

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1884

Town full of prairie schooners Monday.

The song of the saw and hammer goes on; Oberlin is improving.

A splendid shower of rain Friday evening broke the long continued drouth and fixed the ground in good condition for seeding.

Twin boys at the J.A. Evans home; this is the first twin boys the HERALD has ever been called upon to record, and the second pair of twins we have known of in the county.

The second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Henshaw was appropriately celebrated last Sunday.

The big Republican rally last Saturday was addressed by our present congressman Lewis Hanback. Lewis G. Parker was elected chairman of the meeting. Other speakers were W.S. Tilton, editor of the WaKeeney World and H.S. Granger, candidate for the state senate.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1909

We have a telephone girl; her name is Carrie Gradner and her home is at Goodland.

Professor Clow took his football boys to Atwood last Saturday and defeated that aggregation 6-0.

The workmen at the mill report that they will soon have it completed and people can soon be eating bread from Oberlin flour.

Howard Noyes lost his store building and most of his stock of merchandise in a fire at Oronoque Friday night.

Contractor Probasco has been engaged to erect a big frame house on the O.P. Ecord farm in Bassettville Township.

The editor's family is enjoying reading William Allen White's new book, "A Certain Rich Man."

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1934

The government cattle buying program has been extended until Oct. 12 by reason of the urgent demand to care for more of the distressed cattle in the drouth area. About 3,075 head of government cattle had been shipped out of the county with but a relative few condemned. This is probably about one-third of those listed for sale and will still leave a good many producers in a quandary as to how they will care for their herds through the winter.

"Habit" was the cause of a broken arm for Donald Anderson, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Anderson. As he was riding his horse along the Oberlin-Dresden highway and was about to pass the

former Anderson place just outside the city limits, the horse turned in at the driveway and Donald "didn't."

After operating the Kent Service Station here more than five years, Ben Miller has sold the station to Mr. Ray Nicholson who had been operating the Kent Station at Dresden. Mr. Nicholson, his wife and two children, have moved to the Frank Urban property on South Beaver. Mr. Miller will remain with the Oberlin Bottling Works, a business which he started a couple of years ago.

Mrs. Raymond Cilek, county poor commissioner, has resigned and the county commissioners have the difficult task of selecting her successor.

Bud Washburn and Emmet O'Toole, who both live near Sacramento, Calif., were in town renewing friendships this week. Both were sons of early-day settlers of Decatur County and neither had been in Oberlin in the past 40 years. The parents of both once lived up the Sappa near the O'Toole ranch.

Dresden: Dewey Miller is beginning the erection of a house on a lot back of the Dresden Hardware.

Jennings: The members of the Jennings school faculty this year are: Postma, Bloom, Lane, Hill, Firebagh, Shimmick, Sears, Harris, McLeod and Allen.

Court House News: Lorenzo F. Foster and Miss Idella M. Matheny, both of Oberlin, were married on the 28th.

Decatur County students at Kansas University this year include Harold Dyer, Harold Love, Aldever Metcalf, John Peters, Joyce Wilson and James Young, Oberlin; Charlotte Cilek, Jennings and Betty Bump, Norcatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Janousek of Nampa, Idaho were honored at a farewell party at the new Bohemian Hall Friday evening.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1959

Dr. Frank Gierhart was elected president of the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Charles Corcoran. Other officers are Dennis Campbell, vice president and Ira Laidig, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Laidig reported that more than 25,000 persons have visited the Decatur County Museum since its inception.

"We're glad for the farmers, but this rain has really held us up," said Herm Haeefe, chief engineer at KOMC-TV. Rain has delayed completion of the microwave towers. An open house is planned for Oct. 18 at the new station. The Mav-

erick Band will play and Chamber of Commerce members will assist in conducting tours.

Jennings: Decatur Co-op has rented the former Shimmick Hardware and will open a farm supply store there, according to Co-op manager Martin Leibbrandt. The store will be managed by Julius Tacha. Ira Kolsky, Co-op tank wagon man from Jennings, will help at the store.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Martin Mackey, 65, with the Rev. Oscar Brown and the Rev. Ray Bressler officiating. The Mackey family moved to Oberlin in January of 1952 from Kanona where he farmed before retiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Long, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Rae, to Mr. Delmar Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richardson, Scott City, formerly of Traer.

