

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1881

One hundred and fifty extra copies of the *Herald* only partially supplied the demand for last week's issue.

A meeting will be held in the office of F.I. Snodgrass on Monday evening for the purpose of reorganizing the Oberlin Terpsicorean Club.

The Republican county convention placed in nomination for the following ticket: treasurer, F.M. Ross; county clerk, Everton Doom; sheriff, John W. Short; county surveyor, R.O. Kindig; register of deeds, W.L. Barr; clerk of district court, C.E. Corporan; coroner, W.A. Colvin; county commissioners: Dist. No. 1, Van B. Wiggins; Dist. No. 2, A.W. Bariteau and Dist. No. 3, R.W. Finley.

The Democrats of the county met last Saturday and nominated the following ticket: treasurer, W.A. Burnett; county clerk, E.W. Rathbun; sheriff, R.L. Booth; register of deeds, Frank A. Hunt; county surveyor, Geo. W. Boring; clerk of district court, C.L. Vannoy; coroner, James E. Reed; county commissioners: Dist. No. 1, I.L. Jordan; Dist. No. 2, H.E. Counter; Dist. No. 3, Henry Rathbun.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1906

There was general satisfaction in town Monday when it became known that the Chicago White Sox had won the world's championship series, taking four of the six games from the Cubs.

Valentine Griffith was married on Monday at Alton to Miss Church. We had expected to have a complete report but our correspondent has evidently not been able to write after witnessing the ceremony.

Most people were surprised when it became known on Friday that H.Q. Banta had bought the Oberlin Mill of Mr. Peck and had resigned his place as principal of the high school.

High School Notes: Monday morning Professor Banta appeared before the assembly for the last time as our principal. The students, without a single exception, regret his resignation and wish him only success in his future career. Professor W.G. Riste has come to take his place.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1931

Members of the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce learned that Decatur County had exported 2500 carloads of grain and livestock during the year 1930; wheat, 764 carloads; corn, 417; seed and barley, 332; cattle, 220; hogs, 491; sheep, 28; horses, 19; miscellaneous, 34. Shipping points included Oberlin, Norcat, Dresden, Jennings, Kanona, Traer and Cedar Bluffs.

Courthouse News: Marriage licenses were issued for the following: Lee E. Railsback and Miss Mildred J. Temple, both of Norcat; Edward E. Allacher, Herndon, and Miss Iva Cox, Traer.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Maddox are the parents of a baby girl born Oct. 10 and given the name Myrth Evelyn.

Oberlin friends of Lowell Francis were sorry to learn that the leg injury sustained in the Hays-Emporia Teachers football game two weeks ago will prevent him from playing any more this season.

Work started the first of the week on the basement of the house which Ward Claar is building on West Adams Street. The house will be a frame, 4-room building, located just east of the standpipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell are the parents of a son born Oct. 9. The little boy has been named Jack Donovan.

High School News: The three girls from Oberlin who attended the Girl Reserve conference at Estes Park last summer, Myra Redman, Maurine Johnson and Frances David, presented a program for those who have never been able to attend a conference at such an inspirational place.

Jennings: The Ripley Stock Company was here Saturday night to put on a play but on account of the storm and no lights they could not show and will be here next Saturday.

The storm did considerable damage, blowing down trees and small buildings.

Fairview-Summit: Tolle Hoppas is sporting a new Durant car.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1956

Three former pastors of the Oberlin Sacred Heart parish will be here next week for the solemn blessing of the new Sacred Heart Church and rectory.

They are the Rev. E.D. Weigle, Tipton; the Very Rev. Msgr. Bernard Dickman, Zurich; and Rev. Eugene Senecal, Kimeo, who will assist in the Solemn High Mass which will be offered by the Rev. Emil Sinner.

The Rt. Rev. John G. Wolf, Leoville, delegate of Bishop Thill of the Salina Diocese, will officiate. About 50 priests of the Salina and neighboring dioceses are expected to attend. Dinner accommodations for an additional 225 persons will be available in the church basement following, served by the Sacred Heart Altar Society under the direction of Mrs. VOLLIE POLLNOW.

The Oberlin Red Devils hope to get enough inspiration from homecoming to get their first win of the season Friday night as they entertain the Oakley Plainsmen at Smick Field. Following a 42-6 drubbing

by Colby and a tough 7-0 decision to St. Francis, Coach Don Leuzler's team continues to show improvement.

