

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1882
Harry Rathbun of Cedar Bluffs contributed to our cash account Saturday, renewing for one year.

A few loads of wood wanted on subscription at this office.

A new schoolhouse is the latest talked of improvement for Oberlin.

Last Thursday evening the Oberlin Cornet Band serenaded the *Herald* office. We thank you, gentlemen.

J.I. Shafer of the Jackson Mill called last Saturday informing us that the mill would be prepared to grind corn and rye by the first of the month. They are putting in a separate bolt for rye, and expect to be able to grind wheat and make patent process flour of the best quality by the first of December.

J.W. Allen & Sons have employed a German clerk who will be found at their mammoth store to wait on their many German customers.

Charles Johnson renewed last week and had the address of his paper changed from Decatur to Vallowia.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1907
At the regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the First State Bank of Cedar Bluffs, Otis L. Benton and H.O. Douglas sold all their stock and interests in said bank to Commissioner Harry Kennedy, who in turn has sold stock to some of the most progressive farmers along the Beaver Valley.

High School Items: A very elegant clock has been presented to the school by the class of '08. A high school orchestra is being organized under the leadership of Miss Sterling.

Beautiful weather every day.
J.B. Leaman threshed out 217 bushels of alfalfa seed last week. He also said he had sold \$6,000 worth of hogs in the past three years.

Fred Reznor and son recently made a trip to the Palisade country and will rent their farm and move there this fall.

J.M. Chilson of Logan moved to town last week and will occupy the Hilton property.

Mrs. Emma Hughes now has charge of the Oberlin steam laundry.

H.C. Caster, C.H. Tilden, Egbert Tilden, Dr. L.C. Tilden and J.B. Leaman all returned from Texas last week.

South Sappa News: Joseph Bivans returned from Colorado last week. He liked the country so well he came back and had Mrs. Bivans and Edith pack their trunk and as soon as they can sell their farm they are going to Colorado. It's all right as long as John doesn't go.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1932

If you want to see a game of real snappy football, drive to Hays some night when the Hays College team, coached by Jack Riley, plays and you will not be disappointed. A large crowd of Oberlin fans attended last week's game with Washburn. "Poke" Brown played a great game at right tackle and has succeeded in making himself a regular on the Hays team.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Leo Bendon property in southwest Oberlin Tuesday morning about four o'clock. The parents were awakened by the coughing of the children and by the time Mr. Bendon got some of the children outside the roof was all ablaze. By the time help arrived only a few articles of furniture could be saved from the front room — the piano, the radio and a few chairs. The family are temporarily cared for at the Cliff Waldo, A.A. Dryden and Jerry Votapka homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolfe are nicely located in their new home on South Cass.

Playing their first league game of the season the Red Devils invaded St. Francis winning by a 19-0 score with Sam Francis making two touchdowns and Joe Martin the final score. A play-by-play report of the game was broadcast over telephone and Francis Johnson's amplifying system through the courtesy of the local telephone company and Oberlin business and professional men, with Mr. Smick handling the announcing from the field of play in St. Francis.

Dr. Reeves reports a 9-pound baby girl born to Mrs. Teddy Smith on Oct. 15 and named Theodora. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Janousek are the parents of a baby girl born Oct. 17.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1957

Two hundred Northwest Kansas bankers were lectured by two college professors here last week at the annual meeting of the Kansas Bankers Association for nine counties in this corner of the state. Some of them were as wide-eyed perhaps as they were open-eared at the remark by Dr. Pritchard of the KU Department of Economics "that banks did not make loans out of savings deposits but out of legal reserves. So if you do not loan savings, why pay money to attract them?" Elwood Brooks, Denver, on the board of two county banks, commented that bankers use interest to bring customers through the door.

Dr. Dwight Nesmith of Kansas State College remarked that this area of the state is showing a marked population decline over the past 10-year period despite a phenomenal national population growth and

that the reason for the decline is the revolution on the farm. He pointed out the need to add industry to the area. Making arrangements for this year's meeting was Ralph Brown of Farmers National Bank and Ray Lohofener of the Decatur County National Bank.

The City of Jennings has filed suit against the Texas Company charging that salt water pumps from Texas Company oil wells near Jennings have polluted the Jennings municipal water supply.

The State Fish and Game Commission has been restocking fish in Kansas streams and ponds but ignored Sappa State Lake, reasonably heavy with bullheads, but without the channel cat, bass, bluegill and crappie the commission delivered elsewhere. Sappa Lake was stocked in both 1955 and 1956 but the fish had to be seined out in the fall when the lake nearly dried up.

Dresden: Dial telephone service at Dresden is one stop closer with the awarding of a contract to construct a new telephone building which will be located south of the present office.

