

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1882

Harvest Home and Old Soldier's Reunion: Saturday morning was cloudy and cool and about 8 o'clock a cold rain set in which lasted about an hour; but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the town was crowded with people and at 10 o'clock there were nearly 1,000 present, by far the greatest number ever in Oberlin.

At night campfires were built just back of Knowle and Smith's Hardware store and convenient to Allen & Son's pile of cord wood where the old vets met to eat hardtack and bacon, drink black coffee and fight the cruel war over again in their minds.

School commenced Monday with 44 enrolled.

The Rev. John Wilson is attending Presbytery at Osborne City.

N.G. Addleman has been appointed deputy U.S. Marshal for this county by United States Marshal Simpson.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1907

The town of Oxford over in Nebraska was half consumed with fire last week.

Freeman Yarnell left last week for Baggs, Wyo., where he and his son, Ray, will go into the real estate business.

Traer Items: The Walton brothers have come home from their circuses as it was getting too cold to show. Another new house has just been completed by R.S. Thomas. Just watch us grow.

Kanona Items: G.A. and Les Vernon, Smith Morton and others returned from their Idaho trip Friday pretty well satisfied.

John E. Love, wife and two children, went to New York this week via the Jamestown exposition and will likely be gone a couple of months.

C.C. Brooks returned from a visit to Iowa last week.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1932

An audience estimated at 300 persons heard Ed Rooney, prominent Topeka attorney, discuss state politics and particularly the independent candidacy of John R. Brinkley for governor of Kansas at a Republican rally. Rooney supported his damaging statements against John R. Brinkley with legal evidence.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to John C. Long, 29, and Miss Ura M. Launchbaugh, 29, both of Dresden, and they were married by Rev. Simpson of Dresden.

Jennings: At the Oct. 6 meeting of the Swastika Club held at the home of Mrs. L.A. Jeffries, 27 additional guests were entertained with musical numbers by Mrs. Liggett as well as singing and tap dancing by Carolyn and Marilyn Crumly. Seated at the tea table were Mrs. C.E. Feely and Mrs. A.W. Simpson, assisted by Mrs. E.D. Heatherington and Mrs. Carl Erickson.

A surprise golden wedding celebration dinner was held for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bremer at their home near Dresden with 11 of their 12 children present for the event. Mr. Bremer was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America at 16 years of age. His bride was born in Edinborough, Scotland, and came to York, Nebraska, with her parents when only a few years old. The couple was married Oct. 5, 1882, at the German Lutheran Church at Waco, Neb., where they made their home until coming to Kansas in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Sutton are the parents of a 7-pound daughter born Sept. 29 who has been named Rita Charlene.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lincoln are the parents of a 9-pound baby girl born Oct. 11.

Maurice Schruben, Dresden, and Junior Howard, Oberlin, are members of the Kansas State College orchestra. Schruben is a senior in music education and will play the cello and Howard, a sophomore in electrical engineering, will play

the horn.

Decatur County students enrolled at the University of Kansas are Estil Joseph Kiou, Norcatour; Agnes Mary Hawley, Traer; Harold Dyer, Alvered Metcalf, Ranie Love and John Peters Jr., all of Oberlin.

Jim Bausch, the Kansan who won the Decathlon championship at the Olympic games in August in Los Angeles, is touring the state in the interest of Howard Payne, the Democratic candidate for attorney general. Democrats should keep in mind F

riday evening, Oct. 21, at 8:30 at the court house and it would not hurt the Republicans to attend the meeting. All are invited.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1957

Oberlin is host today to an annual regional meeting of the Kansas Bankers Association. Ralph Brown is chairman of the meeting and Ray Lohoefer is secretary.

Alvin Paschke received a rattle-snake bite on the ankle Saturday afternoon at his farm.

What appears to be the best defense in the NWKL will meet the best offense at Oakley tomorrow night. The Red Devils drubbed St. Francis last week 26-6 for their third win with one tie.

Dr. Frank Gierhart was elected president of the Northwest District Dental Society at the meeting held in Salina Oct. 7-8.

Karen Moore, Marlene Anderson, Roberta Wurm, Janice Bryan and Janice Castle have been chosen as candidates for the DCHS football queen.

Raye Brown will have a formal opening Friday for his grocery store at its new location on West Commercial.

