

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1882**

Frank Knowles has a bicycle, the first in town, and the boys have been kept busy for several days straightening him up on his wheels.

Dr. Strong called one day last week and reports things are OK out in the Altory neighborhood. The doctor says he has a good practice for such a healthy county.

Geo. H. Fox has rented Mr. S. Maddox' farm out west of town.

John Payton, some miles down the Sappa, has corn that will make 40 bushels an acre.

Two thousand head of sheep belonging to Scott & Morgan passed through town on their way to a ranch near Cedar Bluffs, this county.

N.A. Clark of Sheridan County has purchased the OK Livery Stable of Geo. M. Miller and will stock it up and be prepared to accommodate the public with good teams and to feed and stable horses in good shape.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1907**

The S.A. Fish residence is beginning to assume definite proportions under the direction of J.A. Coulter. It will be one of the fine homes of the city.

Lon Decker has sold his farm he bought last spring of Roe Griffin and now says he will try Colorado.

W.S. Langmade returned from a trip to the southern Texas country. He bought a few lots in the suburbs of Houston and a tract of timber land a few miles distant just to hold as an investment.

Died, Sept. 8, 1907, Wm. Ireland, aged 56 years. He came to Decatur County in 1878, settling on the land he owned at death.

The McCarty boys are building a new coal house for the city just west of the engine house.

Kanona Items: Sherm Bailey is building a fine two-story house. We have a new depot agent, a Mr. James.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1932**

Foul play is indicated in the disappearance of T.E. McKay, age 67, last Thursday. He was last seen about midnight putting his car away and closing the garage doors. Discovery of a crime was made the next morning by his 15-year-old granddaughter who went to the home in

east Oberlin to clean as had been her custom since Mr. McKay was living alone and found him missing and his bed spotted with blood. Robbery is thought to be the motive.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker are building a colonial duplex or double house on Mrs. M.E. Mix's lots on North Cass Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lotker will make their home in the lower part and Mrs. Mix will make her home in the upper apartment. W.E. Dale is contractor and builder.

Warren Kump and Darrell Landau entertained with a carnival party at the Lee Kump home Saturday afternoon in honor of their cousin, Marba Jean Bobbitt of Atwood.

Other guests were Geraldine of Atwood, Creta Sproul, George Parker Nellans, Donnie Rubendall, Harold and Phyllis Rubendall, Bob and Annie Laurie Jern, Evan Clark, Junior Nitsch, Roderick and Daughn Avery, Joyce and Kenneth Gardner, Dixie Lee Patton, Phyllis and Marjorie Landau and Donnie Kump.

The people of the Olive Chapel neighborhood were invited to the Wm. Eneyear place Sunday for a community picnic and a large crowd enjoyed the day.

The John Simonsson Jr. home was the scene of a very happy surprise party for Mrs. Eva Cathcart on Sunday, Aug. 21. Mrs. Cathcart is one of the earliest settlers of Decatur County, coming here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vale, just two weeks after the Indian raid through here in 1878. She is very comfortably located in her own home, built in the yard of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Belle Simonsson, near Selden.

Dr. Reeves reports two births: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weimer are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday, Sept. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Phillips are the parents of a baby girl born Monday, Sept. 5. Mrs. Phillips will be remembered as one of Decatur County's popular school teachers, Miss Irene Silvers.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1957**

Funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church for Dr. Herbert J. Morrison, 79, a prominent dentist, landowner and politician of northwest Kansas for over

50 years. Dr. Morrison came to Oberlin in 1901 after graduating from Western Dental College in Kansas City as a partner with Dr. I.E. Larrick; they served the needs of five counties in northwest Kansas for several years. He was married to Miss Agnes Beers of Hoxie in Boston and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1955.

The Morrisons have lived in their large home at the corner of Penn and Oak streets for over 50 years. He served on the state highway commission for a number of years and was instrumental in the construction of the lake north of town. He was responsible for the organization of Oberlin Rotary Club in 1924. He is survived by his wife; a son, Herbert, jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. W.P. Waller of Hastings, Neb.

For the first time since 1939, DCHS has a sizable increase in enrollment with 227 students, 17 more than last year. Peak enrollment at DCHS was in 1939 with 445 students. This freshman class of 73 is the largest since 1949.

