

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1883**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hitchcock, Saturday, Sept. 15, a son.

Miss Jennie Hayward of Vallonia is visiting Miss Ella VanCleave at Bassettville this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mount, Wednesday, Sept. 12, a daughter, and Wesley is smiles all over his phiz.

**SHORT-CALVIN:** Married at the residence of the bride's mother at Hooker, Thursday, Sept. 23, 1883, Rev. John Wilson officiating, John W. Short to Mrs. Ella L. Calvin, all of Decatur County, Kansas.

At the teacher's examination held Sept. 6 and 7, the following certificates were issued: First grade, C.E. Corporan, Mrs. H.B. Taylor; Second grade: Carrie Patchin, Theresa McKague, Ray McKague; Third grade: Ella VanCleave, Myrtle McCune. George Hodge, county superintendent.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1908**

The horse shoe pitching contest at the old settler's picnic was not fully decided. J.V. Riley and R. M. Case claim the championship, while Jim Selby and Sam Berry also claim it. It has been arranged to pitch 11 games across the street in front of the HERALD office on Sept. 26.

Judge Miller did a rushing business in the matrimonial line Wednesday, Sept. 16, joining together C. Leo Ward and Ethel P. Stevens at his office and at the Briggs Hotel, Floyd Kirk and Mary Spanger.

J.E. Love was a caller Monday. He is getting ready to attend the Seattle Exposition.

R. M. Johnson of the Prairie Dog was over last week and supplied the town with a superior grade of melons. A.J. Simpson left a sample of this potatoes at this office Saturday that for size and quality were equal to the best. When a man loses both a corn and wheat crop it is pretty nice to have plenty of potatoes.

Allison: Belle Bremer is a teacher at Elkhorn; Imo Nellans at Fair Land and Vernon Pierce at Allison. Glen Valley school commenced Monday with a lady teacher from Brown County whose name we have forgotten.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1933**

The Oberlin Motor Company, Chevrolet dealers, have taken on the agency for the Oldsmobile, another General Motors product, and are now handling these two popular cars.

As only two of last year's 11 regulars are back this year, prospects for another championship football team in Decatur High seem pretty gloomy. Elmer Hackney and Lloyd

Maggard are the two members of the 1932 league championship aggregation to return.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Love entertained at a dinner for six persons, all of whom came to Oberlin on Sept. 12, 1873: John K. Stiner and daughter, Mrs. Frank Livingston, Lawrence and Jake Riley, John E. Love and his sister, Mrs. W. E. Ufford.

Mr. Love recalled an incident of their first year which will be of interest. On Christmas Day the Wm. Love family had as guests the John Rodehaver family and they had a wild turkey for the feast.

Traer: Sidney Dillinger, pastor of the M.E. Church at Traer for several months was the honor guest at a social evening at the church. The affair was planned as a farewell gesture before he returned to his work at Kansas Wesleyan.

Tuesday morning saw the passing of one of the two Civil War veterans remaining in Oberlin with the death of George Seavey. His death leaves H. A. Stowell as the one remaining Old Soldier who makes his home in Oberlin. Conrad Scheler still calls Oberlin his home but at present is living with his son at Wray, Colo.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1958**

The Oberlin Herald won the 1958 sweepstakes in the Kansas Better Newspaper contest as the best weekly paper in Kansas over 2,000 circulation. Dean Coughenour, Herald assistant editor from mid-1956 through the contest year of 1958, accepted the award at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, where winners were announced.

Organizations, groups and individuals are making plans for a two-day celebration of the museum opening and Indian raid anniversary Sept. 26 and 27.

The Oberlin Cemetery is soon to get a new look. A main brick entranceway and two smaller brick entrances are planned.

Robert William Lipsky died Sept. 12 at the age of 89. Mr. Lipsky graduated from Heidelberg University in Germany and studied music privately under Johannes Brahms. He came to Kansas from Germany at the age of 17 and married Mary E. Roe. He taught music in Smith County and later moved to Norton for a year later moving to a ranch in Decatur County where they lived for five years.

