

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1882

Have you heard anything of late of the railroad extension?

M.A. Conklin was in town one day last week and reports everything lovely at Jackson.

Warren D. Hale left last week for Denver with several loads of chickens, butter and eggs.

Van B. Wiggins brought us good samples of corn and an excellent sample of German millet.

L.W. Baldwin of Palmer, Washington County, purchased a quarter section of land of L.B. Fritts.

J.B. Hitchcock returned from Missouri last week bringing with him 30 head of well-bred young cattle.

The settlers and stock men on the ends of the Sappa and Beaver are feasting on fat, juicy antelope meat.

Capt. S.P. Pettys intends putting on a hack line between this place and Atwood.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Graves of Bassettville Township, Aug. 13, a son.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1907

During the storm Sunday evening the home of Cliff Waldo west of the city park was struck by lightning.

The daily papers announce the appointment of J.W. Finley as district judge in the southeastern part of the state. Finley was a former resident of Oberlin.

Allison Items: Mathew Thiesen and Miss Ethel Greenlee were married at Norton Wednesday, Aug. 28. Phillip Wallack took his son Austin and daughter Martha to Oberlin Friday where they will attend high school.

Kanona Items: Bert Whittier traded his hardware and dwelling last week to Mr. Sandard for a nice creek farm near Clayton.

The state asks Decatur County to put up \$17,095 as state taxes; \$5,198 more than we had to put up last year.

A fine rain fell Tuesday evening — 1.78 inches in less than an hour.

The Norton fair is on this week but few will attend from here — money scarce.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1932

Nicer weather could not have been asked by the old settlers for their picnic Aug. 26 at Brookwood Park and owner Elmer Shaw had done his share in preparations for the huge crowd of picnickers that were on hand to enjoy the shade, the basket dinners, the boating, the bathing in the swimming pool, the horseshoe pitching contests, the program and the visiting with old friends and the making of new ones.

The Sunday School orchestra of the Oberlin Federated Church under the direction of James Bowles gave a half-hour concert which was enjoyed by everyone and talks followed by W.S. Langmade of Oberlin, C.C. Andrews of Norcatour and John Dawson of Topeka, justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas and president of the Kansas State Historical Society. He came to Hill City in 1887 and considers himself an old settler of Northwestern Kansas.

It has been sort of an annual event at these picnics for F.J. Foster of Dresden to sing several songs of his own composition. The registration of old settlers listed Mrs. Katie Tacha of Jennings and J.E. Love of Oberlin as coming to Decatur County in 1873, followed by Guy C. Allen, D.G. Addleman and August Behrent in 1874. D.G. Addleman, who was born Aug. 14, 1874, four miles northeast of Oberlin, was elected president for next year's Old Settler's picnic; Miss Augusta Geisenhener of Selden was chosen as secretary and Elmer Shaw, owner of the picnic grounds, as treasurer.

Dr. J.R. Brinkley, the independent candidate for governor, will speak on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 7, on the lawn of the Decatur County courthouse.

Miss Marjorie Marks Stevenson of Oberlin and Mr. Kelly Slaughter of Manhattan were married at St. Andrew's Church in Manitou, Colo. She is a niece of J.R. Marks of this city and a sister of Richard and Ralph Stevenson. They will make their home in Manhattan.

Lloyd Emerson, Emerald Kahlor and Bobby Lindquist went hunting Saturday and brought back ample proof of their ability as good shots. On the bank of the creek near the Pettis place they saw a large snake in the water and Lloyd shot it in the head. They found it to be an exceptionally large water moccasin and when they cut it open they found 24 little snakes. To prove that it was not just another snake story, the boys called at the office and sent shivers down our spinal column with samples of their find.

The V.A. Francis family returned from Lamar, Colo., Sunday and expects to locate in Oberlin again. They are moving into the Ed Shields residence on North Marks Avenue. Oberlin people regretted losing this family and that they have decided to come back is indeed good news.