Hoxie struck through the air to defeat Oberlin 18-6 last Friday in the opening Northwest Kansas League tilt for both teams.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Dean, Oberlin, daughter, Sept. 28, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Guinn, Jr., Oberlin, son, Sept. 28, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess, Oberlin, girl, Jean Ann, Sept. 29, 1959.

Court House News: Lynn Johnson and Roberta Wurm were issued a marriage license Sept. 19.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1984

Members of the Jennings PRIDE

Museum News

By Sharleen Wurm

Fall is here and so is the 51st Mini Sapa Celebration!

Starting off Saturday, Oct. 3, will be a pancake and ham breakfast at 7 a.m. The DCHS Singers will entertain the breakfast crowd starting at 8 a.m.

A bake sale with items donated by the Museum membership will be held in the Land Office starting at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday is a perfect time to tour the 15 historical buildings and see all the renovations and changes that have been done in the past year. Admission is free so bring the whole family.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hall with pork-burgers, brats, polish sausages, and chips. This will be by donation. The Decatur County Helping Hands for Health will be serving soda floats

organization have learned that Kansas Governor John Carlin will be the speaker at the banquet on Oct. 29 at which time the Pacemaker I presentation will be made.

School News: A VCR (Video Cassette Recorder) has been added to the educational system at Decatur Community High School as a teaching aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Martinson and Jared drove to Moorhead, N.D., Friday where they visited their daughter and sister, Heidi, and attended homecoming activities at Concordia College.

Eighteen members of Pi Alpha Club enjoyed a piece of Decatur County history when they visited the stone home of Betty Hackney in Bassettville Township the evening of Sept. 24. Frances Goltl and Aileen Vernon were also guests to see the refurbished three floors of the native limestone house built in 1885 by Jule and Lottie Ufford. It was sold to Chris Ginther in 1907 and Betty and her late husband, Kermit, purchased it from his grandparents in 1966. Since then it has been restored and occupied by Mrs. Hackney and family.

Janet Joy (Hunter) Woerner, a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School and daughter of Wilbur and Gladis Hunter, has completed requirements for a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Kansas and has accepted a position as assistant professor in education at Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Ind.

during this time. They also ask for a donation to help Decatur County residents with out-of-pocket expenses in time of sickness.

New this year is the Taco Salad Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the hall. This event is being sponsored by the Royal Neighbors matching funds project with proceeds going to maintenance and upkeep of the Museum grounds. John Juenemann will be providing the entertainment. Our own Myrna Jones will be jazzing up the evening with John.

If you have not gotten your raffle tickets for the Kansas Lifetime fishing or hunting license, the Mini Acer Computer, or the handmade cross-stitch picture, you can purchase them during the day. The drawing is at 6:30 p.m. during the Taco Salad supper.

See you Saturday!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to Ruth Chance and family following the death of Merl Chance on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 19, at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. Inurnment services were at the Jennings Cemetery.

Reminder: City-wide community clean-up is Saturday, Oct. 3. Workers will meet in front of the firehouse at 9 a.m. Lunch will be furnished at the Broken Wheel. Any equipment, including chain saws and other tools which volunteers can bring, would be appreciated. Questions concerning private property clean-up can be directed to the Mayor or any council member.

Wayne and Louise Cressler's granddaughter and husband, Amber and Johnny Klassen, opened a salon in Salina in January. "Theissen and Elise" salon was in a feature story on the front page of The Salina Journal on Monday, Sept. 21. On Saturday, the salon was open to benefit the "Locks of Love" program with free hair cuts and hair donated to the cancer program. Amber is the daughter of Russell Cressler.

Kenneth Krizek is home and doing well. He had triple-by-pass surgery.

Larry Johnson is going for more tests to determine his health prob-

lems.

Stan and Ramona Shaw and Mary Wahlmeier attended the baptism of Jackson Matthew Gillespie at the St. Joseph's Church in Hays last Sunday. A luncheon followed at the home of his parents, Aaron and Tara Gillespie.

