

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1880

L.G. Parker left a stalk of corn at this office which has come up since the first of August, that is 5 feet, 8 inches tall. Truly the soil of Kansas is prolific.

Our school board has employed R.O. Kindig to teach a six-month term of school the coming winter. Mr. Kindig is an experienced teacher and the people may look for a good school. He holds the best certificate that has been issued in this county and will undoubtedly give satisfaction.

Married on Monday evening, Sept. 6, 1880, at the residence of the bride's mother near Oberlin by Judge Luther Brown, Mr. James A. Redd and Miss Maggie McKean.

J.R. VanCleave and family leave this week on a visit to friends in Iowa. Mr. VanCleave will drive through a herd of ponies which he will dispose of before returning.

Charlie Miller returned yesterday from a cattle drive to the North Platte.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1905

Dr. Tilden reports a fine boy at Bert Shaw's this morning.

Jim Fleming bought the Bayne residence now occupied by Mr. Goodwin.

Ray Coldren left for his home in Granite, Okla., Saturday evening.

Reports say that Homer Hitchcock is to be manager of the new lumber yard.

Perry Ashcraft will have a sale on the 19th and take his family to Oregon.

C.A. McCartney is building a residence for himself on the lots just north of the Southard residence.

John Dayton sold the McClaurry ranch to eastern parties for \$48,200, an advance of \$1,800 over what he paid in the spring.

Married, Sept. 5, 1905, Charles Vacara and Mary Vytacil, both of Jennings. On Sept. 6, Albertus Vernon and Anna B. Croy, both of Norcatour.

Fully 90 people of Oberlin and vicinity went to Denver last week on the cheap excursion rates.

Lyons Items: Wheat is averaging 30 bushels and corn will make 40 to 50 bushels and acre.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1930

The hail storm Thursday evening

was one of the most destructive that ever visited Decatur County. The 5-mile wide strip began near Cedar Bluffs and extended to Jennings in a freakish nature. C.W. Rogers of Sherman Township reported total destruction of his corn and 150 chickens killed with damage on the Plotts, Davison and Fair land. On the Heller land in Altory, corn was a total loss and there was damage as far south as the Votapka farm on Big Timber.

Dresden: Mrs. Jennie Muirhead gave a party in honor of her Sunday School class last week.

The E.I. Randall shoe store which began in 1879 will hold a close out sale. Mrs. Randall has decided that the store is too much to care for after her husband's death several weeks ago.

Mrs. S.J. Harvie received word last week of the death of her only surviving brother, Mr. Cyrus Moore of Athens, Ohio. He was 91 years old and at one time owned the quarter section of land in Decatur County on which the town of Shibboleth was later laid out, but remained here only about a year.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sedustine at the Swedish Mission Church helped the couple celebrate their silver wedding day the evening of Aug. 27. Mrs. Sedustine is the former Miss Lucy McCalla.

Courthouse News: Judge Kulp reports several licenses:

Alva Artery, Herndon, and Miss Edna Nitcher, Oberlin, were married by Rev. J.G. Roberts; Edgar Blickenstaff, Oberlin, and Miss Florence R. Hayes, 20, Portis, were married by the Rev. Roy Frey of Olive Chapel Church.

Denzil Hayward was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner Sunday attended by 52 relatives and neighbors. There were more than a dozen melons and 11 gallons of ice cream on the menu.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vernon are the parents of a ten and one-half pound baby boy born Aug. 30. They have named him Ralph Roger.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1955

Funeral services were conducted for a longtime resident of Decatur County, Forrest G. Redman, 89, who came to Decatur County in 1879 at the age of 13 and was in the lumber business here for 47 years.

Enrollment at Decatur Community High School was up for the first time since 1947 with 211 students in the high school. The rise was only the second in high school enrollment since 1939, when the school hit its peak enrollment of 445. It was the largest school in northwest Kansas until 1947. Goodland now is and Colby, Phillipsburg and Norton are also larger.

The Young Farmer and Adult farmer classes will be offered at Decatur Community High School under the direction of Lloyd L. Moody, vocational agriculture instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal DeMay of Cedar Bluffs announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanne, to Dan Grubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Grubb of McCook.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for a Jennings merchant, Everett "Jack" Bainter, 61. He is survived by his wife, Emma; two daughters, Garrah Gaumer and Ethlyn Tacha, both of Jennings, and a son, Boyd of Concordia.

Dean Coughenour, who has been advertising manager at the Herald during the summer months, has returned to Decatur Community High School and Lucille Kyte is back in the Herald office again. Dean will continue to handle sports and

school activities as time permits.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1980

The fifth hail storm of the season cut across Finley Township in the northwest corner of the county and some farmers south and west of Oberlin got hit for the third time. Windows were broken in a number of homes in Herndon. According to David Anderson of Summit Township, the hail cut a four-mile strip there which extended into Custer and Jennings townships as well.

Family members of Mrs. Grace Kolsky held a reunion Aug. 24 with all her children together for the first time in 10 years.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Davis, Jennings, girl, Alisha Ann, 8-27-80; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Winstead, daughter, Amanda Linnae, 8-26-80.

