

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1883

Some of the attorneys are cutting on rates for land business. Joseph Bivans starts for Republican County this week to work for a couple of months.

A.H. Hollister has purchased Counter's meat market.

The post offices of HourGlass, Chayenne County and Jerome, Rawlins County, have been discontinued.

N.A. Cornish, G.F., Bogue and D.D. G. Addleman left this week for a 3-week's hunt up on the Platte River.

W.E. Ufford and Wess Farrant returned last Thursday from the North Fork of the Republican River near the Colorado and Nebraska line, where they have been working for the past two months.

Coard & Douglass are fixing up for winter. They are filling in the north side of their building with mortar, lath and plastering their back room and filling up the front part with fresh goods.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1908

Pearle Stowell and family have moved to their new home in the east part of the city.

Vern Bradley and Glenn Moore went in Bradley's auto to McCook last week to take in the two-day racing. The auto broke down at Cedar Bluffs on the way home.

J.E. Love will at once begin tearing down the Hayward house north of Doctor Reeves' residence and will erect a commodious and modern house on the site.

Sam Harris bought the George Bayne store and took possession the first of the week.

Charley Rector was selling off this household goods on the street Saturday preparatory to moving to Oregon permanently.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1933

H.O. Caster has been chosen as president of the American Gas Association. A graduate of the class of 1891 at Oberlin and Ottawa University, he has gone from a Decatur County rural teacher to county superintendent, admission to the bar in 1906, county attorney in Topeka, head of the legal department of Empire Gas & Fuel in Bartlesville, Okla., to New York City and the top position. Herb Caster not only made a speed record, but he showed what a country boy from Kansas can do when he combines ability and determination. — Topeka State Journal

Ann's of the Oberlin Rotarians were entertained at a meeting held in the banquet room of the Hotel Oberlin Tuesday evening. Entertainment was five vocals solos, three by Eva Hawkes and two by Ted Addleman. Accompanist was Mrs. Nina Addleman.

The Herald office is indebted to the J.C. Nitsch Hardware for the use of the Majestic radio to bring us the

World Series games.

At the Northwest Kansas M.E. conference last week, the Rev. J.M. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church here was given the pastorate at Ellsworth and the Rev. Fred Blanding of Ellsworth will come to the Oberlin Church. The Rev. Roy Frey, pastor of Olive Chapel, will go to Randall in Jewell County and taking his place will be the Rev. Lawrence Carlton of Sharon Springs.

Kanona: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Area are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Sunday, Oct. 1. Mother and babe are being cared for at the home of Mrs. Verna Plotts in Oberlin.

Leoville: Funeral services were held for Peter Pauls, 79, who died at the home of his nephew, P.D. Pauls. Born in Germany he came to America in his early manhood and to Oberlin in 1884. He was a carpenter by trade and helped build the Lorig store building and a number of other buildings that were erected in the 80's.

Monday Evening Club opened the year with the traditional high tea held at the home of Mrs. L. L. Steinshouer. Every member of the club was present with the exception of Mrs. S.A. Fish. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. G.B. Morrish, Mrs. Floyd Lotker and Mrs. J.C. Nitsch. Club adjourned with the reading of the collect after which tables were arranged for bridge.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1958

A Colby rally on two lightning pass plays in the last stanza of the football game played at Colby Friday night overcame an 8-point Red Devil lead to give the Eagles a 20-14 victory.

Norbert Zander, Charley Kelley, Roy Unger, Woodrow Morford and advisor Lloyd Moody will attend the National FFA convention in Kansas City Oct. 13-14.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soderlund announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Doreen Kay, to Jack Sabin. The wedding date is Oct. 26.

Among the building permits issued in September was one for \$42,375 for an 8-unit addition to the Frontier Motel site. The permit was issued to Nichols Construction Company.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Oberlin, son, Royce Gale, 10-1-58; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vernon, Norcat, son, Kevin LeRoy, 10-2-58; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walinder, Oberlin, daughter, Marcia Joy, 10-2-58; Mrs. Lillian Truetken, Dresden, son, Ladimir Gerard, 10-7-58.

Norcat: Miss Linda Lee Hix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hix, and John Wesley New, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald New, exchanged vows at the Methodist Church in Norcat on Oct. 4 with the Rev. Raymond Worden officiating. Both are graduates of Norcat High

School and Mrs. New is attending Parks Business College in Denver. Mr. New is in the Air Force stationed at Riverside, Calif.

In a letter received from the Boyd Loves of LaVerne, Calif., we learn of the birth of their new granddaughter, Elisa Lee, on July 31. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Love of San Jose, Costa Rica. The Loves visited the Jack Love family during a three-week vacation this past summer.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1983

Three complaints were filed in District Court Monday charging fraud. A prepared statement offered to The Oberlin Herald Wednesday morning by officers of the Decatur County National Bank said that Farrell D. McAtee had admitted violating bank regulations in his position as bank president. The board of directors requested his immediate resignation, which he offered, and the board notified proper regulatory and authorities as is required by bank regulations.

The office of the Comptroller of the Currency is presently in the process of examining the bank and the institution is also proceeding with its annual outside audit by Peat, Warwick, Mitchell Co. of Kansas City.

