

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1883

A flock of 4,000 sheep destined for Rawlins County parties passed through Oberlin last Friday.

Sunday, Oct. 14, the Norton Methodists dedicated their fine \$2,000 stone church.

C.H. Sternberg, geologist of the State University at Lawrence, was here last week.

The Herald renews its suggestion of last spring that the County Commissioners scale down all bills presented, say 15 to 25 percent; at least a sufficient amount to make the receipts pay the running expenses of the county.

G.F. Bogue, N.A. Cornish and N.G. Addeleman returned last week from a two-week hunt on the Stinking Water and Frenchman creeks in Nebraska and claiming a bag of 200 ducks.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1908

The best rain of the season came Sunday night and Monday morning.

About 30 people went to McCook last Friday to hear William Jennings Bryan speak.

Gus Lippelmann, who has been visiting in Germany the past few months, returned last week. His brother, Henry, came with him and will proceed to learn the language and ways of this country.

J.C. Lathrop and Tom Rooney went up to O'Neill, Nebr., to register for the big land drawing. John says it is the biggest graft he knows of.

Fred Bremer of the Prairie Dog threshed out 330 bushels of alfalfa seed, which will bring from \$7 to \$10 a bushel per acre.

An 8-lb. boy arrived at the home of Arthur Leist on Oct. 17.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1933

A blocked punt in the final minutes of the game snatched victory from the local football team enabling the Cheyenne Indian team to score and tie the game at 6-6.

In a case filed recently in the federal court the Associated Press is made defendant in a \$100,000 damage suit by Chauncey Dewey, widely known ranch owner of Rawlins County.

Attorneys were in St. Francis last week taking depositions with Roy and Beach Berry and Chauncey Dewey all present and under oath, reviewing the incidents and details of the old Dewey-Berry feud of years ago.

Judge Kite believes in real economy and after considering the cases pending for the October term of District Court at Oberlin expressed the belief that useless litigation is costing the public and ordered Sheriff Garver to notify the jury selected that they would not need to report.

Custer; The C.D. Club met with Leola Bremer with 11 members and

three visitors. After a fine dinner the afternoon was spent piecing blocks for a wedding ring quilt. At 4:30 refreshments of fruit salad, cake and coffee were served by the hostess but that has been voted down. Some that we were eating more than working and guess we were. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Eunice Petracek Oct. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomsen and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Francis drove to Hays Sunday to see Lowell Francis who is in the hospital. A blood clot which followed a leg bruise developed into serious complications and Alex's condition was considered critical last week. Mrs. V.A. Francis remains in Hays with him.

Dresden: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Flaska Oct. 8. The young man will answer to the name of Leon LeRoy.

Cedar Bluffs: A letter from Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Seward, Alaska, states that they are getting along fine and their little city is strictly modern. Mr. Rogers is superintendent of both schools and receives a good salary, more than they both received while teaching in Cedar Bluffs.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1958

After near-summer weather in the 80-90 degree range, the thermometer took a sudden drop with a 28 degree reading Wednesday morning.

County agent Henry Gronewoller says that milo harvest has begun in Northwest Kansas and that there seems to be no problem for storage of grain in Decatur County.

Mrs. Elvin Coulter, 32, and her daughter, Sandra Kay Coulter, 11, of near Allison, were killed instantly Friday about 5:30 p.m. in a head-on auto collision southwest of Allison.

Ray Kraft, operator of an elevator at Tasco, driver of the other car was taken to Hoxie for treatment. Mrs. Coulter's two sons, four and eight, were in the back seat of the car and escaped serious injury. The road was reported as extremely dusty with the low sun obscuring vision.

It was no contest for three quarters last Friday at Smick Field as the Red Devils shredded Oakley defenses for a 40-0 lead going into the final stanza. In the last quarter Oakley moved well against the Oberlin reserves to put the scoreboard at 40-13 at the final gun.

Hospital News: Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Youngquist, Herndon, daughter, Kathryn Jean, 10-16-58; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, Norcat, daughter, Vicky Sue, 10-17-58; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fredrickson, Oberlin, son, Kurt D., 10-17-58; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gallatin, Oberlin, daughter, Kathleen Kay, 10-18-58.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson left Tuesday for South Bend, Ind., for a Studebaker convention.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1983

Ten of the 16 units of Park View Apartments located at the corner of Ash and Garfield in Oberlin have been rented according to housing manager Charlene Barber. Final inspection of the complex was completed last week when officials representing Bainter Construction, the general contractor, and Farmers Home Administration joined Dale Higgs, Topeka, representative of the Oberlin Rural Housing Corporation to inspect the new housing development which are designed for moderate income families.

Velma Jeffus has returned home from Topeka where she took part in the first ever Silver Haired Legislature in Kansas.

Curator Sandy Russell told members of the Decatur County Historical Society board that members of the Genealogy Club are working on a project to collect names of persons buried in small graveyards or cemeteries around the county. They are also asking for directions to these older cemeteries.

