

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1880

The political pot is boiling. Returns from the October election in Indiana and Ohio indicate that Garfield and Arthur have carried the two states by 6,000 and 20,000 majority respectively.

We are having Indian summer. Al Hollister now cuts up juicy steak for the customers at the city meat market.

Jake Keefer and Billy O'Toole of South Sappa returned Monday from the east with supplies for the winter.

Married on the 17th at the residence of the bride's parents, by Joseph Slater, Esq., Mr. J. Frewen and Miss Francis Rice, all of Prairie Dog Township, Decatur County.

About a quarter inch of virgin snow fell Sunday night.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1905

Geo. Jackson sold his residence last week to Dr. Reeves.

Carpenters are rushing their work these days. A cold winter, if it should set in early, will find many unplastered houses in this county.

H.D. Colvin moved to his own office Friday, having sold his interest in the Square Deal Land Company.

High School Gossip by Ray Yarnell:

There are now 139 pupils in high school.

The Happy Contrary Senior Club met Wednesday evening with Emma Griffith with Ray Palmatier as chairman. Officers elected were Miss Griffith, president; Goldie Love, secretary and treasurer; Prof. Harry Peters, instructor, Pearl Love, Fanny Griggs and Florence Clark, executive committee.

Norcatour News:

Joe Tolle has sold his share in the implement store to his partner, C.H. Reid.

Work on the Christian Church began last Thursday and at this writing the rafters are up.

Married, Miss Anna Stevens and Mr. Nels A. Nelson on Oct. 15.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1930

October's rainfall so far totals 4.48 inches, a near record. The glorious rain of Friday and Saturday totaled 3.18 inches while McCook reported 6 inches and the southwest part of Decatur County 4 to 5.

The Decatur Red Devils deliv-

ered a surprise to the large crowd assembled at Chautauqua Park field Friday afternoon when the Red Devils scored 2 touchdowns in the first quarter and added another 2 before the game ended to defeat McCook 24-0. The strong wind prevented much of an aerial attack and confined the game to hard football.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sophia Peterson, 66, who was born in Sweden and after her marriage to Claus Peterson in Michigan moved to Rawlins County and later to the Lund Community.

Herb Dyer and Pete Reeves, who are attending the Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins, both played in the game in which the Aggie frosh played the soldiers of Fort Warren at Cheyenne. Reeves played fullback and Dyer halfback and the game was won by the Aggies 7-0. The team made the trip to Cheyenne over muddy roads and a great lot of exercise was obtained by pushing the bus through the rough spots.

Dresden: Roy Bainter announced the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl; Velda Jean and Dale Clinton. Wes Bainters have a new girl. They have named her Eunice Marie.

From the Hospital: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Petracek of Jennings are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, Oct. 8.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1955

The Oberlin Red Devils reached the halfway point of the 1955 season without a defeat as they blasted the St. Francis Indians with four touchdowns in the first 15 minutes of play and then toyed with the Cheyenne County rivals thereafter to win 32-7. The regulars, who hadn't scored in the first quarter all season, wasted no time on this occasion.

The nine Federated Clubs of Oberlin were represented at the Sixth District Federation meeting in Norton by approximately 50 delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmons of Larned announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya, to Stanley Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Chapin of Oberlin. Miss Simmons is a junior at Fort Hays State College, where she is a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority. Mr. Chapin attended Kansas University and Fort Hays State and is currently stationed at Cape May, New Jersey, with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen flew from Denver to San Francisco, where he will attend a dental convention. From there they will fly to Hawaii to attend another dental convention. They plan to be gone until the first of November.

The last races of the season sponsored by the Hi Plains Racing Association were enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday afternoon at the Decatur County fairgrounds. Trophy girls were Karen Pollnow and Margaret Ann Morton. There was plenty of excitement in the A-Trophy dash when Bud Frye of Lincoln, Neb., crashed through the north fence after his steering wheel came loose.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1980

The Red Devils blanked the Goodland Cowboys 13-0 in the homecoming game played at Smick Field. Homecoming queen was Lizann Davidson and Dan Hess was crowned king at the dance which followed the game.

The 12-man crew from Seaward Construction Co., Kittery, Maine, are erecting 130-foot steel towers for the Sunflower Electric Cooperative high voltage line which cuts across the western edge of Decatur County.