Willard Noren, 30, Sappa Township, is a new member of the Decatur ASC committee replacing Don Jern. He joins Bartos Brown and Stanser Amack.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Martin LaRue, Jennings, son, Troy Lee.

Eleanor Karls, Dresden, will be on the music faculty at Marymount College in Salina this year.

Wedding vows were solemnized for Mary Elizabeth Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Morton of Oberlin, and John W. Futral of Lincoln, Neb., son of Mrs. S.F. Futral of Savannah, Ga., at Trinity Methodist Church in Lincoln, Neb. The couple will make their home in Lincoln, where the bride is a nurse at Lincoln General Hospital and the groom is stationed at Lincoln Air Force Base.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1982**

Local attorneys attending funeral services in Norton for former Congressman Keith G. Sebelius included Chuck Frickey, John Bremer, Wallace Wolfe and Elmo Lund. Sebelius, 65, is survived by his wife, Bette, and two sons, Gary and Doug. Sebelius was elected to

the House in 1968 replacing Bob Dole, who became a U.S. Senator, and served six terms before retiring in 1980.

"Memories" is the title of the humanities program to be held Sunday afternoon at the Museum in Oberlin. The program will draw upon the memories of 12 residents of Good Samaritan Center who were interviewed by members of the Northwest Kansas Writer's Guild: Lula Betts, Mayme Schmah, Frances Knitig, Hazel Kump, Lena Olson, Frances Johnson, Anna Petracek, Elizabeth Wurm, Vera Landau, Oscar Lohoefer, Elizabeth Schreiber and Vida Metcalf. In addition, portraits of each resident done by artist-in-residence Gary Smith of Bird City will be on display.

Bob Berkheimer, station manager of the local Kansas State Network television station, said that the call letters will soon change to become KSNK rather than KOMC as it has been for the past 23 years.

Jim Keller, DCHS English and journalism instructor, was guest speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary Club. He shared his experiences as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange team which went to the Republic of South Africa and showed slides. Keith Adams, local school superintendent, was officially welcomed as a new member.

Hospital News: Cheryl and Kenny Timm, Ludell, son, Jonathan Allen, Aug. 30; Joan and Walter Wells, Atwood, son, Jeffrey Lynn, Sept. 1; Patsy and Bruce Bowly, Oberlin, son, Lance Douglas, Sept. 5; Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, son, Christopher William, Aug. 25.

Phil Sulzman will be a linebacker on the Garden City College Broncbuster football team this fall where he is a sophomore. He is a graduate of Hoxie High School, where he won all-state and all-league honors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sulzman of Dresden.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Supper guests last Sunday of Jan Sattler to honor Ron and Cindy Sattler, and Brian and Mary Clark on their wedding anniversaries were Ron and Cindy Sattler, Brian and Mary Clark, Katelyn and Collin, Rob Sattler, Dan and Karen Sattler and Winston, Bob and Julie Hafner, Jayme Sattler and Buford Clark.

Ann Martin visited Wilma Bobinmyer and Pat Marintzer of Idalia, Colo., on Monday afternoon when they were in Herndon for the Labor Day weekend. Other callers were Gene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Ruth Bullard, Carol Kompus, all of Herndon; Lori Fox of Valley Center; and Bethany Hawkins and Adrian of Fort Worth, Texas.

Guests of Carol Kompus over Labor Day weekend were Stephanie and Adrian Hawkins, and Lori Fox. Lori returned home on Monday and Stephanie left for home on Sept. 9. Additional visitors were Jim and Carol Vogel, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens and Elijah, Deb and Marcus Portschy, Julie Hafner, John Riener, Herndon, and Wilma Bobinmyer and Pat Marintzer, Idalia.

Carol Kompus and Stephanie and Adrian Hawkins were Thursday supper guests of Marty and Andrea Bice at the South Shore Marina in Trenton, Neb.

Tony Kleidosty of Kearney, Neb., and Nick Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb., were visitors of Mildred Kleidosty over the weekend.

John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., came Sunday afternoon to spend a few days with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Janice Sattler of Atwood and Julie Hafner of Herndon visited their aunt, Edie Pettera, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin last Monday. Julie and Bob Hafner had dinner with her on Sunday.

