

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1881

Johnie and Billie Love have returned from Nebraska, where they have been herding cattle since last spring.

During the month of August, the entries of land at the Oberlin land office amounted to 9,817 acres.

Jule VanMeter was in town the last of the week.

The fires were comfortable Tuesday and Wednesday.

President Garfield has been removed from the White House to the seashore at Long Branch.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1906

The electric light poles are being set this week.

Craig Cathcart and Young Babb passed through Oberlin Monday for the west.

The Decatur County High School began under rather unfavorable circumstances. The Baptist Church will be used for an assembly room and some rooms over the Victor Lorig store will be used as recitation rooms. The annex to the Presbyterian Church will also be used.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents near Hooker on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1906, Mr. Clayton C. Diehl and Miss Myrtle E. Bivans.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1931

One hundred and two golfers entered the golf tournament on the Oberlin course Sunday and seemed to enjoy the perfect weather and the fine playing condition of the Oberlin course, for which President Howard Anderson and his helpers deserve all the credit. When the scores were totaled Sunday evening it was found that four golfers had tied with 109 strokes for the 27 holes: Frank Bartlett, Atwood; Art Relihan, Smith Center; and Elmer McKinzie and Ray Birdsell of Oberlin. In the six-hole playoff, Birdsell was one under par and was declared the winner.

Miss Ella Torleumke arrived in Oberlin Tuesday after a two-month trip to Europe. She spent 5 weeks visiting relatives in Germany and on her return to New York City visited Miss Esther Ott, former grade school music teacher here.

On display in the grade school building is a collection of curios and handiwork of the Alaskan Eskimos which Miss Emma McCleery collected in her life's work as a teacher and missionary.

Courthouse News: Glenn Alexander, 24, Norcat, and Pearl Bowser, 18, Oberlin, were issued a marriage license and were married by Rev. McClelland of Norcat.

Lester Kirkendall received his master's degree from Columbia University this week. He majored in secondary education and will teach civics, social science, world history and public speaking.

Jennings: Miss Lila Banta, who completed work for her degree this summer at Emporia, will teach in the Home Economics departments at Jennings this season.

There was an enrollment of 152 at the high school in Oberlin the first day and 52 were freshmen, according to Mr. Smick, superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman have moved into the Erickson house on North Cass Avenue. The Wayne Landaus, until recently residents there, have moved to Kanona.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Clarice Fough to Richard Crichton Leake at the Methodist parsonage at Overton, Neb., on Nov. 1, 1930, came as a surprise to friends of these young people. Mrs. Leake is the daughter of Mr. Peter Fough of Wilsonville, Nebr., and recently resigned her position in the local office of the United Telephone Company where she has been employed four years. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leake, is a graduate of the class of 1928 and has been connected with an Oklahoma oil company in Tulsa and also assists in the management of the Oberlin green house.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1956

Most Decatur County farmers are apparently going to wait out the deadline for the 1957 Soil Bank applications as long as they can and see if September rains might strengthen possibilities for the 1957 wheat crop. Harold Rehm, local ASC office manager, said there have been some farmers who have indicated they definitely plan to sign up and could collect \$27 per acre.

Galen Bennett, who will take over the Kansas Highway Patrol assignment in Decatur and Norton counties, is a former Decatur countian. He is a son of Mrs. Jim Bennett of Jennings and a graduate of Jennings High School. Bennett, 38, attended Fort Hays for two years before joining the Highway Patrol in 1942. He has been in the patrol for 14 years except for 21 months of naval service during World War II.

Work on the new city library on North Penn has been completed and now all that is needed is sufficient funds to equip the interior.

Arch Hamilton of the Hamilton Oil Company has purchased the LP

gas business formerly operated by Roy Hayes.

Beverly Golden will teach in the third grade this school year. She is a graduate of Fort Hays State College, where she had a scholarship her senior year.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Foster, Jennings, son, Carl Leslie, Aug. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sauvage, twin daughters, Janet Sue and Ellen Marie, Aug. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hurst, son, Sylvester Dale, Aug. 29.

Court House News: Probate Judge George Nellans issued a marriage license to Robert E. Sixbury and Carolyn Simpson Sept. 1, and they were married Sept. 2 at the Methodist Church.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1981

Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel has advised farmers not to plant wheat too early due to green bug infestation. Subsoil moisture is plentiful, so farmers will be able to plant later. Cooler evenings are a concern to milo farmers as heads are still filling.

Following a lengthy meeting, the Decatur County Solid Waste Committee voted 6-1 to recommend to the county commissioners they accept a proposal submitted last week by Jerry Cathcart to operate the county solid waste management system.

