

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1884

The stone is being delivered from the crossing between the Herald office and the U.S. land office building.

At the annual school election Aug. 14, J.W. Allen was re-elected treasurer and W.B. Mead, clerk, to fill a vacancy.

The sales of school land for the week ending Aug. 16 amounted to 4,438 acres.

The Atwood Citizen will play a lone hand henceforth, W.C. McGonigal retiring to the quietude of his dugout in this county. J.D. Greason will continue to hurl brilliant effusions at the readers of the Citizen and pay its debts.

Officers for the Decatur County Fair Association: L.G. Parker, president; J.L. Wilson, vice president; G.H. Fox, secretary; H.W. Halliday, treasurer; T.B. Wolfe, A. Crichton, Dan Caster, D. Colvin, John Hayward, Robert Bridel, T.D. Bebb and T.J. VanPelt, directors.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1909

I.O. Wear is making the dust fly with his new Ford auto.

The city fathers are having the streets sprinkled.

Jim Burchett and family left Monday evening for a short vacation in Nebraska, turning the operation of the city power plant over to Marshal John Stastney who is also a good engineer.

A.L. Miller and family returned Tuesday from their trip to the Pacific coast.

Norcat Items: Married at Lyle on the 11th, Claude Wickham and Blanche VanGundy.

Traer: C.A. McCartney is finishing up his residence; Mr. Payne is doing the carpenter work.

Jennings: The Rock Island Company is putting in two more cement bridges west of town caused by the washout.

A. Ketchum left last week to attend the national G.A.R. meeting at Salt Lake City.

A small cyclone tore things up at the Gilbert and Curley ranches in Bassettville Township Saturday.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1934

The first of last week D.G. Campbell, conservator of the failed Oberlin National Bank, received from the comptroller of currency in

Washington approval of a reorganization under the name of the Decatur County National Bank. Mr. Campbell praised the confidence and loyalty of the many depositors in their support of the plan to open the new institution.

An unidentified man operating alone, so far as can be learned, held up and robbed the Ludell State Bank, Rawlins County, during the moon hour Monday escaping with about \$350 in cash. Fred Kirschke, former Oberlin resident and assis-

tant cashier of the bank, together with the cashier Henry Dunker, were in the bank when the robber walked in, drew a revolver and demanded the money. The Ford V-8 tudor sedan bearing Nebraska license plates belonged to Dr. M.T. Boulware, McCook, and had been stolen while the doctor was making a call. No trace has been found of the car or man.

Most of Decatur county received good rains Sunday afternoon and Monday and Tuesday increasing the chance for feed and silage for livestock. At the O'Toole ranch in Summit Township, W.J. O'Toole claims that the lightning was the worst he had ever seen since he first came to Decatur County in 1873.

Leoville: Funeral services were held at Immaculate Conception Church Aug. 3, for Antonia (Grams) Zodrow, 88, who was united in marriage to John Zodrow in Germany in 1869 and on their wedding day they sailed for America. In 1886 they moved to Sheridan County to take a homestead. In 1915 following the death of her husband she moved to Leoville where she lived until the past two years when she moved to Dresden to live with her daughter, Anna Schroer.

The Walter McGees have purchased the Maddox property on West Oak Street and Mrs. Fred Bremer has purchased the Frank Lytle residence on Beaver and will be moving there in September from her home on Prairie Dog Creek near Dresden.

The annual reunion of the Tacha family was held at the John Tacha grove near Jennings Sunday, Aug. 12, with 93 members of the Tacha clan present including all of the brothers except Ernest of Idaho. The Tacha brothers came to Kansas in 1876, each homesteading land in Decatur County. Mrs. Kate Tacha is the oldest living pioneer in the county.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1959

The Decatur County Fair lived up to its reputation as a rainmaker Monday night but not in a very big way. Lightning, high winds and less than .10 of an inch of rain combined to force the Grand Ol' Opry show from the fairgrounds to the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

Connie Emigh of Wide-Awake-4-H Club and Alan Scott of Lone Star Hustlers were named grand champions of the 4-H dress revue Thursday night at the fair.