There will be a potluck dinner at noon next Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome. A business meeting will follow.

Don and Joan Grafel met Violet and Ralph Shaw, and Susan and Steve Nelson and Makenzie and friend, Sarah Marcuson, in Me-

Cook to celebrate Violet's birthday and the anniversary of Steve and Susan.

Kristyn and Kamryn Clapp of Culbertson were Wednesday dinner and afternoon guests of Don and Joan Grafel.

**FAMILY REUNION**

The Edward and Katherine (Pianalto) Barenberg family reunion was held June 28 to July 2, at Snow Mountain, the YMCA of the Rockies near Grandby, Colo. It was hosted by the Gergely family.

Present were Frances and Frank Jaderberg; Kathy Jaderberg; Janet Jaderberg; Beverly Jaderberg; Mike Burlingame; Mary Brummel, Ian and Aiden; Jackie and Dale Knoop and Leah; Jennifer and Brad Kroop, Anna, Lauren and Julia; Berniece and Larry Kompus; Cindy and Walt Bradley, Nathan and Claire; Helen and John Gergely; Karen and Gary Martinez, and Amanda Edmunds;

Earl and Pat Gergely; Melinda Mills and Adam Repplinger; Devone and Jaelyn Repplinger, Jacqueline, Katrina and Anna; Scott Gergely; Mark and Angela Gergely and Katrina; Deborah and Steve Roberts, Ciorstaidh, Courtney, and Candace; JoAnn and Wayne Riener; Tom and Julia Riener, Erik, Lance and Olivia; Terry Riener, Caitlyn and Curtis; Jerry Riener and Jennifer Sullivan;

Maxine and Lloyd Rooney; Bill and Megan Rooney, Will, David and Travis; Tammy and Steven Duke, Kaitlyn, Cassandra and Caroline; Marcell and Salvador Aldrette, Andrew, Marielle, Gianna, and Annelise; Marlene and Tom Nowak; Emma and Emma Tomlinson; Steve Nowak; Edward and Paula Barenberg; Suzanne and Jason Goolsby, Rebekah, Eileen, Michael; Ryan Barenberg and William.

There were 91 out of 120 family members in attendance. Bill and Linda Barenberg were vacationing in Italy and Germany and other family members were unable to attend due to prior commitments. The YMCA offered many activities and everyone had a great time, reminiscing of days on the farm with photos and conversations.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

We are getting a nice slow rain this Monday morning. It rained 0.90 inch during the night. This is some much-needed moisture in western Kansas.

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Jackson Hole, Wyo., to attend a memorial service for a longtime friend, Jack Dennis Sr. They enjoyed visiting with Jack's daughter, Peggy Butler and family of Bothell, Wash., and Jack Dennis Jr. and family, Jackson Hole. They also visited their hunting friends, Har McMillian and Richard and Terry Manning.

Several Jennings residents enjoyed visiting with Claudine Bennett and her cousin while they were in town one day last week. Claudine is scheduled to have surgery this Thursday in Denver.

Our community extends sympathy to the family of Rosalia Stephens. Her Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday, Sept. 3, at the church in New Almelo.

The community also extends sympathy to Doris Fleckenstein and family. Her sister, Ann Marie Wright of Goodland, died Wednesday, Sept. 5. The funeral was held Friday at the First Christian Church in St. Francis.

City Council met Tuesday evening with three council members, Stann Hartzog, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler present. Abbie Hissong and Tammy Fredrickson came to review the insurance policy with the council. The council voted to paint the walls of the Community Hall and to then refinish the floor.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Several owners have not cleaned up properties nor paid for the city cleaning them. The backup well has been wired into the electrical system. It can now be used in case of an emergency. The water leak on West Main has been repaired, the hole filled in and the mat will be done later. Water meters will be read on Sept. 22.

**MOWRY-BREWSTER REUNION**

Descendants of Andrew Jackson and Almira Charity (Brown) Mowry gathered Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie. A potluck was enjoyed by all. The afternoon was spent visiting and discussing family history.