Jim Kelley is the general in charge of the Halloween cleanup to be held Oct. 31.

Rev. and Mrs. Sanders B. Clayton and family were honored with a farewell at the Methodist Church parlors.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1982

Decatur County voters had their first opportunity to view the third generation of the Docking political family Monday evening when 28-year-old Tom Docking, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, arrived in Oberlin. The son and grandson of former Kansas governors, Docking seems careful not to trade on the family political heritage, concentrating instead on the issues of the campaign.

The Red Devil football team opens district play at Trego after a double overtime loss to Goodland 17-14. Trego is 2-4 in the Mid-Continent League which is very tough as it has both state-ranked Norton and Smith Center according to Coach Harlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henningson returned home last week from a two-week tour to England, Wales and Scotland. Accompanying the Henningsons on the tour were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Campbell of Topeka.

Jennings: Pvt. Richard J. Rhodes, son of Richard S. and Helen Rhodes, has arrived for duty in Vicenza, Italy. Rhodes, an infantry man, was previously assigned at Fort Benning, Ga.

Bryan Weis, rural Dresden, was reported in stable condition at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver where he is recuperating from serious injuries suffered in a one-vehicle accident late Friday night about 12 miles south of Oberlin on U.S. Highway 83.

Memorial services were held at Elmhurst, Ill., on Sept. 26 and at Oberlin Cemetery on Oct. 9 for Ray Leroy Votapka, who died at his home in Elmhurst of a heart attack at the age of 66. A 1933 DCHS graduate, he held a master's degree from Northwestern University and was active in music and band. He served in the army during World War II. Burial was in the Votapka family plot with the Rev. Dale Clare officiating.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

It is a cloudy, cool morning here. We did not get any measurable rain over the weekend.

Several from Jennings attended the Clayton Bazaar and Auction as well as the Leoville supper and auction.

Glenda Harris of Grand Junction, Colo., was an overnight guest at the Lawrence Jennings home on Oct. 4. She was en route home from Glen Elder where she had spent two weeks visiting with the Bud Johnstons and with her mother, Daisy Stratton, who is living at Hill Top in Beloit now.

Pastor Glen Krebs of WaKeeney will be conducting a presentation on the Capitol Campaign Drive at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Members of the congregation are urged to attend. This is an important initiative for the church.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Laura Vecera of Smith Center, former Jennings resident, who died Oct. 6. Funeral services were held Thursday at Smith Center.

Amanda Wahlmeier of Phillips-

burg fell and broke a bone in her heel. She is the granddaughter of William and Rachel Carter.

Brendan Jennings of Hastings, Neb., spent Friday night and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6, with Lawrence, Lila and Brett Jennings. Lee and Judy Ploussard of Oberlin were additional Saturday visitors.

Bud and Helen Rhodes attended the baptism of their great-grandson, Jackson Earl, son of Megan Rhodes and Justin Amos, at the Episcopal Church in Hays Sunday. The family gathered for a picnic dinner at the park afterwards.

Brian and Westley Jennings of Solomon spent the weekend at the Lawrence and Lila Jennings farm.

Karen Steuve of Gardner visited over the weekend with her parents, Bud and Helen Rhodes, and also attended the baptism.

CITY LIBRARY

The library is now a Hot Spot for free wireless Internet for anyone who wishes to use it with their laptops.

It was good to see children in church Sunday. Matt and Sarah

Coiner and their three foster children, Julia Camas, 9; Alondra Camas, 10; and Daissy Camas, 8, attended. Also Ann DuBois and two daughters of Salina attended.

Have you noticed how nice the ditch north of the highway through Jennings looks? We have the Norton Correctional men to thank for cleaning it out.

Claudine Bennett is doing well and may soon get to come back from Denver to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings were in Denver Oct. 7-8, where he had doctor checkups. They were houseguests of Marcia Casey. Other Sunday dinner guests there were Marlene Houshell, Andrew, Samantha and Emily Houshell, Derek Cook, Jackie Standage, and Milt Sherwin.

HERITAGE ASSOCIATES

The Heritage Associates of Jennings met at the Czech Museum on Oct. 4. Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting with directors Larry Mizer, Bob Tacha. Dean Gawith and Lila Jennings were present. Glenda

Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., was a visitor.