Mr. Lipsky operated a general store in Lyle from 1910 to 1945. He took a special interest in music teaching and playing for special occasions at the Lyle church in which he was very active even though he was a German Lutheran.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs.

Sylvester Meitl, son, Mark Alan, 9-12-58.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1983**

The crisp feel of autumn has arrived just in time to usher in another Mini-Sapa celebration traditionally held the last weekend in September. As 1983 is the 25th year since the beginning of the Last Indian Raid Museum, Sunday's open house will include a short program in honor of Kathleen Claar who served 20 years as curator resigning in the spring of 1979.

Local temperatures dipped to 24 degrees putting another crimp in farmers' hopes for a good crop of milo.

Hospital News: Pat and Duane Dorshorst, Oberlin, daughter, Danielle Leah, 9-15-83.

An Aug. 27 ceremony at Faith Lutheran Church united in marriage Julie Helmkamp and Chris Gardiner, both of Wichita. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmkamp, rural Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gardiner, Salina.

Mac Harris, 36, died as the result of a fire in his trailer home located three miles east and one mile north of Jennings. Jennings Fire Chief Jim Britton said the young man was very active in community affairs and his

death was a tragic loss.

The Oberlin Red Devil football squad brought their season record to 1-1 Friday night with an impressive offensive attack against St. Francis, downing the Indians 33-14. Coach Earl Barber said his offensive line of Kevin Bennett, Lee Heronema, Maurice Zodrow, Tony Hager, Dennis Macfee and Mark Schultz did a good job blocking to allow Oberlin's backs to have a good night.

Barber said Scott Gawith had a 9-yard average; Darrin Kaempfe, 4; Jamie Shirley, 8 and Buck Matson, 11. Matson scored three times on runs and Bennett scored twice on passes from Gawith with extra points kicked by Wilson.

Coach Carl Wahlmeier's Jennings Coyotes squad rolled past Utica 57-22.

Funeral services were held at Corcoran-Bateman Funeral Home for Howard "Barney" McClure, 71, who operated a funeral home and furniture store in Oberlin for a number of years.

Services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church for Chester Allan, 64, who had made his home in Oberlin since 1965 where he was engaged in television broadcasting and advertising.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking back — Mc Cook Gazette — 1958

"Name for Oberlin Fete Sought Oberlin, seeking an appropriate title for a festival with a historic theme to be given here annually, is getting help from Nebraskans as well as Kansans.

Mrs. Lawrence Claar, curator of the Decatur County Museum, who is in charge of the contest, reports many entries are coming from Nebraska.

The contest is open to anyone. It is designed to find festivities planned around the new Decatur County Museum, the near-completed sod house, and the 1878 Indian Raid Massacre, which was the last Indian raid in Kansas.

Twenty silver dollars will be awarded the winner, who need not be present at the celebration when the name is announced.

Sept. 30 was the date of the Indian raid, when Chief Dull Knife and 89 braves of the Cheyenne tribe killed 18 pioneers in Decatur County.

The Indians in the raid were those who had taken part in the Custer raid, captured and put on an Oklahoma reservation."

Back to September 2008 — Ober-

lin Arts and Humanities Commission is working closely with the Last Indian Raid Museum in the celebration of its 50th anniversary. The kick-off event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28, with a tour of the sites of the Last Indian Raid near Oberlin.

We will leave the museum promptly at 2 p.m. Richard Little Bear, President of Dull Knife College, will participate in the tour and will give a talk at the museum at 4 p.m. about the Indian's point of view of the raids. Those attending are encouraged to pool rides.

At 5 p.m., we will leave the museum to go to the J.R. Ginther farm where Brent Ginther will host a buffalo barbecue complete with buffalo burgers, buffalo brats, beans, potato salad, tea and lemonade at 5:30 p.m. The meal will cost \$6.50 per person. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The barbecue will be served from a covered wagon chuck wagon in a pasture near baby buffalo that you will be able to see.

If you plan to attend or need additional information, call either Sharleen Wurm, (785) 475-2712; Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 470-0218.

