

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1883

Married, at the residence of N. W. Strong, Sept. 20, 1883, the Judge officiating, Mr. Frank Tacha to Miss Dillie Henry, all of Decatur County.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Finn Penn, Sept. 28th, a son.

Ray McKague commenced a 6-months school at Cedar Bluffs Sept. 17.

The Old Soldiers Reunion last week was well attended.

The second annual Fair of Decatur County held Sept. 26-27 was pronounced a great success by all who visited the grounds, many expressing great surprise at the fine stock, vegetables, farm produce, etc., on exhibition and entered in competition. In the match game of baseball between Oberlin and Lyle the Oberlin team won by a 53-26 score. Charley Maddox of Oberlin and Charley Andrews of Norcatur played in the game.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1908

Editor Roughton of the Dresden Sunflower has new quarters in a two-story frame moved to main street.

The business department of the high school keeps four typewriters busily clicking from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday the Dresden ball team defeated Big Timber 12-11.

Marriages: Sept. 28, Mr. Homer Wolfe and Miss Edith Bivans; Sept. 20 in Traer, Mr. George Talbott and Miss Fanny Griggs.

Orville Wright and his flying machine took a tumble at Washington last week only a few hours after Thos. A. Edison in a speech at Salt Lake City had declared such an accident was liable to happen at any time.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1933

My what a job it has been to get the list of applications for wheat allotments in Decatur County set up in type. The list gives the name of the land owners, the tenant (if any), the section in which it is located, number of acres of tillable land, the 1930 acreage sown to wheat and the same figures for the years 1931 and 1932.

Harry Darby, Kansas Highway director, visited a half-day last week in Decatur County and gave approval to a project at Jennings whereby eliminating the sharp right angle on US-Highway 83. The project would extend the highway southwest out of Jennings parallel to the railroad track and will start in the next 30 days using local labor.

Relatives and friends of Byron Everist, 41-year-old farmer of the Lyle neighborhood, received a severe shock Sunday when it was learned he had been fatally stricken with a heart attack while pitching a ball game for the Blue Star nine of this home neighborhood. The ball game was on a diamond about 5 miles northeast of Norcatur. Funeral services were held in Danbury. He is survived by his wife and five young children and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George McMullen.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Furman the evening of Sept. 20th when Miss Leta Estella Furman became the bride of Wilbur

Hatcher. The ceremony was read by the Rev. I. W. Torrence, pastor of the Methodist Church at Norcatur. The bride graduated from Norcatur High School and has had two years of nurses training and is also a fine musician. The bridegroom graduated from Norton High School, has been a successful teacher and has been engaged in farming for several years.

Court House News: Sheriff Frank Garver has made visits to two whiskey manufacturing stills located in the county in recent weeks.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1958

People crowded into Oberlin from all over as Decatur County turned back the clock over the weekend to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Kansas' last Indian raid and the official opening and dedication of the museum. In a mass celebration that was a huge success, more than 4,000 — nearly double Oberlin's population — joined in the festivities.

Delbert Shields was the winner of 20 silver dollars for his entry in the "You Name It" contest. "Mini-Sapa" is the Indian name for Sappa Creek and means "black water."

About 180 women are expected to attend the 8th District Business and Professional Women's fall conference in Oberlin this weekend. Mildred Butler is 8th District chairman and guests will be greeted by Gertrude Railsback, president of the Oberlin club. Featured speaker at the 1 p.m. luncheon Sunday at the Masonic Temple will be Velma Wooster, Hays, director of the speech correction clinic at Hadley Memorial Hospital in Hays.

A potent rushing attack gave the Red Devils a 31-12 win over Hoxie Friday night at Smick Field. Three DCHS backs — Fortin, Carver and Richards — accounted for most of the yardage.

County Engineer Don Claussen attended the American Road Builders Association convention in New York City last week. He was president of the Kansas County Engineer's Association last year. On the return trip he visited in Washington, D.C.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Olson, Herndon, son, Mark Roger, 9-24-58; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Portschy, Herndon, son, Dean Joseph, 9-25-58; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson, Oberlin, son, Bruce David, 9-26-58; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elson, Traer, son, Richard Eugene, 9-27-58.

Hilltop IGA Super Market located on the north side of US-36 Highway, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eckhardt will hold a grand opening this Friday and Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1983

Persons in Decatur County will have an opportunity Sunday to participate in the annual 10-mile CROP Walk to raise money to alleviate world hunger and suffering. Walkers in the Oberlin area will set out from Oberlin City Park and end up at Sappa State Park where a wiener roast and watermelon feed will be held according to Pastor Greg Larsen of the Decatur County Ministerial Assoc. In the Jennings area, walkers will meet at the church

for the 10-mile jaunt which will conclude at the Bartos Brown farm or the Jennings City Park depending on the weather.