Roy Campbell, co-owner of Campbell's Dry Goods, has purchased the former Sacred Heart Church basement at the northeast corner of the intersection of York and Adams streets for a location for the sewing of curtains and draperies.

Time and temperature blink on

and off at 5-second intervals 24-hours-a-day thanks to a new sign at the Decatur County National Bank.

Herndon: Funeral services were held Saturday for David John Chitenden who died Aug. 5, after suffering a heart attack. He has served 31 years as administrator of the school in Herndon.

A new law passed by the Kansas legislature requires that names of owners be included with delinquent property lists.

The Rev. and Mrs. O.G. Brown were entertained Friday evening at Prairie Chapel Church in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Koeperich are the proud parents of a son, Daniel Lee, born Aug. 5, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1984

Only disappointment registered after the wraps were put on the annual Decatur County Fair was the fact that no moisture fell during the 5-day event. The rides at the carnival drawing the most attraction continued to be the Ferris wheel and Octopus. The Sinko game continues to be the all-time favorite taking in more than \$2000 during the week.

4-H Club winners included: Mary Wilson, Star Valley, Grand Champion heifer; Theron Krizek, Rock Island Rockets, Grand Champion steer; Sandy Elwood, Grand Champion, halter horse. Julie Plotts was chosen rodeo queen for 1984 and Mary Krizek, princess.

Danbury: More than 125 rela-

tives and friends gathered Aug. 5 to help Francis and Erma (Rosie) Johnson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the American Legion Hall.

The 18-hole women's golf tournament held last Saturday at the Oberlin Country Club was won by Karen Aten, Oberlin and Joyce Anderson, Oakley, with a 69. Second place in the championship flight went to Judy Ostmeyer, Oberlin and Rose Weis, Hoxie with a 70 while Carol Ryan and Jackie Keener of Norton took third with a score of 74.

Oberlin City Pool manager Cindy Christman announced that the pool would close next week but with the start of school the following week it will continue to be used Monday through Friday by physical education classes.

New Arrival: Royce and Vicky Leitner, Plainville, son, Roland Cornell, Aug. 13. He has a sister, Alissa, 7, and a brother, Ryan, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton and Rohn returned Saturday from Los Angeles where they attended the track and field events in the 1984 Olympics. They were guests of his sister and husband, Mary and Darrell Landau in Garden Grove.

Visiting this week in the home of Lorin and Ila Stevens is a friend whom they had not seen since 1967, Alice Zurburg of Biberist, Switzerland. The women had been acquainted when they lived in the employees' village of the Liberian Mining Company in Brni Hills, Liberia, West Africa.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The seventh annual Commencement of the Oberlin High School was held at the rink Friday evening, May 30, 1895. On the whole, the commencement exercises were the best and least tedious of any in Oberlin.

Members and history of the Class of 1895:

Ola Barnard: She married Pearle Stowell and they were the parents of Ralph. Mr. Stowell was the county clerk and Ola was the assistant county treasurer of Decatur County. She is buried in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Kate Baumgarten: She married Louis B. Cornell and they had no children. She taught school for two years and served 21 years as Clerk of the Court for Decatur County. She is buried in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Rena Burger: She was married to Clyde Ellsworth Davison and they were the parents of ten children: Edgar, Lester, Foster, Ruth, Dorothy (Mrs. Claude Kelley) Ethel, Wayne, Bob, Zola and Bernice. She taught country schools in Decatur County

for several years. They lived for many years on a farm 10 miles northeast of Oberlin. She is buried in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Dan Hendricks: He was married to Lucy Evans and they were the parents of Dan and Shelton. He was a credit manager for Swift & Co. in Shreveport La.

Martha Huddle: She was married to Bert O. Bogart and they were the parents of Elva, Reed, Myrtle, Florence, Susie, and William. They lived in Kanorado.