## Cedar Living News

There were lots of winners at the dice game on Monday afternoon. Residents and guests who joined in the fun included Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Wilma May, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank Ward, Luella Overmiller, Dale Butler, and Lyle Gamblin.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. The group sang all of the old favorites from the hymnals.

Luella Overmiller won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Donna Kent and Ruth Havel.

Sandra Young and Bob Vaughn had lunch with Elsie Goodnight on Wednesday in honor of Elsie's birthday. They stayed to play pinochle in the afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. The game was interrupted long enough to join other residents and staff while we all celebrated birthdays for Elsie Goodnight and Charlotte Kurtz. Cake and ice cream were served.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Many of the residents have been enjoying going outside on these lovely fall days we've been having

lately. Several went outside on Thursday morning including Lloyd Beneda, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Edie Pettera, Dell Pomeroy, Agnes Pruitt, Blanche Skubal, Delores Wheeler, Lloyd Wishon, and Fern Wenger.

There were lots of laughs and some good-natured fun when the bowling group met for a game on Thursday afternoon. There were lots of players in the game as well as a few spectators. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group made sour cream chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Saturday night.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jan Sattler, Jayme Sattler, Atwood; Janice Kruse, Selden; Kandy Schmidt, Evans, Colo.; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Mary Moore, Beaver City, Neb.; Les Wurm, Overland Park; Harold Sulzman, Colby; Lori Truetken, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Maxine Rall, Rexford.

Max Carman, Jackie Votapka, Dorothy Moore, Eunice Richards, Mildred Holmdahl, Pat Fringer, Paula Tadlock, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Ira Kolsky, Edie Tate, Roxie Pomeroy, Shelli Fortin, Lyle Gamblin, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Marilyn Gamblin.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Jennings American Legion Post will host a meeting for all veterans, their families, and the Auxiliary members who wish to learn more about their earned VA benefits at 12:45 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 30, Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding benefits are urged to attend the meeting which will be held at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Czech Museum in Jennings.

The country's largest veterans service organization, the American Legion assists more veterans and their dependents in filing for benefits through service in the Armed Forces than any other group or organization.

American Legion members authored the original GI Bill of Rights during World War II and have pioneered many veterans programs including compensation for veterans exposed to Agent Orange and investigating Gulf War Syndrome. This meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans Affairs Tour when State and District Officers visit each of the over 330 American Legion Posts throughout Kansas.

Lawrence, Lila, and Brett Jennings attended the wedding of their grandson, Derek Merle Cook and Jackie Lynn Standaage at the Sable Landing Event Center of Firestone,

Colo., Saturday evening. Parents of the couple are Steve and Vicki Cook, Ft. Morgan, Colo., and Mick and Robyn Standaage of Ashby, Neb.

Other relatives attending were Marcia Casey, Milt Sherman, Marlene Hounshell, Mr., and Mrs. Andrew Hounshell and Emily of Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Hounshell and Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zubko, Tom and Mitchell of Erie, Colo.; Damon Cook and friend Heather of Dallas; Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Brent Harris, Loveland, Colo.

Bud and Helen Rhodes went to Eudora recently to attend a birthday celebration for one-year-old, great-granddaughter, Hannah, daughter of Ryan and Corey Grace. They journeyed on to Gardner where they visited their daughter, Karen Stueve and family.

Leotha Bohl of Phillipsburg visited Saturday with her sister, Louise and Wayne Cressler. She rode up with her granddaughter-in-law, Danielle Bohl, Jillian, Cameron and Louie, who were going to her nephew's birthday celebration at Rexford.

A reminder: United Methodist Women will have Bible Study Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. Men are welcome to come also.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

*Children are a gift from the Lord; children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! Psalm 127:3-5.*

Hubert Mumm's parents must have been joyful indeed! Sixteen children were born to their union.

Twelve of the 16 are still living. Hubert was the third in birth order.

