

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1882

Don't forget the harvest home and Soldier's Reunion next Saturday. Bring the best you have. Come early.

Married: At the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. John Wilson, Sept. 26, 1882, Mr. Warren D. Hale and Miss Laura Rouse, all of Decatur County.

A farewell party was given to Geo. W. Keys and C.E. Corporon at the Oberlin House last Friday evening that was attended by large numbers of their friends and acquaintances who wish them success while away and a safe return.

T.B. Wolfe has been engaged by the school board to teach the Oberlin school for a term of 5 months. The school will commence Monday, Oct. 9.

W.S. Jackson is kept busy freighting for parties here.

People in the extreme Western part of the state continue to haul buffalo bones to the railroad.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1907

J.C. Ufford sold his home place in Rawlins County last week for \$30 an acre.

Wm. Landau was duly installed as county treasurer Tuesday morning. A horrible oath had been prepared by the boys in which he was sworn to obey the laws of the Philippine Islands and duly pay out all the money that came into his hands as cigar funds.

F.H. Smith, who retires from the office of county treasurer, has purchased an interest in the Oberlin Clothing Store.

The Baptist dinner and supper at the Odd Fellows Hall Saturday was a great success: \$102.40 was taken in.

South Sappa News: Earl O'Toole had his nose broken and his eye injured while watching a ball game recently at the Sunny Club diamond. Ralstons are fencing their farm with hog fencing as they expect to keep sheep.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1932

A temperature of 26 degrees Wednesday morning brought the first killing frost of the season. Is

your coal bin full and do you know where your winter clothes are?

Opening their 1932 football schedule the Decatur gridiron eleven chalked up a 27-7 victory over McCook High.

A crowd estimated between 25 and 40 thousand people were in McCook to greet the Democratic candidate for president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who arrived by train running on mountain time rather than central. The Oberlin and Atwood bands were invited to march and play.

Funeral services were conducted at the Federated Church in Oberlin for Mrs. Clarence (Florence Hanchett) Corcoran, 35. She is survived by her husband and three children, Virgil Dale, 5; Gladys Elizabeth, 4; and Eva Eliza, almost 2.

Local football fans will be glad to learn that Veeh "Pete" Reeves and Ernest Buffington are in the lineup of the Kansas Wesleyan football team at Salina. According to the Salina paper, Reeves is a real find for the right half backing post and is big, fast and very slippery for a man of his size.

A reward of \$1500 has been posted for the arrest and conviction, or information leading to the arrest and conviction, of the slayer or slayers of Thomas E. McKay, who disappeared Sept. 1 and whose body was found in Sappa Creek Sept. 9. The reward is offered by three sources, county, city and the McKay family, each putting up \$500.

Lund: Funeral services for Mrs. Oscar Nelson were held Tuesday with the Swedish service conducted by Rev. Eastberg of the Rawlins Church and the English service by Rev. Nygren.

The *Herald* office is indebted to J.C. Nitsch Hardware for the use of a new Majestic radio during the recent World Series. We are also grateful to Ernest Nemeth, radio man at the hardware store, who installed the machine for us.

Norcat: As a result of the M.E. conference recently, Rev. McClellan goes to Marquette and Rev. I.W. Terrance of Jennings comes here.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1957

Local romanticists can rhapsodize over the weather in Decatur County the past 10 days. Days have been warm, breezes mild and the long-range weather forecast is for several more weeks of similar weather. Farmers aren't complaining as most of them were afraid an early frost might kill milo hopes.

Jim Kelley blocked a last-second field goal attempt at the climax of a battle between two stout lines at Smick Field last Friday as Colby and Oberlin tied 7-7. Tomorrow night two ball clubs which surprised their followers will meet at Smick Field in an NWKL game: The Oberlin Red Devils who tied Colby 7-7 and the St. Francis Indians who disappointed their followers with a narrow 6-0 win over Hoxie.

Two Oberlin businesses are making plans to change locations. Bruce Guinn has rented the Oberlin Dairy building from the Farmers National Bank and will move his plumbing and heating business from his location at Ash and Marks.

Wayne Eckhardt will move his Hilltop Grocery from 611 North Penn to a new building a block east of the highway-Penn Avenue intersection. Edgar Simonsson started construction of the building last week.

Leoville: The annual bazaar is next Monday in the Catholic Church basement.

