

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1880**  
Dry weather again. Not rain enough to grow fall grain.

Mark Wright has been shaking with chills for the past week.

A slight frost Sunday night nipped the watermelon and other vines on the low land.

Clayton: We are happy to be in direct connection with the county seat by the mail route from Oberlin to Lenora on the Solomon. Salisbury Brothers are painting their hotel building, which is partly occupied by the drug store, hardware and grocery store of Messrs. Thatcher & Pease.

H.O. Douglas has purchased F.H. Colby's interest in Colby & Douglas' livery stock and the Oberlin Livery and Feed Stable will hereafter be run by him.

Our Sabbath school has recently purchased singing books and chosen R.O. Kindig leader in singing.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1905**

Miss Susie Ireland left Monday evening for Topeka to attend Washburn College.

Irwin Cook, Jess Litton, and Ray Street left for Topeka Monday night, where they will attend Washburn College.

Vincent Larrick will attend military school at Booneville, Mo., the coming year.

J.L. Wilson, one of the old timers, is again with us and may stay.

A son of Editor Duvall of the Norton Courier has started a new paper at Jennings, the "Jennings Success."

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1930**

Decatur County is all soaked up again as heavy rains fell over Northwest Kansas the first of the week. The county had a good wheat crop and will harvest one of the biggest corn and feed crops on record.

Traer: The Beaver was reported to be nearly a mile wide on Tuesday.

The large crowd of spectators gathered at the Dresden ball park Sunday afternoon for the baseball

game between Norcat and Dresden expected to see a good game and they were not disappointed. The game went into extra innings with Norcat winning 11-8 in a 10th inning rally. Lee Reeves pitched for Norcat and "Hap" Graber for Dresden.

Courthouse News: Two weddings were performed by the probate judge the last of the week: Ray Huff and Miss Effie Decker, both of Cedar Bluffs were married Sept. 5; Sidney Hess, Cedar Bluffs and Miss Olive Morrisette of Oberlin were married Sunday the 7.

Oberlin schools now in their second week have an enrollment of 689; 406 in the grade school and 283 in the high school. That Oberlin, with a population of 1,629, and a county population of 8,874, has a school population of almost 700 is a remarkable thing and can be attributed only to the widespread recognition of the fact that the Oberlin schools are ranked among the foremost in the state for efficiency and training.

Miss Genevieve Banta, who is to have charge of the music department in the Junction City schools, received word that school would not start before the 15th on account of an infantile paralysis quarantine.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1955**

Plans are being made to honor early-day settlers here with a Pioneer Day celebration on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Store windows will have exhibits of relics from bygone days and any person who has resided in the county since 1900 will be honored as a Pioneer. Entertainment will be furnished by a drill team from Fort Wallace attired in Civil War costume.

High School News: The Red Devil football team coached by Jack Hague will open the season next Friday night at Phillipsburg. The band, directed by Mr. May, has over 70 members, an increase over past years.

Rexford: The community was

saddened to learn of the death of Wallace Hines in Denver. He had been a resident of this community nearly his entire life.

A birthday and farewell picnic at the city park Friday evening honored Dennis Barratt, who left Sunday for Winfield where he will attend Southwestern College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. They have made their home in Oberlin nearly 24 years and operated Hall's Store until their retirement.

Dresden: Mrs. Paul Welter is teaching the lower grades at the Dresden school due to the illness of Mrs. Richards. She has six beginners, Linda Gallatin, Chuck Van Pelt, Doug Worden, Gwynne Buchanan and Jimmie Fortin.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1980**

Harold Robison, rural route one carrier from the Oberlin post office for nearly the past 25 years, retired recently. When he began his 60-mile route in 1956 he served about 100 families. Now he had 160 pa-

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Doak Construction of McCook planned to secure the steeple and bell tower back on St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Tuesday. Restoration so far has been led by Greg Fidele, board president, with help from other board members, staff, and community volunteers. Jerry Schuetz graciously volunteered to paint the steeple. A big thank you to him for his many hours.

Steeple restoration has included making new metal shingles and attaching them, repairing and painting board work, painting the bell mount, cleaning and polishing the bell, and removing 117 years of tightly-packed bird nests from the belfry! Hours of caring work have already been done. Much repair of

the entire building remains; the aim is to not only repair, but restore.

Another activity for Mini Sapa on Oct. 1 will be the popular bake sale. Museum members provide the baked items and two of our wonderful volunteer helpers, Roxie Erickson and Bernice Martin, price items and run the sale.

This event goes from 8 a.m. until we sell out of items which is usually about 9:30 a.m., or even before that. The baked goods go quickly so don't wait until the last minute to come.