Dr. Robert Long, Norton, guest speaker at Oberlin Rotary, told of his work with the Medical Assistance Program in Afghanistan.

Elisabeth Ueland of Sola, Norway, is the American Field Service student at Decatur Community High School this year. She is making her home with Eileen and Shari Witt.

Funeral services were held from Faith Lutheran Church for Lowell Olson, 58.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

Football Practice Tonight at 6:30 — Nine Lettermen Return From Strong '54 Squad; Some Shifts Possible." This caption was taken from *The Oberlin Herald* of 50 years ago, Sept. 1, 1955.

More than 20 returning members from the undefeated team of 1955 will meet this week for a reunion and recognition at Friday night's home game. Articles from each week's game were copied from our microfilmed newspapers for their enjoyment. A very nice picture of that team is hanging in the Addleman School, which was also copied for the reunion.

From that first article: "Returning to the fold are end Jack Carver, tackles Joe Paddock and Ray Corcoran, guards Larry Guinn and Don Richardson, and backs Derry

Bishop, Allen Jeffus, Rusty Addleman, and Jerry Baker. All but Baker are seniors.

"Two other conditional lettermen, Jack Kelley, a junior, and Rich Anderson, a sophomore, could ease the line as replacements as could former squad men Rich Hayes, Rob Young, Lynn Johnson, Jim Miesner or Wayne Zwickle. Another former squad man, lightweight junior Larry Brainard, may work his way into backfield use."

In each of the last several columns I have been including some of the activities for Mini Sapa. The first event for Saturday, Oct. 1, will be a freewill pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. To top off a delicious breakfast, the DCHS Singers will be performing starting at 8 a.m. So what a start to a fun-filled day!

Good Samaritan News

Barbara Dehlinger began our week last Monday with a heartfelt devotion about the various seasons of our lives. It touched us all deeply. What a blessing to have her join our volunteer family.

Rhythm band, anyone? Just about everybody came to play maracas, tambourines, drums, triangles, sticks and shakers on Monday. What a lot of fun, noise, and... music?

Many hands make for light work, as evidenced by Foldin' Fellowship Monday afternoon. An entire load of clothing protectors was folded in about 20 minutes, thanks to Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Nadine Anderson, Rich Griffin, Ruth Laidig and Lucy Schissler.

"Something fishy" was going on Monday as Colleen Rippe helped Rich Griffin, Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Ruby Shuler and Nadine Anderson clean our large aquarium.

On Tuesday Phil Erickson was up for morning devotions, leading a good number of residents in a study on prayer.

Art class was fun as Hildegard Euhus, Rich Griffin, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Marilyn St. Clair, Nadine

Anderson and Eva Cuthbertson finished up a project by making collage pictures from paper they had painted last week.

Social Hour was spent making "shake-in-a-bag" homemade ice cream. The dining room was full of residents shaking their own creamy treats in sealed plastic bags. Yum!

While everyone was busy making ice cream, the pond took on the look of late summer with an apple tree and clothesline now taking center stage. Look closely and you'll see woodland critters and birds who have come to visit.

Wednesday was a full day, beginning with Songs of Faith led by Anita Hirsch. Bible study was taught in the morning by Mert McEvoy. Nail care for our ladies was given, compliments of Dorothy Alstrom and Roxie Erickson. Ellen Horn served Social Hour, and last but not certainly not least was bingo, directed by Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler.

Dennis Brown gave the Thursday morning devotion. Catholic services were attended by Bonnie Weskamp.

A new activity started called "You Choose." During this time

various stations are set up and everyone can choose what looks most interesting to them. We had a good turnout with Bonnie Weskamp, Ruby Shuler, Rich Griffin, Eva Cuthbertson, Jeanette Conway, Nadine Anderson, Leo Mooty, Hazel Flaska and Marilyn St. Clair coming to check out the stations.

Bible study on Thursday evening is underway again with "Putting on the Armor of God" as our theme. Dena Gillespie, Edla Olson, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Ruth Laidig, Hildegard Euhus, Lucy Schissler and Jeanette Conway attended.

On Friday, Janice Shobe addressed Hurricane Katrina in her devotion, challenging us to pray. Garden Club made a harvest run and found eight more cantaloupe (they are coming out our ears!), beans, and tomatoes (yeah!). Carol Duncan came to read *The Oberlin Herald* during Current Events.

After lunch on Friday, the ladies gathered to churn creamy, yellow, delicious butter in a crank-type churn. We ate it on five loaves of freshly baked bread. What a way to end the week!

Sunday services were provided

by Faith Lutheran Church.

Recent guests: **Rich Griffin** - Susan and Loren Guill of Menlo, Chris Dean; **Ken Rydquist** - Carol Weibert; **Harlan Geihlsler** - Ed Britton, Janice Geihlsler; **Garrah Gaumer** - Joan McKenna, Pastor Carrie Buhler; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Carrie Buhler; **Sherri Horney** - Monty, Michele and Miss Oz; **Iris Wurm** - Ed Witt of Norton, Elsie and Dixie Hayes of Hutchinson, Ben and Shannon Richardson of Salina, and Jeanette Diederich. Also visiting were Eunice Richards, and Steve, Chris and Sheridan Zimmerman of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Dawn Tongish and Eduardo DeLugo of Dallas, Texas, who are parents of a daughter, Dillan Josephine. She was born July 14, 2005, at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine, Texas. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed by a sister, Devan, 3, and a brother, Diego, 1. Her grandparents are Denis Tongish, Herndon, and the late Wilma Tongish; and Manuel and Maria Alvarez DeLugo, Caracas, Venezuela.

