

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1883

Work on Capt. Allen's new residence is progressing rapidly.

The weather has cleared off after a rain of the most protracted duration known to the "oldest inhabitant."

R.G. Doom has rented the F. F. Bliss residence and will move to town to send his children to school.

It costs a man about six dollars to make a cord of wood lay down on his woodpile.

The ministerial mansion of Rev. John Wilson has been moved from the hill out south of town. This house has been to the traveler on the prairie what a lighthouse is to the mariner on the sea, a guide to mark the way, and could be seen for miles, in nearly all directions, outlined in bold relief against the sky.

The old schoolhouse is to be taken down — another landmark gone — Rev. John Wilson has purchased it, and the frame addition will be added to his residence, while the old log part will be converted into a stable. There are many memories of bygone days that surround the old log house and many of the boys and girls now growing into manhood or womanhood, will look back to the days when they were scholars in the old house.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1908

Married last Wednesday, Clinton Fringer and Edith Adkins.

Dick Gray and Paul Broquet were up from Norton Monday. Charley Fawcett was driving their car.

Prof. Clow took his football team over to McCook last Saturday and walloped the stuffen out of that McCook crowd by the fancy score of 11-0.

J.E. Love lost a valuable horse Wednesday while scraping some dirt from around his new residence. The horse became fractious, jumped, upset the scraper and then kicked with both feet against the sharp edge of the scraper, cutting off one foot and breaking the other leg. The horse was easily worth \$150.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1933

The Decatur gridsters displayed new fight as they turned back a strong Goodland team 14-6 here last Friday night. The even stronger Colby aggregation comes to town

tomorrow.

Clarence Carpenter of Selden became the new owner of the White Way Café located at the corner of Penn Avenue and Commercial.

The Oberlin Rotary Club entertained 133 out-of-town guests at an Inter-district meeting held Monday evening at McKague Memorial Masonic Temple. Plates were set for 209 persons for the banquet prepared and served by the Eastern Star. Honor guest was Governor Hugh Butler, Omaha, of the 19th District of Rotary International. It was the first opportunity for many attending to view the beauty of the McKague Memorial Temple. Some were also given the opportunity of meeting Miss Theresa McKague personally who was assisting in the preparation of the banquet.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to Ira Keever and Miss Viola Wilson, both of Jennings, and they were married by the probate judge on Oct. 18; Hugh Demanette and Miss Hildred Macy, Cedar Bluffs, were married by the probate judge.

High School News: In preparation for the annual Halloween cleanup, captains are being elected and lieutenants selected.

About 40 members of the Woodmen Lodge drove out to the James Vavroch place Tuesday night and spent a social evening. Mr. Vavroch has been a Woodman for over 33 years but has not been able to attend the meetings for some time.

Funeral services were held at Sherman Chapel Church with the Rev. Robert Jeffrey of Danbury officiating for Ernest Roy Fowler, 33, who died of complications following surgery for appendicitis. He leaves his wife, Lorene, and three children, Velma, 9, Billie, 7 and Lloyd, 4. Burial was in Oberlin Cemetery.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1958

Just as it appeared that October would be a bone-dry month, a light rain fell with a total of .41 precipitation.

The DCHS Homecoming football queen will be crowned at half-time of the game with Atwood Friday night. Candidates are Sharon Pollnow, Loy Fortin, Mary Ann Page, seniors and juniors Karen Ander-

son and Mary Reeves. The winner will be announced at a high school program Friday afternoon. Jim Carver will escort the queen and Bill DeMay, Charlie Kelley, Bob Tally and Walt Fortin are the attendants. In DCHS tradition, Norman Richards will escort the Homecoming Queen of 10 years ago at the program, Mrs. Ralph Shaw, the former Violet Spicers. The football squad selected the candidates and the student body will choose the winning girl.

A new and improved mail service will begin this week with a star route from Oakley to Oberlin which will connect with the Union Pacific mail and passenger trains. The service will be on a 7-day a week trial basis for one year.

Hospital News: Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Anthony, Norcat, daughter, Jerri Ann, Oct. 27, 1958; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bosler, Oberlin, son, Scott Lee, Oct. 28, 1958.

Abridal shower honoring Lavina Hayward was held at the Ralph Clark home Oct. 14. Assistant hostess was Mrs. Frank Gierhart.