Norcat: Chuck Vernon, full back for the Fort Hays Tigers, is fifth in CIC scoring this week. Vernon, a transfer from Wichita University, has scored five touchdowns.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rummel, Atwood, daughter, Yvonne Marie, Oct. 18; Pvt. and Mrs. Carl Neff, daughter, Sherrill Ann, Oct. 22.

Flu, injuries and the power running of Oakley's John Nickel crushed the Oberlin Red Devils 46-25 for their first loss of the season. With Jim Carver out with what proved to be a dislocated shoulder, Oberlin could present only a makeshift backfield that sometimes included 210-pound end Bob Vernon as tailback.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1982

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Chapter of Royal Neighbors of America will be hosting a fund raiser for the Rexford Museum on Saturday at the Rexford Community Building. The chapter will hold a bingo party with cake and ice cream. There will be no charge to those attending, but the chapter is requesting donations to assist the city museum to help with yearly expenses, which include electricity, heat, taxes, and repairs. This will be a "matching funds" program. Please come out and join in for this worthwhile endeavor. If

you would like additional information, call Jean Hawkins at (785) 687-4451.

A happy birthday to Betty Carswell on Oct. 22, Rhelda Dible on Oct. 26 and Betty Nickols, Oct. 28.

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

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Cedar Living News

We have been busy making plans for Halloween. Spooks of all ages are invited to visit at Cedar Living Center any time during the day on Halloween.

We will be ready for those wishing to "trick-or-treat" after the parade downtown and all evening until 8 p.m.

We had a big group of gamblers at our dice game on Monday afternoon. Those attending included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, Delores Wheeler, and Loyl Wilson. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Frank Ward won the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

The Pi Alpha Club hosted the October birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. The party was a big success with club members providing musical entertainment and serving homemade pies. Edie Pettera and Clarence Sattler were recognized for having October birthdays and each received flowers.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Other players included

Frank Ward, Helena Bruggeman, and Don Shaw.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made and served applesauce drop cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Stacey and Aron Mercer, Jeremy Wolfram, Wichita; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Sammy and Bud Van Horn, Loveland, Colo.; Keli Kleidosty, Kikaha, Hawaii; Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Frank Cox, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Susan McKain, McDonald; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Mike and Marie McVay, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Wava Reames, Norcat; Lyle Gamblin, Darlene Fisher, Gerry Neff, Cecil Hess, Elaine Bryan, Joy Russell, Eula Juenemann, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Marguerite Bailey, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Jeanette Miller, Ira Kolsky, Jan Matheny, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Gathering at the Golden Corral in Thornton, Colo., for a family dinner on Oct. 16 were Voni Sattler, Herndon; Beulah Gill and Steve Cackler, Denver; Neil and Dixie Anthony, Goldsboro, N.C.; Danny, Roma, Danielle and Michael Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Melodie, Lynette, Madison and Jamie Sattler, Aurora, Colo.; Trent, Mary and Ben Gill, and friend, Kylie, Broomfield, Colo.; Bill, Bonnie, and Billy Founds, and Sue Magee, Arvada, Colo.; Jeannie and Kelly Anthony, and Jamie and Nick Shenefelt, Westminster, Colo.; and Todd Hopkins, Thornton, Colo.

Saturday, Oct. 13, supper guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Ben and Lee Spiers, Winterset, Iowa; Steven, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, and Ralph and Violet Shaw, Oberlin.

On Thursday, Kristyn and Camryn Clapp of Culbertson were afternoon guests of Don and Joan Grafel, along with Sarah and Rachel, and Danny and Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon.

Nathaniel Martin of McPherson visited Ann Martin on Saturday

evening. Kent, Beth and Travis Huss of Hays were weekend guests of Frank and Jean Huss and Daryl. James Peterson of Atwood was an additional overnight guest on Saturday.

Alan Hartner and Gina of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Michelle Hartner of Colby were visitors of Chris Wood on Saturday evening.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be given at the Herndon Senior Center from 6 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, Oct. 26.

Members of St. Mary's parish entertained last Sunday at Cedar Living Center and Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. While playing the piano, Theresa Rippe led singers Sharon Ecker, Nadine Green, Julie Hafner, Liane Martin, Vicky Mumm, Ann Solko, Pat and Joy Solko, Eileen Unger and Chris Wood.

Also joining the group for the entertainment and at the Pizza Hut were Bob Martin and Bud Mumm. It was enjoyable to see many members of our parish who are residents at the homes.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Mike Tacha was in a farm accident Friday afternoon. He was taken to the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin and later flown to Wichita.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to Phillipsburg on Friday afternoon to visit her sister, Leatha Bohl, in the Phillips County Hospital. Leatha had a stroke Thursday morning.

Alice Lemons, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Neta Thrasher, Olathe, visited last weekend with Frances Bader. The ladies are sisters-in-law of Mrs. Bader.

