

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1879

The M.E. parsonage is now under construction.

Married on the 25th by Rev. Vannoy, Mr. Lawrence Riley to Miss Parks, all of Decatur County.

The name of the Slab City post office on the Prairie Dog in this county has been changed to Jennings.

Henry J. Baumgarten is erecting a blacksmith shop on the east side of Penn Avenue, south of the shoe shop.

The family of R. A. Marks, consisting of Mrs. Marks and three bright little children, arrived from Beloit on Friday last. They are well pleased with their new home and R.A. is happy.

Messrs. Hill and Brouse, who have been getting specimens in this part of the country for a scientific institution in Philadelphia, unearthed a complete skeleton of a rhinoceros on the Sappa 10 miles west of this place which they shipped east last week. They also found a part of the skeleton of an elephant.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1904

Charles Seavey started a restaurant and short order house in the Randall building.

Auctioneer J.R. Deupree will cry sales, will go anywhere in northwest Kansas. —adv.

Kanona Items: Smith Morton's new house is almost ready for the serenade.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Jackson are representing the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges at the Grand Lodge meeting in Topeka.

Farmers now complain that the ground is too wet to sow wheat.

L.G. Salade sold his 100-acre ranch near Traer on Monday to a man at Glasco. He took in trade a stock of groceries and shoes.

Harlan Items: Brother Hoff, our new minister, took dinner at Will Vernon's last Sunday.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1929

The Northwest Conference of the Administration of Consolidated Schools held Friday evening and Saturday at the Oberlin City School auditorium was well attended, with 167 out-of-town delegates regis-

tered and almost all of the local teachers.

The Decatur Red Devils playing their first home game of the season at Chautauqua Park defeated the Cheyenne Indians to the tune of 27 to 9. Starting were Wiggins, LE; Rathbun, LT; Buffington, LG; Bates, C; Bishop, RG; Erickson, RT; Brown, RE; Dyer, QB; Francis, LH; Cevely, RH; Plotts, FB.

If you are a widow, a shut-in, or one incapable of taking care of your yard, place a candle in your window on the evening of the 31st of October, and the students of the city will see that your yard is cleaned up and the tin cans and trash hauled away.

Marian Cathcart returned Friday from Rochester, Minn., where she has been going through the Mayo Bros.' Clinic.

The pretty twin daughters of John Schroer of Dresden were over Tuesday to drive out a new Chevrolet for the Bainter Motor Co., of Dresden.

McGraw and Vicinity: Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Boutz are the happy parents of a baby boy.

Kanona: Miss Loula Soderlund of Kanona and Gilbert Swanson of Elm Creek, Neb., were united in marriage Oct. 16, 1929 at Norton. They will make their home at Elm Creek.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1954

A large vote is hoped for in Decatur County next week as voters will decide whether the board of county commissioners should sell the county farm, a half section in Olive Township, the funds derived therefrom to be used toward the construction of a modern home for the county's aged residents. In connection with that proposition the voters will also vote for or against a one-mill levy for two years to raise funds for the proposed county home.

Lund: A pretty wedding took place Sunday afternoon when Miss Jackie Dulin from Elida, N.M., became the bride of Dole Anderson. The couple will make their home in Pueblo, Colo., for the present.

Prairie Chapel Church was the setting of a beautiful wedding Sunday, Oct. 10 when Virginia Mae Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon, became the bride of

Samuel Casper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick G. Casper of Hays.

A ceremony Oct. 23 at the First Christian Church in Lovington, N.M., united in marriage Patsy Pendleton of Eunice, N.M., and Raymond Emerson, son of Mrs. Inez Emerson of Oberlin.

Among those from out-of-town who attended the opening of the new Decatur County National Bank last Friday were Wallace Jorn, a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Betts, Gene and Susan of Ulysses. More than 1,500 persons registered.