Funeral services were held for John Schroer, 77, who farmed in the Dresden community for many years before moving to Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Munson and Charles Corcoran drove to Wichita on business Thursday and attended the homecoming game at Emporia State Teachers College on Saturday. They were houseguests of Mike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Munson, at Mulvane.

Mrs. E.E. Carman has resigned her position as receptionist and bookkeeper at Decatur County Hospital and with her son, Rolan, will leave next week for Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Roderick Avery has been employed as bookkeeper and Mrs. Joe Pollara does the Blue Cross-Shield work and assists in the office mornings.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John Dark, son, James Lee, Oct. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, Norcat, son, Kenneth Bradley, Oct. 14; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Witt, Lebanon, son, Edward Wayne, Oct. 9.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1981

Superintendent of Schools Glenn F. Martin announced at the USD 294 board of education meeting Monday night that he will resign June 30, 1982, at the end of the current fiscal year and thanked the board for their support the past 14 years. Mr. Martin came to Oberlin in 1967 from Wamego.

Willis Kyle, president of Kyle Railroads, and McDill (Huck) Boyd are in Washington, D.C., this week meeting with the Federal Administration and the Interstate

Commerce Commission. Last week the board of directors of Mid States Port Authority approved a proposal from Kyle Railways for service along 445 miles of track in Kansas and Colorado.

A county-wide meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20 to discuss the need for housing for older citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan of Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Norris, Pratt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Kathleen and Greg. The bride-to-be is a 1978 graduate of DCHS and is a junior at Wichita State. Her fiancé is a 1975 graduate of Skyline High School, rural Pratt, and is a state police officer in Wichita. He will attend WSU next semester. A Nov. 28, 1981, wedding is planned.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. James Buchholz announce the adoption of a son, Nathaniel James; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Olson, McCook, daughter, Michelle Lea, Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Corder, Selden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debby, to Joe Dewey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Dewey of Kansas City, Mo. The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of DCHS and a 1980 graduate of KSU and Dewey is a student at Portland State University, Portland, Ore. A Nov. 26 wedding is being planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden.

Monday Evening Club members and their husbands met at the rural home of Jack and Karen Metcalf for an Octoberfest. An auction of homemade craft and food items followed. A coffee the morning of Oct. 10 at the home of Marjorie Nitsch honored Mary Woodward, who now makes her home in Topeka.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Monday looks to be a fun day for quilters at the Bohemian Hall. The Needles and Pins Quilt Guild is sponsoring the Quilt Bus that will be parking on the east side of the hall on the museum grounds.

The bus is a quilt shop on wheels from New York. A workshop will be held in conjunction with the appearance of the 30-foot former shuttle bus, which carries over 500 bolts of quilt fabric and a large selection of sewing notions. For details or to register for the workshop call Joy Votapka at (785) 475-2982 or the Museum (785) 475-2712.

Our project of getting the early graduating class composite pictures framed for preservation is complete. Family members or class members have provided the financial support for this project. We greatly appreciate this and plan to

do some rearranging of exhibits this winter so they can be hung and easily viewed in the First Annex.

Liane has taken inventory of the Decatur Community High School yearbooks that we have and we are missing 1992. We want to include these with our display of class composites and would appreciate the donation of a 1992 Red Devil yearbook if anyone has that year.

The Museum is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Trimming contest. Clubs, businesses, organizations, or individuals are encouraged to participate. Your imagination can run free in selecting your theme, and can represent your organization and its purpose or business. So put on your thinking caps and come down to pick your spot or call (785) 475-2712 to reserve your room.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ryan May won three first-place awards, a third-place and best of show in youth photography at the Kansas State Fair. His photo of Gavin Wasson in the wheat field won third place in the Kansas Wheat Commission photography contest.

Susan May won first place in the portrait division at the Kansas State Fair with a picture of Erin May wearing a K-State University hat.

Zach May was honored on his 12th birthday with a dinner party at the Roland May home Monday. Additional guests were Walter and Betty May, Fern Jording, and David Behrmann, Orange, Calif.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Thursday after enjoying a fall foliage trip to New England. After flying into Boston,

they viewed the city before touring other Massachusetts sites, including Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. They also toured Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island before flying home. Others on the trip were Loyd and Fern Moore, Neal and Joy Russell, Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif.; Deanie Moore, Conroe, Texas, and Nancy Shields, Omaha, and her mother Carol Dettman of Waterville.

Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa, and their daughter, Pat Egli, Truro, Iowa, arrived Friday to spend the weekend visiting his mother and sisters, Thelma Spiers, Ralph and Violet Shaw and family, and Don and Joan Grafel and family. They returned home on Sunday.

Zach May played on the Oberlin fifth and sixth-grade football team

that which beat Goodland at Goodland Saturday. Oberlin is tied for eighth place in the league.

Saturday dinner guests at the Ralph Shaw home were Ben and Leone Spiers, Pat Egli, Richard Shaw, Joel Shaw and Dante. Don and Joan Grafel were unable to attend since she wasn't released from the hospital until Sunday. She is recuperating satisfactorily at home.

Martin and Evelyn May, Marvin May, and Gary Sanden returned home Saturday from Wichita, where they attended the Lutheran Missouri Synod Ablaze Convention on Friday and Saturday. They joined Pastor Langness, who had left earlier in the week to attend.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields held a family dinner at their home Sunday to honor Tyler Shields on his

13th birthday. Also helping him celebrate were Paul and Kelly Shields, Cassidy and Caitlin, and Stuart Euhus.

Sunday guests at the home of Dan Nedland, Rhonda May, Cameron, Hunter and Elizabeth for a joint birthday party helping Elizabeth celebrate her 11th and Zach May his 12th birthday were Walter and Betty May, Richard and Delayne May, Nolan and Danica, Robert May and Cole, the Roland May family, and the Roger May family. Homemade cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park, were weekend visitors of his sister and brother, Wilma May, and Eugene and Bette Wurm and their families.

## Christmas is speeding towards us

Wasn't the rain beautiful? I know it made the roads, yards, and feed lots a mess but I don't think anyone complained. This is the middle of October and the wheat fields are green and growing.

Things are starting to slow down so we can get ready for the holiday season. The Museum is talking about decorating trees, the stores are putting out Christmas items and it isn't Halloween yet.

The Christmas wreaths and stars, put up along the highways by the city crews, were purchased by the Business Alliance. We need to completely replace 25 brackets on the light poles, the bands to hold them up, light bulbs and bows. The alliance has held fundraisers since January but is still short.

The Alliance is asking that people "adopt a wreath" by helping buy bows. Each bow is \$20 and it takes two for each wreath.

For more information call Tammy Wasson at 475-2234 or myself at the Chamber office, 475-3441. Thanks to those of you who have already responded.

Coffee Hour is at the Dresser will be today from 9 to 11 a.m. Stop in and see all the new things they have and take a look at the sale items.

As Halloween approaches the little ones will be thinking about their costumes and the Spook Pa-

## Cedar Living News

Residents met Monday afternoon to learn a variety of interesting facts about Christopher Columbus. We all enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate following the program. Everyone agreed it was the perfect drink on a cold and rainy fall day.

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

Naomi Carter won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Paul Sass won the blackout game.

Pinochle players Mildred Tacha, Don Shaw, and Elsie Goodnight met with Juanita Williby Wednesday afternoon for several games.

Residents Paul Sass, Bea Wolfram, and Mathilda Bollig, along with Lyle Gamblin, assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with cleaning the buckets of bingo chips on Wednesday afternoon. The bingo volunteers will be surprised on Tuesday to see how nice they look.

Loyl Wilson went out to lunch on Wednesday with his son, Jay Wilson, of Great Bend.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon, then stayed to eat pancakes with the residents.

Margee Wilson and Lynn Doeden, along with help from the dietary department, hosted a pancake supper for residents and staff on Wednesday. The menu included pancakes and syrup, sausage, fried eggs, and a fruit cup. Linda Hunt and Janice O'Hare helped with the cooking. Staff members from nursing, activities, dietary, and housekeeping helped with serving and cleaning up.

Doris Gilbert, Ivis Hanson, Juanita Eckhart, Merle Shirley, Myrtle Waldo, and Melanie Anderson from Wheat Ridge Terrace apartments were our special guests

for the pancake supper.

Kayo (Clarence) Sattler was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by his family Thursday afternoon. Theresa Rippe and other family members served cake and ice cream. The Altar Society from St. Mary's Church in Herndon provided musical entertainment. Residents, staff, family members, and invited guests attended.

Naomi Carter went to McCook for supper Thursday evening with her daughter, Margaret Stanley, of Colby.