A 1924 Gleaner combine to be entered in the Mini-Sapa Thresher and Engine show this weekend at the Decatur County fairgrounds by Joe Samson Jr. of Achilles Township in Rawlins County is so rare that it may be the oldest working Gleaner combine in existence.

Ross Crisman has been named to replace Frank King as manager of Matador Pipelines, Inc., in the Oberlin area. Crisman, 47, a native of Howard in southeast Kansas, has been employed with Matador since 1958 and he and his wife Louise have purchased a home at 301 N. York. There are currently 19 employees at the local Matador office which moved to a new facility located on north Highway 83 in the fall of 1979. King and his wife, Muriel, who moved to Oberlin in 1977, plan to continue to make their home in Oberlin after his retirement Nov. 1. He has worked 27 years for the company, which has also been known as Rock Island and Koch Oil Co.

Hospital News: JoAnn and Ron Johnson, Danbury, daughter, Andrea Faith, 9-20-83; Sarah and Ron Shaw, Selden, son, Justin Matthew, 9-21-83; Pastor and Mrs. Greg Larsen, son, Dane Calvin, 9-27-83.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda of Ludell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to Daryl Maresch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Maresch of Nekoma. The bride-elect graduated from Atwood High School and Kansas State University with

a degree in medical technology and is employed at the Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Her fiancé is a graduate of Pawnee Heights High School and Fort Hays State with a degree in agriculture and farms near Nekoma. The wedding is planned for Dec. 17, 1983, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Funeral services were held for George Cole, 84, who had served as a school superintendent at both Herndon and Jennings during his 47 years in school administration.

"This is a marvelous improvement to the overall appearance of the auditorium," said head custodian Neil Marshall in reference to the new 688 upholstered seats in the DCHS auditorium. The seats will be used for the first time during the Homecoming assembly.

Homecoming queen candidates are Joani Guy, Diana Horn, Shelli Johnson, Carolyn Juenemann and Pippa Stanley. Escorts are Kevin Bennett, Lee Heronema, Kevin Lawn, Buck Matson, Jamie Shirley and Jay Smith. The 10-year queen is Kristy (Fredrickson) Gallentine and the athlete of the past is Brent Anderson.

The Colby Eagles remain undefeated this season as they outscored DCHS 22-13 in league action last Friday night. The Atwood Buffaloes will be the Homecoming opponent.

J.P. Worcester, 22, of Hill City placed first in the Mini-Sapa 15-kilometer run (9.3 miles) with a time of 48:22. A total of 54 runners entered the two-mile race which was won by Gerald Martin of Colby in a time of 13:27 while 22 participated in the 15-K event.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking back — The Oberlin Herald — Sept. 25, 1958

"Day by Day at the Museum" by Mrs. Lawrence Claar.

This is it! The week of the gala celebration and everyone at the museum is working like mad in preparation for the official opening and dedication. Entries have speeded up the past two weeks until it would keep one person busy each day, drawing up papers and tagging items.

The response to the column is amazing. We have ceased to wonder at it. Ask and it shall be given, and abundantly. Nothing was ever more true than this.

We have men's hats and ladies bonnets if you need them to complete your costume. If you want a liberal education on many subjects, come down and lend a hand at the museum.

So far, the main thing the curator has learned is how little she really knew when she began her tasks. We do need help this week, and urgently. If we survive this week, will be with you again on Monday.

Publicity about the museum and the celebration has appeared in several papers around the state and many in this area, and there has been wide area radio and TV coverage, indicating a big crowd to recurrent Decatur county history.

Back to September 2008 — This

is it once again! The week of the gala celebration and everyone at the museum is working like mad in preparation for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

We do have a few dresses, bonnets, and men's hats that we could lend to complete your costume if you are helping on Saturday. In total agreement with Mrs. Claar is the fact that the curator has learned how little she really knew when she began her tasks.

We do need help and would appreciate your volunteered assistance.

Publicity about the museum and the celebration has appeared in several papers around the state and many in this area. A story was in the Kansas County Living, Hays Daily News, and McCook Daily Gazette. But most of all, we want to give a big thank you to The Oberlin Herald for all the really wonderful coverage that they have done for this celebration.

We have also had wide area coverage on radio thanks to KFNF and their sister stations.

