

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1884

Immigrants by the hundreds. Covered wagons very common.

F.F. Bliss has sold his cottage in the east part of town to H.D. Colvin.

Nearly all of our land men have secured additional help in the way of clerks and locaters this week and the boom continues to boom.

H.D. Colvin has accepted a clerkship in the U.S. Land Office and on Monday morning was duly installed as chief clerk.

Dr. Will B. Mead has purchased the building owned and occupied by Geo. Pomeroy as a barber shop.

J.E. Bebb has purchased the Neve cottage in the northwestern part of town.

H.O. Douglas has built a large addition to the Oberlin Livery Stable, has also raised the old part about 18 inches and put it on a solid rock foundation.

Supt. Geo. Hodge gave the educational interests of the county a long stride to the front when he employed Prof. Columbus Borin as conductor of the Normal.

Marriages: Aug. 28, 1884, Mr. Frank Coard and Miss Lida C. Bartholomew; Aug. 31, 1884, Mr. Geo. H. Hand and Miss Annie Mott, all of Decatur County.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1909

W.L. Barr of Sappa Township has marketed over \$60 worth of water-melons from a one-acre patch and has lots of melons left.

Jim Woolley started back to Wichita Monday evening where he has a job with a bunch of carpenters.

Mrs. S.W. Harris left Monday to join her husband at Otis, Colo.

The proprietors of the Crystal Theatre pulled up stakes on Monday and left for Atwood.

May Palmatier, who has been taking a course of training as nurse in Topeka, came home last week for a visit with home folks.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Martha Douglas has been engaged to teach French and German in the Arapahoe, Neb., High School.

Norcatour Items: John Eckhart's residence in the south part of town is nearing completion.

Jennings Items: A.M. Brock has sold his meat market and grocery to Henry Harris and Gaumer & Son.

John Barker threshed over 3,000 bushels of wheat of his own raising. This puts him among the plutocrats of the country.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1934

The purchase of distressed cattle has begun in Decatur County. Emil Petracek has been appointed drought administrator in charge of cattle purchases and he is assisted by an assigned veterinarian.

Funeral services were held in Topeka for G.W. Shook, a former resident of Jennings where he edited the Jennings Echo, now the Gazette, from 1888 until 1915. While a resident of Jennings he was the postmaster for 10 years and always took an active part in the community. He owned a number of farms in the Jennings area. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Shook, a son, Stanley, who is business manager of Strickler's business College at Topeka, two brothers and three sisters.

George Nellans last week sold the Midway Barber Shop to Roy Kiefer and wants to express his appreciation for the patronage he has received while operating the shop. Mr. Nellans has tentative plans to take his family to California.

The Cardinal Lines has started bus service over Highway 36 and tickets and information may be obtained at the Hotel Oberlin.

Ray Street of South Orange, N.J., has returned home after visiting his mother, Mrs. Louisa Street, and sister, Mrs. Caleb Smick.

Lee Reeves is spending a few weeks vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eber Reeves. He expects to return to New Orleans to go on with his medical work at Tulane University.

Big Timber: Everyone is anxious to dispose of the surplus cattle — feed is as scarce as hen's teeth.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1959

Service Pipe Line's Company's new pump station near Herndon will be the scene of an open house Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. according to Roy Beall of Herndon, supervisor of the station.

Enrollment at Decatur Community High School is expected to be slightly more than 230 students. Judy Magers, high school secretary, reports 56 freshman have enrolled; 57 sophomores; 68 juniors and 44 seniors.

Members of the Thomsen-Dodson wedding party were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen at a buffet supper Saturday evening following the rehearsal.

The final band concert this season

will be at 7:30 p.m. this evening at Sappa State Park.

Midway News: Gary and Delbert Erickson arrived home Saturday evening after following the harvest to Montana.

Mrs. Wayne Grose, Gary and Pam will leave Thursday for Denver where Gary will enroll at Parks Business College.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1984

Officers have been elected for the Oberlin Centennial to be observed in the coming year. Gary Anderson will serve as president; Marty Martinson, vice president and Norma Soderlund, secretary-treasurer.

Enrollment at DCHS was 214 students while the junior high had 100 and 328 started at Oberlin Elementary School and 18 at Norcatour. The OES kindergarten went up to 62 making it advisable to have three sections.

