

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1880

A subscription paper has been circulated and money subscribed to erect an addition to the school house. This is something we have been greatly in need of and will add much to the comfort of both teacher and scholars.

The cold snap has caused most of the people in town to put up heating stoves. There is the usual cussing over the stubborn joints of pipe.

You fellows who promised wood on subscription will greatly relieve the suffering of the poor printer by bringing some in soon.

On Tuesday morning the windows of heaven were opened and the glorious rain descended. It continued for about 10 hours, coming down in a continual pour, wetting the ground about 8 inches deep, and putting it in splendid condition for plowing.

As fine a saddle as ever came out of a harness shop was manufactured by Mark Wright for Fred Counter, our big brother.

Died, Sept. 20, 1880, at his residence near Decatur post office, Augustus C. Townsend.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1905

John Fringer bought the Vale half-section of land in Custer Township for \$5,000. We hear Vale talks of going to the mountains.

W.L. Acton bought the milk route of Wilbur Boling last week.

Alfred Gierhart was quite badly hurt by a vicious horse at the barn. He was unconscious for some hours and Drs. Smith and Tilden were called. At this writing he is much improved.

John Tutt, a young colored man living in the west part of the county, was shot and killed at Herndon.

Marriages: Herman Nicodemus and Miss Mable Park, Sept. 21; Glen Cornwall and Miss Mary Byran, Sept. 21, 1905.

Recently F.C. Griffin and F.L. Pasley bought the Ketels grocery and meat market. This week, the firm was changed to "The Oberlin" with J.E. Kulp, president; F.L. Pasley, vice president; R.C. Griffin, secretary-treasurer.

The First State Bank of Cedar Bluffs has been organized and is now open for business. Officers are: I.J. Peck, president; H.S. Kennedy and Otis L. Benton, vice presidents

and R.A. Groom, cashier.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1930

The Dresden baseball team, which has created considerable interest among this fans this season, defeated Hays 4-1 in a game at Dresden park Sunday afternoon. Playing for Dresden were E. Carroll, ss; Leo Bainter, lf; Long, cf; C. Carroll, 3b; Graber, 1b; Nelson, rf; E. Flaska, 2b; Derby, c; Fred Flaska, p, Vessey and Soldsden. Flaska allowed only 3 hits and walked 1 man.

A picnic of the Wennihan relatives was held Sunday at the Tacha grove.

Dutch Anderson, the Oberlin coach, has 40 enthusiastic boys out for football. Three games are scheduled for the home field, McCook, Atwood and Hoxie.

Joseph William, little son of Mrs. Mary Trommmer, was born Sept. 10, 1929, and died Sept. 11, 1930, at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook. His going leaves another emptiness in the home as he was preceded in death by his dear father on April 13 and leaves his mother, one brother, Edgar and one sister, Edith. Burial in the Leoville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jom are the parents of a baby girl born Sept. 16.

Miss Mary Benton has pledged Kappa Alpha Theta at Washburn.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1955

Farmers are defying the dry weather and hoping for rain as they begin to plant wheat.

After five near record-breaking weeks, the sale at the Oberlin Livestock Exchange hit a \$100,000 gross last Friday as 1,476 head of stock went through the ring as the dry weather continues.

Funeral services were held for Matt Wurm, 59, who had lived on the same farm northeast of Oberlin the past 30 years. Due to his illness the past two years he had been hospitalized in Albuquerque. He is survived by his wife, Alcia; two sons, Allen and Rex of Oberlin and a daughter, Helene Fisher of Albuquerque.

Joe Herzog, who has been in the Rawlins County Hospital in Atwood the past month, was able to return home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Herzog, on Friday.

Norcatur: Franklin D. "Jack" Frewen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Frewen of Norcatur, graduated from Kansas State College this summer and was also commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He is married to the former Joyce Pelkey and expects to be called to active duty sometime in the coming year.

