

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1881

One whole page of the Herald was taken up with the testimony of witnesses at the trial of Sheriff Ayer for the shooting of Henry and Gaston. The case was tried before W.A. Dunn, justice of the peace, and resulted in the acquitting of the sheriff. The state was represented by L.G. Parker, county attorney, and J.E. Cochran and the defense by G. Webb Bertram and F.I. Snodgrass.

Robert Gaston is rapidly gaining strength at the Oberlin House under the care of Doctor Bariteau.

County Clerk Colvin has appointed Ed W. Rathbun as his deputy for the balance of his term. L.G. Rider lost 11 sheep by wolves recently.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1906

The painters are finishing the interior of H.J. Morrison's house this week.

It is reported that a survey for a new railroad is being made through the county passing about 8 miles south of Oberlin.

Ross Chilson and wife of Logan went to Montana last week to spend the winter.

Henry McCalla, one of the most respected farmers of Sappa Township, died Friday evening, Oct. 5.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1931

The people of Oberlin were inexpressibly shocked when the news was phoned from Denver that Mr. A.C.T. Geiger had died in his bed at a Denver hotel as the result of an ailment of the heart. He was in Denver on a business trip. He was born in Tipton, Iowa, in 1858 where he attended school and later attended Carthage College in Illinois before coming to Kansas in 1886 after being admitted to the bar in Iowa. In Decatur County, he was elected county attorney and was later appointed to fill the vacancy of District Judge G. Webb Bertram. He is survived by his wife, the former Ruhama Borin, and a son, Robert, a senior in high school.

Allison: Dr. and Mrs. Thomsen and small son of Oberlin were Sunday visitors at the parental Scott home.

New Methodist pastor appointments include the Rev. James Roberts from Oberlin to Belleville; Dresden, C. H. Simpson; Jennings, J.W. Torrence; Kanona, N.H.

Giesler; Lyle, O.N. Wiles; Norcatur, J.A. McClellan; Selden, F.M. Bishop.

Along with a number of other Oberlin people, we attended the night game of football last Friday between our high school team and McCook. It was our first chance to witness a night game and we were agreeably surprised that it was much easier to follow than we anticipated. McCook scored in the first half on a tipped forward, but in the second half the Oberlin team pushed over two touchdowns and kicked goals both times to make the final score 14 to 6.

Fred Bremer of Dresden with the help of his children planned and carried out a surprise on Mrs. Bremer on the occasion of their 49th wedding anniversary on Oct. 5 by inducing her to come to Oberlin with him and delaying the return until the children had time to gather and have a banquet prepared.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Goscha announce the marriage of their daughter, Ida Helen, to Mr. William A. Proksch on Sept. 19 at Immaculate Conception Church with Father M.J. Schmitt officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Proksch will be at home on a farm near Hoisington.

Gustave Lippelmann has been chosen a member of the Washburn chapel choir.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1956

In a business transaction completed this week, Joe Brown is now the sole owner of Brown Motor Company with the purchase of the shares of the business of his father, Leslie Brown, and his brother, Don Brown. Brown Motor Co. is the agency for Dodge and Plymouth cars and International farm equipment.

School News: Eunice Pavlicek and Shanna Bleses, seniors; Roberta Wurm, Sharon Chambers and Karen Moore, juniors, have been nominated by the football squad as candidates for the DCHS football queen. The student body will elect the queen, who will be crowned Oct. 19 at the Oakley game.

Jennings: The Rev. Wilbur Hooper, pastor of the Jennings Methodist Church for several years, will be the new pastor at the Dighton-Beeler church. He will be replaced by the Rev. Victor Peterson, who has been at Dighton. Mrs. Elmo Corder was taken to

Denver by plane Tuesday with a fractured skull as the result of a one-car accident Sunday two miles west of Marion, Neb. Four couples were riding in the station wagon recently purchased by LeRoy Barratt and driven by Elmo Corder and seven of the passengers were hospitalized.

Joyce Rusink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Rusink of Norton and Charles Eldon Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vernon of Norcatur were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church in Norton on Sunday, Aug. 26. They are at home in Wichita, where the bridegroom is attending Wichita University.