Decatur County representative Dick Spencer, Jennings, who serves on the Mid-State Port Authority, reported this week that there now appears to be more interest in the section of railroad from Courtland west to Burlington, Colo.

Burlington Northern continues to provide service along the line until the end of the year.

Norman Bainter, Jennings, was installed as Lions District Governor of 17NW at the Lions International Convention held in Phoenix, Ariz., in June. Bainter, 60, has been a member of the Jennings Lions Club since it was chartered in 1970 and holds perfect attendance. Bainter farms and is affiliated with Bainter-Bateman Funeral Home, Jennings. He is a 1940 graduate of DCHS and a World War II veteran.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Walston and daughter, Mary, of Great Bend are moving to Oberlin and will make their home at 312 W. Maple in the home they have purchased from the Everett Pruitts. Walston will serve as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held for a longtime Decatur area resident, Bernice Willcoxon, 91.

Two Atwood golfers, Grant Glad and Joe Kanak, were the winners of the annual Sappa Valley Class golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday at Oberlin Country Club. They shot a 124 to edge Steve Aten, Oberlin, and Kelly Hamilton, Clay Center, who combined for a 125.

A reminder of the Old West in Decatur County in the form of a Texas Longhorn steer is no more following the slaughter last week of the nearly 10-year-old critter, owned by John Simonsson, which weighed 1,765 pounds. The horn span was 56 inches and the critter would no longer fit into the loading chute, according to George Wolf, Oberlin Locker Service owner.

Let's To to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Our guest list was down during the month of August but still 21 states were represented, along with visitors from Scotland. Our guests came from the states of California, Kansas, Louisiana, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, South Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Michigan, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, Iowa, Alaska, and Arizona.

For an interesting bit of history from *The Oberlin Herald* of Dec. 12, 1940: "Darrell Landau Heads High School Council, Noel Thomsen chosen as Vice-President of newly formed governing council. Recently organized for the first time in the Decatur Community High School, the new student council is

now handling the official duties as a student governing body."

With only about four weeks before the 48th Mini Sapa Celebration at the Museum, plans are underway for an exciting day. The date for the celebration is Saturday, Oct. 7. The day begins with breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. During breakfast, from 8 to 9 a.m., the DCHS Singers led by Susan Nelson will be performing. The singers provide a great start for the day so come early and spend the day in Oberlin.

The second annual Fall Craft Fair will be held on the grounds during the celebration. If you are a crafter or vendor and would like to have a space you can contact us at (785) 475-2712 or email us at lirm@sbc-global.net.

Cedar Living News

The Red Barn Band from Rexford will be giving a performance in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 2 p.m. on Friday. Visitors are welcome to attend.

We have received several donations of home-grown cucumbers, tomatoes, and cantaloupe recently. Thank you to the generous donors. They have been delicious.

Frank Bouts of Selden donated two boxes of Colorado peaches, one for residents and one for staff. They were really good.

Paul Sass was the big winner at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Others present included Elsie Goodnight, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, and Loyl Wilson.

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

Hank Wolfram and Mildred Cochran tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

The activity department from the Good Samaritan Center hosted the August birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Several residents from the Good Samaritan Center attended the party. Lisa Stacy, Anita Hirsch, and Mert McEvoy led the residents in a game of "Name That Tune."

The group served ice cream and Colorado peaches. Cedar Living Center residents honored at the August birthday party included Don Thomas, Hank Wolfram, John Schuhart, Velda Ward, Mildred Tacha, and Mildred Cochran. Each received a birthday balloon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle group on Wednesday afternoon including Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, and Elsie Goodnight. Paulie Neff also joined the group.

Barb Solko played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward.

The baking group fried eggplant and zucchini on Friday afternoon.

Don Shaw was the guest of honor at a birthday party on Sunday afternoon hosted by Rick and Tammy Shaw. They served cake and ice cream to the residents, staff, and guests. Don celebrated his birthday on Sept. 5.