Longtime county road department employee Loyl Wilson is hospitalized at Decatur County Hospital following surgery for injuries sustained in a crane accident in Summit Township.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Spresser,

Dresden, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Krizek, rural Jennings, announce the engagement of their children, Jeanette and Dave. An Oct. 25 wedding is planned at Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilcox, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. David Spero, Kansas City, announce the marriage of their children, Anna Wilcox and Norman Spero on Sept. 19 in Miami, Okla. The bride is a 1974 graduate of Decatur Community High School and attended Fort Hays State and is employed by the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka. The bridegroom is a graduate of Washburn School of Law and is presently in schooling for the Army.

A ceremony Sept. 27, 1980, at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif., united Lucinda Goodnight of Pasadena to Dr. Larry Van Vleet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Vleet of Oberlin. They will make their home in Goodland, where both will be employed by the Northwest Kansas Medical Center. He will be a physician and she will be a dietitian. Both are recent graduates of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Evan McCartney, girl, Monica Jasmin, Oct. 7; Mr. and Mrs. John Sauvage, Selden, girl, Jessica Sonnet, Oct. 10; Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, Lebanon, Neb., son, Matthew David, Oct. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith, son, Christopher Lawrence, Oct. 13.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharla Wurm, director

I know it isn't Halloween yet but here at the museum we are working on our Christmas tree decorating contest. We will be putting up the trees next week so they can be decorated starting Nov. 8. We already have many of them reserved but it is NOT late for you to contact us and get your name on the list. The trees need to be trimmed and ready for viewing by Nov. 18.

With that said, there has 2005 gone?

These last couple of weeks we have been catching up on our genealogy requests. Some of the surnames we have researched are: Stafford, Cox, Wayman, Adams, Rowley, Dooley, Holton, Fletchall,

Moler, Palmer, Caley, and Mitchell. With help from the ladies in the Clerk of the District Court office and the Register of Deeds office, we have been able to help many who have been doing family history.

I have also added several new genealogy sources to the Decatur County History and Genealogy website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/decatur/index.html>, and to the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/decatur/index.html>.

If you have information or ideas for either website that would be of interest to others please contact me.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Floyd Bryan, who died at Cedar Living Center on Thursday.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served apple crisp and ice cream to residents, guests, and staff.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Freida Matheny won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Tressie Samson won the blackjack game.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones assisted with the sing-along program on Tuesday afternoon.

The dietary and activity departments teamed up at noon on Wednesday to host a lunch featuring sandwiches from the A&W. Root beer floats were served for dessert.

Residents who enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on Wednesday included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Freda Gamblin, Paul Sass, Charley Vavroch, and Bea and Hank Wolfram.

Joanne Dolance of Dallas, Texas, and Judy and Gene Stark of Sun City, Ariz., ate supper on Wednesday and lunch on Thursday with the women's mother, Helen Lindquist.

Pi Alpha Club hosted the October birthday party on Thursday afternoon. They served pie and gave a musical program. Residents Nettie Britton and Freda Gamblin were honored for their October birthdays and each received a carnation. Club members assisting with the party included Ila Ray, Fern Wenger, Cecil Hess, Eileene Grose, Estella Waldo, Kristy and Joan Evans, Janette Votapka, Pat Wright, and Rosella Meitl.

The weather was so nice on Thursday afternoon that the group meeting to read The Oberlin Harold sat outside. They enjoyed the paper and the fall afternoon.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Bea Wolfram traveled to Arkansas City with her son, Larry Wolfram to attend the wedding her granddaughter, Kim Meixner, on Saturday. Kim is the daughter of Connie and Curtis Meixner of Arkansas City.

Lyle Gamblin ate dinner with Freda Gamblin on Sunday to help her celebrate her birthday.

Several residents attended the reception held on Sunday afternoon in the hospital lobby to introduce Dr. Stellan Andrecia.

Richard Russ of the Oberlin United Church gave the Sunday worship service on the patio.

Recent visitors included: Patt Tuller, Paul and Christine Matheny, Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, Charles and Clarice Dack, McCook; Larry Wolfram, Liberal; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Rose and Sohn Domsch, Chris Edwards, Atwood; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Julie Harold, Hays; Mike and Marie McVay, Carolyn Miller, Colby; Betty Carlton, Keno, Ore.; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Earl Brown, Selden; Emma Sanford, Jennings; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Carol Shaw, Selden.

Carrie and Teague Morford, Butch Stanley, Pastor Royce Leitner, Barb Solko, Nadean Stoney, Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Laurene VanOtterloo, Dana Winstead, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Joy Votapka, Karolyn Muirhead, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Edwin Black, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

What do you think of when the Good Samaritan Center is mentioned in conversation? Old folks home? Rest home? Well, think again. This building is filled with some of the most innovative, energetic people you will ever meet. Read on, and I think you'll agree.