Residents of the Decatur County Home will feast regally sometime next month. A doe killed by a truck near Cedar Bluffs has been dressed and presented to the Home by Sheriff Morton.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1983

Planting of wheat in the area continues this week and that portion of the crop which has gone into the ground looks poor. Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel said that the situation here is serious. Some of the crop has sprouted and it is dying. He predicts that there will be a lot of replanting if we get rain.

Don Spresser, rural Dresden, has

purchased the facilities and 150 head of cows of the Decatur County Dairy, Inc.

Steve Locke, 40, began duties Monday as president of Decatur County National Bank. Locke was formerly a supervising field examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) which examines state chartered banks. Locke's wife, Karen, and two sons will be joining him in Oberlin after the first of the year. She is a former medical and dental assistant and is also from the Kansas City area.

Hospital News: Regina and Joe Stanley, Oberlin, daughter, Jessica Jolene, Oct. 21, 1983.

Selden: Lyle and Clyda Emigh will be honored on their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Nov. 6 at the Parish Hall in Selden.

With a spectacular first half, the Red Devil football squad stunned a rated WaKeeney team 32-15 in a district playoff game Friday night at Smick Field. Coach Earl Barber no doubt saw familiar faces on both sides of the field during the evening as he had coached the Golden Eagles 12 years before coming to Oberlin.

The Oberlin cross-country squad placed third in the NWKL meet held at Goodland and will enter the regional at Hays on Saturday. David Brown, who was a member of the 1980 and 1981 state teams, will be competing in his last regional meet according to Coach Ahlberg.

Diana Horn and Renell Erickson of the Red Devil volleyball team, were chosen to the NWKL all-tourney team following the league meet at St. Francis. The Red Devils placed fifth out of eight teams.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The last Golden Plains High School football game for the league season will be with the Cheylin Cougars at Rexford on Thursday. Kickoff time will be 7 p.m.

The election booths will be open and held at the Rexford High School gymnasium commons area Tuesday, Nov. 4.

A thank you and a note of ap-

preciation is extended to those who donated towards the Rexford Museum.

Halloween is a favorite holiday for a lot of youngsters so be expecting the Trick-or-Treaters Friday evening ringing doorbells and knocking on doors.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Sympathy is extended to the family of Willis John Eby, 78, of Herndon, who passed away last week. He was born at Circleville, on Sept. 24, 1930.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Joe Brown, 80, of rural Atwood, who died Oct. 25. He was born in Herndon.

The 27th Herndon Heritage Craft Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon. Lunch will be served by the Catholic Youth Organization.

St. Mary's Church will hold its fall bazaar on Sunday with serving of roast turkey and ham from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. There will also be raffle drawings and games and prizes for all ages.

Julie Hafner received word Wednesday of the death of Clarence F. Hutfles, 88, on Oct. 21, 2008. He was the son of Charles and Barbara (Berger) Hutfles, and was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Corning. Rosary was Thursday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, with the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Friday, Oct. 24, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Topeka.

Frank and Jean Huss, Jeff Huss and Brenda Petersen traveled to Omaha on Tuesday for the funeral of Frank's sister, Ann Jensen, on Wednesday, Oct. 22. She was 86 and died on Oct. 18 in Omaha.

Kim and Jerry Niemeth shared Sunday dinner with his mother, Laverne Niemeth. Grafel Construction recently worked on Laverne's home and garage, doing a great job!

The Bells of St. Mary's practiced songs after mass on Sunday. Anyone interested in singing with the group can contact Theresa Rippe, (785) 322-5384.

The Oberlin Herald treated staff and correspondents to a delicious luncheon at the LandMark Inn on Friday and Julie Hafner attended. She stopped to visit her aunt, Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center, and also chatted with Marcella and Gene Leitner after the luncheon.

Edie Pettera, 97, enjoyed the birthday surprise Sunday afternoon when her aunt, Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams, Atwood, and Eda Allen and son, Jay, Miami, walked

in. Edie and Hattie, a total of 194 years young, shared many family stories that the rest of us are so blessed to hear.

Chris Wood accompanied Marty, Michelle and Tyler Rohm of Aurora, Colo., to Kansas City over the weekend to attend the wedding of Jessica Unrein and Samuel Cole III.

Gideon White, son of Aaron and Sarah White, Norton, celebrated his first birthday Saturday. Those helping him enjoy the day were his parents, grandparents, Dave and Judy Ketterl, Herndon, and Hal and Marilyn White, Kingsdown.; Uncle Adam and Aunt Angela Ketterl, Atwood and Uncle Caleb White, Colorado Springs.