The Rev. Carrie Buhler of the Jennings United Methodist Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Atwood; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Monty and Linda Hunt, Wava Reames, Leslie Ward, Norcat; Harold Sulzman, Mike and Marie McVay, Margie Stanley, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Julie and Alexis Harold, Hays; Meredith Hrnchir and Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Rachel and William Carter, Doyle and Kay Brown, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Carol Shaw, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Kathryn, Grace and Elijah Uhner, Chanute; Leanna, Bill, and Bret Roberts, Abilene; John, Shelly, Kendra, and Brittany Truetken, Scranton, N.D.; Jan and Mischel Latham, Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Rosemary McCary, Robin Dole, Ellinwood; Mike Latham and Jillian Carroll, Oceanside, Calif.; George Wurm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Jim, Jan and Amanda Wahlmeier, Phillipsburg; Rick, Tammy, and Corey Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Phyll and Connie Cramer, Marie Jean Vavroch, Sandra Young, Laurene Van Otterloo, Carol Shirley, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Dolores Koerperich, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

What does the color blue remind you of ... blue skies, the ocean, a melancholy mood, sweet-smelling delphiniums, blueberries, or Smurfs, perhaps? Our Town Square has turned blue, but only temporarily.

This beautiful blue will be the background canvas on which murals will be painted. Town Square will truly be a town square when all is finished. Jeanette Diederich and Anita Hirsch have been commissioned to paint murals on each wall surrounding the pond with scenes of Oberlin. A lot of research has been done to preserve the dignity of the buildings and farmsteads that will be portrayed. Come by every now and then to see the progress. They will begin the transformation some time this week.

As of this writing, all of our dill worms are still snug in their cocoons. We are expecting seven butterflies to emerge some time very soon! It is so much fun to see the residents' enthusiasm and anticipation when we do a project like this. It becomes the talk at mealtime and encourages them to walk over to take a peek at the viewing box, wanting to be the first to see the butterflies. It is also a surprise to see who is the most interested. Ruby Wennihan and Elaine Thomas are two that come to mind as particularly attentive.

On Monday we hosted our second Concert in the Courtyard. Though the cool, rainy weather drove us indoors "Sweet Prairie Fire," comprised of Amy Carman and Angie Fortin, sang to a full house. We had several members of the community join us as well. Their angelic harmonies filtered down the halls to the rooms of those who couldn't come out. We will have one more concert at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25. Won't you mark your calendars and plan to join us?

Earlier that morning, Barbara Dehlinger brought the morning devotion and then helped Edla Olson, Jeanette Conway, Thelma Spiers and Ruth Laidig finish up their poems during Poetry Class. After Social Hour Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Nadine Anderson, Alvina Unger and Elaine Thomas played table ball during Merry Mums.

Tuesday morning the Garden Club ladies gathered on the front patio for a garden tea party. Lucy Schissler, Mert McEvoy, Jeanette Conway, Mary Lemman, Hazel Flaska, Kathryn Post, Dorothy

Pryor and Irel Lohofener sipped flavored teas and ate warm blueberry muffins while enjoying the warm sunshine and listening to a cacophony of bird song. Later that afternoon Kathryn Post, Mary Lemman, Hazel Flaska, Everett Fisher and Ruth Laidig made 100 smaller words out of "Indian Summer" during a word search activity.

It was our turn to host a birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Wednesday. Ruth Laidig, Kathryn Post, Lucy Schissler and Irel Lohofener went along. We served ice cream with Colorado peaches and played "Name that Tune" for entertainment.

On Thursday Catholic services were attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Loren Escher, Pooch Portschy and Doris Marintzer. Carol Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald* to a large group of news hounds during Current Events and Bible study was about "Diamonds in the Rough."

Pastor Keith Reuther hosted Men's Coffee on Friday. Pooch Portschy, Harold Demmer, Loren Escher, Rhede Unger, Everett Fisher, John Rule, John Ready, Leo Mooty and David McGee came to share conversation over coffee and chocolate cake.

At 2 p.m., we held a memorial service for Marilyn St. Clair. It is always hard to say good-bye to someone we loved so much. Marilyn had been a part of our Good Sam family for five years. We will miss her very much. But, as the Bible tells us, we need not sorrow as those who have no hope, for those who believe in Jesus have the promise of eternal life with Him ... and one day we will see her again. What a comfort and a blessing.

Recent guests: **Pauline Zander** - P.J. Kuerschaum of St. Charles, Mo.; Leona Harms, Carmen Harms of Sacramento, Calif.; **Hazel Flaska** - Arlee Williams of Westminster, Colo.; **Lucy Schissler**, **May Guy**, **June Saum** - Eunice Richards; **Elaine Thomas** - Eunice Richards; **Elsie Wolters**; **Dave and Hilda McGee** - Amy Rehm, Alyce Avery; **Dorothy Pryor** - Elsie Wolters, Serena Stacy; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks; **Faye Miller** - Dale and Francy Miller of Santa Rosa, N.M.; **Doris Marintzer** - Marie Zimmerman, Linda Marintzer of Westminster, Colo.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Danny and Cindy Black, Logan and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M., visited Saturday with her parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. They came back to attend the Sauvage-Black wedding in Oberlin Saturday evening.