Plan for breakfast between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., hear the DCHS Singers starting at 8 a.m., and get your baked items. The bake sale will be held in the Land Office.

## Cedar Living News

Clarence (Kayo) Sattler has returned to his home in Herndon after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Rick and Tammy Shaw hosted a party in honor of Don Shaw's birthday on Monday. They grilled hamburgers for the residents and staff at noon. In the afternoon, Rick and Tammy and other family members served cake and ice cream to residents, staff, and guests, then hosted several tables of pinochle players after the party.

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

Hank Wolfram won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Nettie Britton won the blackout game.

Residents who gathered for an afternoon of penny cards on Wednesday included Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Don Shaw, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Mildred Cochran won the most pennies.

Father George said Catholic mass on Thursday morning. Later Barb Solko played pinochle with Don Shaw, and Scrabble with Wynemah Cox. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible Study lesson.

A dance was held on Thursday evening. Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band, which included musicians from several area towns, donated their time and talent for the evening. Mary Ann Amack and Bertha Schwisow provided refreshments.

Catherine Neal led the exercise group on Friday morning. Opal Huntley hosted the baking group Friday afternoon. They made pea-

nut butter cookies.

Dinner guests of Wynemah Cox on Sunday were Mike, Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch of Atwood. They all helped Shakia, granddaughter of Mrs. Cox, celebrate her seventh birthday.

An ice cream sundae party was held during supper Sunday evening in honor of Grandparent's Day, hosted by Frannie Nothdurft and V.W. Sauvage.

Recent visitors: Marilyn and Reed Griest, Jewell;

Shirley Emigh, Carol Shaw, Bob Koerperich, Ely Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Doris Jean Oliver, Rexford; Ray and Pat Tulle, McCook; George and Cheryl Cox, Buzz Samson, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Norcat; Frank Cox, Herndon; Dave Cox, Ray, Julie, Kailey and Alexis Harold, Hays; Ramona Jo Gnnan, Middleburg, Fla.; Eric Tuller and Ginger Ale, Wamego; Clint, Tish, Taryn, and Nolan Burrell, Parks, Neb.; Mick, Nicole, Karisma and Eva Vacura, Commerce City; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas Jr., Columbia Falls, Mont.; Dale, Avis and Diana Hazuka, McDonald;

Irene Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Nadean Stoney, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Elaine Bryan, Ella Betts, Marie Jean Vavroch, Delores and Jacob Koerperich, Helena; Bruggeman, Eula Juenemann, Rosella Meitl, Lois and Wayne Larson, Marion Wenger, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Dana Winstead, Joy Votapka, Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

September is traditionally back-to-school month, an exciting time of gathering school supplies and buying new shoes for the first day of school. It is also a time of anticipation, meeting your new teacher and getting reacquainted with old friends. Sometimes it's even a bit scary, wondering if you will remember last year's lessons.

On Tuesday, we tried to recapture those old feelings and memories with our own back-to-school day. A display of old books, an ink well and pens, a slate and chalk, lunch box, globe and even an apple for the teacher got us reminiscing about days gone by. Then school began with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. We studied arithmetic, geography and spelling. Dennis Brown from the Forget-Me-Nots came with pumpkin pie and whipped cream to top off the day.

Wednesday was full, beginning with Songs of Faith led by Anita Hirsch; Bible study, taught by Mert McEvoy; exercises with Don Farr; nail care, compliments of Dorothy Alstrom and Roxie Erickson; social hour served by Ellen Horn, and last but certainly not least — bingo, directed by Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler.

On Thursday, Connie Miller read stories to Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Leo Mooty, Hazel Alaska, Muriel Ready and Nadine Anderson. In the afternoon, "You Choose" commenced with several activity centers set up for residents to pick from. Baking, sorting, puzzles, books, word games and others kept everyone interested and involved.

Volunteer Jeanette Diederich helped Nadine Anderson bake a

batch of oatmeal raisin cookies on Friday to be served for Social Hour. Pastor Heidi Wiebe brought the morning services and served communion. Social Hour boasted another "Cook's Parade" in honor of Nadine and her tasty cookie treats. The day ended with Bible study, the second in a series of lessons on "The Armor of God." Edla Olson, Lucy Schissler, Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig and Alan Adleman attended.

On Saturday for Men's Gathering, "the guys" (plus a few ladies) got together for Poker and Pizza Night. Dennis Brown, Harold Demmer, Kenny Rydquist, John Ready, Pooch Portschy, Everett Fisher, Leo Mooty, Jeanette Diederich, Lucy Schissler and Doris Miller joined the party.