The museum is headquarters for the updating of the 2010 Decatur Community High School Alumni Directory. We are asking that if anyone has additions or corrections to the 2010 directory you contact either Sharleen at the museum at (785) 475-2712 or by email at lirm@sbcglobal.net, or Dick at (785) 475-2242 or by email at alumni.dchs@gmail.com. You can also go to the Decatur Community High School website, www.usd294.org and click on the Alumni tab, fill in the information and submit.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Fair week is busy for everyone in Oberlin and that includes the residents of Cedar Living Center. With the help of lots of volunteers and family members we had a great week. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way.

Monday afternoon the craft group finished up the projects for the display at the fair. Charlotte Kurtz did a wonderful job of helping the residents make a variety of crafts.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon before supper.

Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, and Marion Dempewolf helped with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Ruth Leopold, Joan Noble, and Fern Wenger tied for the first bingo. The blackout game ended in a tie between Ruth Leopold and Leroy Wessel.

We had a full afternoon of carnival games on Wednesday. Staff members and friends of Cedar Living Center donated stuffed animals, candy, gum, word search puzzles, and other items for prizes. Residents tried their hand at a variety of games including the soda can toss, basketball hoop, and penny pitch. Doughnuts were on the menu for snacks following the games.

Thanks to help from Eldon Huntley we were able to take a busload of residents to the fair on Wednesday night. Elsie Goodnight, Darlene Fisher, Elton O'Hare, Dale Butler, and Delores Wheeler made the trip along with volunteers Margee Wilson, Helen Karnopp, Cathy Claussen, Rhonda Jasnoch, Teresa Shaughnessy and Charlotte Kurtz. We looked at the exhibits, sampled a few treats, and a couple of ladies took a ride on the Ferris wheel. It was a wonderful evening.

Several residents met for coffee and muffins on Thursday morning. The muffins were among several items donated to Cedar Living Center by Tammy Fredrickson of Fredrickson Insurance Agency. These were from the 4-H food auction. We put a cake and some cookies in the freezer to save for another day.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning we loaded up residents for another trip to the fair. This time we had a date with Dan Votapka for a train ride. This annual

event is very popular with residents and staff. Joining in on the trip were residents Aleen Van Vleet, Fern Wenger, Donna Kent, Elton O'Hare, Elsie Goodnight, Dale Butler, and Delores Wheeler. Helping Charlotte and Teresa were Lynn Doeden, Margee Wilson, Peggy Ream, and Helen Juennemann. Helen brought along three grandchildren to help with the trip. Doris Sloan, Merle Shirley, and Doris Gilbert, all of Wheat Ridge Terrace, also accompanied the group on the train ride.

The baking group made cookies in the afternoon. They did a lot of reminiscing about the fair while they waited for the cookies to get out of the oven.

Agnes Pruitt was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given by her family on Friday evening on the patio. Agnes reports that she really was surprised.

Don Thomas also celebrated a birthday on Friday. Don and his wife Marie celebrated their wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

The Herndon Covenant Church held services in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday morning. Church members and residents gathered to hear Pastor Keith Reuther give the sermon. Kirk Kelley was the guest soloist.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Chris Wood, Linda Bosler, Eileen and Pete Portschy, Eugene Kleidosty, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; Barbara and Glenn Patterson, Hoxie; Lad, Lori, and Landon Truetken, Selden; Tammi Engel, Colby; Alysha K. Tadlock, Goodland; Stacie Coyle, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn and Ryleigh, Rossville; Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; Berkeley and Brenna Haag, Rushville, Neb.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Georgia Stahr, Malcolm, Neb.; Malone, Savannah, Jackson Gregory, David City, Neb.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.

Lyle Gamblin, Marilyn Gamblin, Catherine Neal, Elwood May, Max and Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Dolores Koerperich, John and Dianne Bremer, Lonnie, Mary, and Ryan McEvoy, Charlie and Betsy Haag, Sharon Johnson, Stuart Euhus, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Inurnment services for Elwood Mines were held Saturday morning at the Oberlin Cemetery with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating. Attending were his daughters Connie (Mines) Goslar, Mesa, Ariz., and Nancy (Mines) and Ron Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo., and their families, Kelly and Carman Goslar, Gabriel and Carson, Josh and Dawn (Goslar) Zimbel, Hannah and Ryan, all of Mesa, Ariz.; Carol (Baumfalk) and Chuck Van Ert, Steven and Sandy, Aurora, Colo.; and Craig and Vicki Baumfalk, Stratton, Colo. Also attending were Elwood's brother and sister-in-law, Don and Ann Mines and family, Sheri Coon, Georgetown, Texas; Lynette Salvo, Tucson, Ariz., and Joe and Chris Mines, Cori and Jared, McPherson. Following services, a lunch was held at Faith Lutheran Church for the family.

