

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1879

Wood wanted on subscription. School begins next Monday morning.

Robert Bridle moved out to his place on section 16 the first of the week.

Mr. Griffin, the photographer, will move his tent the first of the week unless business demands that he stay longer.

A sample of the first brick burnt in Decatur County was left at the Herald office this week by Brant Street, who manufactured them on his place on the South Fork of the Sappa, 12 miles west of Oberlin.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1904

Mrs. J.E. Kulp and daughter, Louise, left Saturday morning for a two week's visit at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Roy and Harry Marks came home Tuesday. Roy is a mail clerk on the Rock Island and runs from Kansas City to Manhattan.

The Strains have moved to their new residence.

Burt Briggs is the new chef at the Kosy Restaurant.

W.W. Carper sold his barber shop on Monday to Eck Hitchcock and Elmer Lodge.

Master Dewey Jackson and his little cousin Aggie Kilne were pleasant little runaway callers Tuesday afternoon.

Vallonia Items: Homer Nicodemus will farm Tom Hayward's place the coming season, while his brother Herman will farm the place of S.W. Harris.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1929

Work started Monday on a new building 50x120 feet adjoining the Oberlin Motor Co. On the frontage on Penn Avenue, J.H. Fleming will have a 20x60 room for an ice cream factory and Louis J. Smith will have a 30x60 room for an auto body repair shop while the rear parts will be occupied by Oberlin Motor Co. service and repair shop. The present garage will be remodeled and the entrance will be on Hall Street.

Lee Reeves, who is attending the University at Oklahoma, is on the freshman football team.

One of Oberlin's early-day bankers and livestock men, Chas. H. Tilden, 83, who also served as mayor of Oberlin, died in the state of Washington, where he moved

about 12 years ago.

Last Sunday's Topeka Capital carried an 18-page section about John C. Emahizer's furniture store with 15 pages of advertisements. Mr. Emahizer came to Decatur County in 1879 and opened a furniture store in Oberlin which he operated for 21 years selling furniture to settlers 100 miles west, 30 miles north and 55 miles south. He often took whole pages of advertising in The Oberlin Herald. He sold his store here in 1900 and bought one in Topeka and during his first year there spent \$5,000 in advertising, to which he attributes his success.

Dresden Items: High school boys have been speeding on the streets of Dresden and Professor Miller says this must be stopped.

S.J. O'Toole showed us an old Stainer violin that has been in his possession for 50 years or more and is being passed on to his grandson, Billy O'Toole, who plays violin in the grade school orchestra.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1954

The formal opening of the new Decatur County National Bank building will be held Friday. Officers of the bank are Ed Helmkamp, president; J.R. Betts, vice president and active manager; Effie Jorn, cashier; Ray Lohoefer and Phyllis Lohoefer, assistant cashiers; Ida McGuire, teller-bookkeeper. Directors are Howard D. Benton, G.G. Brown, H.F.G. Euhus and A.M. Morton.

General contractor for the building was Western Bank Contractors of Kansas City; sub-contractors are Morrish Plumbing; Ridgway Electric; Northwestern Typewriter, Hays; Campbell Drapery and Francis Furniture.

Funeral services were held for one of Decatur County's oldest residents, Louis Zackson, 99, who came to Kansas from Sweden as a young man. He is survived by a niece, Ella Anderson.

The Oberlin Red Devils got back in the win column by downing Oakley 26-7. Scoring came on a Jeffus to Bishop pass, by Jerry Baker after an Oakley fumble, and two runs by Lee Hoehner. Leading tackler was Ray Corcoran while Hoehner led in rushing. Marcia Petracek was crowned football queen by Dick Kelley at the home-

coming assembly.

Many clubs and organizations have responded to the call which John Ward sent for school supplies for the children of Korea. This project is sponsored by John Ward's Regiment.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Robertson, son, Evan Kent, Oct. 15.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1979

Dr. Lee Pendergrass, historian-in-residence at Hays through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, visited the Last Indian Raid Museum last week to suggest improvements. Dr. Pendergrass will work with the Decatur County Historical Society to begin taping of oral histories.

Mark Marcuson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marcuson of the Lund Community and a student at Colby Community College, has returned

from a two-month stay in a remote area of Brazil as part of a Teen Mission International project. His 32-member group constructed a combination dorm and chapel to be used by a missionary pastor in a remote area outside Manicore, which was reached by a 10-hour boat trip up the Amazon and Madera rivers.

A ceremony Sept. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland united in marriage Connie Traverson, Goodland, and Ken Richards of Oberlin. The couple will make their home in Hesston.