We would like to thank Oberlin Community Fellowship for providing worship services on Sunday. Also, a big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped this week: Cheryl Miller, Ellen Horn, Larry Smith, John Wright, Gladys Geis, Anita Hirsch, Rick Langness, Dorothy Alstrom, Pat Whetzel, Marilyn Horn, Colleen Geihlsler, Dennis Brown, Nathan and Bethany Smith, Mert McEvoy, Pat Whetzel and Jeanette Diederich. We love and appreciate you all!

Recent guests: **Hazel Flaska** - Jon Smith and Jo; **Eva Bryan** - Detta Anderson, Donna Kelley; **Richard Griffin** and **Elsie Macy** - Chris Edwards of Atwood; **Kenny Rydquist** - Heidi Wiebe; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch. Also visiting were Joyce Summer of Norton, Rae Ann Ruckman of Albany, Mo., and Alice Shirley.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Welcome to the "breezy city!" I heard the weatherman say it would be a little breezy and was just wondering what the difference is between windy and breezy. Maybe breezy just sounds better.

Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell went to Iowa to help friends with the outdoor wedding for their daughter, then traveled to Fairbault, Minn., to visit Patty's parents.

Darrell Leh had quadruple bypass surgery in Hays last week and is improving. Marjorie has been with him. Mail will reach him at Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Social Hour Club was held Wednesday at the Barn with Grace Cheney as hostess. Others present were Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Deborah Gamboa, Eileen Dible, Ruth Luna, Hulda Wark, Cleda Moeder and Sondra Barnett. A card was signed for member Lula Thieler for her 100th birthday. Bingo winners were Vesta, Deborah, Hulda and Cleda. The hostess prize was given to Sondra.

Barnswallows on Monday were Betty and Rex Carswell, Dick Sanford, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, and Jean Hawkins.

Koffee Klatch was held on Friday and refreshments were furnished by Deb Stepper and Berneda Zoberst.

Sondra Barnett had a scare on Friday morning, when she found a 14-inch snake in the kitchen at the home of her mother, Hulda Wark. Bill Scott removed it, then took it to the high school science teacher, Ralph Kinkade, who said it was a bull snake.

Liz Rall spent two weeks in Texas with her three brothers and three sisters. She also has a sister who is very ill that lives in the area of hurricane Katrina, so wasn't able to join the group. They also attended a school reunion together.

Rexford was the meeting place for area Teens For Christ for The Edge on Saturday evening. There were 82 young people and 20 adults present for the program at the main center and the meal at the ranch house. The group, which meets the second Saturday of each month during the school year, includes young people and sponsors in a 150-mile radius from Phillipsburg, the area headquarters.

**Scoop on the School**  
The middle school volleyball and

football teams won over Weskan last week.

The high school boys football team lost to Northern Valley on Friday night, 36-28.

The high school girls volleyball team met at Winona on Tuesday with Tri-Plains and Tribune and won all their games.

Several of the high school seniors along with their class sponsor, Judy Rogers, attended the Leadership Thomas County seminar in Colby on Personal Finances. Attending were Jessica Shaw, Linda Trevino, Josh Vahling, Josh Lahnanen, Sean McCurdy, Dan Johnson and Mark Juenemann.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to Lula Thieler, former Rexford resident, who celebrated her 100th birthday. We were sorry that Lula was in the hospital on the day of her party, however friends and family went ahead with the celebration and those from out of town took turns visiting her. Family members from Kansas, Colorado, Florida, and Minnesota were among the 110 who registered and she received many cards and birthday greetings.

Recent weekend visitors of Sondra Barnett were Dave and Gloria Dible.

Delores and DeAnn Dible went to Wahoo, Neb., to visit an aunt.

Kristin Wark was home from college in Lawrence last weekend.

Dan and Janice Roth, Abilene, took his mother, Vesta Roth, out to eat last weekend.

James Claassen, Christian radio station manager, and staff members Shane Timson and Becca Bardmann filled the pulpit on Labor Day Sunday when the pastor was gone. They are available for speaking engagements or to help out when a pastor is gone.

Tim Dahl, and Nancy and Jay Dahl visited Linda and Bob Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris, and Craig in Beloit recently.

Tony and Kayla Korte, Braden, Riley, and Toby visited Darrell and Marjorie Leh at the hospital in Hays.

**BIRTHDAY OBSERVED**

Oriana Beltran was the honoree at her "quinceañera" last weekend. The quinceañera is a 15th birthday coming-out party to celebrate a girl's passing from child to woman in the Hispanic culture. Mass was at the Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark as celebrant. The ceremony included

Oriana, escorted by her cousin, Angelo Vieyra of North Platte, Neb., and accompanied by friends and cousins who have influenced her (14 girls and 14 boys), coming to the altar to be presented before the church.