John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., spent last weekend with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Monica Solko and Roseann Dayes, El Segundo, Calif., and John Pochop of Colton, Calif., spent last Sunday in Colby with relatives at the home of Gerard Griggs.

The Albert and Lucille (Marintzer) Solko family gathered at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center on Aug. 28 to help Mrs.

Solko celebrate her 89th birthday. Attending were her sons, Sam, Del, Ken, as well as Don, Pat, and Alan, and their wives, all of Herndon; daughter, Jane Waterman and husband, Marty, rural Atwood; grandchildren, Keri Brogan and husband, Ben; Destiny (Solko) Schroeder and husband, Jim; Raye, Janelle, Charles, Valentine, and John; great-grandchildren, Donovan and Ceane Schroeder, and Dalton and Jayden League, and cousins, Esther Hartner Pennington, and son, Greg.

Bud and Vicki Mumm visited with their son, Greg, in Manhattan and attended the Riener-Horgan wedding on Aug. 27. From there, they accompanied their daughter, Anita, to Champaign, Ill., where she is a student and teacher assistant at the University of Illinois.

While there, they toured the university campus and other points of interest. Following a three-day stay, they returned via Amtrak to McCook.

Cedar Living News

Norma Grafel has returned to her home in Herndon after a brief stay at Cedar Living Center.

Residents and staff enjoyed a watermelon party on Monday. The watermelon was donated by the Geisingers. Helen Juemann assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with serving the melons.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Norma Grafel won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Axie Sass won the blackout game.

Several residents gathered on Wednesday to clean three dozen ears of fresh sweet corn. The corn was cooked and served at noon.

Glenna Klinginsmith of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging gave a program on the new Medicare prescription drug program on Wednesday afternoon. The bowling group met later Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

A special lunch menu served at noon on Thursday included sandwiches from the A&W Restaurant. Margee Wilson, Teresa Ely, and Teresa Shaughnessy made root beer floats for everyone.

Several residents attended the farewell reception on Thursday afternoon, which honored Dr. Vogel in the front lobby of Decatur Health

Systems. Don Shaw went to Selden on Thursday afternoon to play cards at the Senior Center.

The baking group made peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, George and Cheryl Cox, Atwood; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon; Ray and Barb Grafel, Merline Diederich, McCook;

Julie Harold, Hays; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Emma Sanford, Jennings; Theresa Rippe, Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Earl Brown, Selden; Dale, Avis, and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Christina Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Allison and Aiden Jones, Kevin and Sue Renk, Plainville;

Bill, Leanna and Bret Roberts, Abilene; Tom and Glena Burrell, Max, Neb.; Jan and Mishel Latham, Chyanne Forbes, Colorado Springs.

Steve Diederich, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Mert McEvoy, Gene and Marcella Leitner, Butch Stanley, Carrie and Teague Morford, Dorothy Cochran, Catherine Neal, Rita Garver, Eula Juemann, Karolyn Muirhead, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Ella Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Pastor Keith Reuther and Shane Spanier left Sunday with a van load of donated items from the Herndon Covenant Church congregation for flood victims in Mississippi.

Friday supper guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family were Melodie Fish, Arvada, Colo.; Richard Kelly, Golden, Colo.; and Elden and Delta Anderson. The same group had dinner Saturday evening at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. The Colorado guests visited from Wednesday to Monday.

Labor Day weekend guests of Esther Noren, and Steve and Connie Noren and family were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Kent and Amy Warden, Tara and

Kylie, Olathe; Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Andy Robson, Bennington; and Kirk and Janelle Robson, Hutchinson.

On Saturday, Jason, J.R. and Carrol Ginther participated in the Atwood 125th anniversary parade. On Sunday, J.R. and Carrol attended a dinner at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood to visit Father Didacus Dunn.

Weekend guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling for dove hunting were Steve, Dave and Dillon O'Neill, and Roy and Brian Dilsaver, Brighton, Colo.; Larry and B.J. Gilbert, Manhattan; Doug and Nate Jackson, Goodland; and Jim and Damian Jackson, Downs.

Bob and Sally Olson accompa-

nied Rennie and Jeanan Olson and Scott Olson of Irving, Texas, to Swisher, Iowa, where they spent Labor Day weekend visiting David Olson, and Jonathan and Daisy Olson, Corbin and Candalin.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent Labor Day weekend at Silver Lake, where they visited Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth, and also Lance Cpl. Nathan and Jaime Kelley and their daughter, Payton Jean, who were visiting there.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy returned home last week from Colorado where they had visited Evan McEvoy, Renee and Alex.

Scott Olson of Irving, Texas, was a Wednesday dinner guest of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.