If schools are to dismiss early because of excessive heat, a decision will be made by noon according to Supt. Keith Adams.

Jennings High has 43 students, Clayton Grade School, 49, and Jennings Grade School, 29. At USD 317 Herndon, official count was 86.3. Supt. Ralph Foster said new staff members are Kathleen Beach, Topeka, learning disabilities, and Richard Brook, English and speech.

Edie Petera has returned as cook.

At USD 316 Golden Plains, Rexford High School had 85 students; the middle school, 34, and Selden Grade School, 77, making an official count of 197 according to Supt. Mike Wilson. New staff members are Joe Webb, Manhattan, and Karen Hibbs, paraprofessional.

Word was received by Sara Harris, president of the Jennings PRIDE Committee, that Jennings has fulfilled all the requirements to receive a PRIDE Pacemaker City award. New Arrivals: Roberta and Don Shuler, son, Blake Donald, Aug. 23; Jill and Wilbur Reichert, Dresden, son, Grant Michael, Aug. 24; Gail and Tim Howard, Oberlin, son, Taylor Keith, Aug. 26; Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, Selden, daughter, Alisha Louise, Aug. 20.

The board of directors of Decatur County National Bank has announced that stock representing majority ownership of the bank was sold last week to First National Bank and Trust Company of Salina.

As a result, majority stock of the bank is now owned one-half by the Salina bank and one-half by local interests consisting of H. Stuart Euhus, Frederick Helmkamp, Robert S. Locke, Loyd Moore, Sauvage Gas Co., and John A. Simonsson, Jr. There are no changes planned in the management or staff of the bank.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Raymond Kircher.

Nadeane Haag has returned to her home in Oberlin after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Residents and staff enjoyed Colorado peaches this past week. The peaches were a gift from Frank Bouts of Selden.

The letters will be mailed out to clubs this week with the schedule for birthday parties at the Good Samaritan Center and Cedar Living Center. The schedule runs from September, 2009 through August, 2010. There are some months still available. For further information about hosting a birthday party you may contact Lisa Paulsen at Good Samaritan or Teresa Shaughnessy at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Aleen Van Vleet, Mary Votapka, and Leroy Wessel.

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

Mary Votapka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Nadeane Haag won the blackout game.

The August birthday party was held on Wednesday afternoon. Those being honored with August birthdays were Agnes Pruitt, Don Thomas, and Elton O'Hare. Joy Russell provided the musical en-

tertainment. Teresa Shaughnessy, Marsha Morford, and Charlotte Kurtz served refreshments.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on the patio Thursday morning.

Residents met on Thursday morning to shuck fresh roasting ears. With an experienced crew, the job is done quickly.

The bowlers met on Thursday afternoon for a game. We did not keep score, but everyone had a good time. Snacks were served after the game. Games were also played in the evening.

The baking group made banana oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

A group of residents met for a coffee hour before church services on Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed a slice of freshly baked zucchini bread. Pastor Doug Mason of the Lund Covenant Church led the worship time.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Herndon; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatour; Delpha Sis, Atwood; Jaret and Rose Marie Sis, Jason and Jesse, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Mike, Rick, and Elba Noble, Colorado Springs.

Dorothy Moore, Connie Olson, Max and Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Juanita Williby, Stuart Euhus, Lyle Gamblin, Kay and Gail Marcuson, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulsen

It is truly an awesome thing to ponder that almost a century ago God was knitting together two of our most loved residents, Eva Bryan and Eileen Laird. He was ordaining all of their days before they were even born. He already knew that we would be celebrating their 96th and 89th birthdays this week. He already had a plan and a purpose for their life; He knew what children would be born to them and how they would influence each one, and each one of our lives.

These ladies and every other resident living here were fearfully and wonderfully handmade by God; they are precious treasure boxes of love, wisdom, humor and faith that we have the privilege of knowing and loving. But just as God knew the day they were to be born, He also knows which birthday on this earth will be their last. So, I want to invite you share in the bounty of the treasure God has placed in our midst by visiting, volunteering or working here. You will be blessed beyond measure.

We would like to thank the Royal Neighbors for hosting our birthday party and especially Dorothy Woods for baking the zillion pies for us to enjoy. This was the last party the Royal Neighbor ladies will have for us as they retire their duty. We pray God's blessings on them and will always consider them Royal neighbors who are welcome to drop by anytime — pie or no pie!

