

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1884

Oberlin is having quite a building boom this fall.

John Emahizer returned from Colorado Tuesday evening and thinks he will remain in Decatur County.

J.B. Hitchcock is erecting a large addition to the building occupied by John Morrison and expects to use it as a residence.

John E. Love returned Sunday from the White River country where he has been working with cattle the past 18 months.

We are creditably informed that Prof. C. Borin has purchased the Oberlin Eye and assumed editorial and business management of the same this week.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1909

M.G. Reist has rented the Moser farm and will move on it just as soon as Mr. Love can get a man to look after the milk route.

Gerald Benton, Caleb Smick, Harry Logan and Miss Etta Acton left Saturday evening for Topeka where they will attend Washburn College. Oran Milleson left Monday evening for the same place.

J.H. Fleming received a wire last Thursday from his wife and Myra who have been visiting in Arkansas. The message said Myra was seriously ill with scarlet fever and Jim left immediately for the scene of trouble.

Norcaturn News: J.C. Duncan and wife are in Topeka this week attending the state fair.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1934

Enrollment at the high school was 351 this week with classes larger than usual and double seating in the assembly room. William Huey has 45 students in his commercial law class. Hostinsky has 60 out for band.

Four-hundred high school students and alumni attended the annual freshman reception at the high school building Thursday night. Gwendolyn Dimmitt was in charge of the program given in the assembly hall and welcomed the freshmen. Don Jorn responded for his class. Superintendent Hawkes noted that there is a remarkable spirit among the students.

Sunday's rain has put a good body of water in the state lake a mile and a half north of Oberlin where there are several thousand fish.

Asomewhat closer call than most

of us would relish was that experienced by Jimmy Plotts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plotts, Sunday evening when the cow he was milking was struck and killed by lightning. Mr. Plotts and his son were in the basement of the cow barn doing their regular evening milking when the bolt of lightning struck the cow the boy was milking. The cow was instantly killed but the boy suffered only a shock from which he soon recovered.

In the movie, "Here Comes The Navy" which appears here early next week at the Oberlin Opera House, a former Decatur County boy, Harry L. Heaton, plays a minor part. Young Heaton was born on a farm in Olive Township and spent the first five years of his life in Oberlin.

Ray Votapka left Wednesday to resume his work at Northwestern.

Northwest Sappa: Lois Moore is staying at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore, and attending school this fall.

Big Timber: That boy who arrived at Walt Vernon's recently has been named Dennis Dee.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brock are the parents of a daughter, Judith Ann, born Sept. 11. The grandparents, the Charles Votapkas, made a trip to Norton to see the little girl.

Fairview-Summit: John Willcox, Harold Brown and Shelburn Hendricks left Monday for Hays where they will attend school this fall.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1959

The KOMC-TV tower rising nine miles west of town will be 676 feet tall when completed with Sept. 30 the target date. Herm Haeefe, chief engineer for the Tri-Circle Television network, was the guest speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary. He was accompanied by two engineers, James Kane and Jack Benton, and two salesmen, Wayne Thomas and James Crabb. Benton, a station engineer, formerly was employed by Channel 10 at Scottsbluff, Neb., and Channel 5 at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. E. E. VanGundy, 93, who came to this county with her husband in 1891 and settled in the Lyle Community. When Good Samaritan Center opened in March of 1957 they moved there.

Norcaturn: Funeral services were held for Floyd Eckhart, 48, who died

Aug. 29, at the VA Hospital in Grand Island, Neb. He had undergone surgery for a brain tumor in June at Denver. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, and a son, Russ Eugene, of the home, and a brother, Richard.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brown, son, Kent John, Aug. 26, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boultinghouse, son, Sept. 1, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ploussard, son, Kevan Duane, Sept. 2, 1959.

Funeral services were held in Glenwood Springs, Colo., for Morris Nitcher, 38, who drowned in a boating accident at a reservoir northwest of Silt, Colo. Nitcher graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1939.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1884

Idella Frickey was elected to be the new Oberlin PRIDE chairman replacing Jim Stanley who has served as head the past two years.

Oberlin Livestock Auction recently initiated a hog sale at the local sale ring and the results have been bigger sales each Tuesday, according to Jerry Fortin who recently purchased an interest in the barn with Skip Peterson.

Decatur County Fire Chief Jerry Cathcart reports that burning in the area is extremely hazardous due to

the dry conditions and that Kansas Gov. John Carlin has imposed a statewide ban on burning.

Funeral services were held from St. Francis Catholic Church in Hoxie for Mathilda Welter, 95. Burial was in the Leoville Cemetery.

Hospital News: Joanne and Norman Wendelin, Herndon, daughter, Greta Kristian, Sept. 8; Connie and Jim Nelson, St. Francis, son, Shawn Tyler, Sept. 10.