Present were Teresa and Eric Follis, Ulysses; Glenace Kirn, Minneapolis; Frances Winston,

Hoisington; George and Marilyn Wise, Wichita; Lloyd and Veryl Mills, Enid, Okla.; Jerry and Cathy Mowry, Manhattan; Gary and Kay Splattstoesser, Kelley, Jackie and Dustin, Colby; Ardithe Karnes, Edwin and Lorraine Coulter, Walt and Shirley Hemman, Norman Mills, Gerald and Betty Brewster, Nadine and Albert Mills, all of Hoxie; Marge and Daryl Hartzog, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Jennings. The group meets every year on the Sunday before Labor Day.

**JENNINGS FAMILY REUNION**

The Jennings family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 2, in the Jennings Senior Center. It was an enjoyable day, with lots of visiting, picture-taking, and albums to reminisce over.

After the plentiful carry-in dinner, each family gave information about their happenings of the past year. The reunion will be in Jennings again next year with the Lawrence Jennings and Emery Kathka families as hosts.

Attending were James and Delores Jennings, Nadean Stoney, Jerry Stoney, Jeremy Stoney, Oberlin; Joyce Honeyman, Emery and Delores Kathka, McCook; Duane Kathka, Arapahoe, Neb.; Dennis Kathka, Danbury; Jane Jareske, Cozad, Neb.; Roger and Dealers Tipper, Naponee, Neb.; Bonnie Core, Tulsa, Okla.; Donna Stratman, Pueblo, Colo.; John and Agnes Urban, Wilma Kathka, Rocky Urban, Marvin Urban and Tresta and Rachel, Darrell and Patricia Follis, Colby; Christina Urban, Syracuse; Eugene and Dona

Mrstik, and Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings; and Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon.

**HERITAGE ASSOCIATES**

The Heritage Associates of Jennings met on Sept. 6 at the Royal Neighbors building of the Czech Museum. The meeting was conducted by President Neoma Tacha, with directors Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, Steve Hirsch, and Lila Jennings present.

Last month's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report given. There were over 200 visitors on Firemen's Fun Day. We thank Doyle and Kay Brown, William and Rachel Carter, Vendla Tacha, Cheryl Roberts, Ty Yahne, Dalene Gawith and grandchildren, Sarah and Rachel for all the volunteer help during the day.

The inside remodeling has been completed and we thank Wachendorfer Construction for that and the work outside that they did. The new fence along the alley was put up, the Sol Rees buildings moved onto the cement pads along with the machinery being put on the gravel area, and all the handrails put up along the sidewalks. Kenneth Carter hauled dirt to level the yard with Tom Votapka's truck. The museum greatly appreciates all this community help.

Our new displays are the history book of Allison by Frances Bader, the 1978 yearbook donated by Dave Krizek and the 1946 yearbook from Bob Hartzog. The next project is to have the windmill painted. Does anyone have any suggestions as to who might do this? If so, please contact a museum director.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

On Sunday evening, the City of Selden held a community barbecue. Originally it was set for the City Park, but with cooler weather it was moved to the community building. Nearly 100 people attended and were served hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and watermelon. Several drawings were held with winners receiving a \$10 certificate that could be spent anywhere in Selden. City council members served the meal with the help of the Selden Lions Club.

On Aug. 16 at Senior Citizens, Gail Mumm won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Helen Karls got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most jacks. Other members present included Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Betty James, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Leone Porsch, Ann Hazlitt, Bernita Aumiller, Lois Neff and Paulie Neff.

On Aug. 23 at Senior Citizens, Helen Karls won high, Jeanie Spresser took second, Carol Shaw got low and Gail Mumm had the most aces. Other members present included Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Leone Porsch, Mary Galden,

Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Shirley Emigh, Paulie Neff and Ann Hazlitt.

On Aug. 31, Julie Pope won high, Alfred Albers took second, Anna Albers got low and Julie also had the most tens. Other members present included Ann Hazlitt, Leone Porsch, Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Lois Neff, Betty James, Shirley Emigh, Gail Mumm, Helen Karls and Paulie Neff.