Other things worth mentioning this week is that Living History attendees did some armchair traveling with Anita Hirsch. They visited Lincoln, Neb., home to Eva Bryan's son, and beautiful Crystal Lake in

Colorado. An evening game of Hillbilly Horseshoes brought out some new competitors. Edla Olson and Violet Schissler played with seasoned players Elden Long, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch and Amy Rehm. Elden took the nightly championship and Opal and Violet tied for second!

Hubert Mumm had family including Eleanor and Anaogene Rogers (Selden), Delores Raile (Hoxie), Anita Mumm (Denver), Greg Mumm (Cheyenne, Wyo.), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), and Ken and Carl Mumm (Selden). Bud and Vicky, Greg and Anita also visited with Doris Marintzer.

Edla Olson entertained Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Mike and Nione Rhodin (Loveland, Colo.), and special guests Sven and Ingall Lindqvist from Sweden. Reva Marshall and Ron Snyder (Colby) came for Dorothy Hunt. Doris Fringer and Eunice Wenger visited Lora Zwickle and Kathryn Post.

Donna Kelley, Gary Anderson, Detta and Elden Anderson and a surprise visitor, her son, Dennis Barrett (Lincoln, Neb.), joined Eva Bryan as she celebrated her 96th birthday. Max Carman visited Myrtle Waldo. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh stopped in for Opal Bryan.

Mert McEvoy, Ralph Crimm and Margaret Fikan (Atwood), came to see Lucy Schissler. Laurene Van Otterloo for Amy Rehm. Edie Tate visited her mom, Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin and Meryl Mansfield (Manhattan) were guests of Glenn Martin. Dianne Bremer and Jody Betts visited Alice May.

Selden News

By Jacqu Boulinghouse

School starts today at both Selden and Rexford attendance centers. There will be a soap scrimmage at Rexford on Friday with volleyball at 5 p.m.; football at 6:15 p.m. and a free barbecue at 7:15 p.m.

High school volleyball will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Healy. Monday will be the first day for 4-year-olds preschool. Next Tuesday will be the first day for 3-year-olds preschool. High school volleyball will begin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Francis.

Fire training will be held on Monday at the Rexford station with classes on volatile emergency medical service situations and pump operations. On Monday, Sept. 28, classes will be at the Selden station and will be operational readiness. Anyone wanting to join the Fire Department should attend a meeting or class.

The City annual barbecue will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Community Center. The City Council will begin serving burgers and hot dogs at 6 p.m. This is a free meal in appreciation of volunteer services throughout the year. Numerous projects are completed with volunteers from the community. The general public is invited.

On July 30 at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Marilyn Meyer took second, Betty James got low and Alfred Albers had the most jacks. Other members present included Anna Albers, Carol Shaw, Lois Neff, Tammy Shaw, Ralph Weis, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Janice Kruse, Lola Cook and Royce Cook.

On Aug. 6 at Senior Citizens, Gail Mumm won high, Ralph Weis took second, Betty James got low and Alfred Albers had the most Queens. Other members present included: Anna Albers, Carol Shaw, Jeanie Spresser, Paulie Neff, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Lois Neff, Janice Kruse and Helen Karls.

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aces. Others present were Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Betty James, Ann Hazlitt, Shirley Emigh, Gail Mumm, Ralph Weis, Carol Shaw and Janice Kruse.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Edna Schiltz took second and Betty James got low. Other members present were Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Carol Shaw, Jeanie Spresser, Bernita Aumiller, Janice Kruse, Ann Hazlitt, Ralph Weis, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Helen Karlsen Marilyn Meyer and Tammy Shaw.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 7 - Laura Ritter, Cary Wurm, Jesse Mumm, David Zoderow. Aug. 8 - Rick and Tammy Shaw, Clara Gillum, Casey and Shannon Shaw. Aug. 9 - Nick and Elaine Koerperich, Ty Gillum, Robynn Wessel. Aug. 10 - DaLaena Neff, Dallas Koerperich, Doug Wessel. Aug. 11 - Mike Ritter, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum, Rhonda Sabatka. Aug. 12 - Mike Spresser, Charlene Campbell Werth, Kanisha Carman. Aug. 13 - Rodney Brantley, Dan Shaw, Stan and Ramona Shaw. Aug. 14 - Julie Kennedy, Monica Neff, Kacie Miller. Aug. 15 - Elaine Koerperich. Aug. 17 - Leann Schultz, Homero Vargas, Amy Schiefer-ecke.