Hospital News: Sidney and Terry Steinmetz, Oberlin, daughter, Krickit Jo, Oct. 15, 1983.

The parents of Tammy Jennings announce her engagement and approaching marriage to Dale Musgrave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don

Musgrave of Indianola, Neb. The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Decatur Community High School and of the veterinary administrative assistant program at Brown-Mackie College in Salina.

She is employed at Oberlin Veterinary Clinic. Her fiancé is a graduate of Republican Valley High School and is presently engaged in farming.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 15, 1983, at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Oberlin.

Dr. Joan Albrecht Pratt has accepted a position as dentist on the staff at the Norton State Hospital. Visits to the Norton facility will be on Wednesday only and no changes in schedule will be made at her office in Oberlin.

Three fumbles and an interception aided the Goodland Cowboys to defeat the Red Devils 40-28 in a high scoring gridiron battle.

The Devils being district competition Friday night when they face WKeeney of the Mid-Century League who upset the Smith Center Redman last Friday.

In the first game of district play-offs, Jennings will meet Herndon. The Coyotes lost 55-16 to Golden Plains in last Friday's game. Golden Plains has a record of 5-1 with their only defeat coming from Tribune.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking back — The McCook Gazette — Oct 12, 1974

"Float Goes to Kansas Museum Danbury — The float that took all the honors last year in area parades was retired Tuesday to a museum in, of all places, Kansas.

While it was on the parade circuit during the 1973 centennial year, the Danbury float took five first place trophies as well as many sweepstakes awards.

As parade watchers know, the Danbury float was the one with the stagecoach-Indian scene on the front and the moon landing on the back. Used throughout 1973 by Danbury to boost its 100-year event, the float was also used in some events this year. Shedded for a while near town until the space was needed for farm machinery, it had stood outside for a time.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Pat Redfern of Marion and Mrs. Dolly Brown were on their way to Oberlin with the float where it will be given a prominent place in the Last Indian Raid in Kansas Museum.

Mrs. Lawrence Claar, curator, had expressed a desire to have the stagecoach scene. The moon-landing scene had been taken off after 1973 to shorten the length of the trailer.

We couldn't find any place in Red Willow County where they could keep such a large item to preserve it for posterity. And since Mrs. Claar had voiced a desire for it, it was decided to dispose of the float that way. Mrs. Connie Quador designed the float and with the help of her husband, Bob, who cut the plywood for the stagecoach and other carpentry tasks, she went to work to build what she had drawn.

The horses were made out of papier-mâché but other figures were designed out of other materials. The stagecoach was made of plywood and the scrolls and designs were painted on."

Looking back — October 4, 2008

The Decatur County Museum used these items for our float in the parade in celebration of the 50th Anniversary. They have been in storage for all these years so it was time to get them dusted off and out for viewing once again.

I failed to mention who the winners were of our three raffle items drawn for on Mini Sapa. Edna Mott won the hooked rug, Terra Rae was the winner of the quilt, and Fred Hardman was the lucky winner of the rifle. Thanks to all that bought tickets.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7.

The majority of residents who live here are believers in Jesus who, even in their advanced years, are still active in their pursuit of learning about Him and seeking ways they can serve Him on a daily basis. This is evidenced by the number of people who attend devotions every morning (average 26), in-depth Bible study twice a week (average 18), Songs of Worship on Wednesdays (average 28), and church services on Sundays. An average of ten leave the facility to attend church in the community. The rest attend services here.

You can see them helping one another, Shirley Hayward, Faye Miller and Opal Bryan pushing friends in wheelchairs to meals and activities. Alice Bobbitt sits at the

bedside of her roommate who isn't feeling well. Lora Zwickle brings birthday cards to each friend celebrating. Amy Rehm writes notes of encouragement and thanks to staff members. RD Thornton looks after our day resident, Paul, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Dorothy Pryor invites others to church and sings with the Gospel Singers on Sundays. Myrtle Ross enjoys baking for Social Hour. Edla Olson shares her gift of music and humor as well as interesting books and articles she finds.

In this season of life they have new trials to face: health problems, loneliness and depression are common, but these people keep fighting the good fight, determined to finish well by keeping their faith. They are an inspiration!

Right now is an exciting time as we are in the planning stages for our Fourth Annual Rock-a-Thon to be

held on Saturday, Nov. 22. This is probably the single most important event of the year for our residents. Nothing is more fulfilling and purposeful than actually physically participating in the service of the Lord. Watch for more details!

Bible Study Ladies will also be hosting two Couple's/Mom's Night Out events. This is open to the community and their purpose is to minister to young families by providing free childcare. The dates are Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. Call Lisa Paulson for reservations.

Don't forget our Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Entries will be accepted from Sunday, Oct. 26, to Thursday, Oct. 30. Judging will be

on Friday, Oct. 31 right before the Spook Parade!