After Sunday's great turn out for the Indian Raid tour, speaker, and buffalo barbecue, we know that you will want to be a part of this historical event and in another 50 years when the Museum celebrates its 100th Anniversary, you can say you were there in 2008!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents of Cedar Living Center have some lovely pumpkins to decorate, courtesy of the pumpkin patch at Sappa Park. We would like to thank the Pheasants Forever organization for making the patch available to the community.

Elton O'Hare is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The patio area received new carpeting this week. It should look really great out there once we get the new wicker furniture back in place and everything tidied up again.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted the September birthday party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. Those being honored with September birthdays included Lois Carlson, Ruth Havel, Delores Wheeler, Elsie Goodnight, and Marie Thomas. Each received a gift bag from him. Mary Long provided musical entertainment.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Donna Kent won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie among Frank Ward, Mary Kolsky, and Dale Butler.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone had Mass at the center on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game held on Thursday afternoon. Players included Zola Brown, Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Wilma May, Elwood Mines, Agnes Pruitt, John Schuhardt, Delores Wheeler, and Luella Overmiller.

The baking group made butter-scotch oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

The poker players were unable to meet on Saturday night, so they had a short game on Sunday afternoon before supper.

Recent visitors: Betty Jean Wicke, Ludell; Jean Huss, Cary Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; Lillian Sulzman, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Lori Truetken, Selden; Maxine Ross, Rexford; Yvonne and Greg Sumner, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Norcatur; Sharon and Charles Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Tom Votapka, Jennings;

Jackie Votapka, Eunice Richards, Connie Olson, Marilyn Gamblin, Gladys Geis, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Miller, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Earl Brown, Sam Mack, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Edie Tate, Bonnie Dolan, Roberta Johnson, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

There was a reception held in Hays for Casey and Shannon Shaw, who were married Aug. 8 in Las Vegas. The bridegroom's parents, Rick and Tammy Shaw and Corey Shaw of Selden, attended. Congratulations to Casey and Shannon!

On Sept. 18 at Senior Citizens, Jeanie Spreser won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Lois Neff got low and Gail Mumm had the most kings. Other members present included: Carol Shaw, Helen Karls, Betty James, Paulie Neff, Shirley Emigh, and Bernita Aumiller.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high and had the most queens, Betty James took second, Lois Neff got low. Other members present included: Bernita Aumiller, Paulie Neff, Jeanie Spreser, Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 25 - Kent Ashley, Andrea Trembley, John Lobato, Kenny Bastin, Tasha Belair, Nolan Ritter, Noel Ritter, Diane Alstrom, Jade Mosier. Sept. 26 - Alvin Shaw, Dan and Delores Juenemann. Sept. 27 - Aimee Truetken, Borgie and Robyn Mendiola, Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll. Sept. 28 - Steve Juenemann, Michelle Becker, Tara Ingram, Jerrie Jacobs.

Sept. 29 - Kevin Stevenson, Stan Shaw, Karen Adelman, Morgan Ritter, Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel. Oct. 2 - Joni Shaw, Sherrie Rogers. Oct. 3 - Ashley Albers. Oct. 4 - Brianna Stoll, Casey Boultinghouse, Greg McKenna, Clara Schieferecke, Larry Alstrom. Oct. 5 - Nick Kaus, Bonny Boultinghouse. Oct. 6 - John Geisinger, Lois Meitl, Larry and Diane Alstrom. Oct. 7 - Lad Truetken, Darren Juenemann, Jacob Moore. Oct. 8 - Jennifer Aumiller, Elda Campbell. Oct. 9 - Mary Ann Juenemann, Cheryl Schlenk, Jesse Juenemann.

School Calendar - Oct. 2 - 4 p.m. Junior High volleyball/football in Rexford with Lane County, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 - 7 p.m. High School football at Grainfield. Oct. 7 - 8:30 a.m. Grade School hearing checks. 4 p.m. High School volleyball at Alma. Oct. 8 - 8:30 a.m. Junior High and High School hearing checks. High School Gifted/Talented Seminar. Oct. 8 - 4 p.m. Junior High volleyball/football at Colby with Heartland, 5:30 p.m.

Friday night, Golden Plains held their Homecoming festivities. Kelton Jones and Marie Garcia were crowned King and Queen. The Golden Plains Bulldogs were triumphant over Triplains/Brewster.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Joe Gutchewsky, 71, who died Friday in Omaha. He was a brother of Jack Gutchewsky. Jack and Mary Gutchewsky attended funeral services for him in Omaha on Monday.

The Brent Ginther family hosted a buffalo barbecue Sunday evening in the pasture at the J. R. Ginther farm for those who attended the Mini Sapa activities in Oberlin on Sunday. There were over 100 who enjoyed the meal and seeing the buffalo herd.