Nancy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson of Oberlin, was one of 48 students who received their student nurse caps in a ceremony at the University of Kansas Medical Center. They are all candidates for Bachelor of Science degrees

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1980

The Oberlin Livestock Commission Co. will change hands Oct. 1 with the purchase of the business by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers of Colby and Mr. and Mrs. Keith "Skip" Petersen of rural Selden from Mr. and Mrs. John Simonsson. The new owners plan to retain all of the present staff and Art Leitner will continue to serve as auctioneer.

Oberlin Livestock Exchange was built in 1920 on East Hall in

downtown Oberlin, moving to north Highway 83 in 1954. Among other owners over the years have been Fred Dunker of Ludell, Fred Schlake, McCook, Allen Chambers, Ernest Norton, Woodrow Frickey, O. R. "Bud" Kelley, Chet Youngs, Pete and Jesse Jones, Albert McVay and Howard Parish.

John R. Bearley, retired Oberlin Elementary School principal, will be among those receiving Alumni Achievement awards at Fort Hays State during homecoming weekend.

The sixth triennial reunion of Leoville High School alumni and associate members was held Aug. 31 at the church hall in Leoville. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, a banquet was served to over 300 persons. Officers elected were Winfrid Karls, Alamogordo, N.M., '39, president; Bert Berls, Oberlin, '34, vice president; Velma (Kaus) Neff, '51, Selden, secretary; and Seraphine Zodrow, Leoville, '39, treasurer.

Funeral services were held for Carroll V. Miller, 74, who died at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Our visitor count for August was 175. They represented 23 states: Illinois, Nebraska, Hawaii, Virginia, Kansas, California, Utah, Colorado, Missouri, Arkansas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Washington, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Maryland, Minnesota, Idaho, and South Dakota.

On Sept. 7, we hosted an American Heritage bus tour. They followed the trail of the Northern Cheyenne from the Darlington Indian Reservation in Oklahoma up to Fort Robinson in Nebraska. The group toured the museum and then loaded back on the bus and traveled out to the vicinity of where many of our settlers were killed in the raid. Calvin Ufford was their guide for the on-site tour.

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities will be hosting a bus tour on Sunday, Sept. 25, that will also be going out to the site of the Last Indian Raid in Decatur County, led by

Calvin Ufford. If you are interested in taking this tour you can contact Ella Betts or Mary Henzel for more information.

This tour will be a great start for the Mini Sapa weekend on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2.

On Saturday, the museum will be open with FREE admission all day from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You will be able to check out all the wonderful exhibits in all of the 14 buildings and shop the crafter and vendor tables as you wander through the museum grounds. The day will start at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and continue with activities until closing at 4:30 p.m.

Along with the museum activities many of the antique stores will be open, giving discounts if you have a stamp from the museum. There is also the Antique and Thresher show at the fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, so come and spend the weekend in Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

Dell Pomeroy is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Alice Fiala celebrated her birthday on Monday, Sept. 12. Her son and his family were unable to be here for the birthday, but they provided cake and ice cream for everyone. Nadean Stoney, a niece of Mrs. Fiala, ate dinner with her.

The bowling group met on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Freda and Lyle Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Volunteer Ann Martin returned to help with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. She was greatly missed while she was recuperating at her home in Herndon for several weeks. She was assisted at bingo by volunteers Opal Huntley, Jerry Temple, and Alice Shirley. Don Shaw won the first bingo and Bea Wolfram won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-

Nots hosted the September birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. He served pie and ice cream. Alice Fiala, Don Shaw, and Marie Thomas were honored. Each received a rose in a vase and a balloon.

Father George brought communion on Thursday morning.

The Residents' Council met on Thursday afternoon. Plans for the Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays were discussed.

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

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry zucchini and egg-plant. Home-grown cherry tomatoes were also served.

Recent visitors: Lola and Merlin Diederich, Rosa Boehm, Gerling Wurm, McCook; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Earl Brown, Selden; Emma Sanford, Jennings; Mike McVay, Colby; Dale and Avis Hazuka, Dianna Hazuka, McDonald.