On Sept. 6, Jeanie Spresser won high, Alfred Albers took second, Betty James got low and Leone Porsch had the most kings. Other members present were Carol Shaw, Anna Albers, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Lois Neff, Shirley Emigh, Paulie Neff, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Julie Pope and Bernita Aumiller.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 17 - LeAnna Schultz, Homero Vargas, Amy Schieferecke; Aug. 18 - Cheri Bainter; Aug. 19 - Cody Wurm; Aug. 20 - Sandra Lobato, Alisha Broeckelman, Darrel and Phyllis Trembley; Aug. 21 - Mel-

issa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz; Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Alan Bruggeman; Aug. 23 - Eileen Murphy, Kelly Stevenson; Aug. 24 - Anna Albers; Aug. 25 - Chris Broeckelman, Allison Ryburn; Aug. 26 - Dusty Spresser, Valerie Broeckelman, Ivonn Vargas; Aug. 27 - Jim Kruse, Bob and Elaine Koerperich; Aug. 28 - Lis Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman; Aug. 29 - Karen Adelman, Jerry and Chrys Rall, Russ Emigh; Sept. 1 - Bart Karls, Emily Rogers, Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz; Sept. 4 - Curt and Jennifer Spresser; Sept. 2 - John Kaus; Sept. 5 - Darin Neff, Matt and Aldea Finnesy, Donald Shaw; Sept. 6 - Mike Miller; Sept. 7 - Jace Lobato, Don and Katie Koerperich; Sept. 8 - Jim Rogers, Kain Press; Sept. 9 - Nicholas Anderson, Patricia Richmond; Sept. 10 - Seth Gilbert, Shelby Vance; Sept. 11 - Dustin Shaw; Sept. 12 - Paulie Neff, Leroy Spresser; Sept. 13 - Melvia Paulson; Sept. 16 - Janet Ritter, Pam Wessel, Doug Neff, Ron and Lois Neff; Sept. 17 - Mark Hill, Kevin Wurm; Sept. 18 - Bobbi Koerperich; Sept. 20 - Borgie and Robyn Mendiola.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

My goodness, can you believe the 50-degree difference in the temperature from a week ago Sunday? How many households had chili and cinnamon rolls for supper? This is a favorite menu at the Allison's'. Football weather has arrived and the Golden Plains Bulldogs' first home game for the season was a victory over the Western Plains Bobcats. The Bulldogs did an awesome job for the crowd Friday night.

The next home game will be with Grinnell/Wheatland on Friday, Sept. 21, and will be Homecoming. A parade will proceed down Main Street in Rexford at 4:30 p.m. and there will be a pep rally at 5 p.m. at the gym.

If anyone would like to participate in the parade, call Sheri Jacobs at (785) 475-2481 or the school at

(785) 687-3265. There will be a tailgate party at the football field at 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the junior class. Make plans and come out and support the Bulldogs.

Kids Club resumes today (Wednesday) after school at 4 p.m. for K-5 graders at the church.

Rexford Community Church supports Operation Christmas Child and this year the congregation will be taking their involvement a step further.

They have committed to send at least 12 people to Colorado Springs to help with checking and re-packing the boxes for a four-hour shift the day after Thanksgiving. Interested individuals need to contact Darla Dible.

The newly-formed Rexford community Golden Plains Community

Outreach will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Community Church. Progress for The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be the main topic of discussion.

A Friday night guest of Dennis and Vicki Allison was Larry Combs of Deerfield.

Birthday wishes are sent to Lula Thieler who celebrated her 102nd birthday on Sept. 1; John Ray Gould, Sept. 10; and Kylie Jones, Sept. 11.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Bible study on Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Come on Down at 2 p.m. on Thursday; and Koffee Klatch on Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Equipment for Sale

- 5288 IH and 986 IH w/loader
- 715 IH Combine gas Hydro. low hours
- 326T N.H. sq. baler 2/accumulator 1/new
- 4-853A row crop heads, 2 Cat 1 Allis, 1 JD
- 12' Richardson Dump Wagon
- 2000-150 Hesston Forage Harvester
- Great Plains 30' HC hoe drill 10"
- Hesston 1160 14' center pull swather
- N.H 664 round baler. BC 540
- Sunflower 5331 Cultivator 29' harrows
- 4055 + 4255 J.D. tractor MFD PS
- 280 J.D. loader w/ mounts - 8'

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