

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1881

Two loads of live hogs, a sight rarely seen this far west, were on the streets last Wednesday. They were brought from Sheridan County, where the corn crop is an entire failure, and sold to parties in this vicinity.

Our baseball boys go to Vallonia tomorrow to play a match game with the Stars of that place. Look to your laurels, boys, your future greatness and the prosperity of Oberlin in a great measure depend upon the result of that game.

At the coming term of the district court there will be but 20 cases on the docket. Of these, five are criminal; and of the remaining cases 9 are for divorce, or nearly half of the docket.

The latest dispatch from Long Branch in reference to the President's condition are very cheering. On Wednesday he was removed from his bed and placed in a reclining chair, where he rested comfortably for nearly an hour. The lung trouble, from which grave apprehensions of danger arose, is now believed to be under control.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1906

Sunday was a fearfully hot day. Vincent Larrick and Tudor Stevenson left for St. John's Military Academy Tuesday evening. Mayo Maddox went last week to Quincy, Ill., to attend business college.

C.H. Tilden is now the sole owner of the Square Deal Land Co., Marx Lorig returned his work at Kansas University Monday evening.

Prof. Six and M.C. Ater chaperoned the band boys on their trip to Selden: George Gilkison, D.G. Addleman, Marx Lorig, Will Ater, Howard Huber, Charley Brewer, L.M. Parker, George McMullen and Ned Coldren. Clark Bush and Fred Patton were unable to go.

High School Notes: The classes that have been reciting at Banta's house will now be transferred to the Methodist Church.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1931

Last Saturday's mark of 105 degrees is the highest temperature ever recorded at Oberlin in the month of September.

The enrollment at the Oberlin schools passed 700 on the opening day with 290 at the high school and 420 at the grade school.

According to the McCook Gazette, Vavroch Brothers' Duroc Jersey hogs won all of the first honors,

and five of the 10 second prizes at the Red Willow County Fair.

At a special election to be held tomorrow, voters will decide the fate of the proposal of the Central Kansas Power Company to purchase the municipal light plant and transmission lines and establish a central distributing plant here.

Herbert Brantley has been promoted by the Foster Lumber Company to be the manager of the Courtland office.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Barratt are the parents of a baby boy born Sept. 5. They have named him Junior.

Herndon: Sunday, Aug. 30 was the silver anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. John Leitner who live southeast of Herndon and at noon a group of relatives and neighbors gathered at the Pleasant Ridge school house and drove in a body to the Leitner home, where they surprised the couple. A bountiful dinner was served at noon and in the evening a cafeteria style supper was served and later an old-time dance was held in the barn at the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Germeroth of Hoxie announce the marriage of their daughter Louise to Mr. Walter Torluemke of Oberlin. The wedding took place at sunset Thursday at the Lutheran Church with the Rev. Beck reading the ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. A reception followed at the lovely home of the bride's parents. They will be at home on their farm near Oberlin.

Norcatur: Manley Shirley is staying at Fred Auker's and attending high school. Dresden: Mike Karls and family left Monday for a trip to Yellowstone Park.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1956

Readers may soon notice some changes in the Herald as a new typesetting machine to be used by shop foreman Delbert Shields has replaced the Linotype used by the Herald since 1917. The new machine was installed by Wayne Bone of Hays, a brother-in-law of Arch Hamilton, who is considered one of the finest type-setting machinists in the country.

Mrs. Harold Brown has been selected by the library board to be the librarian at the new library building. Mrs. Brown is well qualified for this position as she was librarian at DCHS for three years. A young farmers educational class to be taught by Lloyd Moody, DCHS vocational agricultural instructor, is being organized.

Traer: School enrollment is 32 students.

Mrs. C.C. (Gertie) Marietta has replaced Miss Lula Betts as social welfare worker for Decatur County. Mrs. Marietta has been the local and social reporter at the Herald for two years and will be replaced by Mrs. Millard (Lucille) Kyte. Also leaving the Herald is Hubert Macy, who has returned to Pittsburg State College, where he is a sophomore.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Vernon, Oakley, daughter, Patricia Nelle, Sept. 6; Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Daetwiler, son, Phillip Jonathan, Sept. 9.

Jennings: Miss Cleta Vacura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vacura, became the bride of Mr. Claude Herren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Herren of Colby at the Jennings Methodist Church on Aug. 26. Rev. Wilbur Hooper performed the ceremony. The young couple will make their home in Colby.

Marilyn Jeanne Leidig of Lenora was married to Roy Elliott Gridley of Lawrence on Sept. 4 in the Plymouth Chapel of the Country Club Congregational Church in Kansas City, Mo. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Leidig and is a student the University of Kansas. The bridegroom is a 1953 graduate of DCHS and is a senior at KU.

