

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1880

Politics red hot. Bariteau Bros. have taken down the old stove and put a new box stove in their drug store. It is a good one and furnished by Ed. Knowles.

Married, at the residence of the officiating minister in Oberlin, Oct. 24, 1880, by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. A.J. Metcalf and Miss Hattie A. Fish of Knox County, Maine.

W.D. Street, who went to Oregon last spring, returned to this place last week. He traveled most of the way on a pony, carrying supplies on a pack horse, and he met with many adventures while crossing the mountains. Bill says he saw no place on the route he likes as well as sunny Kansas, and proposes to stay here.

J.W. Allen received a fine organ from Chicago this week for his daughter, Edith.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1905

Geisenhener family of Thomas County moved to town last week. They talk of building a residence. The children will attend school.

A.E. Bennett of Rexford was over Saturday completing the deal for the Banta farm north of town.

Sherman Items: Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Furman, who have been visiting in Pennsylvania for the past three months, returned to their home in Sherman Township Saturday.

Joe Meier, the carpenter, has had plenty of work all summer. It takes this crew of men about five days to get a common sized house ready for the plasterers.

Dresden: Joe Boeger has bought

the new hotel.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1930

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Frewen of Norcatgur observed their 50th wedding anniversary. The Frewens were pioneers and have seen some hard times and deserve to take life easy and enjoy themselves now.

The Decatur Red Devils downed St. Francis 32-0. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11, Atwood will be the foe and a celebration is being planned by the American Legion which will include a free barbecue at noon and a dance in the evening as well as the football game.

Vickers: Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day. This is the plea of the farmer who doesn't have his fall work done.

Jennings: The high school football team tied Hill City 6-6 last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller returned Sunday evening from Kansas City where Ben attended a convention of Kent service station managers.

Funeral services were read by the Rev. Chas. Simpson of Dresden at the Jennings Methodist Church for Dale Clinton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter who was born Oct. 6, 1930, and died Oct. 18.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1955

Sunday, Oct. 30, the congregation and friends of Faith Lutheran Church of Oberlin will dedicate their new church at the 11 a.m. worship service. Pastor is the Rev. James P. Ullom. Built by the D.L. Moffitt Construction Company of McCook at a cost of \$52,000 including equipment and furnishings, the sanctuary will seat 150 persons

with a choir seating of another 30.

Funeral services were held in Lincoln, Neb., for Loy McMullen, 49, who graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1923 and later from Kansas State College. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will McMullen and his wife is the former Vivian Dyer. Other survivors include two sisters, Mary and Lois. Family members attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gierhart and Mrs. Milton Nitsch.

The Oberlin Red Devils put on their biggest offensive push of the season in tallying win number five but they needed three fourth-quarter touchdowns to subdue the Oakley Plainsmen 46-20.

There will be no J.C. Penney store in Oberlin come Monday morning. The Oberlin store is just one of the many which the company has closed during the past two years according to Boyd Huff, manager here the past five years. The Huffs plan to remain in Oberlin for a time and Mrs. Huff is presently teaching school at District 206 northeast of Oberlin.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1980

The First Combat Evaluation Group, headquartered in Barksdale, La., will be located at a site four miles west of Oberlin during the second week in November for a series of simulated bombing test runs which will be electronically scored. The site has been leased on land belonging to Holden Simpson and between 13 and 14 men will be at the site at various times during the

6-week period. The men are staying in McCook as local motels are booked for pheasant season.

Volunteers are hard at work at the back part of the old Pepsi Bottling plant doing the necessary remodeling to accommodate community gathering and dances. According to Lloyd Corcoran, donations for the new Golden Age Center project now total \$8,300 of the needed \$10,000.

Marian Pachner has retired as business manager at *The Oberlin Herald* and has been replaced by Nila Hafner.

New Arrivals: The Rev. and Mrs. James Stewart, Oberlin, son, Erik Gregerson, Oct. 18; Mr. and Mrs. William Sellers, Oberlin, girl, Danette Jolyn, Oct. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nondorf, Atwood, girl, Holly Sue, Oct. 19.

Brent Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson, rural Dresden, is a tight end on the University of Southwest Louisiana football team and leads the Cajun scoring with three touchdown catches this season. Anderson is a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a transfer from Garden City Juco.

The Red Devil football team was soundly trounced at Atwood Friday night to the tune of 34-6. The cross-country team placed second in the Northwest Kansas League meet held Saturday at Oberlin Country Club. The Shields brothers, Phil and Paul, claimed all-league honors with Phil placing fifth and Paul, tenth. The volleyball team coached by Jim Keller placed fourth in league action.

Cedar Living News

The Cedar Living Center residents would like to invite all of the children to stop in on Halloween. We will be ready to hand out treats after the Spook Parade downtown on Monday. Trick-or-treaters of all ages are welcome until 8 p.m.

Residents who gathered on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards included Nettie Britton, Mildred Cochran, Freda Gamblin, June Harold, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, and Bea Wolfman.

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

The Residents' Council met on Tuesday morning. Several holiday plans were discussed. The date for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner was set for Sunday, Nov. 20. The family Christmas party will be on Dec. 18.

Freda Gamblin won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

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

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make Halloween decorations for the dining room. Helen Juenemann assisted with decorating a Halloween tree full of ghosts.

A pancake supper was held in the dining room on Wednesday evening. Lynn Doeden, Margee Wilson, Suzanne Ahlberg, and Carolyn Miller flipped pancakes and fried eggs for everyone. The dietary department provided sausages and a fruit salad. In addition

to the residents, guests included Lyle Gamblin, Dana Winstead, Lowell Sebaugh, Monty and Linda Hunt, and several residents of Wheat Ridge Terrace.