Aug. 18 - Cherri Bainter. Aug. 19 - Cody Wurm. Aug. 20 - Sandra Lobato, Alisha Broeckelman, Norbert Korte, Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Joe and Phyllis Trembley. Aug. 21 - Melissa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz. Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Alan Bruggeman. Aug. 23 - Eileen Murphy, Kelly Stevenson, Tim Schiefer-ecke, Ryker Schmidt-berger. Aug. 24 - Anna Albers, Katie Wahlmeier. Aug. 25 - Chris Broeckelman, Allison Ryburn. Aug. 26 - Dusty Spresser, Valerie Broeckelman, Ivonn Vargas. Aug. 27 - Jimmy Kruse, Kelly Goeken, Allen Juennemann, Bob and Elaine Koerperich. Aug. 28 - Lisa Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman, Mark and Sueanne Hill. Aug. 29 - Russ Emigh,

Karen Adelman, Herry and Chrys Rall, Gaylon Robinson. Aug. 30 - Jay Wessel. Sept. 1 - Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz, Bart Karls, Emily Rogers. Sept. 2 - John Kaus.

The Library is open every Mon-

day and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available. Anyone wanting to volunteer at the library should contact a board member.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I hope all have been enjoying the wonderful cool weather.

Are you digging out all those items for the "Highway 36 Treasure Hunt"? An e-mail from the head of office said that they would put our lists and map on their Internet site if I get them there the week before Labor Day. All their advertising goes out on Labor Day Weekend to all the surrounding states and cities. If you want your garage sale listed on the Internet, I will need your information by Tuesday, Sept. 1.

They also said that the opening weekend of hunting season doesn't bring in nearly the number of people that come for the "Highway 36 Treasure Hunt," so let them do some advertising for you. The cost for this office to put out your items list is \$5. I can still add to the list for our local information and visitors booth up until Monday, Sept. 14.

It would be great also if anyone wanted to set up bake sales or Farmers Market produce during that time, or other ideas. It wouldn't have to be all three days, one or two, whatever you would prefer. Some towns have

used a section of the downtown and set some of their store items out Flea Market style. The Antique Club may have room in the fairgrounds buildings for rental during that weekend also. I'm not sure what the fee is.

I am also making an information sheet for travelers. If you know of any community events that are happening that weekend that travelers might enjoy attending, please let me know. I have the ones listed on the table tents, but there might be more.

I attended the Pond and Yard tour on Sunday evening sponsored by the DPW women. The yards were absolutely gorgeous and the weather perfect. Now maybe I will be more inspired with ideas to work on mine.

I walked up to see the Golden Age/Recreation Building the other day. It's looking very good, and I hear it will be in use for a party over the Labor Day weekend. It's been a lot of hard work, but it is finally coming together.

Have a great week!!

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Wayne and Louise Cressler attended memorial services at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mankato for a former Jennings resident and long-time friend, Jack Blair, of Mankato. While living in Jennings, Jack was the Rock Island depot agent. He died Monday, Aug. 17.

Another fun day was enjoyed by a large crowd Saturday at Firemen's Fun Day. Many families had children and grandchildren who came to enjoy the small town fun. The weather was beautiful. Merl Chance was taken by ambu-

lance Friday evening to the Decatur County hospital and later to the hospital in Kearney, Neb., where he is having tests run to determine treatment for him.

Pat Hall and Violet Foster went to Texas Saturday to the home of Mrs. Foster's son, Frank Foster. While there, Violet will have eye surgery this week.

Most of the work by Nelson Concrete and Construction is completed in town. The new curbing on Kansas Avenue, refacing of Community Hall steps and some new sidewalk look real nice.

Eugene Kelly, Gerry Tally, Rick Nichols, Deb Farr and their families are hosting a 25th Anniversary reception in honor of their parents, Harold and Glenva Nichols, Sunday, September 6, 2009, at the American Legion, 114 S. Rodehaver, Oberlin, Kansas from 2-4 p.m. The couple requests no gifts. Everyone is invited.