Current population figures for Decatur County are 4,903 up from 4,880 a year ago. Population for the city of Oberlin is 2,535; Jennings, 203; Norcatur, 238.

Coach Carl Wahlmeier's Jennings Coyotes posted another Western Kansas League victory with a 30-14 win over Herndon.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

It is raining as I write this. We have had some nice moisture these past few weeks. I know that some of the farmers don't have their wheat in yet, but it should come up nicely later. The corn, sunflowers and beans are in the process of being cut and with the cool temperatures the milo should follow.

We have had several changes in Oberlin during the past few months. Fidele Electric has expanded to add lumber to his inventory; Joe Stanley has purchased the building north of Stanley Hardware to make more room; Custom Trophy moved across the street to give them a lot more room; Sappa Valley Construction moved up north into a new building on Highway 83; and Johnson Realty has moved to the east side of main street. Congratulations to all of you!

Halloween will be here before we know it. The big and little kids will meet at Good Samaritan Center at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, to start the parade down main street. The merchants are asked to dress up that day and there will be a judging committee to give out the prizes. Let the Chamber know if you want to participate in the contest. The parade will be followed by the an-

nual Trick or Trunk on main street.

The Oberlin Business Alliance has made plans for the holidays. The Light Parade will have the theme, "Ho, Ho, Here We Go — Christmas is on its Way." You will be getting a letter asking you to dream up a float and help us start the season right. There will be a window lighting contest for the merchants, soup supper, Santa Claus and lots of other contests to sign up for the evening of Nov. 26.

The annual Oberlin Arts and Craft Show will be Nov. 27 for your Christmas shopping pleasure.

The Chamber and City of Oberlin are again doing the annual Lighting Contest for homes in Oberlin. Start to make plans now and with the weather the way it is, you might want to start hanging lights. Just let the Chamber office know you want your home entered. The past years there have been many beautiful lights to choose from and the judges found it hard to make decisions as to whom the winners would be.

There are still open dates that week before Christmas, if you would like to have a fund-raiser with some kind of a supper. Call and let us know.

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Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Sondra Barnett and Hulda Wark joined 200,000 craft lovers from all over the United States at the Fall Arts and Crafts Festival in the Rogers, Ark., area, while visiting Gloria and Dave Dible. They have gone to the famous craft fairs for many years. The fairs began over 50 years ago when an elderly woman began showing off her beautiful handmade quilts at the War Eagle Mill. Today, craft shows are held all over Northwest Arkansas in the spring and the fall, in conjunction with the War Eagle Fair.

Tera and Daniel Buckner and infant son from Manhattan were traveling from Grandma Gwen Mallory's in Golden, Colo., and stopped to visit Vesta Roth. They also delivered a hunting bow made by Jack Wark almost 70 years ago, to his daughter, Sondra Barnett. The bow was a gift to Gwen from Jack when the two were in high school and now Gwen generously gave it back to the family. Gwen kept the bow in wonderful condition and Sondra was thrilled to receive it, along with some great stories of her dad!

Two couples from Texas, Bill and Faye Hinds, and Steve and Elva Jean Oakes are regular volunteers, helping with the renovation of the hotel for the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford. They helped Doc and Joan Dingwerth for a week.

Luncheon guests at the home of Cleda Moeder were Doris Jean Oliver and Zula Horinek.

Edna Colson has another great-grandson, Shane Riley, who was born to Jason and Jennifer Sudduth of Nixa, Mo., on Oct. 5. Jennifer is the oldest daughter of Kathryn and Floyd Richard, Norton.

Ernest and Janine Colson attended car races in Kansas City on Oct. 10, while on vacation.

Bridge club was held at the home of Val Wark with guests Doris Jean Oliver and Gerri Anschutz. Prizes were won by Doris Jean, Jerri and Valerie. On Nov. 10, the group will meet with Deb Stepper as hostess.

Koffee Klatch attendees on Fri-

day were Fran Leach, Delores Dible, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Freda Ketchum, Berneda Zorberst and Liz Rall.

Rich Roth, Stockton, was a guest of his mother, Vesta Roth, for a couple of days.

Alfred Hawkins is still hospitalized in Kansas City. Daughter Linda, from Florida, is with them.

Middle school will play volleyball at 3 p.m. and football at 4 p.m. at Triplains on Thursday. Rexford hosted the 1-A Regional Volleyball Tournament on the Tuesday. Besides Golden Plains, high schools involved were Cheylin, Wheatland, Brewster, Grinnell and Jennings. Golden Plains entered the tournament with a record of 18 wins and 12 losses.