Dale Votapka received his discharge last week from the Navy at San Diego and is expected home this week. He had been serving on the U.S.S. Hornet.

The Rev. S.B. Clayton who has been pastor of the Oberlin Methodist Church will leave for Caldwell in the Winfield district this week and his successor will be the Rev. Ray Bressler. Other appointments were Rev. Wesley Davis to Jennings, and Rev. David Lydecker to Selden-Dresden-McGraw.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1982

Temperatures dipped into the mid-20s this week giving the area the first hard frost of the season. Decatur County Extension Agent

Allen Dinkel noted that he did not think the frost caused much damage to milo and that most of the corn was mature.

Funeral services were held for a well-known Oberlin man, Ira Laidig, who was principal for 31 years at Oberlin Elementary School, retiring in 1961. He was one of the first seven members to receive a Master Teacher's Award presented by Emporia State. Laidig was a member of the United Church of Oberlin, active in Boy Scout work and the Highway 83 organization, served as Rotary District Governor in 1961-62 and was active in the establishment and maintenance of the Last Indian Raid Museum.

The Decatur County Republican Women will host a reception Saturday at the Oberlin American Legion honoring U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas. Also attending will be 120th District State Representative Mike Hayden, Atwood, a Republican candidate for re-election and Don Kump, Oberlin, a Republican candidate for the First District county commission seat. Following the reception Kassebaum will be the featured speaker at the annual Farm Bureau meeting to be held at the DCHS cafeteria.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shields, Oberlin, daughter, Heather Ann, Oct. 9, 1982; Rod and Terri Alstrom, daughter, Adriel Rose, Oct. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Ranz, Fertile, Minn., daughter, Julie Elvira, Oct. 6.

The Oberlin Red Devil football team stumbled in one of the nine seasonal steps as they were defeated 23-21 at Scott City. A miss by inches on a last-ditch field goal attempt in the closing minutes of the game gave the Devils their first loss of the year. Coach Harlan commented the team failed to stop the Scott City offense (Rick Lewis) and that a good back can make you look bad.

Good Samaritan News

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

That was the message given to the 180 House boys as they joined us again for the first time this season. Four boys and nine residents, Edla Olson, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Thelma Spiers, David McGee, Dorothy Pryor, Mary Lemman, and John Ready shared some facts about themselves along with something they thought made them particularly unique.

Emphasis was made that God created them to be unique, one of kind, and that He has a plan and a purpose for their lives. Friendships were fostered and individual visits were arranged. No one left without a hug and encouraging word.

This particular intergenerational partnership with the 180 House is such a good match, because our mission statements are very similar. Both homes believe in sharing the love of Christ in word and deed with the residents we serve, making Him the foundation and reason we do what we do; both striving to help those living within our walls to understand and fulfill the plan God has laid out for them, giving them a future and a hope — an abundant life filled with good things and purpose.

On Thursday, we were blessed to have Kathy Van Meter and Veda Wood come to share the history of the Lyle United Methodist Church. We recently purchased a pew from them in memory of Dena Gillespie. Dena would be pleased to see the beautiful church pew in our chapel area. The ladies did a wonderful job

giving the history and reading poems written about the church. A new wooden cross hangs above the pew. It was hand-carved and donated by David McGee.

Plans are in the making for the third annual Rock-A-Thon scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this exciting time for the residents. We will also have our first Craft Bazaar set up. Bring your Christmas list and fill it with crafts made by loving hands.

Have you checked out our new website, www.good-sam.com? There you will find the calendar for the month, upcoming events, news about the facility, and pictures of your loved ones.

"What are you waiting for?" When you get to the home page, click on find a location. Click on Kansas and go to Good Samaritan Society — Decatur County (the list is not alphabetical). Once there, in the right hand corner you will find a list including Services, Image Gallery (current photos), Publications (*Sunny Reflections Newsletter*) and Links (Activity Calendar, the Museum and the Chamber of Commerce). Check it out!

Have you pondered our scripture verse? Ask the Lord what His plan for you is, and while you're at it, see if the Good Sam is to be part of it.

How? There are many ways: by praying for us, volunteering, financial gifts, visiting the residents, sharing your talents, donating craft items, baking something for Social Hour, coming to events and activities and a hundred other ways. We welcome you anytime!

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