Liberty Star: There were both ups and downs in the picnic in Powell grove last Sunday. For Marie Rohnke who fell from the goat

swing and almost broke her arm, it was a failure, but for the rest of the youngsters, it was a lot of fun. It was the first time for many to visit the spot and the spring, with its clear, cold water, made a hit with them.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1957

Oberlin movie-goers will no longer have a full week's schedule at the local movie house. The reason for the slowdown: television. According to owner Henry Beardsley who has operated the Chief since 1924 there is no doubt that television is the reason that the big days of movie attendance are over. He added that attendance is about what it was in the 30s but costs are three times as high now.

The Chief Theatre will begin this weekend with a schedule that calls for only two bills a week. The new slate calls for a two-night run on Friday and Saturday and another program on Sunday and Monday. On Sunday continuous shows will start at 3:p.m.; on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings shows (usually two) will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Oberlin's Bob Brown came up with his best golf of the season last weekend to win the two-day, 36-hole tournament at Alma, Neb. The 22-year-old Oberlin golfer birdied the final hole to beat Atwood's veteran Wilcie Robbins who came in with a par on the 36th hole.

Steve Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, and Allen Diederich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diederich, are entering St. Joseph's Military Academy at Hays. They will enroll Monday as freshmen.

George Parker Nellans of Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nellans, took the championship at Hoxie Open Golf Tournament Sunday.

Earl Sproul of Selma, Calif., accompanied his daughters, Creta and Lorene of Denver, to Oberlin Monday where he was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rell Landau and Creta and Lorene spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roach. The girls showed pictures they had taken on their trip to Hawaii. They returned home on Tuesday.

New Arrivals: Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Gianopulos, daughter, Robin Iris, Aug. 21 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook; Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, daughter, Jamie Alvina, Aug. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosier, Selden, daughter, Aug. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wurm, daughter, Aug. 26, Joan Louise.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1982

After more than a year of frag-

mented discussion, more than a dozen interested citizens met at the home of Bill and Ila Stevens with contractor Wayne Goltl to set up a plan to build a congregate care living facility. Real estate agent Metcalf was asked to check on purchase of several possible building sites mentioned at the meeting.

A change of ownership in the Decatur Animal Hospital has been finalized with Will Smith, D.V.M., and his wife Sharon of Eureka purchasing the interest of Dr. Jay Anderson. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Illinois and practiced over 20 years in Illinois and New Jersey but most recently in Eureka. The Smiths have a son, Todd Fiscus, 14, who will be a freshman at DCHS.

Eric and Pat Austin and Adam, 7, met their newest family member, Megan Joan, at Kansas City International Airport on Aug. 21. She was accompanied on the flight from Seoul, Korea, by a college student from Missouri.

Unofficial figures for USD 294 schools show nearly 700 students enrolled in the district's four attendance centers. Oberlin Elementary School continues to show the largest number of pupils with three kindergarten sections, three sections of fourth grade, and three of sixth grade, for a total of 325 students. At DCHS the number is 228 and in the junior high 116 while Norcatour registered 27 students in grades K-6.

New Arrivals: Steven and Marsha Diederich, Oberlin, son, Ryan Levi, Aug. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chambers, McCook, son, Andrew David, Aug. 25.

A card shower is planned to honor Tom and Ione Thomsen on their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday, Sept. 6.

Winners in the two-day Sappa Valley Classic two-man golf tournament held at Oberlin Country Club were Farrell McAtee, Oberlin, and Ken McCoy, Danbury, who combined for a 125; second place went to Steve Aten and Dick Ahlberg, both of Oberlin, who shot a 127; and third to a team of Kevin Brown, Oberlin, and Kent O'Toole, Hays, with 130. In the first flight, Kurt Vollertsen, Oberlin, and Keener of Norton shot a 135.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo, for the oldest resident of Decatur County, Louisa Nauer, 102. She and her husband moved to a farm south of Jennings in 1901 and were the parents of three children, Florence, Agnes and Paul and were foster parents to Terence Curtin, an orphan.