Last week, Golden Plains won the football game with Cheylin, and this week we will play Wallace County School (Sharon Springs) at 7:30 p.m. at Rexford.

The high school gym will be open daily, during the noon hour, for community members who enjoy walking.

The second quarter of school started Monday.

Little Amie Cheney was dedicated to God at the First Christian Church in St. Francis on Sunday. Special guests were her great-grandmother, Grace Cheney; her grandparents, Gary and Kay Cheney; and parents, Matt and Lyn and sister, Amanda Cheney.

A Bible study has been started at the Barn at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. Fran Leach is leading the group, using the book, "The Quest: Finding Faith to Calm the Storms of Life," by Dorothy Hellstern. Seven attended the first session: Deb Stepper, Edna Colson, Zula Horinek, Grace Cheney, Betty Crawl, Glendora Bastin and Cleda Moeder. All adults are welcome; however, no child care is provided.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Trenton Lake over the weekend.

Julie Cooling celebrated her 17th birthday party at her home with a

number of guests attending.

Marcus, Jake and Ashley Anderson of Goodland spent the night with their grandparents, Nancy and Jay Dahl.

Matt Gould, Denver, spent the weekend with his uncle, Tim Dahl.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers accompanied Virgil and Joyce Price to the bazaar in Clayton.

Karla Clason and Ruth Vise, Beaver City, Neb., visited Mrs. Magers on Oct. 11.

Wednesday was Liberty Star Club at Lyle. Those attending were dressed in their costumes, and members tried to guess who they were: Angie Wilson (one-eyed, one-horned, purple people eater), Cathy Anthony (her husband), Veda Wood (Big Bird), Toots Magers (red hat lady), and Deanna Sumner (a ghost) with Brady (Thomas, the Train).

June Jolly and Toots played cards in Norcatur on Friday evening.

Earnest and Donna Huff visited Toots Magers on Saturday and that afternoon Judy Easton from Quinter stopped by for a nice visit.

June Jolly and Toots Magers went to Norton and played pinochle Sunday evening.

Kathy VanMeter picked up her sister, Margaret Wilson, from Parachute, Colo., from the train on Thursday. On Saturday they went to Kronberg, Neb., and attended the

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to Deb Stepper, a true lady with lots of class. She has given a tremendous gift to the town of Rexford for many years by being a great friend and caring neighbor, to many people young and old.

wedding and reception of Penner Luff. Penner is the granddaughter of the late Dale VanMeter. They went on to WaKeeney and attended the Sauer-Degees wedding dance.

From there, the two women went to Ellis and visited Alice Gabel in the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Going on to Wichita, they were guests of Jack and Sylvia Lovins, then went to Kansas City, and stayed overnight with their sister, Grace and Jim Hartman. En route back to Wichita, they visited Maria Porter, then went on to Hutchinson and visited with Margaret's daughter, Sharon and Dick Foster.

Mrs. VanMeter and Mrs. Wilson went to Glen Elder and visited Kathy's granddaughter, Danielle and Kip Jeardeau, then traveled to Jewell and stayed overnight with their sister, Charolette Wilson. The ladies returned home Saturday. On Sunday they had a supper and guests were Keith and Karen Hilburn, Logan; Jim and Marge Hilburn, Hoxie; Charolette Wilson, Jewell; and Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejd, Quinter.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Michael Weis from Colorado visited Mark and Dorothy Heim.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis went to Concordia, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis. They all went to Clay Center to see Jay Lewis and Kyle Deruso.

On Friday, Katelyn Reitchcheck celebrated her sixth birthday. Happy birthday, Katelyn!



Cedar Living News

Residents and staff members have been decorating the facility in preparation for Halloween.

The bowlers met on Monday for an afternoon of fun in the dining room. Joining in were residents Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Myrtle Hazuka, Tressie Samson, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Axie Sass won the blackout game. Bingo volunteers Jerry Temple, Ann Martin, and Alice Shirley assisted.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler gave the monthly Communion Service on the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

The Activity Department hosted the October birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. Freda Gamblin and Myrtle Hazuka were recognized. Each received a balloon from Prairie Petals Flower Shop and a fall door decoration provided by Cedar Living Center. Beth Sebaugh entertained the group with a medley of piano tunes. Marie Jean Vavroch assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with serving ice cream and crackers.

The Residents' Council met before supper on Wednesday afternoon. The group is working on plans for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Halloween festivities will include the annual visit

from the third-grade students on Friday afternoon. Residents will also receive those wishing to "trick-or-treat" on Friday following the parade downtown, and again the evening of Halloween.