Lyle Gamblin, Butch Diederich, Vernon Diederich, Alice Shirley, Juanita Williby, Ella Betts, Orline Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dana Winstead, Joy Votapka, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Question: Why do they always give hurricanes girls' names?

Answer: Have you ever heard of a himacane?

Okay, so that is an old joke...but Hurricane Katrina is no laughing matter. On Monday, Sept. 12, residents gathered to discuss ways they could help those devastated by the recent tragedy. As a result, we have scheduled a Rock-a-Thon for Oct. 15. Watch for more information!

Tuesday, the STARS Committee hosted Hawaiian Tuesday. Morning devotion was entitled "Hawaii isn't Paradise...Heaven is." Residents all wore leis and dressed in tropical splendor. Janice Shobe and Casey May donned grass skirts.

Mrs. Olson's first grade class came for the first time on Tuesday. They met Sammy, the Good Sam squirrel, who took them for a tour of the facility. They also matched their hand print to their First Hand Friends'. Participants in this inter-generational program are: Sheri Horney, Lois Buchholz, Mamie Unger, Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler, Harold Demmer, Edla Olson, Jeanette Conway, Alan Adleman, Leo Mooty, Everett Fisher, Doris Miller, Marguerite Fullerton, Mary Lemman, Nadine Anderson and Kathryn Post.

We enjoyed a luau for lunch amidst a dining room decorated appropriately for the occasion. And in art class, Lucy Schissler, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Muriel Ready, Hildegard Euhus and Eva Cuthbertson made their very own "ocean in a bottle." Social Hour was also sponsored by the STARS Committee.

During Bible study on Thursday, a Roman soldier appeared (thank you, Heidi Wiebe) to help us demonstrate what it means to "put on the full armor of God." Righteousness on next Thursday. Edla Olson, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson,

Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gumer, Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie and Nadine Anderson attended.

Dena Gillespie and Jeanette Diederich whipped up a scrumptious cherry cake, made from Dena's own recipe! It was a big hit at Social Hour, as was Dena as we honored her in the Cook's Parade!

Foldin' Fellowship ladies made quick work of the laundry, then Carol Duncan arrived to read the news as the ladies relaxed and listened. Then...apples, apples, and more apples (plus a few worms) were all peeled by Florence Jones, Hildegard Euhus, Jeanette Conway, Nadine Anderson, Fern Anderson and Dena Gillespie. The apples were all baked in an apple betty to be served on Monday.

Sunday services were held by the United Methodist churches of Jennings and Dresden.

Once again, our thanks to the many volunteers who help to make our days brighter! We appreciate Ellen Horn, Larry Smith, Anita Hirsch, Barbara Dehlinger, Dennis Brown, Mert McEvoy, Dorothy Alstrom, Roxie Erickson, Shirley Shields, Marilyn Horn, Colleen Geihlsler, Carol Duncan, Tika Hall, Serena Stacy, Megan Huntley and Jeanette Diederich for all they do.

Recent guests: **Ken Rydquist** - Marcille and Boyd Berryman, Aurora, Colo.; Faith and Maurice Anderson, Westminster, Colo.; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, June Vavroch; Lucy Schissler - Del and Lorine Graw, Littleton, Colo.; Sally Olson, Ralph Crim, Atwood; **Ruth Laidig** - Serena Stacy; **Marguerite Fullerton** - Robert Jetunna, Denver; **Marie McChesney** - Don, Julia, Advic and Jessup Ray, Shay McChesney, Conner McHugh Also visiting were Megan Huntley and Pastor Carrie.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

This week is Homecoming. On Thursday, the community is invited to the pep rally at the football field at 4 p.m. (in lieu of a parade). There will be skits and band numbers.

They are even looking for "old-timers" to join the band! Those interested may contact the school. A supper, provided by the student council, and a bonfire will follow. The game follows at 7 p.m.