Officials estimated that some 2,500 persons visited the second annual Mini-Sappa Antique Show at the Decatur County Fairgrounds

Saturday and Sunday. Officers of the Antique Club are Joe Samson Jr., president; Harvey Wright, vice-president; Carolyn Wurm, secretary-treasurer. Charlie Lincoln and Verdie Nelson were in charge of the antique car division and Bus Wurm, tractors.

The Red Devils held on to edge Atwood 7-6 in the homecoming gridiron battle and take on unbeaten Scott City next. Carolyn Juenemann was named homecoming queen during the afternoon assembly and during the dance which followed the game Buck Matson was announced as homecoming king.

When a group of women of the Rexford area met in September of 1933 and named their club, the Hard Times Club, little did they think they would still be meeting 50 years later. Although they changed the name to the Worthwhile Club in 1936, four women who were in the original group continue to attend the twice-monthly sessions as they celebrate their 50th year.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Harry C. Rice, 92, who was employed as station agent for the Rock Island Railroad.

In 1936 he was moved to Jennings where he made his home until retirement in 1960. Survivors include a daughter, Thelma Bainter and husband, Boyd, Oberlin and two grandchildren, Paula of Ellsworth and David of Manhattan.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking back — *The Oberlin Herald* — Oct. 2, 1958

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

Well folks, the big official opening and dedication are now history and no doubt they were two of the most colorful days in the past 80 years, in our little town of Oberlin.

They may be likened to an old refrain, words and music soon forgotten but the melody lingers on.

With everyone wearing clothing of bygone days, Indians, including Medicine men, concessions, medicine show and what have you, it was indeed a gala event. According to our statistics here, there were around 3,000 in attendance.

Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone who gave a helping hand, and of their very best, to make this event the success that it was.

The helpers, the exhibitors, those who helped financially, to our speaker, Mr. Elwood Brooks, and to others on the program and to our guests, all deserve a special thanks, even if time did not permit us to say as much personally.

What we have built here during these past few months, are not of sod and stone alone but the intangibles which went into the building, those

are the things which will last."

Looking back — Oct. 4, 2008

Well folks, the 50th Anniversary Celebration is now history and no doubt it was a wonderful event. Like Mrs. Claar said 50 years ago, "Words and music soon forgotten but the melody lingers on."

There were those with clothing of bygone days, Indians dancers, concessions, exhibitors, old time crafts, and plenty of food.

We can only guess at the number of people that attended but our guess would be close to 1,000 throughout the day.

Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone who helped make this a great success. The volunteers, the exhibitors, the parade committee, and to the guests, all deserve a special thanks.

I want to especially thank my board members, Chris Koerperich, Tami Shaw, Dick Carman, Byron Hale, Judith LaBash, Cheryl Votapka, Dana Marintzer and Betsy Jakowski, my assistant, Michelle Hollars; our gift shop manager, Myrna Jones, and our maintenance man, Michael Hoberty and his crew.

On to the future and another 50 years.

Cedar Living News

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Residents who gathered to try their luck included Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, Agnes Pruitt, John Schuhart, Frank and Velda Ward, Delores Wheeler, Luella Overmiller, and Dale Butler.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon. Velda Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Dale Butler won the blackout game.

The poker group met for a game on Tuesday evening with Sam Mack.

Evan and Cathy Wenger were here from Texas to visit Fern Wenger. They provided a very exciting and lively show-and-tell program on Wednesday morning when they brought in a family of baby squirrels that they rescued during Hurricane Ike. Cathy is still bottle-feeding the squirrels. This was very informative as well as entertaining.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon. Several other residents enjoyed sitting outside on Wednesday to enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The dietary and activities departments joined forces at noon on Thursday to serve an indoor picnic lunch. The menu included grilled porkburgers and root beer floats. Many of the residents needed to

attend the bowling party in the afternoon to try to work off all of that good food.

The baking group made cookies with M&M candies on Friday afternoon. There are always more residents and staff who show up to eat the cookies than to help bake them.

Several residents were able to attend the parade and other Mini Sapa festivities on Saturday morning with help from volunteers and staff.

The group included Delores Wheeler, John Schuhart, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Wilma May, and Dale Butler. Charlotte Kurtz organized the trip. Sam Mack drove the county van for the outing and also helped to take residents around at the museum. Mary Long let us use the Shear Creations building as our home base. Diana Gamblin assisted during the parade and Teresa Shaughnessy helped residents at the museum. Everyone reported having a great time.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Evan and Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Merl and Ruth Chance, Jennings; Deanna Summer, Norcat; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; John and Julie Geisinger, Selden; Peg Smith, McCook; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden.

Roberta Johnson, Eunice Richards, Jackie Votapka, Marilyn Gamblin, Shelli Fortin, Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle, Melanie Anderson, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Lyle Gamblin, Edie Tate, Lynn Overmiller, Pat Fringer, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Alice Mizer visited several days with her daughter, Barbara Herl and family in Riley and her son, Don Foster and family in Pratt.