## Cedar Living News

Edie Pettera is a new resident at Cedar Living Center. Ray Kircher has returned to his home in Oberlin after a short stay here.

Nadeane Haag has moved to an apartment in Oberlin.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Lyle Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Nadeane Haag, Paul Sass, Clarence Sattler, John Schuhart, Mildred Tacha, and Marie Thomas.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday. Myrna was excited to play the piano for the first time since it was tuned recently.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Elmo and Marguerite Bailey won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Don Shaw won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Helena Bruggeman, Elsie Goodnight, Frank Ward, and Don Shaw.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

Father Henry brought Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

The August birthday party was held on Thursday afternoon. Lisa

Votapka, Margee Wilson, and Teresa Shaughnessy served ice cream sundaes. Those honored were Don Thomas, Velda Ward, Hank Wolfram, Mildred Cochran, Helena Bruggeman, and John Schuhart.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. Helen Jueneemann hosted a social hour for residents and their guests on Monday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Norcatour; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Patsy Pettera, Ludell; Julie and Bob Hafner, Ann Martin, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Bill Marshall Moundridge; Marilyn Stucky, Hutchinson; Marlene Wolfram, Gary Janousek, McCook; Kathryn Larkin, Aurora, Colo.; Carter and Kennedy Stanley, Colby; Janice Sattler, Atwood; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Bob and Jo Ann Shuler, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koerperich, Darlene Fisher, Alice Shirley, Barb Solko, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Ila Ray, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Regina Stanley, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Richard and Theresa Rippe, and Kevin and Megan Rippe, Lilly, Michaela and Allison joined Tim and Alicia Rippe and her family in Thornton, Colo., the weekend of Aug. 18. They attended the wedding of Alicia's sister, Janna Burkhalter, and Jonathan Dare of Thornton.

Those enjoying a cookout at the home of Chris and Kent Wood on Sunday were Vivian Horinek and Alan Hartner, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Misty Hartner, Salina; Michelle Hartner, Colby; Chelsey Schissler, Hays; Coley Hackney, Herndon; and T.J. Hackney, Denver. Earlier in the day, Alan, Vivian and Michelle visited with relatives at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin and also visited their aunt, Esther Pennington, in Herndon.

Kent, Beth and Travis Huss of Hays spent the weekend with his parents, Frank and Jean Huss. Other recent visitors at their home were Don and Carolyn Warner of Omaha, and Marolyn Hoffmann of

Gretna, Neb. They came on Wednesday and left the following Sunday. Additional visitors that Saturday were Melvin and Delores Huss, and Ken and Janelle VerMass of Lexington, Neb.; Jeff Huss and Justin, Culbertson, Neb.; Bob and Linda Huss, Arnetta Huss, and Daryl Huss, Herndon; Greg, Brenda, Ashleigh and James Peterson, Atwood; and Trent and Kevin Huss of Hays.

Brad, Deanna, Zachary, Brandi and Kassidi Williams brought pizza to the home of Voni Sattler on Thursday to help Zachary celebrate his birthday and Voni supplied the birthday cake.

Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., took Ann Martin to Stratton, Neb., to help Leona Haller celebrate her 100th birthday last Saturday. Cecilia Lahman of Tribune was an overnight guest of Mrs. Martin on Saturday.

The Herndon City Library hours will return to 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays, starting this Saturday.

## Good Samaritan News

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." (John 10:9-11)

We truly believe that because of Jesus our residents do have abundant life. Every day we sing praises to the Lord, pray, share testimony of the good things He does for us, and cast our burdens on Him. We do a lot of other fun things to pass the time, like Hillbilly horseshoes. (Mary Lemman won the tournament on Tuesday!)

But those things are pretty trivial compared to things that have eternal value. This is what sets our facility apart from the others who do not openly and purposefully invite Christ to be a part of everyday living.