Afterward, the group went to the McCarty Dairy where a building had been decorated for her party. Dinner was served, followed by a reception and dance. A mariachi band from Wichita played at the church and the dance.

Gifts of spiritual significance were given to Oriana: a pillow, that she will always have a place to kneel for prayer and meditation; a rosary and Bible to encourage devotion to the Lord; a necklace with a saint medallion to be worn at all times; a

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Martin and Evelyn May accompanied Marvin May to Tonganoxie Friday, Sept. 2, where they spent the weekend visiting with Ernest May and family. Marvin attended his 1969 high school class reunion at the home of Don and Cindy (Shobe) Whiteley in Lawrence on Saturday. They returned home on Monday.

Ralph and Violet Shaw were Wednesday visitors of The Irma Spiers in Kearney, Neb., where she was hospitalized, having had surgery on Tuesday. Ralph returned home but Violet stayed until Friday to bring Thelma back to Oberlin where she was then admitted to the Decatur County Hospital and is recuperating satisfactorily.

Evelyn May was a visitor of Leona Helmkamp Wednesday evening.

Robert and Diane Muirhead, Alex, Rachael, and Erin, Hays, were weekend guests of Karolyn Muirhead.

Saturday evening guests of Wilma May at the Golden Age Center for a family get-together and potluck dinner were Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka, Jamie Botts, Brandon and Tanner, Overland Park; Jerry and Connie Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Elwood and Jeanie May, Judy Jordan, Karyn, Sean and Daniel, Christopher Jordan, Ludell; and Shanna Long and Miranda.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday

doll, her last gift as a child; high-heeled shoes, a gift for a woman; and a crown to set her apart for her special day.

Before the dance began her father, Leonel Loya, sang a special song to Oriana and then waltzed with her (the first dance). Her great-grandparents, Maria and Vidal Villarreal, of Crystal City, Texas, and her grandparents, Roy and Graciela Ochoa of North Platte, Neb., were honored guests. Other guests traveled from Illinois, Texas, and New Mexico with between 250-300 present. Assisting were Clay, Mike, Tom and Judy McCarty, Don and Melanie Baalman, Bill and Donna Dible, Don and Colleen Rall and Fred Albers for all their help.

evening from visiting Greta Wendelin in Seward, Neb., and Ladd Wendelin in Lincoln, Neb. Saturday evening they attended the production of "Beauty and the Beast" at Pinewood Bowl, an outdoor amphitheater in Lincoln, where Ladd played the part of LeFou, Gaston's sidekick.

Zach May played in the 5th and 6th grade Oberlin/Norton football game Saturday afternoon in Norton.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, were Saturday overnight guests of her father, Ben Jorns, in Preston. Sunday morning they attended worship services sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League and led by Reverend Keith Kohlmeier at the Farm Bureau Arena at the State Fair in Hutchinson. Sunday afternoon, they watched Zach compete in the children's Pedal Pull.

Since he placed first in his age division at the local Decatur County Farm Bureau sanctioned pull, he was eligible to participate in State competition. Zach also entered two exhibits at the State Fair, receiving a blue on his grill table woodworking entry and a red on his brownies. They returned home Sunday evening.

Jessica Bremer entertained with two piano solos at a Delta Kappa Gamma noon luncheon meeting held at The LandMark Inn on Saturday. She was a guest of Helen Derby.

from Mississippi, where they had taken a van load of items for the hurricane families and also assisted other Covenant volunteers in the area.

There will be a board meeting following services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Members are to bring a sack lunch.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulation to J. R. Ginther, who won first place with his two-year-old stallion, Mr. Cisco Buck, at the National Foundation Quarterhouse Show, held at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Neb., over the weekend. He raised the stallion and showed him in the halter class. There were 11 other stallions in his class. He and his wife, Carrol, attended the show.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home recently from Billings, Mont., where they visited his cousins, Gwen, Gail and Gloria and families.

Dennis and Pat Barnett visited over Labor Day weekend with their parents, Keith and Darlene Barnett, of Atwood, and LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt. They came especially for the 100th birthday celebration, which honored Lula Thieler at Colby.

Kristi Dirks and Beth Holle were honored with a baby shower Sunday afternoon at The LandMark Inn, given by Jennie Anderson. She was assisted by Gayle Anderson.

Pastor Keith Reuther and Shane Spanier returned home last Tuesday

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