Mary Lou Olson and Cecil Hess accompanied their nephew and his wife, Evan and Mary Jorn, of Lawrence to the Mini Sapa tour

southwest of Oberlin, the talk given by Dr. Richard Little Bear at the Bohemian hall and the supper at the Ginther farm.

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church. Hostesses are Jennie Anderson and Lacy Walker. Sandy Reuther will have the program and Gwen Jones will give devotions.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina were weekend guests of her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Mark Olson was a guest of his son, Kurt Olson, for Dad's Weekend at FarmHouse Fraternity at Kansas State University and enjoyed the football game and other activities.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Then hurrah for Alma Mater, May she live and grow, 'til a hundred thousand classes from her portals go. And in future on life's pathway, may we meet success; and review our happy schooldays at D-C-H-S!

The excitement of Homecoming crosses the generational line and finds its way into the hearts of the residents here. It is fun and amusing to hear stories of "Speedy Ready" (John Ready) on the football field and talk of past Homecoming Queens, who they were, and who they married etc. Monday, the freshmen class came to the activities room to make preparations for their window decorating. Thursday again, to scavenge for their float, which took second place in the judging! On Friday, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch and Shirley Hayward went to the assembly where Opal took the prize for the oldest alumni. Proof of the support and enthusiasm for DCHS could be seen in the faces of all the residents, staff, friends and family as they crowded onto the front porch to watch the Homecoming Parade. Queen Heather Ploussard

and Queen Candidate Tamara Ketterl are beloved Certified Nursing Assistants here and they were met with lots of cheers and applause!

Homecoming week always brings an influx of visitors, too. Maria Lemman (Salina) visited **Mary Lemman**, Sally Olson (Atwood) Eunice Richards, Frank and Mert McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) came to see **Lucy Schissler**. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. Reva Marshall and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited their mother, **Dorothy Hunt** as well as her sister, Mildred Black. **Leone Porsch** entertained Shirley Emigh and Tressie Rogers (Selden) as well as Dori Pauls. **Earl Brown** was visited by his sister, Ella Betts and friend, Eunice Richards. Sharon Slabaugh Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson, Estella Waldo and Eunice Wenger were all guests of **Opal Bryan**. Jeanne Hafner visited **Eva Bryan** and **Amy Rehm**. **Amy Rehm** and **Eileene Laird** had Luanne and Mike Laird visiting from Celina, Texas. Sue Hayes came from Colby to see **Alice Bobbitt**, **John Ready**, **Mrs. Olson** and **Mrs. Bryan**. Daisy Rhein is a faithful friend of **Jeanette Conway**. **Elaine**

Thomas had two visitors, Barbara Castor and Mabel McLaughlin. **Lora Zwickle** has a weekly tea party for friends Estella Waldo, Eunice Wenger, Opal Bryan, and Alice Bobbitt.

We had lots of other things happening this week, too. The second class of first graders came to find out who their Reading Pals will be. Dennis Brown with the Forget-Me-Not Ministry helped us celebrate the birthdays of Arlene Rissotto, Hubert Mumm, Glenn Martin and Leona Helmkamp during Social Hour on Tuesday.

Glenn's wife, Eunice, had another birthday party for him Sunday afternoon, and Leona's daughters and friends joined her for an additional celebration. The 4th Annual Rock-A-Thon will be coming up in November, so in preparation we are looking for ministry opportunities to present to the residents to determine where our money will go this year. This is a fundraiser the residents themselves put on in order to contribute back to the community.

On Thursday, Nanette Zander and Mary Ann Erickson came to introduce us to 17 children living

in an orphanage in Haiti, owned by Norbert and Nanette Zander. This is the first presentation we have seen. If you have another suggestion for us, please contact Lisa Paulson. We hope to have at least three options for the residents to choose from. Pizza and Poker took place Friday night. Larry Mack is our volunteer dealer for Pooch Portschy, Lucy Schissler, Lora Zwickle, and David McGee who are our resident poker players. For them, poker is serious business. They play for peanuts!

Sunday services were held by the Oberlin Covenant Church. Pastor Tom Smith gave the message, Kathy Almqvist provided the music on piano and French horn, and Joyce Hartzog led the singing. The residents look forward to Sunday services and were truly blessed this week.

Several residents headed to the museum's Last Indian Raid Historical Tour. Two vans headed out with drivers Janice Shobe and John Paulson. Passengers were Lisa Paulson, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor, and Lora Zwickle. Earl Brown also attended with his family.

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