Lawrence Horinek is spending a few weeks in Elkhart. His address is c/o Morton County Health System, Box 937, Elkhart, Kan., 67950.

Gary and Clara Gillum, and Doug and Joan Todd went to Oklahoma for the Northwest Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association finals to watch their grandchildren. The Gillums' grandchildren, Hadley and Hayden, ages 9 and 5, are children of Ty and Camden Gillum of Montezuma.

Hadley won a trophy saddle for All Around for 6- to 8-year-old boys. Hayden qualified in several events and won many awards.

The Todds' grandchildren are Haines and Kathryn, ages 9 and 6, children of Jeff and Nancy Todd, Tuttle, Okla. Haines qualified in several events and won numerous awards and Kathryn won a trophy saddle for All Around in the girls division. Both sets of grandparents from both families were present.

The rodeo included the states of Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

Darrell Leh is out of the intensive care unit and is improving daily, according to Marjorie.

Don and Carol Harrison, Salina, were visitors of their aunt, Deb Stepper, en route to Estes Park, Colo., for a family reunion.

The Rexford ladies who attended After 5 were Terri Allen and Deb Stepper. There will be no October After 5, but one is planned in November with details to come later.

Joan and Doug Todd have a new grandson, Creed Charles, born Sept. 12. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and is the first child of Jodi and Cade Leeper, Wilmore. Joan and Doug went to meet Creed and Joan stayed to help. On Sunday, Doug, Jay and Brandy Todd, Taylor and Taylor went to see the new

family and Joan accompanied them home.

The Royal Neighbors who went to Norcatur for the Decatur County District convention last week were Deb Stepper, Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, and Betty Carswell.

Grace Cheney, and Gary and Kay Cheney went to Hays Saturday for the wedding of their granddaughter and daughter, Jenny Cheney, and Jimmy Conn. The reception was held at Schoenchen. The Conns will continue to live in Hays.

Delores and DeAnn Dible and Deb Stepper went to Logan to a covered dish meal at the nursing home as guests of Hazel Richardson on Sunday.

There's been another snake sighting! This one, a young garter snake, was on Cleda Moeder's enclosed patio. What is going on?

Ron and Janette Dible spent two days at the state fair in Hutchinson. Their granddaughter, Karis Sperling of Newton, accompanied them one day.

Sondra Barnett spent several days with her daughter, Shalom and Kevin Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb, and Trinity near Pretty Prairie. Shalom and Sondra did some painting in the Kruse house; they spent a day at the state fair and Sondra also attended an Aglow team meeting in Great Bend.

Jennifer Scott's nephew, Cody Garten, and Belinda Branek plan to be married in Muleshoe, Texas, in December. Both are veterinarians there.

Pat and Charles Williams have returned from about a month's vacation in their camper. They went to Dixon, Mo., to visit their son, Brian and Kim Williams, then went on to Columbia to see their granddaughter, Katie. They toured a camper factory in Iowa, saw the bridges of Madison County and attended the Kansas State Fair.

The American Legion is tentatively planning to start monthly pinochle tournaments, beginning the third Saturday of October.

There will be a farewell fellowship dinner after church on Sunday for Melody and Bob Leach.

The Rexford Community Church will have their fall kids' program kick-off party for grades one through five on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from the time school is dismissed until 5 p.m.

Cleda Moeder, Taylor Moeder and Buck Harper went to Trenton, Neb., for the weekend. They were joined by Tim and Shelly Moeder of Colby.

A Thieler reunion was held on Sept. 11 at Fairview Estates in Colby. Those present were Don and Lily Thieler, Kenneth Thieler and Freda Thieler, Colby; Keith and Darlene Barnett, Martin and Donna Waterman, Jane Waterman and daughter Keri Brogan, Atwood; Janet and Carl Miller, Gem; Coleen Bowen, Wray, Colo.; Elaine Mor-

gan, Agra; Charlene King and Nic, Collyer; and Rex and Betty Carswell, Selden. Lula Thieler was in the hospital and had to miss the reunion.