Jennings American Legion Post is serving a ham and bean and cornbread dinner from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Sunflower Senior Center with a freewill offering.

The auction of the athletic field, owned by the City of Jennings, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 in the Community Hall.

City Council will meet Thursday, Nov. 8, instead of Nov. 1 at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Good Samaritan News

It was a wild week here at the ol' Good Sam homestead. A wild west kind of week!

Started on Monday with a sorry lookin' cowboy who came to sing around the campfire. He not only looked sorry, he sang even sorer. Luckily he had a CD with some cowboy songs so all was not lost. Kathryn Post, Lora Zwickle, Hazel Flaska with guest, Myrna Lacina, and Amy Rehm and Doris Miller came to sing along.

Tuesday was a milking contest. It was "udderly" impossible to get milk from our 3-legged Holstein. Everyone took turns milking, even Ruth McQuiston and Muriel Ready! The STAR Committee served hotspiced cider and trail mix for Social Hour.

On Wednesday all the staff and residents dressed in their very best Western duds and geared up for the Rodeo, but first we had to share some good eatin'! The staff helped out the dietary department by bringing some grub to share. Everything from ham and beans to cornbread and Cowboy Caviar was brought in. The Good Sam chuck wagon was loaded with tamale pie, chuck wagon stew and cheesy roasted potatoes. Everyone gathered in Town Square, which was all decked out with checked table cloths and centerpieces, barrels, boots, saddles and hats! Tina Perrin serenaded us with country tunes on her guitar.

Naptime was interrupted to bring everyone down for the long anticipated Rodeo. Two sheriffs came for crowd control. Lora Zwickle was one. She was all decked out in Western finery. Hat, vest, jeans, bandanna, boots (that weighed as much as she does), holster with gun and, of course, her sheriff's badge.

She even had her horse, Prince! The other sheriff looked a little shady.

The first event in the competition was barrel racing. Two teams competed for the prize. Kathryn Post, Connie Olson and Penny Smith were Team No. 1, riding "Dollop," the donkey. Team No. 2 was Doris Marintzer, Jolene Bremerkamp and Kelley Black riding "Prince," the sheriff's black stallion. They were the winners.

Stacking bales was the second event. Team No. 1 was Lora Zwickle, Hazel Flaska, Kathryn Post, Earl Brown, Edla Olson, Tina Perrin and Connie Miller. Team No. 2 was Dorothy Pryor, Doris Marintzer, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Ruth Laidig, JuliAnna Baker, Frannie Nothdurft and Jolene Bremerkamp. Team No. 2 won.

The third and final event was a cowboy word scramble. The teams were the same. A word clue was given and the residents had to yell out the answer. Team No. 1 won, 4 to 1.

As everyone was millin' about, ready to leave, that ol' shady sheriff was jealous of that other fine-looking, law-enforcin' cowboy, and decided the town wasn't big enough for two sheriffs. Before anyone could spit, he pulled a gun — a squirt gun — and challenged the sheriff to a duel. They took their 10 paces and BANG! Lora shot that shady fella, but before he died his rafter lengthy death, his gun went off, wettin' up the whole place! A surprise ending to a great time.

Thursday, everyone came out for Cow Pie Pitchin'. Coleen Rippe helped as the residents took turns. Mary Lemman was our Hillbilly Horseshoe Champion and now she can add a Cow Pie Trophy to her collection. Residents who chal-

lenged her were Leo Mooty, Muriel Ready, Elsie Macy, Hazel Flaska, Kathryn Post, Edla Olson, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Dorothy Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Nadine Anderson, Opal Bryan, Ruth Laidig and Fern Anderson.

Friday, we made corn bread and churned "Udder Butter." Nadine Anderson, Ruth McQuiston, Dorothy Hunt, Eva Bryan, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan, Kathryn Post, Lora Zwickle and Mary Lemman took turns with the old Dazey Churn.

Saturday night, Vic Wagoner from Edmond came to give us a Cowboy Concert. He performed for a full house, ending the concert with some old hymns. A perfect ending to a wild west week!

Mark your calendars for some important dates: Friday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., our third annual Rock-a-thon. The proceeds will be split between local charities here in Decatur County. Pick up a sponsor form or just drop by a check if you would like to support us in this way.

Sunday, Nov. 18, there will be an old-fashioned Tent Revival in Town Square, at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Saturday, Nov. 30, is Pooch's Pizza Night. Pooch will be making his famous pizza. Come join us for dinner. Serving will begin at 5:30. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Recent visitors: Dorothy Hunt-Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby; Reva Marshall, Mildred Black, Helen Brooks; Opal Bryan - Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh, Brian and Pam Simonsson, Eunice Richards; Faye Miller - Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings; Donna Lincoln; Thelma Spiers - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; Susan Nelson; Eva



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Friday, November 2, 2007
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