Wayne and Linda Bosler spent several days in Denver recently.

The Herndon school committee met Wednesday evening, Oct. 22, with James Foster, office of Rural Opportunity from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The seven attending recognize the importance of working together with town, county and the regional area to sprout some growth. Let's inject some enthusiasm when called upon for ideas.

Family visiting Joe and Shannon Hafner the weekend of Oct. 18-19 to observe the baptism of Anna Irene at St. Agnes Church in Scottsbluff, Neb., on Sunday were Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, godparents, Lexington, Neb.; Virginia Campbell, Sidney, Neb.; and Bob and Julie Hafner, grandparents.

Other family attending were Keleigh, Noah, Abraham and Matthew Hafner, Susan Bohn and Kayla Lilley. They enjoyed birthday cake on Sunday to celebrate Shannon's birthday.

Dave and Bonnie Franke traveled to Council Grove to visit Tom and Kay Franke recently. They also spent time with their daughter and family, Aaron, Brenda, J.D., and Candefa VanHorn in Ottawa and celebrated the 10th birthday of Candefa.

Theresa Rippe and Liane Martin went to Minneola last Monday to visit Brenda and Aaron Schilde.

They spent time at Brenda's school meeting her 23 kindergarten

students and Brenda and Aaron's fellow teachers. The following day they went to Plains and Liberal where Liane made arrangements for Nik's wedding rehearsal supper on Dec. 26.

Congratulations to the Herndon PRIDE for the award earned from the Kansas Department of Commerce in Wichita. The PRIDE committee, along with other community members, joined in organizing a July 4th Celebration at the Herndon Park.

Isabelle Eryn Leitner was welcomed into being a child of God through the rite of baptism at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Sunday, Oct. 19, by the Rev. Kevin Schnakenberg. Parents are Jeff and Danielle Leitner, Colorado Springs, Colo., and sponsors were Ryan and Kamy Auker, Fort Collins, Colo. Grandparents are Danny J. and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon, and Rocky and Teresa Diederich, Oberlin. Jennifer Leitner, Wichita, and Jori Diederich, Oberlin, along with a host of other family and friends in the area attended.

Theresa Rippe, and Alicia Rippe and Wyatt attended a baby shower for Gigi Sattler Saturday afternoon at the Student Union of Community College in McCook. Hostesses were April Sattler, Angie Haller, Cindy Brumback, and Megan Rippe.

Special guests were Myra Sattler and Thelma George. Gigi and Dan are expecting twins in January.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Lisa Kitten, bride-elect of Nik Martin of Herndon, was honored with a bridal shower Oct. 18 at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. Hostesses were Arlene Bliss, Angela Ketterl, Sarah White, and Judy Ketterl.

A Victorian tea was served.

Invited guests included the honored guest, Lisa Kitten and her mother, Shari Kitten, Plains; her sister, Kristen Massoth, Prairie Village; her aunt, Kim Angell, Dodge City, and her grandmothers, Ruth Angell, Plains; and Mary Kitten, Slaton, Texas; the bridegroom's mother, Liane Martin, Herndon; his sisters, Rebekka Dudensing, Seneca, S.C.; and Anikka Martin, Manhattan; his sister-in-law and

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We would like to invite all children to stop by Cedar Living Center on Friday for "Trick-or-Treat". We have been stocking up on candy and we will be ready any time from 4 - 8 p.m.

The ZCBLodge donated money toward the purchase of Halloween candy. The Lodge has been very generous in helping out with projects at Cedar Living Center.

Goldie Stapp and Fern Jording are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

The Pi Alpha Club hosted the October birthday party on Monday afternoon. Club members provided musical entertainment and served homemade pies. Those being honored with October birthdays were Edie Pettera and Elwood Mines. Each received a red carnation.

Elwood Mines won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Donna Kent won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Henry Saw Lone was here for a Catholic Mass on Thursday morning on the CLC patio.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Edie

Pettera, and John Schuhart.

Don and Ann Mines ate supper on Thursday evening with Elwood Mines to help him celebrate his birthday.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served warm from the oven.

Country music artist Bill Harper of St. Francis gave a wonderful program on Saturday afternoon to a big turnout of residents. Refreshments were served following the program.

The Lund Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday Worship Service on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Recent Visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Barry and Janeil Baxter, Smith Center; Eda and Jay Allen, Miami.