Sheri Coon, Lynette Salvo, and Joe and Chris Mines, Cori and Jared, McPherson, were weekend guests of their parents, Don and Ann Mines.

Jay and Becky Tate, Mollie, Dakota, and Grace, recently returned home from a trip to Wyoming where they enjoyed visiting Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons/Jackson Hole, Cheyenne Frontier Days, and Thermopolis, where the children enjoyed swimming in the hot springs.

Phil Shields and Anna, Salisbury, Md., arrived Tuesday at the home of his parents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, to spend a few days visiting family and enjoying the Decatur

County Fair. Additional guests at the Shields home arriving Friday night were Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, Neb. They all returned home Sunday afternoon.

Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly arrived Thursday at the home of Ralph and Norma Unger to attend the Decatur County Fair and visit family. Butch and Colleen returned home Sunday afternoon but the children stayed with their grandparents for an extended visit before they return home to start school.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Sunday supper guests of Craig and Karen Larson.

Dakota Tate received a Purple ribbon and two Blue ribbons in Photography, and Mollie Tate received a Purple ribbon on her sewing project and a Purple ribbon on her cookies at the Decatur County Fair. They are members of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club.

At the Decatur County Fair, Elizabeth Nedland received a Grand Champion ribbon in Intermediate Arts and Crafts, a Grand Champion ribbon and a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon in Geology and Lapidary, four Purple ribbons in photography, and a Purple in baking. Hunter Nedland received four Purple ribbons in Photography and two Purple ribbons in baking. They are members of the Stick-To-It 4-H club.

Ryan May received a Grand Champion ribbon on his wheat plot display, a Grand Champion ribbon in Buymanship, three Purple ribbons in Intermediate Arts and Crafts, a Purple ribbon and Blue ribbon in Cooking, and a Purple in Beef; Erin May received Grand Champion ribbons in Buymanship, bucket calf, Junior Showmanship, Heifer market class, and Junior Photography at the Decatur County Fair. They are members of the Stick-To-It 4-H Club.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

We have had a "Fair-ly" busy week!

On Monday, the Lyle Gals showed up right on schedule to play pinochle with Lora Zwickle, Pooch Portschy, R.D. Thornton, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Waldo and Lucy Schissler. It is always a delight to have the ladies come. Anita and Lisa put the finishing touches on the fair booth Art Display. They wanted to be sure all the entries were ready for the judges! Pictures of our nine artists framed the display and got way more attention than the beautiful artwork!

At 6 p.m., we hosted our second Fair Days Balloon Launch. Friends and family showed up to purchase a balloon or two to help raise funds for our new Beauty Shop. At 6:30, they were released and all took to the air. The wind was just perfect, sending the balloons floating right toward the fairground.

Then 12 residents, Dorothy Pryor, Leone Porsch, Emma Sanford, Lora Zwickle, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Earl Brown, Wesley Benda, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson and Alice Bobbitt, piled into two vans and we were off to the Fair.

The first stop for the gentlemen was the Midway to see who they could see! And for the ladies — the 4-H building to see what ribbons they received! Faye Miller took the blue ribbon for her tissue paper poppies, two reds for her Foil Fish and Button Snowman. Kathryn Post received a blue ribbon for her Poppies. Opal Bryan walked away with three blue ribbons for her Button Snowman, Bark Painting and Foil

Fish, and Alice Bobbitt all won two reds on her Foil Fish and Bark Painting and a blue for her Spin Art. Artwork yielded three blue ribbons for Myrtle Ross for her Sparkling Squares, Tissue Paper Painting and Watercolor Trees.