Miss Margaret Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Stevenson of Oberlin and Charles Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Powers of Wichita, were united in marriage Aug. 18 in Wichita and are making their home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking back in history for this week, besides the terrible 9-11, we find that Oberlin lost 11 businesses due to a raging fire on Sept. 14, 1888. All buildings on the west side of Penn Avenue between the three-story Liepold brick edifice and the new Bank of Oberlin (now the LandMark) were reduced to ashes. It was interesting to note that a few of these businesses did have insurance coverage.

As we look forward to Oct. 7, we prepare for the 48th annual Mini Sapa Celebration. One of our now-familiar events during the celebration is the bake sale held in the Land Office, next to the Bohemian Hall. Museum members are asked to fur-

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1981

A feast of foods will highlight the annual Mini-Sapa celebration Sept. 25-27 as part of the Oberlin Commercial Club's efforts to commemorate historical events. The celebration began the last weekend in September in 1958 when the Decatur County's museum was opened for the first time. The time also takes note of the date of the Last Indian Raid in Kansas, which occurred Sept. 30, 1878.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marietta, daughter, Loni Marie, Sept. 2, 1981.

A dinner for family members followed by an open house at the McCook Elks Lodge Aug. 23 honored Evans and Dollie (Kennedy) Brown on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Participating in the first Kansas triathlon (running, biking, swimming) to be held near Scott City on Saturday will be Brad DeKnight of Oberlin and John Sauvage, rural Selden.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander observed their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 23 with an open house at the educational building of the Norcatur United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Bryan have returned home from Burley, Idaho, where they visited another brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bryan. While gone, they went by motor home and van through Montana and into Alberta, Canada, where they vacationed at Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise and other points.

nish a baked item and have it there before 8 a.m. on Saturday morning or items can be brought to the office on Friday.

Bernice Martin is the lady in charge of this activity for the museum.

The museum will open at 9 a.m. for Open House with free admission to tour all 14 historical buildings and to visit with the crafters and vendors set up on the grounds.

We still have room for more crafters and vendors. 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@sbcglobal.net.

Cedar Living News

There will be a dance in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to come for an evening of music, dancing, and refreshments.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of penny cards on Labor Day. Those joining in on the game included Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Veda Ward, and Naomi Carter. Ice cream was served following the game.

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

Naomi Carter won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Frank Ward won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father Henry brought Catholic mass on the patio Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Staff members Sally May and Helen Juenemann hosted the September birthday party on Friday afternoon. Those honored included Don Shaw, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Marie Thomas, and

Betty Harden. Each received a bouquet of flowers and a birthday balloon. Everyone enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream. Entertainment was provided by the Red Barn Gang of Rexford.

An ice cream sundae party was held in honor of National Grandparents Day on Sunday during supper. Frannie Nothdurft and V.W. Sauvage hosted the party.

Recent visitors: Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon, Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Helen Derby, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Marlene Wolfram, McCook; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Keith Anthony, Gary Anthony, Jerry and Ron Temple, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatur; Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Kevin and Angela Koch, Kit Carson, Colo.; Sparky and Eilene Nolan, St. Francis; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City.

Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Edwin Black, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dolores Depperschmidt, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Butch Diederich, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Maryanne Bishop is recuperating from surgery which she underwent after one of their horses was spooked and ran over her, causing internal injuries. She is the daughter of Dolores Benda. Mail will reach her at 7455 55th Street NE, Foley, Minn., 56329.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rebecca and Alex Muirhead were confirmed Sunday morning during worship services at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Hays. Attending were Robert and Diane Muirhead and family, Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin; Joan Loughmiller and Chris Wellington; Amber Saliba, Manhattan; and John and Ruth Peters, Walton. Karolyn was a Saturday overnight guest at the Muirhead home and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Fred and Diana Dycus were afternoon guests of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, on Saturday, Sept. 2. Fred is the new pastor of the Oberlin Community Fellowship church.

Ralph and Violet Shaw were Labor Day weekend guests of Gary and Jean Shaw and family at Longmont, Colo. While there, they were visited by Ralph and Gary's sisters, Dee and Elna Fortin, Brighton, Colo., and Bonnie Olson, Boulder, Colo.

Jennifer Shaw was a visitor at the Richard Shaw home over the Labor Day weekend. She is going to college in Emporia but came back to visit family and friends.

Connie Olson and Karen Eskew returned home Saturday evening after attending the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas Assembly of Leaders meeting in Salina.

Sunday guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Alfred Euhus, Littleton, Colo.; Faye and Neil McCoy, Arapahoe, Neb.; Stuart Euhus, Dennis Euhus, Kent Euhus, Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, and weekend guests, Stan and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday after spending the weekend visiting Greta Wendelin in Seward, Neb., and Ladd Wendelin in Lincoln, Neb.

Wayne and Lois Larson were weekend visitors of her sister and husband, Ray and Dorathe Eleanor Wiltshire, Pratt, then drove on to the State Fair in Hutchinson and were Saturday overnight guests of Jay and Suzanne Cooper in Wichita. Sunday dinner guests of Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were Eowyn Crane, Winfield; Wayne and Lois Larson, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Dez Wark spent Monday and Tuesday in Denver with her sister Shaylee Niemeyer, of Colby, shopping and attending the American Idol Concert. Her ticket was a birthday gift from Shaylee. The top twelve 2006 American Idol contestants performed a four-hour concert.