Dr. Warren Kump., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump, has been notified that he passed the board exam for radiologists and is now eligible to work anywhere in the U.S. He is presently teaching and working as a doctor at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis but will begin work at a new clinic the first of the year.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Soderlund, son, James Lee, Oct. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Ritter, Selden, daughter, Oct. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown, Danbury, son, Jack Dowling, Oct. 9.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1981

Decatur County commissioners were told that prairie dog eradication measures in the county may have to be halted if township funds are not available to cover the cost.

Reliance Motor and Equipment Company has been sold by owners of the business, Milton A. and Marjorie Nitsch, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Coleman and Associates ef-

fective Sept. 15.

Darwin Couch will assume management of the Farm Bureau office in Oberlin on Oct. 15, replacing Terry Steinbring, who has served nearly five years. He is married to a Jennings native, Tammy Bailey, and they have two daughters, Darci and Danelle.

A former Oberlin resident, Sam Willcoxon of Mendham, N.J., has been elected vice president-marketing of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

What a weekend! A fourth quarter rally by the Red Devils over the Atwood Buffaloes gave DCHS a 14-12 Homecoming victory and brought the season record to 4-0. Scoring for Oberlin were Matson and Aker with extra points by Vaughn. During the Homecoming assembly, Carol Sullivan was crowned queen and Sam Francis, a former DCHS player and All-American at Nebraska, spoke as the Athlete of the Past. During half time of the game, he presented his Hall of Fame award to the high school he attended in the '30s.

A Hawaiian luau the evening of Oct. 3 observed the 25th wedding anniversary of Marilou and Elden Long.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, daughter, Erica Leigh, Oct. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ladimer Truetken, rural Danbury, daughter, Aimee Lynn, Sept. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Berry, St. Peter, Mo., announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Kim, to Kevin J. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carter, Norcatur.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Through the wind and the heat, the 48th Mini Sapa Celebration is now history. Even though the weather was not what we had hoped we had a very nice turn-out to make the day a success. Thank you to all who supported this annual event.

Our September guests represented 23 states and two foreign countries, Germany and Wales. The states represented were Wisconsin, Arizona, Kansas, Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, South Carolina, Oregon, Florida, New York, Texas, Indiana,

Arkansas, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, California, Alabama and Pennsylvania.

The Needles and Pins Quilt Guild is sponsoring the Quilt Bus that will be parking on the east side of the Bohemian Hall, Monday, Oct. 23. The bus is a quilt shop on wheels from New York. A workshop will be held in conjunction with the 30-foot former shuttle bus that carries over 500 bolts of quilt fabric.

For details or to register for the workshop call Joy Votapka at 475-2982 or the museum 475-2712.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Salina on Friday, Sept. 29, to visit their daughter, Tamala Schulze, and grandchildren, Kallista and Kolten. They went to the Salina South and Salina Central football game. Kolten played on the Salina South team and they won.

For the September meeting, the Tuesday Study Club took a trip to Shepherd's Mill Inc. at Phillipsburg. Weaver Sally Brandon gave a tour of the business, describing the different steps involved in going from raw Alpaca fiber to the finished product. The group observed many of the machines being used to clean and prepare the fibers for weaving. Lunch was at the Oriental and American Restaurant, with refreshments at the Chubby Pickle.

Members enjoying the outing were Ruth Chance, Vendla Tacha, Helen Rhodes, Joan McKenna and Kathy Nauer.

Frances Bader has been in the hospital at Colby with an infection.

Tony LaRue had open heart surgery on Oct. 3 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb. A benefit will be held Oct. 29 at the Senior Center for Tony and Marlene. More details next week.

United Methodist Women met Oct. 4 at the church. Rachel Carter gave the lesson, "Building a Culture of Peace, Living God's Shalom." It was decided to use the money raised at the lunch stand during the school auction to paint the classrooms, restrooms and vestibule at the Jennings church.

Pheasant Hunters Supper will be served again this year by church members on the first weekend of pheasant hunting season.

Members attending the meeting were Rachel Carter, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Claudine Bennett, Vendla Tacha, Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Glenda Johnson and Louise

Cressler. Vendla and Claudine were hostesses.

Sunday was United Methodist Women's Sunday at Jennings. Several members participated in the service. Joan Colip of Norton gave an interesting talk titled "A Walk Through the Old Testament."

The October meeting of the Czech Museum and Jennings Heritage Associates was held Oct. 5 with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were Dean Gawith, Bob Tacha, Jay Kump, Larry Mizer and Steve Hirsch.