The engagement of Kristine Marie Erickson to Ronald D. Reneberg has been announced by their parents, Philip Erickson and Margaret Erickson of Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reneberg of Kensington. A Nov. 17, 1984, wedding is being planned.

A buffet supper the evening of Sept. 2 at the Leoville Parish Hall, sponsored by the 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs, honored their parents on their 60th wedding anniversary.

The Oberlin Red Devils held on to get an overtime win over the Larned Indians in the season opener at Smick Field when Scott Gawith scored the only touchdown of the game. The junior high football team won an overtime thriller from McCook by a 22-20 score.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We need your help! We ask that if anyone has additions or corrections to the 2010 alumni directory, contact Sharleen at (785) 475-2712, or by e-mail at lirm@sbcglobal.net; or Dick at (785) 475-2242, or by e-mail at alumni.dchs@gmail.com.

The Eleventh Annual Commencement of the Oberlin High School was held at the Opera House on Thursday, June 1, 1899. The evening was a very unpleasant one, a high wind and clouds of dust made being out in the streets very disagreeable.

Members and history of the Class of 1899:

Clark Bush: He married Edna Hazelton and they had no children. They lived in Long Beach, Calif., where he was in the banking and trust department.

Ray Coldren: Philip Ray married Lela McLellan, who died one year and a day after their wedding. He later married Maude Louise

Wallace and they were the parents of twins, Phillip and Phyllis. Phillip was very frail at birth and lived only a short time. Phyllis died at the age of 19 months after several weeks' illness. Ray was editor of the Joplin, Mo., Daily Globe and Joplin News Herald. He had his start in newspaper at The Oberlin Herald where his father was owner.

Pearl Griggs: She was married to George Marks of the class of 1896 and they were the parents of five children: George Charles, Elizabeth, Margaret, Alice and Charlotte.

Orley Miller: He married Jennie Peirson Arnold and they were the parents of Kathryn, Harriet, Elizabeth, Francis, and John. They lived in Amarillo Texas, where Orley was a teacher at the Amarillo high school and he was also a minister.

Watch the next three articles for plans on the 51st Mini Sapa Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

September is the month we celebrate Founder's Day, so here is a brief history of how we got our start. In 1922, Pastor "Dad" Hoeger, the founding father of the Good Samaritan Society, wrote this about the beginning of this good work:

"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."

He financed his vision by asking that people send two pennies to help a young boy named Christian who was crippled by polio. The response was so overwhelming he had to ask people to quit sending money. He received enough to send young Christian for treatment and still had \$2,000 left over. He used this

money to start his first home for the elderly, believing that "In Christ's Love everyone is some one."

This is a fascinating story and it can be read now when you visit us. A beautiful painting is now hanging in the Angel Lane hallway depicting the history of the Good Samaritan Society.

Have you ever considered that what we do today will be history tomorrow? We can impact the lives of those who come after us? That is exactly what Dad Hoeger did.

When someone comes to live here, we recognize that there will be many adjustments to be made. They have to deal with many losses, their home; their health; their independence. But what they do not have to give up is their zeal for life. We do all we can to ensure that life happens here.

This week we were privileged

to have Pastor Jim Carmon bring a special message of encouragement on Friday morning.

Hillbilly Horseshoes was again a hit, Bible studies were full and Bingo is never missed. It was a good week here at Good Sam.

We are always grateful for those who come to visit. This week's visitors were Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Esther Ready (New York City) for John Ready. Donna Lincoln, Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings), Clay, Jessica, Jaren, Jayla, and Jayton Rush (Wichita), Kirby, Joni, Kacen and Kay Smith (Newton) for Faye Miller. Bud and Vicky for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Steve and Arian Arnold

(Herndon) for Edla Olson. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and Ollie. Shirley Hayward spent a day shopping with her grandson, Jeff Hayward. Doris Fringer visited Lora Zwickle and Kathryn Post. Lynn and Ralph Streit (Larned) Chris Dempewolf (Norcaturn) Dean and Eloise Thornton (McCook) Bob and Veda McDonald (Logan) and Bruce Thornton (Hays) for R.D. Thornton. Nadine Anderson spent time with her son Roland Anderson (Topeka) and her husband Don. Jessica and Kristen Bremer played kickball with their Grandma Alice May. Cindy, Jesse and Carissa Gillespie (Watkins, Colo.) for Violet Schissler.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary Anthony is improving in St. Anthony's Hospital at Hays. His brother Keith has been with him most of the week and his wife Cathy, almost constantly.

On Monday, Aug. 24, Wes and Beverly Bowman, Merced, Calif., came for a visit and to gather as family history and pictures. Beverly is the youngest daughter of Sam Van Gundy; brother of Archie and late husband of Alta May Van Gundy. On Tuesday we went to the Lyle Cemetery where she took pictures of the graves of all our common ancestors — at least three sets of great-grandparents: the Van Gundys, the Andrews and the Brysons; and of the church and community building.