Father George gave Catholic Mass on the patio Thursday morning.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon.

Freda Gamblin was guest of honor at a birthday celebration held at noon on Saturday. Lyle Gamblin and Irene Fringer also attended.

The ZCBJ Lodge held their monthly meeting on the patio on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Kyle Wolfram, Manhattan; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Charles and Clarice Dack, George Wurm, McCook; Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Leanna Davis, Salina; Dale and Avis Hazuka, Susan McKain, McDonald; Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Barb Solko, Elaine Bryan, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Vayle Rohan, Alvina Gamblin, Helena Bruggeman, Rosella Meitl, Bob and Lila Keenan, Rita Garver, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsky led devotions Monday morning, entitled "Looking Inside." Children from Little Sam's Day Care made bats as a craft activity with residents. Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway and Ivah Alexander shared conversation over Folding Fellowship. Sharon Black served pumpkin bars as a thank-you to the ladies for all the laundry help she receives. Many residents enjoyed Myrna's music on the piano, and Jan Conway enjoyed "Name That Tune." Columbus Day inspired trivia word games for Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, and others. The Card Sharks met for Canasta.

Tuesday morning's devotions were led by Janice Shobe. First Hand Friends came from the grade school to read to their partners, and brought a jack-o-lantern face for them. The residents gave their readers bat-shaped suckers. During Hearts Creation craft time, residents created pumpkins. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Reminiscing time focused on cooking for company. Sharing recipes and conversation were LuVerne May, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Ivah Alexander, Hildegard Euhus, Ruby Shuler, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Florence Jones, and Ella Peterson.

Cheryl Miller accompanied during devotions Wednesday morning, presented by Jan Badsky. Teaching Bible study Wednesday morning was Mert McEvoy. After lunch, Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel did nail care. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn, and Bingo concluded the day's activities.

Dennis Brown gave devotions Thursday morning, entitled "Hope." Several hymns by Charles Wesley were sung. Mary Henzel played the piano, then told us a little about Susannah Wesley, John and Charles Wesley's mother. Deacon Stan Chapin led communion for Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz. Merry Mums gathered for foam block building, with Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers and Eva Cuthbertson. Leo Mooty and Harold Demmer played pool during the Men's Gathering. Several ladies enjoyed making Sewing

Bee making wooden spool dolls. At the next session they will dress them. Making dolls were Irene Wagoner, Ella Peterson, Hazel Flaska, Dena Gillespie, Hildegard Euhus, Fern Anderson, and Ruth Laidig. Ellen Horn served apple crisp during Social Hour.

Leading Friday morning devotions was Janice Shobe, who spoke about "Jesus in the Garden." Mary Henzel accompanied on the piano. Anita Hirsch joined us for Merry Mums. She invited residents to sing along as she sang a selection of familiar hymns. Those participating were Garrah Gaumer, Erma Holt, Dena Gillespie, Ruby Shuler, Agnes Chambers, Ivah Alexander, Helen Styles, Ruth Laidig, Ella Peterson, Bernice Brown, LuVerne May and Leo Mooty.

Folding Fellowship brought Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson and Marilyn St. Clair together to fold napkins and clothing protectors. Carol Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald* to Ruth Laidig, LuVerne May, Ivah Alexander, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler and Ella Peterson. Social Hour brought Hildegard Euhus, Leo Mooty, Ruby Shuler, Marilyn St. Clair, Ivah Alexander and Helen Styles out to hear piano music by Bethany Smith. The Bible study on Friday evenings is leading the ladies through Galatians 5:22 in a study of the "Fruit of the Spirit". Those attending were Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Conway, Neva Campbell, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Ruby Shuler and Marilyn St. Clair.

Dennis Brown led Saturday's devotions. Samuel Smith helped with the daily chores.

United Church of Oberlin led Sunday church services. Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - Betty Wooten, Hastings, Neb.; **Donna Kelley**; **Vera Lindemann** - Fern Jording; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna and Anita Chambers; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch. Marj Law of Lakewood, Colo., also visited.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Frank and Margaret McEvoy visited Pastor Gene and Julie Layne of Holdrege, Neb., on Sunday. Pastor Layne is recuperating satisfactorily from a recent stroke.

Rex Olson and Dr. Beth Kinneavy of Boulder, Colo., were Friday overnight guests of his parents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson. On Saturday, Mrs. Olson accompanied them to Overland Park, where

they attended the wedding of their nephew and cousin, Steve Hess, and Chris Mois. En route home they visited Sarah Olson in Manhattan.

Keith Olson and Keely Witt were Sunday dinner guests of Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary. Keely was home on fall break from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She had supper with Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

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