The baking group made sour cream cookies Friday afternoon. Elsie Goodnight shared an old recipe book with the group. We especially enjoyed reading recipes for preparing calf's head and making turtle soup.

The Oberlin Covenant Church gave the worship service Sunday.

Recent visitors included: Rachel and William Carter, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Mary Smith, Sharon Springs; Harold Sulzman, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Richard Samson, Ludell; John Geisinger, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Ann Martin, Beth Chartier, Frances Hraha, Esther Pennington and Ann Solko, Julie Hafner, Sharon Ecker, Frank Cox, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Dorothy Ward, Norcat; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Kim Pinkerton, George Wurm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Gilbert Bollig, Clayton; Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Roxie Pomeroy, Doris Marintzer, Gene and Marcella Leitner, Barb Solko, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan Center

"Trash to Treasure!" Have you ever watched that program on HGTV? It teaches you how to take discarded items and make them over, turning them into something that you will treasure.

That's what we did this weekend! Our Cleaning Sale took discarded items and traded them for cash, which will help to turn our day care center into an Alzheimer's/dementia activity room. The sale brought in \$800.

We will adapt this area to the care of Alzheimer's and dementia residents because it will allow us to better meet their needs. Each person's disease is different. We take good care of their physical needs, but sometimes their spiritual and social needs fall through the cracks.

Research has shown that having this type of day room can restore some lost abilities and encourages the highest level of function and quality of life.

So what is Alzheimer's disease? The following is an excerpt from an article provided by the Alzheimer's Association:

"Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

"Although there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's, new treatments are on the horizon as a result of accelerating insight into the biology of the disease. Research has also shown that effective care and support can improve quality of life for individuals and their caregivers over the course of the disease from diagnosis to the end of life."

So, once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in this project. It is a very needed and worthwhile endeavor. If you would like to contribute financially, please write "day room" on your check and we make sure the funds are directed appropriately.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19)

Recent guests: **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes of Salina, Charles and Cleta Morgan of Brighton, Colo.; **Dorothy Hunt** - Mildred Black, Reva Marshall, Bob and Cassandra Schindler, Madison and Julie of Belton, Mo.; **Mary Lemman** - Gladys Geis; **Swede Unger** - R.K. Avery of Seattle, Wash.; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Muirhead of La Canada, Calif., were houseguests of Keith and Helen Muirhead of Dresden.

They enjoyed visiting the Oberlin and Jennings museums and the events at Mini Sappa Day.

Frances Bader is improving and will be coming home soon from

Citizens Medical Center at Colby.

Tony LaRue came home from the hospital last Tuesday, then was taken back to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Friday after some wires came loose that were holding his chest together.

He will be in Kearney several days yet.

Sunflower Seniors supper was held Oct. 10 with 17 members and two guests present.

After the recent rains, muddy roads kept some from attending. Those enjoying the meal and the lively music by Don Ammons and Rosie Hartman were Rachel and William Carter, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Emma Sanford, Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Jay Kump, Kenny Krizek, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha, Claudine Bennett, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Ramona and Stan Shaw and Louise Cressler.

Martin La Rue is home from the hospital and feeling better.

Roofmaster is still working on new roof of the Community Hall.

Norton Correctional men will be in Jennings on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting, to finish painting the city shop.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The City of Selden will be having a grand opening for the new Community Center on Sunday, Oct. 29. The day will begin with the ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., followed by a ceremony of recognition, free barbecue and a drawing for the raffle items. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Oct. 19 - Casey Shaw, Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, Michael Shaw; Oct. 20 - Rhonda Halbert, Lorin Selden, Orba Smith; Oct. 21 - Fred Mumm; Oct. 23 - Kory Koerperich; Oct. 24 - Tyler Richardson, Vicky Sulzman; Oct. 25 - George Wessel, Yockey Jones.

On Oct. 12 at Senior Citizens,

Lola Cook won high, Carol Shaw took second and had the most kings, and Ann Hazlitt got low. Other members present included Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Helen Karls, Betty James, Leone Porsch, Jeanie Spesser and Paulie Neff.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs had a victorious game on Friday. They won over Northern Valley (Almena) with a score of 62-6. Congratulations, Bulldogs. Keep up the good work.

Anyone wanting to vote in the Nov. 7 election with an absentee ballot should obtain a ballot request form from the Sheridan County Clerk's office or the forms are avail-