

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1879

An old hunter came into town Monday with a load of buffalo and antelope meat which was killed about 75 miles west of here near the Colorado line. He reports buffalo and antelope plentiful in that part of the country.

The surveyors of the C.B.R.R. are at present running a preliminary survey through this county.

Charley Ayer, our city blacksmith, sold five plows of his own manufacture on Monday last. Charley turns out some of the best braking plows in the West, and they are meeting with ready sale.

The mail route between Norton Center and Shibboleth on the Prairie Dog has been increased to a semi-weekly. Wm. Tenant, postmaster at Jackson on the Prairie Dog, reports everything in a flourishing condition at that point.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1904

Married: Oct. 9, 1904, Mr. Geo. L. Johnston and Miss Katrina Bystrom, both of Oberlin.

Married: Mr. Stephens A. Bivans and Miss Effie Litton, at the residence of the bride's parents in Center Township, Oct. 12, 1904.

Another heavy rain this week has put the ground in splendid condition for winter; trees and fall grain will now go into winter in first class shape.

J.S. Leake sold two farms on Monday for \$2,000 each; the Geo. H. Shaw farm and the John Dayton farms, both in Center Township.

Paul Nitsch Jr., of Liberty left this morning for the big fair at St. Louis.

Allison Items: Blaine Steele and James Greenlee dug a well 30 feet deep in six hours.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1929

This issue continues the personal recollections of F.F. Bliss of the Indian Raid of 1878.

According to the Goodland paper, a new passenger and express bus line between Goodland and Kansas City will soon begin which will run north to St. Francis thence

east through Atwood, Oberlin, Norton, Phillipsburg, Smith Center and Mankato, thence southeast to Concordia and Clay Center and on to Topeka.

Coach Jack Riley took his bunch of football warriors over to McCook last Saturday and came back with the big end of a 14-6 score. The sports writer of the McCook Gazette in his write-up of the game said the McCook coach is greatly encouraged that after holding Oberlin to a small score, the McCook boys can be expected to go ahead and clean up on the high schools in Southwestern Nebraska. Well, we hope they will.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKay are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ater are the parents of a baby boy born Saturday, Oct. 5. Donald Dean is the name given the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller are the parents of a baby girl born Oct. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday morning. Allen Francis is the name given the new arrival.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1954

Sparked by a brilliant offense, St. Francis downed the Red Devils 25-7 Friday night to move into a tie for first with Goodland and Colby. The Oakley Plainsmen will be the Red Devil homecoming game foe. Candidates for football queen are Marcia Petracek, Donna Bryan, Janet Wagoner and Kay Rezner, seniors, and Beverly Morris, junior.

Tragedy struck the Jennings community when Carolyn Hickert, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hickert, was killed and three other youths injured in an accident on Highway 36 east of Atwood caused by a tire blowout. The youth were en route to Atwood to attend a concert by the U.S. Marine Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Elna Faye, to Gayle Dee Fortin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett

Fortin of Jennings. A November wedding is being planned.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Relph, daughter, Cheri Lee, Oct. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda, Rexford, daughter, Beverly Janiece, Oct. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Pollnow announce the engagement of their daughter, Melvalyn, to Pvt. Gary Guinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Guinn Sr. The wedding date has been set for Nov. 14.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1979

Besides a good healthy rain, the community's farmers are needing a killing frost which would bring down the moisture content of the corn and milo which is patiently waiting to be harvested.

There was an excellent turnout of persons willing to begin the 120-hour Emergency Medical Techni-

cian course offered by Decatur County.

A ceremony Sept. 15 at First Baptist Church, Troy, Tenn., united in marriage Eunice Marie May and John F. Andrews, both of Memphis.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stoney, Herndon, son, Aaron Michael, Oct. 10, 1979.

The Red Devils downed Atwood 14-0 last Friday to cap off a perfect day of Homecoming activities. Homecoming queen was Lisa Hafner. Attendants were Patti Bryant, Sherri Johnson, Linda Koeperich and Christine Rippe. Ten-year queen was Billie Jo Van Pelt Rubinfeld and athlete of the past was Lee Martin.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15 for Robert Wayne Cressler, 18, who died Oct. 12 as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident on Sept. 23.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The board and staff would like to thank all of you who came out and supported the Museum during Mini Sapa. A special thank you goes out to those that furnished food for the bake sale, and those that took time to help with games and other activities of the day. Your time and effort were greatly appreciated.

