmdahl, volunteer. Fern Anderson, Ella Peterson, and Irene Wagoner enjoyed nice fall weather with Lisa Stacy on the front porch.

Jan Badsky led morning devotions on Tuesday. Many of the residents welcomed their First Hand Friends from Oberlin Elementary. Mrs. Steinmetz and Ms. Griffin accompanied their students and an exchange of hand-shaped getting-to-know-you papers, rules, and an old school day presentation was presented by Lisa Stacy.

Hildegard Euhus, Neva Campbell, Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig and Alan Addleman enjoyed leaf art later on Tuesday. Social Hour was a real hit for the day with the Forget-me-nots bringing cheese, salami and crackers. Dennis Brown always has a full house when he comes.

Wednesday was a big day at the Good Samaritan Center. Everyone joined in celebration of Founder's Day, in honor of "Dad" August John Hoeger, who established the first Good Samaritan Center. Today there are over 27,000 residents who are cared for by Good Samaritan Centers in the United States.

The morning began with special services in his honor and included a special recognition of the local clergy. Janice Shobe, administrator, welcomed everyone. Staff members Lisa Davies, Montine Alstrom and Angela Musgrave shared scripture reading. The Rev. Barbara Pierce led the service. The staff choir shared music, and residents Garrah Gaumer and Eva

Bryan joined in the hymn.

Cheryl Miller accompanied Jan Badsky in presenting a solo, "In Christ's Love". Lisa Stacy gave a history of "Dad" Hoeger and the first Good Samaritan Centers. Jan Badsky then presented the Rev. Pierce with a retirement and thank you gift. The Revs. Barbara and Nolan Pierce have been sharing their ministry by giving communion for over five years. After their retirement, Pastor Heidi Wiebe will assume their position.

Other clergy honored were Pastor Doug Hasty, Bill Duncan, and lay person Dennis Brown. Good Samaritan staff and residents thank all those who share in their mission in Christ, through their ministry. Coffee and donuts were served.

Mert McEvoy led Bible study on Wednesday. Ladies received nail care from volunteers Roxie Erickson, Ellen Horn and Dorothy Alstrom. The afternoon brought giggles and smiles as Little Sam's Daycare sponsored a balloon launch in recognition of Founder's Day.

Thursday morning Dennis Brown led morning devotions. Lisa Stacy shared reading with Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson and Bernice Brown. Catholic services were held, attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby McKenna and Lois Buchholz. Ellen Horn and Jan Badsky served Social Hour.

Janice Shobe led Friday morning devotions. Ladies who gathered for Folding Fellowship included Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson and Jan Conway. Volunteer Carol Duncan shared The Oberlin Herald with residents.

Neva Paige Campbell was honored as the oldest alumni attending the 2004 Homecoming assembly. She graduated in 1931, and is 91 years old. Also attending the assembly was Garrah Gaumer. Many residents watched the Homecoming parade. Bethany Smith, volunteer, served Social Hour.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

United Methodist churches of Jennings and Dresden sponsored Sunday worship service. Social Hour was served by Shirley Nichols.

Recent guests: Dena Gillespie-Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Dawn and Marlene LaRue, Jeff Rawlison, June Vavroch; Ruby McKenna - Doris Linden, Donna Chambers; Iris Wurm - Beverly Witt, Pat Wurm. Ed and Melba Witt of Norton. Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs also visited.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies. Those attending were Veda Wood, Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter.

Martha (Scriver) Mack of St. Louis, Mo., stopped by to visit Toots Magers while here visiting her brother, Lynn Scriver.

June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter caught the Amtrak train to Glenwood Springs, Colo., on Wednesday. Eighty-two people went on the trip sponsored by June Jolly's bank. They saw the fall foliage and took the tram to the top of Iron Mountain, elevation over 7,000 ft. While on the mountain, they ate at the Glenwood Caverns, did a lot of fun shopping and skipped the caves.

Friday evening June Jolly and

Kathy Van Meter played cards in Norcatur.

Also on Friday evening, Toots Magers went to Aurora, Colo., with Jane and Richard Engelhardt to visit their daughter, Pam. They went especially to watch Brittany and Tyler test for their black belts in Tae Kwon Do, and they received them. Mrs. Magers and the Engelhardts returned home Sunday afternoon.

Sunday was the first potluck dinner at Lyle with 13 people attending.

Sunday evening Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly and Juanita Eckhart attended the Norcatur Preschool soup supper, then went to Norton to play in the pitch tournament at the American Legion.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Guests at the Norman Wendelin home Friday evening for a pre-homecoming game supper were Joe and Jean Ann Leitner and Ron Sattler, Herndon; Jonna and Patrick Inman, Karol and Doyle Styles, and Frank Cameron.

Zach May and Kade Brown, members of the Junior Devils football team, played in the Oberlin/Norton 4th, 5th, and 6th grade football game Saturday in Norton. Following the Oberlin/Norton football game on Saturday in Norton, Zach May accompanied Kade Brown and his family to Kearney, Neb.,

where they celebrated Kade's 10th birthday. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Jessica Bremer and Sarah Marcuson each performed two memorized piano solos in the Kansas Music Teachers Association District IV Fall Auditions at Fort Hays State University on Saturday. Jessica played "Ivan Is Busy" by Aram Khachaturian and "Raindrop Prelude in D Flat" by Fredrick Chopin and received a II rating. Their piano teacher is Cheryl Metcalf.

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