The quilting group met at the Cardinal Bar and Grill to celebrate Kathy Van Meter's birthday on Tuesday. The group included Kathy, Eleanor Jensen, Joyce Sumner,

Kathy, "Toots" Magers, June Jolly, Veda Wood and guests, Wes and Beverly Bowman. They also met Joyce's son, Ward, at the cafe.

Carol Woodmansee was our pastor at Lyle on Sunday. She is holding her own, healthwise.

Funeral services were held for Richard Engelhardt, son-in-law

of Toots Magers, on Wednesday at Norton, with an impressive police car escort to the cemetery, because of his and Jane's longtime work with the department.

Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers and Veda Wood went to Cedar Living Center's music by Vic Lowry's group on Thursday evening.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I thought Labor Day was supposed to be a resting weekend for us laborers!! I sure didn't seem to find the right place. My weekend was actually very enjoyable, but very tiring, so it is quite peaceful to come back to work.

On Friday I had an e-mail from the governor's office which was sent to all Chamber offices. He

wanted us to acknowledge how important this past weekend is to all workers in our country.

I have received several garage sale listings for the "Highway 36" weekend. With homecoming and the Engine Show, the weekend of Sept. 18 to 20 is going to be a very busy one.

Have a great week!!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

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

Sympathy is extended to the family of Nadeane Haag who passed away on Saturday. She had been a resident of Cedar Living Center on a couple of occasions and she had also been involved as a volunteer.

Monday afternoon residents enjoyed a game of "Name That Tune." Myrna Jones assisted with the sing-along time before supper.

Aleen Van Vleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Alvina Gamblin won the blackout game. Lacey Ream assisted Charlotte Kurtz with a game night on Tuesday.

Wednesday and Thursday were quiet days at Cedar Living Center. Several residents were under the weather with an early round of colds, so we made the decision to cancel most group activities and keep everyone in their rooms for a couple of days. By Friday everyone was ready to get back to the normal routine.

The baking group met on Friday to make applesauce cookies.

Ruth Havel was the guest of

honor at a family birthday party held on Saturday afternoon on the patio. She celebrated her birthday on Monday, Sept. 7.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Cheri Kastens, Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Patsy Pettera, Ernie and Betty Jean Wicke, Ludell; Les Wurm, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Thomas, Overland Park; Dave Milburn, Shawnee; Senora Watkins, Carbondale; Clay Jording, Medford, Ore.; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Kathryn Larkin, Stephen Luedders, Aurora, Colo.; Joyce Rich, North Carolina.; Janet and Voyle Miller, Lincoln, Neb.; Kurt Sulzman, Polk City, Iowa; Jon Wicke, Greeley, Colo.; Bill Allen, Red Cloud, Neb.; Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Chad, Malorie, Savannah and Jackson Gregory, David City, Neb.; Kiefer Wurm, Lincoln, Neb.; John H. Wessel, USS Mitscher.

Max and Veanna Carman, Lyle Gamblin, Eunice Richards, Jeanette Sulzman, Leon and Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Ralph LaSalle, Oberlin.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday in the lobby of the Specialty Clinic. Dr. Stefan Lorincz will give a presentation on "Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease," giving some general cardiovascular information with an emphasis on how diabetes complicates the conditions.

All diabetics and their caregivers are invited to attend.

The Golf Benefit was a resounding success, posting a net profit of about \$13,600, slated for use to update patient rooms.

The winning golf team, sponsored by Waddell and Reed, was Andy Gilliam, Breck Simonsen, Chase Waldman and Landon Stephans. Ten teams have already signed up for next year's bBenefit, so we encourage those who want to have a golf team next year to sign up early.

Winners of the raffle were Barb Marak, Traeger grill; Rusty Addleman, Wii exercise console and game; and Dave Olson, Odyssey putter. The auction was lively, with a number of large autographed sports photos and other memorabilia. Thank you to the merchants whose generous donations make this fund raiser a success.

The state surveyors finished their assessment at Cedar Living Center on Aug. 27, giving the facility four minor deficiencies. One was in regard to environmental upkeep, one addressed the need to develop a tool for documentation of skin assessments, and two were resident related, about interruptions during exercise with nursing duties.

Several Cedar Living Center residents are displaying respiratory distress symptoms, none of whom have been diagnosed with H1N1 flu. However, we remind everyone that if you feel ill, do not visit Cedar Living Center or the hospital. Residents and patients do not need to be exposed to anything that will compromise their health further.

Since H1N1 flu has been identified in our area, please remember to wash your hands frequently, and if you display symptoms of a fever combined with coughing, sneezing, body aches or runny nose, get medical help for easing your discomfort, but then stay home.

We have placed hand-sanitizing stations at our facility and also at Raye's Grocery, and we encourage you to use these often to reduce the spread of infection.

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