The quilt pieced together by Cheryl Votapka and quilted by the Tuesday morning Museum Quilters was drawn for and won by Janeil Jensen.

Our plans to have the St. Mark's Lutheran Church moved from Norcatuar by the end of October have been pushed back several weeks. The very nice rain in the area has put the mover behind schedule. He has two other jobs ahead of us, but with hopes of good weather in November we could have the church here before the first snow.

Gary Anderson at the LandMark Inn is holding our next fund-raiser for the Church Project. He is having a special Museum Benefit Brunch Buffet this Sunday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your waitresses and waiters will be members of the Museum staff and board. This should be a fun time for ALL. For more information, you can call Gary at (785) 475-2340 or the Museum at (785) 475-2712.

These last several weeks have been slow for visitors with only two or three guests a day, but we have several groups scheduled for tours yet this month.

The Bohemian Hall has been busy with gymnastics class, the Red Hat Ladies and club meetings, and will be the site of the Northwest Kansas Travel Council meeting on Oct. 26. Be sure to make arrangements early if you have an activity that you would like to use it for.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Again, we are thankful for the moisture. I know the corn harvesters are anxious to get the fall crop in. I want to pass on these words of wisdom that were told to me: "Never complain when you get rain in Northwest Kansas!"

The Social Hour Club met on Wednesday at the Barn with Zesta Roth as hostess. Winner of the hostess prize was Hulda Wark and the bingo winners were Zula Horinek, Cleda Moeder, Deb Stepper and Sondra Barnett. The next meeting will be on Oct. 20 with Cleda Moeder as hostess.

Cleda Moeder and Deb Stepper went to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson.

The high school volleyball team won over Northern Valley, but lost to Wheatland on Tuesday. At the round robin at Hill City on Saturday, our girls played five games, winning two and losing three.

Some of the townspeople and almost 200 area teens were at the third annual Punkin' Chunkin' contest. There were six catapults innovatively made by the different teens for Christ groups.

There was a Homecoming parade down Main Street on Friday afternoon, led by the marching band and floats. The Homecoming king was Jesse Miller and the queen was Niki Spresser. After the game, the Booster Club and the Lions Club served chili, hot dogs, and cookies to about 35 kids.

The Lions Club is still collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The collection box is in the Senior Center Barn.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Hays to visit Buck's son, Keith Harper and family, and celebrate Buck's birthday.

Doris Jean Oliver attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Mindy Rogers, and Eric Fleckenstein on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Leoville. Mindy is the daughter of Dennis and Marla Rogers of Selden.

Deresa (Dible) and Richard Hampton, Independence, Mo., and Jon and Laura Sorens, Kansas City, Mo., came for the wedding and were houseguests of Doris Jean Oliver. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Doris Jean's daughter and family, Mary and Tom, Adam, Andy, Adrian, and Austin Lambing, McCook; Randy Shaw, Two Buttes, Colo.; Trevor Shaw, Hays; and Heather Bieker, McCook. In the afternoon birthday cake was enjoyed to celebrate the birthdays of Austin (Friday) and Adam (Sunday).

Main Street was resealed and graveled in preparation for the winter.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Nancy Dahl, Eunice Sanford, Liz Rall, Berneda Zoberst, Cleda Moeder, Doris Jean Oliver, Vesta Roth, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Freda Ketchum, Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, Sondra Barnett, Darla Dible, and Velma Barnett.

Deb Stepper received her 75-year pin from the Royal Neighbors.

Fran Leach had a month-long vacation in California, where she visited her daughter, Sharon and Bob Seeberger, and two adult sons,

Ben and Matt. She made the trip via Amtrak, leaving from McCook. Ben had just returned from a year in China, where he taught English to preschool children. Fran was especially thrilled to be able to watch Matt play some tennis.

He plays for the University of California in Santa Cruz and won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Singles Tournament last spring.

After returning to Rexford, Fran went to Kansas City for a few days to attend the wedding of a friend's daughter. Since she returned from her travels, she is settled into a new phase of her life as manager of the Senior Center.