The Jennings American Legion and Auxiliary had met with their district officers at the museum on Sept. 24. Roger Tacha has donated an old grain grinder belt for a tractor to the museum. Several old benches and tables have been repainted. We thank Eric Green, Tony LaRue and Jason Rowh for their recent help with our outdoor projects.

The Historical Society has been contacted for information on how best to preserve the old Sol Rees buildings. They and the windmill are the next projects to finish.

We received a letter from Representative Jerry Moran about available grants for museum. A quote from his letter says, "Thank you for being a steward of our state's history and culture. Preserving our heritage is key to ensuring the future of Kansas and expanding our reputation as a great place to live and raise a family." We thank him for his interest in Kansas museums.

Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1. We welcome the public to our meetings.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Lions Club will be holding Candy Day at the football game on Friday. Come out and support the Bulldogs as they take on the Weskan Coyotes.

Royal Neighbors of America Lodge had their birthday party at Colonial Inn with 11 present including James and Margaret Edmundson, Rex and Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins, Mary Stillwell, Marjorie and Darrel Leh, Deb Stepper and Darlene Robben. They all joined Dick Sanford and Lawrence Horinek for pinochle at the Barn after returning to Rexford.

Sandra Barnett spent 10 days recently in the state of Washington. She flew from Denver and then rented a car in Seattle to do some sightseeing and visiting. For five days she visited her daughter-in-law, Lori, and sons, Mitchel, Matthew, Elijah and Joshua at Moses Lake. The weather was absolutely perfect for the soccer games and practices that they attended.

She also enjoyed supper with a cousin, Doug and Carol Williams, in Maple Valley and spent a couple days with another cousin, Maryanne

and Ned Face, who live in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island, very near Canada. Their home is situated right on the ocean with only a two-foot bulkhead between them and the beach, or the water when the tide comes in.

The last morning at their home a seal came to play in front of their house, coming very near in response to Maryanne's "barking." Then Sondra joined over 10,000 women, men and young people from around the world and 13 from the Kansas West Area for the 40th anniversary celebration of Aglow. It was a wonderful trip with both business and pleasure mixed to a proper proportion, she said.

Vesta Roth went to Abilene to visit her son and family and see their new home. She also helped them plant a lawn. She returned home on Monday.

The Colson family held a family get-together in the Hoxie Presbyterian Church basement on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30, with Arthur Colson as host. The meal and visitation were enjoyed by the 30 who attended. Two of the Baker cousins

and four of the Wilson cousins also attended. It was to be held at the City Park but due to the strong northern wind, it was moved indoors.

Edna Colson attended the Hoxie Middle School football game at Ellis on Saturday night, Sept. 29. Her grandson, Leaman Colson, played the entire game with Hoxie winning 16-8. Mrs. Colson spent the weekend with Arthur and Nancy Colson.

Dennis and Vicki Allison attended the wedding of Michelle Phillips' daughter, Tara, also the granddaughter of Chuck and Pat Wagoner, last weekend at the United Methodist Church in Colby. The reception was at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building. They spent time visiting the Wagoner family and dancing to the music provided by the DJ, Nate Schwartz.

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

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Good Samaritan News

There is something about the chilly weather that fosters warm, cozy memories. Perhaps it is the old potbelly stove in the one-room schoolhouse or the colorful quilt lovingly hand-stitched with scraps from old dresses ... whatever it is, it is good to remember!

For me, the van ride we took on Tuesday stirred up some memories, and got me thinking. When my children were small, I used to point out something in creation and say, "Doesn't that make you think of God?" Growing up in Colorado, the mountains and the big fluffy clouds were the objects of my attention and when I thought of God it seemed as if He was telling me about His character.

So as we made our way to the Traer road and started driving north through the gently rolling hills, I was struck again by the beauty of creation. There were fields dotted with bales. Others had corn waiting to be cut or newly planted wheat blanketing the earth in a splendid shade of green. It made me think of God.

My thoughts were interrupted by the lively chatter of my tour guide, Lora Zwickle, who was "riding shotgun" in the new van. She pointed out every farmstead and landmark of interest.

We passed by the Demmer place and she filled me in on the family tree, showed me where Elephant Rock used to stand and marveled at how the landscape had changed so dramatically over the years. We drove slowly through the town of Traer so she could find her Mother's house among the forest of trees that have hidden all the homes.