Stan and Ramona Shaw enjoyed cake and ice cream with Donald Shaw and the residents at Cedar Living Center on Sunday afternoon in observance of Donald's birthday, which will be on Tuesday.

Bob Jones and his aunt, Claire Mowry of Kansas City, drove to New York to visit relatives.

Merle Snyder is visiting her daughter, Kim Atkinson, in Knobnoster, Mo.

Jim and Jane Wahlmeier and Amanda of Phillipsburg spent Sunday at the William Carters. Amanda was home from Baker University where she is a freshman. They visited in the afternoon with Naomi Carter, who is a resident at

Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Harry and Marge Unrein celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a special mass on Sunday, Sept. 3, at New Almelo Church. Brunch was enjoyed by the entire parish. Dinner for the immediate family was served at the Harry and Marge Unrein home.

Marge and Daryl Hartzog and Wayne and Louise Cressler were among those who attended the Mowry-Brewster family reunion Sunday at Bowen Scout house in Hoxie.

Sue and Chris Pettit are back from California and waiting for their furniture to arrive. They are employees of BCI and have purchased the farm home of Tom Vacura.

A benefit meal and auction for Dustin and Tonya Juemann will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, at the New Almelo parish. Donations of new

items for the auction would be greatly appreciated. They can be left at the Jennings Grocery or call Marge Unrein at (785) 678-2468.

Candace, Rayna and Sidney Taylor of Dresden are happy to announce the arrival of a baby brother, born Aug. 30. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Parents are Scott and Denise Taylor. Grandparents are Dave and Diane Carter, Jennings, and Charles and Vickie

Taylor, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Morel and Naomi Carter, Jennings, and Irene Taylor, Lebanon.

Brian and Westley Jennings of Solomon and Tammy, Erin, Ryan, and Eric Musgrave and Crystal Hansen of Nebraska were weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. They all attended the Jennings family reunion on Sunday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Stuart Euhus was met by his daughter, Dana Morton, in Salina on Friday, Aug. 25, and they drove on to Lawrence to visit Shad Morton. Her husband, Robert, met them at Shad's home in Lawrence and they enjoyed supper with him that evening.

Saturday they visited Sheena Morton in Kansas City, and on Sunday they visited with Lindsey Euhus in Topeka, and were met there by Shad.

Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, accompanied by Edith Tate, were Friday overnight guests of Pat and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg. While at the Wendelin home, they visited with Farrah Wendelin and Wyatt Wendelin. From there they traveled on to Tescott and visited Becky's mother, Linda Ryan, and grandmother, Lois Kepple. They were Saturday overnight guests at the Ryan home and returned home Sunday evening, Aug. 27.

Nancy Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo.,

and Connie Gosler, Mesa, Ariz., returned home Friday after spending the week visiting their parents, Elwood and Elaine Mines.

Melissa Scott and Nathan Winters were married Saturday morning in El Dorado. Attending from Oberlin were her brother and family, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, and Jerry and Connie Olson.

Craig Larson was honored with a birthday party at his home Saturday evening. Among the friends and relatives attending was Karen's friend, Ginger Luebbers, Laramie, Wyo., who spent a few days visiting at the Larson home.

Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Monday afternoon after spending the weekend visiting Bill and Bonnie Condit and Eowyn Crane in Winfield.

Dianne Bremer was among those attending a bridal shower honoring Stacie Gamblin Saturday afternoon.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Classmates, friends, and families enjoyed reminiscing while attending the Golden Plains Alumni activities over the Labor Day week-end. Saturday events at the Rexford City Park included a carnival and live bluegrass music in the afternoon. An evening meal of barbecued brisket prepared by Lad Truetken was served and a disc jockey provided evening music for the street dance. Everyone had a good time.

Margie Leh is home after spending several days in Oklahoma with her family.

Sondra Barnett went to Great Bend for an Area Aglow board meeting. Since the meeting was late, she spent the night in Hays with a friend, Sandra Bainter.

Former resident Lula Thieler, who now makes her home at the Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby, celebrated her 101st birthday on Sept. 1.

A "happy birthday" to Patty Purcell who celebrates Thursday. Bingo resumes at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Red Barn. This game night is on the second Saturday of each month.

Available for sale at the Red Barn are the new cookbooks for \$14.95 and the new edition of the Rexford phone book for \$2.50.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one!



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