On Monday, which was Columbus Day, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Hazel Flaska, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway and Eva Bryan gathered to make words out of "Christopher Columbus." Art class met to explore pastel chalk and still life, creating beautiful renditions of fruit baskets.

Mrs. Olson's first graders met their First Hand Friends and read to them for the first time this year on Tuesday. After lunch Lisa Stacy and Coleen Rippe put on a little skit about getting ready for winter, followed by a sing-a-long and slide show presentation entitled "Remembering Fall." This was provided by a Talking Books Bifocal Reminiscing Kit. Dennis Brown, from the Forget-Me-Not ministry, showed up to serve homemade apple cobbler and ice cream.

On Wednesday there was an air of excitement brewing. I stopped by to see Ruth Laidig, to find her practicing. She had two pillows and her rocking chair. First she practiced without the pillows, then again, with the pillows. She determined the pillows would be needed for the performance. The ladies were talking among themselves, buzzing like a hive of bees.

Thursday was ordinary, with the exception of the continual buzz that did not subside with a good night's rest. A new bulletin board went up in Town Square and the buzzing increased.

On Friday, the place was really humming. Residents had a hard time keeping their minds on the tasks at hand, including Foldin' Fellowship, Current Events and Wheel of Fortune. At Bible study they managed to finish the Armor of God series. Our Roman soldier is fully prepared for battle! But the buzz continues...so we prayed. It was in this very room several weeks ago that a heart was moved. The question was asked, "What can WE do?" in response to the hurricanes that ravaged the coastline. Compassion filled the room and a dream was born. On Saturday, these ladies would make that dream come true.

As setup began for the Rock-A-

Thon, all the rocking chairs were lined up. Jeanette Conway sat in one chair, then another and another. It was like a scene from Goldilocks. "This chair is too short; this chair is too small; ahhh, this chair is just right!"

On Saturday morning at eight o'clock sharp, Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler and Ruth Laidig set their chairs to rocking! Doris Miller and Dorothy Pryor were on hand as relief rockers to give short "gotta-go" breaks to ladies rocking.

Entertainment began at 8:30 a.m. with Nathan Smith performing a magic show and ended at 5:45 p.m. with Amy Carman and Angie Fortin singing praise to our awesome God. Other entertainment was provided by Angie Wilson (piano); Anita Hirsch (vocal and guitar); Mert McEvoy (vocal and guitar); Barbara Dehlinger (poetry); Pastor Charlotte (vocalist); Kelsey and Kaylee May (gymnasts); Nolan Henningson and Serena Stacy (vocal and dance); Cassidy Shields (vocal); Edla Olson (piano) and Myrna Jones (organ); Lois Carlson (harmonica); and Joey Hirsch (reading).

Each hour a giving update was announced and at 6 p.m., thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Oberlin community, \$935 was posted!

Thank you for giving not only to the Salvation Army but also to the hearts and lives of the ladies you sponsored. Praise be to God!

Our volunteers this week include Barbara Dehlinger, Joe Hirsch, Larry Smith, Nathan Smith, Tika Hall, Mert McEvoy, Anita Hirsch, Mary Henzel, Bethany Smith, Fabiola Ortiz, Elise Halley, Jenny Ploussard and Joyce Ploussard, and Serena Stacy.

Recent guests: Lois Buchholz - John, Mary and Meredith Buchholz of Littleton, Colo.; Mande Buchholz and Trent Homewood of Omaha; Lucy Schissler - Mert McEvoy; Muriel Ready - Alice Shirley; Hilda and David McGee - John Tyrell; Harlan Gehlsler - Joyce and Rex Remington, Danbury, Neb.; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson; Marie McChesney - Julie Ray; Elsie Macy and Bernice Brown - Chris Edwards; Sherri Horinek - Nick Juenemann of Hays; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch of Jennings.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The city beautification project of improving sidewalks within the city has resumed, beginning at the corner of Main and School and continuing on towards Williams Street. Replacing existing sidewalks and pouring new walkways was a project implemented by the city council a year ago. Thank you to Dwight Williams, Mike Johnson, Nancy Dahl, Dennis Allison, Dave Williams, Mayor Bill Dible, and Bill Scott, city manager, for the improvements.

Deb Stepper went to Kansas City with Bill and Donna Dible on Oct. 7 and returned Oct. 10. Deb visited her daughter, Cindy Stepper, while Bill and Donna attended the NASCAR races with their daughter, Susan Phrang, and son, Corbin, from Topeka, and daughter, Anita and Rocky Passantino from Kansas City.