On Friday, Hubert celebrated his 88th birthday surrounded by his sisters and brothers and their spouses. Anogene Rogers, Eleanor Rogers, Gene and Marge Roy, Dolores Raile, Alberta Ritter, Bud and Vicky Mumm, Clem Mumm and Kenneth Mumm all came for the party. Three sisters, Josephine Douglas and Judy Smith, both of Greeley, Colo., and Clara Newton of Denver were unable to attend. Angel Lane dining room spilled out into the hallway where more tables were brought in to accommodate the crowd of well-wishers.

All week-long we focused on babies! A "Who's the Baby Guessing Board" was on display with baby pictures of staff and residents. The names to be revealed on Saturday.

On Monday, Myrna Jones came to play for a Sing-a-Long. Many of the songs had "Baby" in their lyrics. This is always a great time! We love having Myrna; she is a blessing to us.

On Tuesday, Garden of Hope had a Baby Reminiscent time with Dorothy Hunt, Jeanette Conway and Marie McChesney. They sang lullabies, recited familiar nursery rhymes and visited about their own babies.

On Thursday, the ladies gathered to play Baby Yahtzee. Three tables all had to dress their babies according to what number was rolled on a die. The first table to dress their

baby signaled their victory by crying waa, waa, waa!

All this was leading up to Saturday when we celebrated four more gifts from the Lord. The Beautiful Baby Pageant brought them to us. All four belonged to staff members. Julianna Baker, registered nurse, brought her son, Noah; Crystal Witt, certified nurse aide, brought her daughter, Myleigh; Karlie Black, certified nurse aide, brought her daughter, Brilee, and Sara Weyeneth, registered nurse, brought one-year-old Lizzy.

The residents oohed over the babies, sang songs with Cheryl Miller, and played some baby games, and the Who's the Baby names were revealed. Refreshments were served, and the moms were given free babysitting coupons for a night to themselves without the kids. Joey Hirsch photographed each baby that will be given to the moms as well. Thanks to all who made this a fun time together.

Mark these upcoming dates! Monday, Sept. 29, Founder's Day Reader's Theater and Dessert Potluck at 7 p.m. This is in lieu of our family potluck scheduled for Oct. 3. Remember to bring your pennies! Dr. Michael Breiner will be here on Saturday, Oct. 11, for an Alzheimer Forum. Both events are open to the public, so bring your friends!

Visitors this week were: Eunice Richards to see Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle and Earl Brown, Doris Fringer came for Lora Zwickle, Amy Rehm and Kathryn Post. Sharon Slabaugh, and Brian and Pam Simonson for Opal Bryan. Chris Dempewolf (Norcat), and Dean and Eloise Thornton (Rush Center) for RD Thornton. Norma Richards and Deanne Hanschild for Mae Guy,

John and Muriel Ready and Elaine Thomas. Reva Marshall, Mildred Black and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas. Ralph

Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Julia Otter for Leone Porsch.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Saturday, Sept. 14, Judy and Charlie Easton of Quinter; Jane and Richard Engelhardt, Norton; Rea and Dee Magers, Norcat; Pam and Mike Horning, Aurora, Colo., Brittany Magers and a friend from Greeley, Colo., visited Margaret Magers. They did several odd jobs — mowing, mower repairs, tree trimming, and having a good time.

Earnest and Donna Huff made a trip to see her sister, Bobbie Strauss, in Grand Junction, Colo., and brought back peaches. When she got back home, their own peach tree was loaded, so she has been having a peachy time. This has been a good year for fruit in this area, for which we are thankful.

Kathy Van Meter was a guest

of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Holbrook, Neb., on Tuesday, and on Thursday she went to the bank-sponsored Bingo party in Holbrook. On Saturday, She picked up Veda Wood in Norcat, met Joyce Sumner in Norton, and they represented the Lyle group at the delicious brunch served in the Norton United Methodist Church by the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry helps people in case of emergencies. They reminded us that there are not only needy in other countries, but in our own area.

Jim Plotts was our minister on Sunday. He reported that his father, James, is progressing much better. He is still in Kearney, Neb., and doing physical therapy.

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