Father George gave Catholic Mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Don Shaw was the biggest winner at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made applesauce cookies on Friday afternoon.

Nettie Britton was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party hosted by her family. About 30 family members attended the party.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service at Cedar Living Center.

Recent visitors: Larry and Sandy Wolfman, Oberlin; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatgur; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Bette (Jaderborg) Bader and Cheryl Jacobs, San Francisco; Julie Harold, Hays; Earl Brown, Selden; John and Lois Jordan, Boulder, Colo.; Patt Tuller, Gary Matheny, McCook;

Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Betty and Bob Maske, Russell; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Karen Bennett, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Dolores Koerperich, Vernon Diederich, Karolyn Muirhead, Joy Votapka, Dan Votapka, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Butch Stanley, Jody Betts, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

The Royal Neighbors will sponsor an evening of bingo at 7 p.m. at the Community Hall on Saturday.

The cost is simply a donation to help the Rexford Museum with their expenses. Everyone is welcome.

Come and enjoy a good time with your friends and neighbors. Prizes will be given and cake and ice cream will be served afterward.

Guests at the home of Sondra Barnett the weekend of Oct. 15 were Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan of Holcomb. Linda and Tiffany also attended the Aglow Fall Retreat in Colby with Sondra. Shalom Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity were also here for the retreat and all visited Grandma Hulda Wark.

Donald and Colleen Rall had an interesting experience for several days last week. Tad Wallen, a retired attorney from Coronado, Calif., was interested in the Kansas farming operations and came to Kansas to experience it first hand. The Ralls met him at the wedding reception of their niece, Kristen Ross, last January. While here, he drove the grain cart and combine during corn harvest.

Social Hour Club was held at the Barn with Deborah Gamboa as hostess. Others present were Eilene Dible, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Ruth Luna, Hulda Wark, Clea Moeder, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins and Sondra Barnett. Deborah provided Halloween games and bingo winners were Ruth, Eilene, Hulda and Sondra. The hostess prize went to Vesta. The next meeting will be Nov. 7.

Ruth and Lee Luna's granddaughter, Anisha Luna of Fort Collins, Colo., visited for a week. While here, she decided she liked Rexford and enrolled as a junior in the high school. Anisha has a one-year-old daughter, Maria.

If you have never seen a burning bush shrub, you should drive past Clea Moeder's house. Hers is absolutely beautiful.

Robbie Luna, Milliken, Colo., helped his brother, Bill Luna, with the painting and remodeling business for a month.

The Barn Bible study last Wednesday was attended by Jolene Hansen, teacher, and Grace Cheney, Betty Carswell, Edna Colson, Deb Stepper, and Janette Dible.

Rexford had another nice rain on Wednesday afternoon, which included some small hail, but no major damage.

Freda Ketchum and Sondra Barnett went to Selden to visit several who were interested in the Rada knives, which are being sold by the American Legion Auxiliary. They will be taking orders until Nov. 1. Proceeds will help send a teenage girl to Girls State. They are made of surgical quality stainless steel and make wonderful gifts. They will be back in time for Christmas. Call Sondra Barnett with your order.

Darrell Leh was back in the hospital in Hays, but is doing better now and should be home this week. Several from Rexford have visited him.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Pat Williams, Hulda Wark, Deborah Gamboa, Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Delores Dible, Freda Ketchum, Margaret AraSmith, Deb Stepper, Clea Moeder, Sondra Barnett, and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua of Tyrone, Okla. Deborah Gamboa shared a delicious dessert.

The sidewalk work east of the school is coming along nicely. We are always so happy to see the improvements.

Guests of Sondra Barnett last weekend were Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla., and Tiffany, Lacey and Megan Barnett, Holcomb. Linda Barnett brought the girls here on Friday for the weekend and she stayed for lunch before returning home. On Sunday Lori took the girls to Holcomb on her way back to Oklahoma.

The Rexford Church will be packing shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse on Sunday after morning worship. They still need toothbrushes and paste, wash cloths, small pencil sharpeners, soap and would welcome other

gifts; also they would welcome people to help with the packing. The group will bring a sack lunch for noon.

Scoop on the School

Friday was the end of the first quarter of the school year.

The Golden Plains middle school went to the Cheylin scholar bowl competition last week. The eighth grade took second place and the seventh grade, third. There were five schools represented.

Winona canceled the middle school ball games last week since

they did not have enough players.

The high school lost their football game to Sharon Springs on Friday, 28 to 14.

The high school girls won the volleyball game against Ness City, but lost to Grainfield. The loss kept the team from going to sub-state.

The Red Cross will be at the gym at the little school on Monday with information about the organization and the upcoming blood drive. The junior and senior classes and the public are invited to attend. Contact the school office about the time.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers stayed with J.T. Guy and family in Abilene Oct. 3-11, while June Jolly went to New Mexico.

Kathy Van Meter went on a 10-day trip to San Carlos, Mexico. They visited a pearl farm, a cactus garden, and rode a train up Copper Canyon.

Liberty Star Club ladies met at the Rose of Sharon in Norton. Members present for the tour were Angie Wilson, Carolyn Plotts, Cathy Anthony, Toots Magers, Veda Wood and Kathy Van Meter.

Kathy and Joyce Sumner took a car load of clothing to Garden City to the Mexican Mission on Wednesday. On Thursday, Kathy attended a wine tasting party.

On Friday, the Lyle ladies sewed and cleaned the community building in preparation for the Lyle Bazaar, to be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13. That evening the ladies played cards in Norcatgur.

June Jolly and Toots Magers attended the Norcatgur Supper and Bazaar on Saturday evening.

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