The Colson family met at the Hoxie Park picnic grounds at the south edge of town for a family picnic potluck dinner on Sunday, Oct. 9. Those present were Edna Colson, Selden; Grace and Stan Kauk, and Cheryl Colson, Marcus and Brady, Colby; Arthur (Buck) and Nancy

Colson, Jessica, Janna, Julia and Leamon, Hoxie; Roberta Colson and Delores Cody, Goodland; Kathryn and Floyd Richard, Amie and Chris and Dianne Davis, Erin and Abigail, Norton; and a cousin, Jerry and Barbara Wilson of Aurora, Colo. Ernest Colson and Janine Colson both had to work.

The Worthwhile Club met at the Red Barn on Oct. 12 with Edna Colson as hostess. All members were present: Glendora Bastin, Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney and Edna.

J.R. Albers and Lawrence Horinek received the high prize at the pinochle tournament held at the American Legion on Saturday. Five tables of 20 players made for a competitive evening. Rex and Betty Carswell placed second with Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper taking third.

Graveside services for Delvin Teel were held at the Rexford Cemetery on Friday. His wife, Opal, was at the Menlo Post Office when they lived in the area.

Those in attendance for Koffee Klatch Friday were Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Grace

Cheney, Deb Stepper, Freda Ketchum, Liz Rall, Debra Gamboa, and Hulda Wark.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs football team was defeated by the Cheylin Cougars on their home field Friday evening, 34-32. The Western Kansas Liberty League volleyball tournament was hosted

by Brewster on Saturday, Oct. 15. The team placed fourth after losing to the Grainfield Shockers.

Sondra Barnett, president of the area Aglow, was busy with the Aglow Convention held in Colby from Friday to Sunday at the Quality Inn.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Casey McPheeters, 26, who died at Colby on Thursday. He was the son of Mac and Jeri McPheeters of Colby and his maternal grandparents are Quentin and Olive Bergling of Atwood. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Colby, with burial at Beulah Cemetery at Colby.

Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were honored by their family with a supper on Saturday at their home in observance of their 30th wedding anniversary, which will be Oct. 25. Those present were Kendal and

Tammy Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Kearney, Neb.; and Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook.

Donna Kelley entertained with a surprise party and wiener roast on Saturday to honor her husband, Dick, on his birthday, which was Sunday. Others present were Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth, Topeka; Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.; Lyle and Jan Hackney, Rod Alstrom, Jaxen and Lacey; Elden and Detta Anderson; and Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Oct. 20 - Loran Sulzman, Orba Stevenson; Oct. 21 - Fred Mumm; Oct. 23 - Kory Koerperich; Oct. 24 - Tyler Richardson, Scott Anderson; Oct. 25 - George Wessel, Yockey Jones; Oct. 26 - Julia Otter, Maureen Bruggeman, Jacque Boultinghouse.

On Oct. 13 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Jeanie Spresler took second, Julie Pope got low and Betty James had the most kings. Other members present were Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Ann Hazlitt and Shirley

Pope. In observance of National Fire Prevention Week, the Sheridan County Fire Department will be giving away 9-volt batteries for smoke detectors. The batteries will be available at Carl's Store in Selden on Saturday, Oct. 22, until the supply runs out. If you have a smoke detector, please stop by and pick up your free smoke detector battery.

Marcia Schlageck, a talented painter and designer from the Selden area, will present a workshop on One-Stroke Painting at the Selden Public Library from 9 a.m.

to noon on Saturday. Anyone interested in learning this painting technique should call Marcia Schlageck at (785) 386-4406, or Marsha Rogers at (785) 386-4408 to sign up. A maximum of eight participants will be accepted.

Hmmmmmm—rumor has it that Melvia Paulson, LaVina Paulson and Karla Wessel have joined the National Guard. Koi and Kade Wessel, twin sons of Dan and Melissa Wessel, are in the second grade in Hoxie. On Oct. 11 during Grandparent's Day activities the National Guard was on hand to pass out CDs containing educational in-

formation about its services to our country in time of need. Karla (grandma), Melvia (great-grandma), and LaVina (aunt) accepted copies, prompting the children to believe they were joining the National Guard. Congratulations, ladies—you are never too old to serve your country. Also makes me wonder if they are eligible for the "Oldest Recruits" award.

On Oct. 14, MiKayla Lobato, Tayler Lobato and Rachael Ritter attended the cheerleader camp held at the high school in Rexford.



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