The treasurer reported the usual utility bills were paid along with bills for the furnace and air conditioner, the addition to the museum, and the carpet.

The outside siding and painting was completed last week. Cement was poured for the handicap access on the addition plus other outside walks.

Curtis Fulwinder and Kyle Cox

of Colby, who are working on their Eagle Scout badges, moved the trophy cases into the addition. The museum received the wooden trophy cases last week, which the school district had built for the museum. When the glass shelving and doors arrive, they will be finished. The museum board thanks the school district for these three cases.

Trophies are still being polished. The next work session will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Volunteer help is appreciated.

Discussion was held concerning where to display the items for the addition. Perhaps the school pictures will have to be put on stands rather than attached to the walls. More copies of the book "Making Do," and the one containing Sol Rees' story are being ordered and will be available soon.

The next regular meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2. The public is invited to attend.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received last week of the death of Vernon Wester of Cleghorn, Iowa. His wife is the former Ruby Cedar, daughter of the late David and Anna (Holmdahl) Cedar, formerly of this community. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Cleghorn.

Over 65 relatives of the Bearley family met for a family reunion in Atwood on Saturday and Sunday. Weekend guests of Elma Lee Erickson were Erma Layman, LaVerne, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weaver, Longmont, Colo.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church enjoyed a hot dog

roast Saturday evening at the home of Orrin and Beth Holle and Henry.

Scott Olson of Irving, Texas, is visiting his grandparents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church. Both men and women will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday to clean church. Bring a sack lunch.

Betty Hafer has returned home from Fort Collins, Colo., and is recuperating at home from double knee replacement surgery. Mail will reach her at 207 Page Street, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Good Samaritan News

"Routine sustains us while celebrations refresh us." An old pastor friend of mine used to tell that quotation to his children. As an activity director, sometimes I think we always have to be doing something "special," and I forget how "special" routine can be. After all, aren't we creatures of habit? Don't we have our favorite pew in church? Our favorite table at the Frontier? We even do the dishes in a particular order.

When someone you love comes to live with us here at Good Sam, we seek to find out their routine. What time do they like to go to bed? What time do they like to get up? When would they like their bath or shower? What are their hobbies and interests? What foods do they like and dislike? This way we can help them maintain their independence and, with the help of routine, this becomes home to them much more quickly.

With that in mind, I structured the October calendar in a more routine format, making sure to offer a wide variety of activities... something for everyone... but not without a splash of celebrations to refresh us!

Here is a sampling of our Monday routine: 9 a.m., devotions; 9:30, Foldin' Fellowship (This is a time when a handful of ladies get together to fold freshly laundered towels. For Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Irel Lohofener and Faye Miller, laundry was an important part of their routine when raising their families.); and at 11 a.m., exercise led by our physical therapy department (Several residents make it a habit to keep as fit as possible, doing exercises specifically for arthritis and other ailments.).

At 2 p.m. on the first Monday, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers come to oversee pinochle. This week we had three tables of card players complete with treats all around. Edla Olson, Thelma Spiers,

Doris Miller, Pooch Portschy, John Rule and Eva Bryan are our pinochle players.

Social Hour is always at 2:30 p.m. and art class meets at 3. This week Faye Miller, Ruby Wennihan, Ruth Laidig, Mary Lemman and Kathryn Post made the table decorations using tiger-striped pumpkins. This is just one day's worth of activities, and if we were to continue you would find every resident involved in some activity of interest during the week.

New to the calendar this month is Living History at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Research for the mural in Town Square prompted Anita Hirsch to come up with this idea. The mural has generated such interest among the residents that it seemed an ideal way to nurture that curiosity. Different speakers will come from area museums to give a presentation on the town they represent.

Studies of cemeteries and schoolhouses may be included. So far, this has been met with tremendous enthusiasm, prompting a lot of memories and great conversations.

Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., Little Sam's Daycare will be filled with all sorts of treasures to be sold. Proceeds will help transform this children's daycare into an adult Alzheimer's activity room. We will be accepting any treasures you may like to donate all this week, and look forward to seeing you this weekend. If you have any questions contact Lisa Stacy or Anita Hirsch at (785) 475-2245.

Recent guests: **Thelma Spiers** - Joan Grafel of Herndon, Doris Fringer; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Dorothy Hunt** - Mildred Black; **Dorothy Pryor, Elaine Thomas** - Elsie Wolters; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Eva Bryan, Ruth Laidig, Doris Miller** - Jody Betts; **Elsie Macy** - Marion Fraker.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Ronnie and Janette Dible vacationed in the Colorado Rocky Mountains during September. They also visited their son, Paul and Diane Dible, in Denver.