Scoop on the School: Last week the junior high girls played volleyball and the boys played football at Bird City, winning all their games.

The high school girls played in a volleyball triangular meet at Healy, with Healy and LaCrosse. The junior varsity lost, but the varsity won.

The high school boys played football at Sylvan against Southern Cloud and won 60-12.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to the City of Rexford for purchasing and installing signs to guarantee postal patrons a place to park when the downtown area is crowded!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Joel and Tami Shaw returned home Sunday, Sept. 11, after spending the weekend in Colorado. They spent Friday in Colorado Springs, enjoyed lunch with Joel's friend and guitarist, Johnny Smith and his wife, and later visited Bill and Helen Tostanoski. Saturday they attended a wedding in Pueblo for the daughter of Joel's high school friend, Doug Smith. Dante spent the weekend with his grandparents, Norman and Julie Gallentine, while his parents were out of town.

Wayne and Lois Larson enjoyed attending the State Fair in Hutchinson this past week. They also visited Jay and Suzanne Cooper and Ian Crane in Wichita, and Bill and Bonnie Condit and Eowyn Crane in Winfield.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., returned home Friday after spending a few days visiting her mother, Hildegard Euhus.

Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark., arrived Thursday to spend a few days visiting family and friends and are houseguests of his parents, John and Edith Tate.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby,

were visitors of Alvina Unger on Saturday.

Joanne Wendelin and Rory attended the State Fair in Hutchinson on Saturday and while there visited with Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, and Katrina and Karissa Wentz, Sarah Marcuson, and Karyn Jordan.

Duane and Phyllis Berry, Grand Junction, Colo., were weekend guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. Additional Saturday evening guests for dessert were Duane and Carol Witt, and Lee and Judy Ploussard.

The Berrys were on their way home from Omaha, Neb., where they had visited Gale and Dee Harold.

Mike Hayden, Lawrence, was a guest of the Norman Wendelin family Friday evening. Saturday morning, Norman, Mike, John Mickey, Atwood, and Darrell Mickey, McCook, left for Canada to fish in the Cranberry Portage, Saskatchewan, area for a week.

Brad Larson, Kathy Almquist, and Maria Campo, the Decatur Community High School Spanish teacher, attended the Walnut Valley Blue Grass Festival in Winfield over the weekend and visited with Jay and Suzanne Cooper.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Elden and Detta Anderson, and Gary Anderson returned home Wednesday from a week's vacation. They visited Elden's sister, Gertrude Myers, in Mansfield, Ohio, and were joined by Eric Scott of Rochester, N.Y., for the K-State-Marshall football game in Henderson, W. Va.

While there, Mrs. Myers received word of the birth of a new grandson, Quinten James Myers, born to Dave and Beth Myers of London, England. The Elden Andersons and Mrs. Myers also visited her other son, Doug and Laura Myers, Megan, Tara and Dillon at Leitchfield, Ky., and enjoyed other points of interest, including several Amish communities. Gary Anderson spent time with Eric and Cindy Scott, Zach and Natalie in Rochester, N.Y.

Beth Harmon, Chloe and Toby of Oberlin were Thursday luncheon guests of Arian Arnold.

Mary Rachel Olson was honored with a party on Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mark and Barbara Olson, in observance of her 14th birthday. Others present were Kurt Olson, Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, and Gerald and Patti Benda.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther met Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron,

Will and Sophia of Atwood in Oberlin on Saturday to watch Cameron play in the Oberlin-Atwood fourth-grade football game. The Blaine Ginther family and Jared Holste were Sunday dinner guests at the J.R. Ginther home to honor Blaine on his recent birthday.

Scott Olson left for his home in Irving, Texas, on Monday after visiting his grandparents, Bob and Sally Olson, and helping at the farm several weeks.

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