Kathryn Post, Doris Marintzer, Hazel Flaska and Ruby Shuler quietly chatted in the back seats. In front of us was a billow of dust from the old van, leading us down the back roads.

Anita Hirsch was driving. In her van she had Harold Demmer, David McGee, Doris Miller, Dorothy

Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Amy Rehm and Opal Bryan as passengers. Our autumn tour ended at A&W where ice cream was waiting for us! As we unloaded 12 happy travelers, I thought of God once more and thanked Him for each one!

On Thursday for art class, the ladies were busy making more things to sell at our Craft Bazaar. They were making apple muffin mixes, framed art, rice cozies, snowman boot warmers, embossed picture frames, and Christmas mice. The sale will be Friday, Nov. 2, during our third annual Rock-a-thon.

Anita baked up a batch of muffins for everyone to sample during Social Hour, just to make sure they were edible. Yep, definitely edible!

Thursday Bible Study has started a new series called "Signs of Life." They will be following the outline given by David Jeremiah's ministry, "Turning Point."

When you go to the emergency room the nurses immediately check your vital signs. These are signs of physical health. We will be checking our spiritual health for the next six weeks.

Faith Lutheran Church provided our Sunday services followed by the Gospel Singers, and then to top it off singers from St. Mary's parish came to perform.

Our volunteers bring such warmth to our home and this week we had many: Mildred Holmdahl, canasta; Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers, pinochle; Joey Hirsch, bird care; Jeanette Diederich, songs, baking and painting; Mert McEvoy, Wednesday Bible study; Larry Smith, computer; Larry Mack, poker; John Barrett, Phil Erickson, devotions; Dorothy Alstrom and Rosella Meitl, manicures; Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler, bingo; Father Henry, Catholic services; Carol Duncan, current events; Dennis Brown, devotions and social hour; Heidi Wiebe, communion. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents with us. You!

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

New manager busy during first two weeks

Hello from the Chamber! Well, it has been an interesting and busy two weeks since I've been here, from luncheons to meetings to fund raisers; I didn't know if I was coming or going a time or two.

But it has also been a lot of fun and I've met a lot of new people. And I learn something new every day.

My first fund raiser, the tailgate burger fry at Smick Field, was really quite interesting, what with the wind which kept blowing the fire out on the grill, the sudden clouds and rain, and oh, yes, the hail - welcome to Oberlin!

But all in all it turned out to very successful, I hope everyone had as good a time as I did.

Speaking of new people, I want to thank everyone who has come to the Chamber to say hello and introduce themselves, and everyone who came to the welcome coffee on Wednesday. You all made me feel very welcome and I thank you very much.

Whenever you are out and about, stop in and say hi.

If the Chamber can be of any help, please call (785) 475-3441.

See you on the sidewalk.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Kleidosty, who died Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Herndon PRIDE Yard of the Month winners included Dean and Karen Gotcher, June; Robert and Lila Leitner, July; and Dave and Judy Ketterl, August.

Tom and Marlene Cook of Parker,

Colo., were recent visitors of Janice Sattler of Atwood and Julie and Bob Hafner of Herndon. Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb., also spent last Wednesday with his parents. They all visited their aunt, Edie Pettera, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Chuck Gillespie, Mulvane; Marsha Espenson, Bingham Lake, Minn.; and Tony and Trish Henningsen, Oberlin.

A cream can supper was also enjoyed by the family of Mrs. Erickson on Saturday evening, at the church, which was prepared by Larry and Judy Bearley.

A community potluck supper is planned for Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Achilles Schoolhouse, beginning at 4 p.m. with supper to follow at 5 p.m. Everyone in the area who is interested in attending is encouraged to do so and to bring a friend. Guests are asked to bring a dish or

two to share as well as their own table service. Beverages will be provided.

Mary Lou Olson met Gara Lee Sprague of Arapahoe, Neb., for dinner on Wednesday in McCook.

Weekend houseguests of Elma Lee Erickson were Dave and Beverly Holder of York, Ala.

Cindi Grafel and Sandy Reuther attended the Covenant Women's Retreat over the weekend at Covenant Heights near Estes Park, Colo.

Marsha Espenson and Karla Hoken and family of Bingham Lake, Minn., visited Tony and Trish Henningsen over the weekend.

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