Paul DiSensa of Loveland, Colo., a navy buddy of Jay Dahl, visited Jay and Nancy Wednesday.

On Friday Nancy Dahl had lunch with her granddaughter, Ashley Anderson, for Grandparents Day at West Elementary School, Goodland.

Visitors of Jay and Nancy Dahl Sunday were daughter, Linda Davis, Jessica, Chris and Craig of Beloit.

Sondra Barnett returned from a six-day trip to Milwaukee for the first North American Aglow Conference, flying there from Kansas City. The conference was held from Thursday until Sunday. Sondra's group took part in the German Heritage Tour, and visited the Pabst Mansion, considered "the jewel of Milwaukee" when it was completed in 1892. Then the group went to Mader's, a German restaurant. Several went on the Edelweiss Cruise on Lake Michigan. To top off the day, they found many great shops including Wisconsin Cheese Mart, Usinger's Famous Sausage and The Chocolate Tree.

Deb Stepper has been hospitalized at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. We pray she recovers quickly and will return home soon.

Jesse Colson spent the weekend with his parents, Janine and Ernest Colson. He attends Emporia State University and lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cook.

Wrapping and packing the boxes for the Christmas Child Project will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Rexford Community Church. There will be a carry-in dinner at noon with the wrapping following.

Rexford Lions Club had a successful Candy Day at the football game on Sept. 29. All proceeds go to Lions Sight Foundation.

The Lions Club and Royal

Neighbors annual ham and turkey dinner will be on opening day of pheasant season, Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Community Hall in Rexford.

Teri Korte and Ashley were in a car accident north of Rexford. They were not seriously injured.

Social Hour Club was held at Fairview Estates, Colby, with hostesses Eileen Dible. Guests were Loretta Hayden and Janette Dible. Bingo winners were Vesta Roth, Ruth Luna, Jean Hawkins, and Sondra Barnett. Hostess prize went to Loretta. Others present were Marjorie Leh and Grace Cheney.

Happy birthday to Maryann Juenemann on Oct. 9 and Ron Dible on Oct. 11.

A thank you goes out to the city for making arrangements to have School Street oiled and graveled by the county.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows on Monday to play pinochle were Charles Williams, Grace Cheney, Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, Betty Carswell, Rex Carswell, Dick Sanford, Lawrence Horinek, Maryann Juenemann and Lawrence Juenemann.

Those present on Thursday for Come on Down were Rex and Betty Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Charles Williams, Lawrence Horinek, Dick Sanford and Darlene Robben.

The first pinochle tournament of the season at the Legion building will be Saturday, Oct. 21.

There will be Bingo at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Friday Koffee Klatchers were Pat Williams, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Liz Rall, Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Bernada Zoberst, Grace Cheney and Vesta Roth.

Cookbooks are still available for \$14.95 and the new edition of the Rexford phone book for \$2.50.

The Golden Plains Booster Club is selling T-shirts for \$15. Call (785) 386-4560 or 687-3265.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Lois Larson was honored on her 80th birthday with a brunch at the Norman Wendelin home following Sunday church services. Also attending were Wayne Larson, Karen and Craig Larson, Carl Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist. Connie Olson, Rhonda May, Gary Sanden, and Dianne Bremer attended an all-day music and theology workshop at Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, Neb., on Saturday. The workshop targeted church organists and choir members and was organized by Dr. J. Gordon Christensen, also of Imperial.

David Behrmann, Orange, Calif., was a Saturday supper guest of Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth.

Ralph and Norma Unger, the Butch Rittmann family, Ryan and Darci Unger and her parents, Kenneth and Janet Gerber, St. Francis, and Rachelle Gorrell and Logan, Blaine, Mo., attended the

Kansas State/Oklahoma State football game Saturday afternoon in Manhattan.

Karen and David Eskew, Melvin Waterman, and Heather Wessel, Alexandra, and Corbin, returned home late Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend in Wichita where they visited family and friends and attended a surprise birthday party for Edwin Waterman on his upcoming 60th birthday.

Rhonda May left Sunday morning for Topeka to attend the Kansas League of Municipalities annual conference and returned home Tuesday.

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