The post office lobby will be open to the public only during regular postal hours of the day due to vandalism in the building on Monday, Sept. 4.

The community was saddened with the loss of Freda Ketchum and wishes to extend heartfelt condolences to her son, Lonnie and Sharon Ketchum. Her funeral service was held at the Rexford Community Church on Friday morning with burial at the Rexford Cemetery.

Deb Stepper's daughter, Cindy, has been visiting.

Several residents have encountered skunks in the neighborhood. Jolene Hansen was sitting on her

back steps the other evening and what she thought was a cat approached her, sniffing her foot.

Darrel Leh was outside watering when a skunk approached him from behind.

I don't think the critters mean any harm, just wanting some TLC!

On Saturday, a quinceañera, a celebration of passing from childhood to young womanhood, was held for Maria Garcia, 15. It began with Mass at the Sacred Heart, Selden, with Father Henry. A reception and dance were held at the 4-H building in Hoxie. Maria and her dad had the first waltz and then her attendants joined in. She is the daughter of Manuel and Fermina Garcia.

The Red Barn Gang has a new member. Gail Williams has joined the group and the gang's first trip was to Oberlin to Cedar Living Center on Friday. The gang states they "welcome anyone who wants to have a good time making rhythm to good old-fashioned foot-stomping music."

Social Hour Club was held at the Barn with Vesta Roth as hostess. Bingo winners were Eileen Dible, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney and Ruth Luna. The hostess prize went to Sondra Barnett. Other members present were Cleda Moeder and Marjorie Leh.

Kids Club at the Rexford Community Church resumes from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, for kindergarten through 8th grades.

A happy birthday to the following: John Ray Gould, Sept. 10; Kyli Jones, Sept. 11; Ben Rhodes, Sept. 12; and Becky Kersenbrock, Sept. 13.

Shawn Spesser leads a ladies Bible study at 9 a.m. in Selden on Tuesdays at the Senior Center. A new study begins this week.

At Golden Plains: Friday will be Homecoming and the Bulldogs play Logan. There will be a parade at 4:15 p.m. in Rexford.

Red Barn events: Barnswallows meet each Monday at 2 p.m. and Come On Down gets together at 2

p.m. every Thursday. If you like pinochle or want to learn, you are welcome to join in anytime.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. is Bible study and Jolene Hansen has started a new series called "Restore My Heart."

Those at Koffee Klatch on Friday were Delores Dible, Liz Rall, Jean Hawkins, Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Sharla Williams, Darla Dible, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett.

Saturday evening bingo had a good attendance with 14 players. This event is every second Saturday of the month. A new bingo call was established, so come and find out next time.

Also at the Red Barn you can purchase the new cookbook for \$14.95. If you would like a copy mailed, add \$5 for postage and handling. A copy of the new edition of the Rexford phone book can also be purchased for \$2.50.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one!

By Jacque Boullinghouse

volunteers spent endless hours setting up the equipment, as it all came in boxes, unassembled. The new sets of playground equipment will add lots of color to both areas, and should provide countless hours of fun for the kids.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs met the Western Plains Bob Cats at Ransom. The Bulldogs came out on top with a score of 54 to 8. Congratulations, Bulldogs, and good luck with this week's game.

Jyle Adelman and his parents spent the weekend at the Kansas State Fair. Jyle won the tractor pull contest at the Oakley Fair which enabled him to compete at the State Fair. Congratulations, Jyle.

Selden News

At Senior Citizens on Aug. 31, Anna Bell Heim won high, Helen Karls took second, Lola Cook got low and Anna Albers had the most rjacks. Other members present included Jeanie Spresser, Carol Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Alfred Albers, Betty James, Edna Schiltz and Clara Schieferecke.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 31 - Vicky Hunziker; Sept. 1 - Bart Karls, Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz; Sept. 2 - John Kaus; Sept. 4 - Curt and Jennifer Spresser; Sept. 5 - Don Shaw, Matt and Aldea Finnesy, Darin Neff; Sept. 7 - Jace Lobato, Don and Katie Koerperich; Sept. 8 - Jim Rogers, Jerry Juenemann, Kain Priess; Sept. 9 - Nicholas Anderson, Neal and

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Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers traveled to Abilene with Charlie and Judy Easton to visit the J.T. Guy family.

Kathy Van Meter went to visit her sister, Charlotte Wilson, in Jewell.

Lyle ladies sewed on Wednesday.

Kathy Van Meter met with friends and attended the 10th "Accordion Jamboree" in Grand Island, Neb. Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended the graveside services of Glenn Alexander in Norcatur on Saturday, and on Sunday they helped welcome the new minister and family at the welcome

ing supper.

A reminder: The benefit potluck dinner at the Lyle Community Building with free entertainment has been moved to Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m.

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