Visitors were: Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Chris Dempewolf (Norcat) and Bev and Rocky Delano (Wichita) for RD Thornton. Ralph Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Bob and Ann Hazlitt for Leone Porsch. Ron Snyder (Colby) and Mildred Black for Dorothy Hunt. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Ken Mumm (Selden) for Hubert Mumm. Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post. Thank you all who are so faithful to visit!

Remember, in Christ's love, everyone is someone!



It's flu season again.

This year, don't let the Flu Bug U. Follow these tips and you will get through this flu season with a high degree of success:

- Get a Flu Shot—Vaccine is available this year
- Cover Your Coughs and Sneezes
- Wash Your Hands Often
- Stay Home if You Are Sick

For more information, contact your local health department.



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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are looking forward to Halloween next week. We are hoping for a nice turnout of ghosts and goblins. As in the past, we will be inviting children to come for "trick-or-treat" from 4 to 8 p.m. Many of the spooks have been coming right after the parade downtown and that is just fine for us even though we may be eating supper. If anyone would like to come earlier in the day or on another day please call us and we will set up a special time.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank and Velda Ward, and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

The first game of bingo on Tuesday afternoon ended in a tie between Edie Pettera and Wilma May. Delores Wheeler won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby played pinocle on Wednesday afternoon with Frank and Velda Ward and Elsie Goodnight. Several other residents gathered to watch a movie.

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

The bowlers had a good time on Thursday afternoon when they met

for a game. Snacks were served following the game.

A large crowd of residents gathered on Friday evening for Halloween games and refreshments. The games included pin the tail on the cat and bobbing for apples. The craft group spent Friday afternoon preparing the supplies for the games and baking the cookies.

Pastor Carrie Buhler of the Jennings United Methodist Church gave the Sunday Worship Service.

The date has been set for the annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner at Cedar Living Center. The dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16. Letters will be mailed of soon to family members and friends, but anyone may contact us for more information or for an invitation. We are still undecided on the date for the family Christmas party, but we are starting to book holiday entertainment. If anyone would like to share their time or talent with us during the holidays, please call the center at 475-2276 and ask for Teresa Shaughnessy or Charlotte Kurtz.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Brooke, Brady, and Deanna Sumner, Norcat.

Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Max Carman, Gladys Geis, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Connie Olson, Pat Fringer, Jodie Wenger, Connie and Jerry Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary Anthony had stitches taken out at Norton on Wednesday, and Keith Anthony saw a doctor in Phillipsburg on Thursday and had more scanning done.

Margaret "Toots" Magers had a busy week, as usual. On Monday, Toots, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner played cards at the Good Samaritan Home. On Tuesday she quilted with June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter, while Veda Wood hemmed some that the others had made. Wednesday was Liberty Star Club day, so Toots, Kathy Van Meter, Deanna Sumner, Carolyn Plotts and Veda Wood had lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, had a short meeting, then Carolyn drove us out in the country to where Jim is building a huge house.

From there she drove us around, taking the long way home. It was a beautiful drive, and we saw the country we had not seen in a long time.

On Thursday, Toots went to the home of Rea and Dee Mager, where cousins, "Moose" and Linda Shoemaker of Potter, Neb., son Shawn and wife, Nicole and their daughters, Jayden and Kinsey visited, then were going on to Kansas City.

Judy and Charlie Easton also

came, and Jane Engelhardt came up after work.

Dewayne Jackson was our minister at Lyle on Sunday, and we were happy to have Aurelia with us also. We love their singing as well as their company.

On Friday, Oct. 3, Earnest and Donna Huff went to Shattuck, Okla., to visit their son, Davy, and did some jobs while there. It rained the whole three days. Earnest had fallen and hurt his shoulder, and finally saw his chiropractor. We hope you are feeling better, Earnest.

Kathy Van Meter attended her bank party on Thursday, where she saw the film, Flicka, and had pumpkin pie with real, genuine whipped cream, and won a pot of mums for a door prize.

Veda Wood's visitors during the week were Carol Moyer, Tielia and her children. She visited Alta May Van Gundy at the Andbe Home on Monday. While there she was glad to see Irene Lecount, Anita Wyatt and Bob Shick.

Margaret Magers' daughter, Jane Engelhardt and husband, Richard came to her home on Sunday and visited until it started raining. We got a nice rain Sunday and Monday.



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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

There were a lot of young girls out with their mothers Sunday afternoon attending a Girl Scouts informational meeting at the Community Building. Becky Ayers, of Oberlin, an area Girl Scout recruiter, received a lot of interest from about 30 families regarding the program. An informational meeting will also be held for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at Golden Plains Middle School, Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The city residents appreciate

properties being cleaned up and organized within the city limits. A sincere thank you is extended to the individual extra work and efforts for the betterment of our community.

Golden Plains School District will be holding the first quarter parent/teacher conference from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27. Report cards will be given upon arrival. If unable to attend, the information will be mailed.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

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