Jack Hague's Oberlin High School Red Devils gave a tough, inspiring performance in an underdog role but finally ran out of gas in the fourth quarter to bow to the Goodland Cowboys 13-6.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1979

Winter got the jump on us this year, with a snowy, wet blizzard storm and freezing temperatures that turned the area into a slushy winter wonderland. Most schools were closed and heavy damage was received in the Atwood-McDonald area, where 900 poles were broken due to the weight of the snow and ice and the strong wind.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Where did October go? It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Mini Sapa and here it is the end of the month!

In the last three weeks we have had 90 people visit the museum. They have come from the states of Montana, Minnesota, Texas, Wyoming, Alabama, Kansas, California, Colorado, Oregon, Maine, Nebraska, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Dakota, Arkansas, Illinois, Nevada, and New Mexico.

I am compiling a list of Civil War Veterans who either lived in Decatur County at some time or stayed and are buried in one of our 28 county cemeteries. If you have information, pictures, etc., about a

All signs point to an excellent hunting season for pheasants in northwest Kansas.

Coach Dick Harlan was all smiles Friday night after his Red Devil gridders upset a state-rated Oakley team 8-0. Oberlin scored on a safety and midway through the fourth quarter when a pitchout by Rohn Hamilton to Jeff Martin went for 56 yards followed by a halfback dive play by Dave Akers who went in for the touchdown. Playing their last game were seniors Mike Neff, Ward Wurm, Terry Urban, Jeff Anderson, Roger LaSalle, Rusty Montgomery, David Stapp, Larry Dick, Ed Schwab, Rohn Hamilton and Kevin Unger.

A ceremony performed by the Rev. Larry Arganbright at Faith Lutheran Church on Oct. 20 united in marriage Pamela Williams and David Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Aschwege announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Mark Whitley, Garden City. Miss Aschwege is a graduate of Fort Hays State University and is employed as a certified public accountant. Whitley is a graduate of Kansas State University and is a division manager for Service Tech in Garden City.

Civil War Veteran, please let me know.

If your organization would like to be part of the Museum Christmas Tree Decorating contest, please call us for more information. There are only a few trees left.

We still have not heard just when work on moving the church will begin.

Cedar Living News

The Oberlin United Church was in charge of the Sunday worship on Oct. 17. Mike McVay led the service and Myrna Jones was in charge of music.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served meat, cheese, and crackers to residents, staff, and guests. Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Freida Matheny and Charley Vavroch.

The men were the big winners at penny cards on Wednesday afternoon. Hank Wolfram won the most games and Harold Frickey was also a winner.

The Rev. Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to make ghost decorations for the dining room. Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson of Lindsborg assisted. Fresh baked bread was served after crafts.

Barbara Solko and Wynemah Cox played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Irel Lohofener visited on Thursday afternoon and donated a stack of greeting cards for use by the residents.

The Royal Neighbors hosted a

party in the dining room on Saturday afternoon. This was a project for the group in honor of Make a Difference Day. Nadean Stoney, Lois Lamb, and Edna Mott served doughnuts and coffee.

The residents and staff are excited about the upcoming Halloween events. The third grade students will make their annual visit to the Center at 2 p.m. on Friday. Visitors are welcome to attend the program.

Ghosts and goblins are welcome to visit after the Trick or Trunk parade on Friday. Treats will be handed out to anyone in costume.

Please trick or treat from 5-8 p.m. on Halloween. The treats will be provided in part by a donation from the ZCBJ Lodge. Residents Charley Vavroch and Eva Marie Vacura are members of the lodge.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcat; Anna R. Brown, Indianola, Neb.; Phyllis McKay, Jenks, Okla.; Larry and Linda Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Jamie, Monica, and Marie Geihlsler, Danbury; Virginia Mowe, McCook, Neb.; Merle and Ruth Chance, Jennings; Edna Smith, Lawrence; Alice Shirley, Bernie Vacura, the Rev. Rick Langness and Ruth Ann, Mary Ann Amack, Bob and Lila Keenan, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Dana Winstead, Paul Sass, Lyle Gamblin, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Vayle Rohan, Mert McEvoy, Oberlin.

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