Stan and Ramona Shaw spent the weekend in Lockbuie, Colo., at the home of their granddaughter Lisa and Kyle Bollers and Tyce. While there, they celebrated Tyce's first birthday.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the wedding reception, supper and dance honoring Casey and Shannon Shaw in Hays last Saturday evening. Casey and Shannon were married in Las Vegas, Nev., on Aug. 8. Casey is a nephew of Stan.

Several United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon at the garage sale location in the Legion building. Several kitchen items were found to put in with the items being collected to send to Youthville. From there, they went to the church to make plans for the Pheasant Hunter's supper, which is Saturday, Nov. 1. After a short business meeting, a Bible study was led

by Vickie Bailey. Others attending the Bible study were: Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Violet Foster, Larry Mizer, Patty Foster, Julie Carter and Louise Cressler.

Some of the ladies of the community gathered Friday morning at Bus and Coach Inc. (former school building) to bake Kolaches. On Saturday morning, the Kolaches were taken to a booth at the Mini Sapa celebration to be sold. Many orders were filled on Friday. Approximately 75 dozen were baked and sold. Proceeds go to renovation of Masonic Hall.

Senior Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Center.

Those playing cards Saturday evening at the Center were: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Alice Mizer, Carla Latimer and Louise Cressler.

William Carter and Doyle Brown have returned home from the hospital. Elwood Bailey is still in the hospital.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"I, of course, like to think that the whole Good Samaritan Society started in the heart of God: that it was His good will that His old people should have Christian care, and so He put into the hearts of men that they should go and do His good pleasure."

Those are the words of Pastor Dad Hoeger, the Founding Father of the Good Samaritan Society. Pastor John Paulson repeated them Monday night during our Founder's Day celebration. He portrayed Dad Hoeger in the Reader's Theater that was performed for the Residents and their families. This historical play gave an overview of Good Sam's humble beginning. The other readers were Janice Shobe, Carol Duncan, Pastor Bill Duncan, Coleen Rippe, and Lisa Paulson narrated. Everyone enjoyed some yummy desserts after the performance.

Tuesday morning we were up and around again. Two vans were loaded and headed south for Jennings. First stop was the Broken Wheel Café where we were served a delicious lunch with friendly service! Next, we were off to the Jennings Czech Museum. We were greeted by a hand painted sign that read "Welcome Good Sam Residents" and then about six members of the museum helped to usher David McGee, Earl Brown, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan and Evelyn Olson inside.

There was something of interest for everyone. An impressive Veterans' display, a School Room where

we saw Faye Miller's high school picture, a local wood carver was there and shared some trade secrets with David, and it was good to see paintings done by the late Garrah Gaumer. After we viewed the artifacts, we gathered for coffee and Kolaches, read a little news from 1910 while sharing a lot of laughter with our new friends. What a lovely place. If you have not been to the Jennings Czech Museum in awhile, you really must go.

On Friday evening, we had another performance to watch. The DATA Club came to give us a sneak preview of the melodrama to be performed at the Mini-Sapa Celebration on Saturday. Edla Olson asked if arrangements could be made since her daughter, Arian Arnold, was starring in the show. Thank you DATA Club for a delightful performance. You got rave reviews!

Early Saturday morning, Opal Bryan, Earl Brown, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm and David McGee bundled up and loaded onto the Good Sam Float to throw candy to the children as we paraded down town. We had perfect seats to watch the Indian Dancers who John Paulson brought to our float so we could meet them and study their costumes up close.

Our float depicted an ice cream parlor in honor of our new ice cream machine that the community generously helped us purchase. We received a trophy for our entry, thanks to Cindi Sauder and all her hard work! Yes, life is sweet here at the Good Sam, come see us soon!

Those who visited this week were: Nola Carlson (Fort Morgan, Colo.), Arlene Glad (Atwood), Frank and Mert McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) came to see Lucy Schissler. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney visited Ethel Nemeth. Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited Dorothy Hunt as did her sister, Mildred Black. Leone Porsch entertained her daughter, Connie Bryan (Scott City) and husband Francis Porsch (Selden). Sharon Slabaugh, and Brian and Pam Simonson were guests of Opal Bryan. Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) visited Eva Bryan. John and Muriel Ready were happy to see their daughter, Esther from New York City. Elaine Thomas had some visitors, Barbara Castor, Elsie Wolters and Mabel McLaughlin. Doris Fringer visited Lora Zwickle

and Kathryn Post. Wendy, Gage and Garrett Scott, Mildred Holmdahl and Elsie Wolters visited Evelyn Olson. Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) and Donna Lincoln were guests of Faye Miller. RD Thornton had Lynn Streit (Larned), Chris Dempewolf (Norcat), Dean and Eloise Thornton (McCook) and Sharee Dempewolf (Colby). Pooch Portsch, David McGee, Hubert Mumm and Glenn Martin were visited by Frank and Mert McEvoy. Norma Richards came for Mae Guy. Dorothy Pryor had her grandchildren, Moriah, Johanna, Bethany, Daniel, Caleb, Samuel and Nathan Smith with her daughter, Linda Smith (Atwood) and Elsie Wolters. Hubert Mumm had Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby). Bud and Vicky also visited her mother, Doris Marintzer.

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