Rexford Church is once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child, a program started by Franklin Graham. Shoe boxes are filled with appropriate items for a certain age child, labeled boy or girl, then the boxes and the Gospel

message are taken around the world to different countries and given personally by volunteers to needy children.

They still need shoe boxes and items to fit into the boxes, such as small books, stuffed animals or other toys, clothing, soap, etc. On Oct. 31, the church members will have lunch in the basement after the morning service and then pack the boxes.

They will be taken to Colorado Springs on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Let's all work to make this a successful project from our town.

After 5 Club was to meet on Tuesday evening at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley at 7 p.m.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN! Hats off to the students of Golden Plains for your wonderful school spirit all week leading up to Homecoming. You are a great bunch of young people!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Susan (Bell) Flavin and Belle of Dublin, Ireland, and her mother-in-law, Ann Marie Flavin of Waterford, Ireland, are houseguests of Susan's mother, Melinda and Roger Carlson, while visiting relatives and friends.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Cisneros, who are the parents of a daughter, Kylie Ann, born Oct. 18.

She has twin brothers. Paternal grandparents are Pastor Noel and

Debbie Cisneros. He is a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina spent Saturday with Bob and Sally Olson.

Sarah Olson and a college friend, Jenny Pereira, of Dallas, Texas, spent fall break from Kansas State University, with Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary. They came Sunday and returned to Manhattan on Tuesday.

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Oct. 14 - Maryse Schlenk; Oct. 17 - Anita Mumm, Jeremy Shaw, Gabriel Spresser; Oct. 18 - Katelyn Spresser; Oct. 19 - Chris Murphy, Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, Casey Shaw, Michael Shaw; Oct. 20 - Loran Sulzman, Orba Stevenson.

At Senior Citizens on Sept. 30, Alfred Albers won high, Ed Heim took second, Carol Shaw got low and Don Smith had the most votes. On Oct. 7, Anna Albers won high, Gene Rogers took second,

Leone Porsch got low and Edna Schiltz had the most tens.

Other members present included Irene Kruse, Clara Schieferecke, Dorothy Lovin, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Don Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Paulie Neff, Rowena Carpenter and guests Ed Heim, Lou Heim and Lorene Reinert.

Homecoming activities for the Golden Plains Bulldogs were on Oct. 8. The Bulldogs won over the Triplains Vikings 60-14. The king candidates included Jesse Miller,

Fred Dible and Josh Lahananea. Queen candidates included: Jessica Shaw, Nikki Spresser and Darcie Spresser. During half-time activities Jesse Miller and Nikki Spresser were crowned king and queen.

The Immaculate Conception Parish held their annual Fall Festival on Sunday.

A crowd of nearly 300 enjoyed a delicious meal of roast beef, turkey and dressing. Games included rick-o-shay, pond toss, fish pond, hole-in-one, cork gun, basketball toss, bean bag toss and a cake walk.

The oral auction started at 6:30 p.m. and bingo at 8 p.m. A giveaway was held. Prizes included a quilt, two quarters of beef, and \$100 and \$50 in cash prizes.

Everyone should remember our elderly. Lucille Shuler, Edith Carman, Vesta Shea and Teddy Wachendorfer are in Hoxie, Lydia Weber and Amelia Juenemann are in Colby.

Elma Ashley is in Oberlin and Margaret Rogers is in Hays. Please send them a card to let them know they have not been forgotten.

Cedar Living News

Pastor Glenn Krebs of the Jennings United Methodist Church was in charge of the Sunday service on Oct. 3. Betty Krebs assisted.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday, Sept. 30. He served a meat and cheese assortment to residents, staff, and guests. He also hosted a party last Oct. 4. He served homemade donuts and hot apple cider.

Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Helen Juenemann assisted residents in making craft projects on Wednesday afternoon. Those who participated included Myrtle Hazuka, Freida Matheny, Harold Frickey, Bea Wolfram, Hank Wolfram, Alice Fiala, Eva Marie Vacura, Axie Sass, and Charley Vavroch.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Deacon Stan Chapin led Catholic Communion Service on Thursday morning on the patio.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Margee Wilson and the nursing staff assisted residents with making homemade bread on Thursday afternoon. The bread was served with sugar-free jelly.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Myrtle Hazuka was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by her family in McDonald on Saturday.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Dave Cox, Dona Wilcox Hughes, Hays; Brandon and Melissa Guthrie, Arkansas City; George and Cheryl Cox, Roy, Wash.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Shakia, Sohn, and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Rosa Boehm, Virginia Mowe, McCook; Dave Shuler, Grand Junction, Colo.; Galen and Joyce Krizek, Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; Kevin Vavroch, Shawnee; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Dale Hazuka and family, Bird City; Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Jennings; Denise Sweeney and A.J., Lincoln; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.;

Bob Keenan, Mary Ann Amack, Carol Allen, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Pat Wright, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Vayle Rohan, Dolores Koeperich, Wayne and Lois Larson, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Lisa Stacy led Monday morning devotions, entitled message, "Snoopy." Little Sam's children were feeling a little dancing and singing would make the day warm up a little. Under the direction of Barb Berry, Mason Berry, Erin May, Cindy Sheaffer, Gage VanMeter, and Jack Farr gave the residents a little autumn sunshine. Folding Fellowship was held in the Quiet Room and Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, and Ivah Alexander shared conversation around the upcoming October events. A memory game was shared, followed by "Name that Tune," with Myrna Jones, volunteer, providing old tunes on the piano. Jan Badsy and Lisa Stacy served Social Hour.

Fall decorating was the theme for Tuesday. Faith Lutheran services were held in the Quiet Room. Bernie Fred and Ann Mines accompanied Pastor Charlotte and Mamie Unger, Ella Peterson, and Vera Lindemann attended. Reading with Lisa was held in the Quiet Room. Dennis Brown hosted Social Hour with cider and everyone enjoyed donuts. Hearts Creation brought unique bean mosaics into creation. Songs of worship was held in the Town Square on Wednesday. Mert McEvoy led Bible study. Those attending were Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespe, Fern Anderson, Mamie Unger, Hazel Flaska, Lorna Bishop, and Marilyn St. Clair. Volunteers Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, and Ellen Horn provided nail care. Ellen Horn served Social Hour and bingo concluded the day.

Memorial services were held Thursday in honor of Elva Shaughnessy. Daughters Teresa Shaughnessy, and Cathy and Steve Fosselman attended. The service was led by Loretta McFee, and Coleen Rippe read the obituary. Jan Badsy led group singing and the choir shared the "Spirit Song," in her memory.

Catholic services were held in the Quiet Room. Those attending were Lois Buchholz, Bonnie Weskamp, and Ruby McKenna. Sewing Bee, led by Lisa Stacy, brought autumn

leaves to an embroidery technique. Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, and Jan Conway enjoyed the event.

"Off to the Museum," was made possible by volunteers Myrna Jones, Roxie Erickson, and Mildred Holmdahl.

Garrah Gaumer, Florence Jones, Ivah Alexander, and Fern Anderson were given a tour of the museum. Following was a short drive to look at the autumn trees and ice cream from A & W. Jan Badsy and Lisa Stacy enjoyed spending the afternoon reminiscing about the museum. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Bedside buddies were shared with LuVerne May, Iris Wurm, Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Elsie Macy, and Helen Styles.

Pastor Hiedi Wiebe, new clergy advisory designee, led devotions and communion on Friday. Lisa Stacy assisted with room distribution. Folding Fellowship included Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, and Jan Conway. Current events were led by volunteer Carol Duncan. Many of the residents joined to hear the latest in *The Oberlin Herald*.

An afternoon birthday celebration took place when all residents gathered in the Town Square to wish Ruby Shuler a happy 80th birthday. Banana splits were served to all and Ruby was showered with many birthday greetings. Bible Study was held in the Quiet room with Lisa Stacy.

Saturday devotions were shared in the Town Square with Dennis Brown.

The Rev. John and Bonnie Boyd, Lindsborg, visited Dena Gillespie Saturday evening. He was pastor at Jennings United Methodist Church during the 1980s.

Sacred Heart church sponsored Sunday church services and Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Dena Gillespie and Garrah Gaumer - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Eva Bryan; Elden and Detta Anderson; Ruby McKenna - Ed and Gloria McKenna. Also visiting were Irel Lohofener, Doris Gilbert, Wayne and Lois Larson.

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