Amy Rehm, who had never done art before coming to the Good Sam, took home a blue ribbon for her Watercolor Trees and two reds for her Button Snowman and Foil Fish. Evelyn Olson was the all blue winner with her Foil Fish, Tissue Paper Painting and Bark Painting. Leone Porsch won two blues for her Foil fish and Button Snowman and a Red for her Bark Painting.

Others who won red ribbons were Lucy Schissler, Olive Arnold, Eulaine Benda and Jeanette Conway. We enjoyed funnel cakes, snow cones, cotton candy and the animals while Dorothy Pryor and Nici Theibert rode the Tilt-a-Whirl. It is always wonderful to visit with friends we meet on the Midway.

Finally on Friday, we went for a train ride with Cedar Living Center. Again, two vans were loaded. Dorothy Hunt, R.D. Thornton, Emma Sanford, Olive Arnold, Alice Bobbitt, Myrtle Ross, Dorothy Pryor, Earl Brown and Evelyn Olson all took to the tracks. Our thanks to Dan Votapka for engineering our trip!

Then later in the day we entertained approximately 20 little critters including a Hedgehog and Crayfish who made their way to the courtyard for the Pet Parade.

On Friday, at 3 p.m., we were honored to have a most distinguished guest, Mrs. Milicent Smythe who traveled all the way from the prop-

er city of Philadelphia. She was dressed in a lovely orange felt hat that complimented her bright blue boa wrap. She came that long distance to emcee our coveted "Fowl Competition"... otherwise known as our "Rooster Crowing Contest." She was dazzled and amazed at the vast array of crows... dainty, weak, gruff, gravelly, bold and sad. Janna Leitner and Sheena Dallman were the judges with all the talent they had to have a "Crow-off" to break a three-way tie for second place among Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm and Faye Miller's daughter. Alice came out on top and 95-year-old Eva Bryan, who took second place last year, was this year's Crowing Champion.

Visitors were Dean and Eloise Thornton (Garden City) for

R.D. Thornton. Moriah, Johanna, Bethany, Daniel, Caleb, Samuel and Nathan Smith (North Platte, Neb.) for Dorothy Pryor. David Simpson, Frank and Mert McEvoy, Margaret Fikan (Atwood) and Eunice Wenger for Lucy Schissler. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Marie McKisson, Louise Pollnow, Mary Noone for Eileen Laird's birthday. Chris Wood (Herndon) for Helen Marintzer, Doris Marintzer and Pooch Portschy. Nick Chomawicz and Esther Ready (New York City) for John Ready. Reva Marshall, Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Doug Hasty for Myrtle Waldo. Sharon Slabough for Opal Bryan. Eunice Richards for Eva Bryan and Earl Brown.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

I talked to Dixie and Elvin Wood on July 27. Elvin sounded better than he had been for a while and is at home in Canadian, Okla.

The ones who made it through the rain to sew were Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen and Margaret "Toots" Magers.

For you people who have been giving me all these good veggies from your garden — if you ever feel that someone is asking a blessing on you — it could be me. Thank you!

June Jolly went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, with Dennis and Linda McFarland. She stayed with her son, Carroll's family and attended the

wedding of the daughter of a good friend. Brenna and Brent Maher were married in the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on Saturday, Aug. 1. Butch and Barbara Jolly of Lebanon, also attended.

Thirteen people, including Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and our friends from Norton, Jackie Porter, Eleanor Jensen and Claudia Bridges, partook of the potluck and cards at the Norcatut Educational Building.

Toots Magers went to the Magers yearly reunion on Sunday. Eleven were there, including some from

Litchfield and Holdrege, Neb.

Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin to play pinochle on Monday.

Last week was the week for Wood grandchildren birthdays. Carol Moyer's family has Emily Bader, age 16 on Aug. 2, Kylie Gruwell, 3, and Grant Slater, 8, on Aug. 3. Sandra McNames' granddaughter, Skylar Cooper, will be 6 on Aug. 6 and Merlin's grandson, Austin Pallas, will be 9 on Aug. 3. That is not all of them, but that's all that are under 20.

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