Jackie Votapka, Elaine Bryan, Cecil Hess, Marguerite Bailey, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Shelli Fortin, Roberta and Lynn Johnson, Connie Olson, Elwood May, Shirley Shields, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Max Carman, Mabel Zimmerman, Dolores Koerperich, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Sam Mack, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

This has been another busy week, but we are only gearing up because the holidays are fast approaching!

On Monday, Lucy Schissler celebrated her birthday! Her friends, Mert McEvoy and Elda Youngs, brought yummy eats for everyone to enjoy. Art class followed the party. Amy Rehm, Faye Miller and Lora Zwickle made decorated pumpkin wall hangings.

Tuesday morning, we said goodbye to Mae Guy. A memorial service was held in her honor with almost all the residents present. She was much loved and will be greatly missed.

The 4th Annual Rock-a-Thon will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22. The Residents have decided during Resident's Council to make the new Senior Center the beneficiary of their efforts. They are eager to give back to the community they love and appreciate so much.

The Lunch Bunch ladies headed to the Frontier Café for their monthly outing. Two vans carried Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Shirley Hayward, Opal Bryan and Faye Miller.

Kick Ball with Alex Hayward is a favorite Tuesday doin's. He draws quite a crowd as the game gets a little lively. Twelve made up his circle of happy feet.

On Wednesday, Ruby Shuler, Nadine Anderson, Leo Mooty, Dorothy Hunt and Elsie Macy spent time exploring the Butterfly Garden. We are extremely pleased with this program; it has proven to be a wonderful extension to the Garden of Hope. New materials have been purchased for both areas, thanks to the generous gifts of the families of Hazel Flaska, Dorothy Bryan and Ruby Wennihan.

Eighteen residents came out to get a sample of one of the stations that will be used in the Butterfly Garden. It is a Photography Memory Station. It was set up with an old Kodak camera, film cases, receipts, etc., and a collection of 8"x10" black and white

photos were scattered on the table. As the residents glanced through them, their memories were jogged about a similar situation in their life that they took turns telling about. One picture depicted a young boy in the snow on a sled. Elsie Macy, when seeing it, began to tell of when her son was little and brought his snowy sled into the house and left it on her brand new linoleum floor, where it left a permanent rust mark that she could never remove. She's glad she couldn't, because it left her a fond memory.

Ladies from the Modern Woodmen came Thursday to help us celebrate the birthdays of the month. Lucy Schissler and Ruby Shuler were the honorees. Marie McKisson presented the Good Sam with three DVD sets that will be enjoyed by all the residents. Our thanks to them.

Larry Mack dealt poker for the Pizza and Poker Gang. Lora Zwickle brought her daughter to play, along with Pooch Portschy, playing for peanuts, 'cause they keep showing up!

Bible Study Ladies will 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 to 8:30 p.m. Call Lisa Paulson for reservations.

Don't forget our Pumpkin Decorating Contest! There are only three more days to bring your entry. Hurry! Judging will be Friday right before the Spook Parade!

Visitors this week were: Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan, Elda Youngs (McCook) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt. Carol Duncan for Myrtle Ross, Jessi and Corbin Luck (Hays) for Amy Rehm and John and Muriel Ready. Thank you to all who are so faithful to visit!

Remember, In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Jennings received around three inches of rain last week. This was good for the wheat crop. The farmers were getting ready to harvest corn so rain will set that back awhile. It froze ice outside Sunday night.

The meeting with Sunflower Wind Energy LLC, Goodland, was held Tuesday evening in the Community Hall. Approximately 40 people attended, some coming from Gem and Norcat. Jill Strand, Small Wind and Leasing Director, gave a presentation. Brochures were handed out explaining the company's technology and policies. Many questions were asked on rental and purchase of a wind tower.

The meeting to be held at the United Methodist Church last Wednesday with Carl Ellis from Kansas West Conference was canceled due to the weather.

Pheasant hunting season opens Saturday. We will be serving breakfast at the former Masonic Hall. Biscuits and sausage gravy, egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee will be served from 6 to 9 a.m. Freewill donations will go to help renovate the hall. Everyone is welcome.

United Methodist Church members will serve supper Saturday evening at the church. The menu will include: ham, beef, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. All are welcome to come.

Louise Cressler attended the luncheon for The Oberlin Herald employees and correspondents at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin Friday.

Remember to change your clocks Saturday evening.

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