During Bible study this week, we were learning about faithfulness, one of the nine fruits of the Spirit. I asked one lady where she will be after she dies. She replied, "Well, gee, I hope I'll be in heaven, but I really don't know for sure."

What a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel again, to help others understand that we don't have to hope we get to heaven, but to assure them that if they have placed their faith in Jesus they can know they will be in heaven one day.

Sometimes we mistakenly assume someone knows the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior, so we don't bother asking them pertinent questions about eternal life. But what I have found is this particular age group thinks a lot about death and dying, much more than a younger population. They

want to know, they need to know, for they perceive their time on earth will soon be over. How wise they are! Regardless of our age, not one of us knows how much more time we have to get our house in order before we are called to our eternal resting place.

Some other phrases I often hear are, "Well, it's too late for me now, I've lived my life and what is done is done, I can't go back to change anything," or "I've gotten by all these years without God, He wouldn't have anything to do with me now." How sad and how exciting it is to hear those words. Sad, because they have missed out on so many blessings, they have endured life's hardship alone. Exciting, because we have the opportunity to share the Good News again, and more often than not, the words fall upon ears that are eager to hear and accept it.

What a day of rejoicing it is when someone accepts Christ for the first time at age 80 or 90! When the obituary is read, when the lid is closed on the casket, we need not sorrow as those who have no hope, because we know they are looking into the face of Jesus.

The promise of heaven is only given to those who put their faith in Jesus. Being a good person will not get you there. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). We encourage you to put your house in order before you come to Good Sam; but if not, we'll be more than happy to help you do it once you get here!

Please mark your calendars for a special treat. On Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. we will host our first official "Literary" under the direction of Betty Jones. Dessert will be served. You won't want to miss

this!

Recent guests: **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan of Atwood; **Opal Bryan and Eva Bryan** - Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Lois Lamb, Karen and Norm Bryan of Charlesville, Tenn.; Jeanne Britton of Thornton, Colo.; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Kathryn Post** - Kenneth and Leana Lofton, McCook; **Ruth McQuiston** - Helen Gee; **Dorothy**

**Hunt** - Reva Marshall; **Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer** - Ken and Clem Mumm of Selden and Colby, Vicky and Bud Mumm of Gem; **Hazel Flaska** - Myrna Lacina of Westminster, Colo.; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Fern Anderson** - Jeff and Gay Anders of Des Moines, Iowa; **Dorothy Bryan, the Readys** - Lois Lamb; **Elaine Thomas** - Barbara Castor; **Doris Miller** - Pat Cozad.

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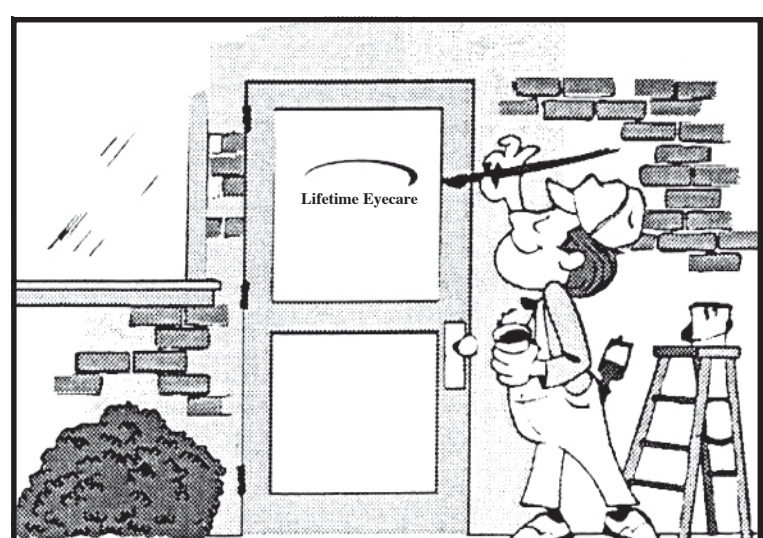
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