United Methodist Women will sponsor a Bible Study, led by Vicki Bailey Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Charlene and Tom Maske, Elwood, Ill.; and their daughter, Pam Gamboski, Joliet, Ill., recently visited relatives in Kansas and Nebraska. They visited Charlene's brothers Alfred and Betty Cressler and Wayne and Louise Cressler; and her sisters, Deb and Keith Bowie, and Pat and Lyle Hansen, Bartley, Neb. They also visited with Charlene's Dad, Walt Cressler at the Sheridan Long Term Care in Hoxie. Pam was gathering family history so went to all the cemeteries in the area.

Jennings City Council will not meet until Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Dan Wahlmeier, rural Clayton, will be the entertainment at the Sun-flower Senior Citizens program on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Potluck covered dish meal at 6 p.m. Everyone may come to this.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Sept. 17 at Senior Citizens, Carol Shaw won high, Ralph Weiss took second, Mary Galden got low and Gail had the most aces. Other members present included: Jeanie Spresser, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Betty James, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Marilyn Meyer and Helen Karls.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Stan Shaw won high, Mary Galden took second, Betty James got low and Carol Shaw had the most aces. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff, Shirley Emigh, Ann Hazlitt, Marilyn Meyer and Bernita Aumiller.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Sept. 18 - Matt Weiss, Bobbi Koerperich. Sept. 20 - Borgia Mendiola. Sept. 22 - Katlin Spresser. Sept. 23 - Kacie Rogers Evans, Kelsey Spresser Rhodes, Eric Washington. Sept. 24 - Matt Finnesy. Sept. 25 -

Nolan Ritter, Kent Ashley, Andrea Trembley, John Lobato, Tasha Belair, Jade Mosier, Noel Ritter, Diana Alstrom, Kenny Bastin. Sept. 26 - Alvin Shaw, Dan and Delores Juenemann. Sept. 27 - Brooke Stoll, Ashley Stoll, Borgia and Robyn Mendiola, Aimee Truetken. Sept. 28 - Jeri Jacobs, Steve Juenemann, Tara Wenger Ingram, Michelle Becker. Sept. 29 - Kevin Stevenson, Stan Shaw, Morgan Ritter, Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel, Karen Adelman.

School Calendar - Thursday, 4 p.m., Junior High Volleyball and Football in Dighton. Friday, 7 p.m., High School Football in Rexford with Wheatland/Grinnell. Monday, 5:30 p.m., Junior Varsity Football in Grainfield. Tuesday, 4 p.m., High School Volleyball in Winona. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7 and 8; Hearing Checks; 4:p.m., Junior High Volleyball and Football in Colby with Heartland.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another week has gone by and it's the end of September already. I can't believe that the stores have Christmas stuff out already!

It might be sort of quiet around the Chamber office for a while as no events are planned in the near future. I am getting more registrations for the Holiday Craft Show coming up in November. There are 21 spots taken so far, but there is plenty of room for more. Beth Harmon will be getting ads out and around to the neighboring towns. If you would pass this information on to anyone you think might like a spot, we would greatly appreciate it. I know the economy is not what it used to be, but Christmas is coming up.

I will be out of the office on Tuesday and Wednesday for a tourism and website training. There may be someone in the office, but not sure yet. They say I will learn how to look for what a tourist looks for when traveling and they will teach me to set up and manage a website for our area. I'm looking forward to this as it sounds interesting.

With the Holiday season coming up, I'm sure businesses are planning for this. If anyone would like to have a coffee hour to help promote their products, give me a call to set one up. We have one for October, No-

vember and December, but I thought it would be helpful to add more for the coming season, especially in November and December. If more are interested, please call the office at 475-3441.

I received information from the Kansas Film Commission about a fellow doing a commercial for John Deere. They are looking for gardeners/landscapers in Kansas for their upcoming John Deere commercial. If anyone is using John Deere garden and yard equipment and would like to apply their yard for this commercial, I have the contact name and address in the office. The three requirements to meet for this commercial are:

1. Use John Deere equipment, 2. Have beautiful lawns/gardens with artistic expression, and 3. Live in Kansas. It also says the candidate will be generously compensated if chosen for the commercial.

Oberlin beat Atwood last Friday night!!! Hooray!!!

Reminder: The scooter drawing will be held during the half at the Trego-Wakeeney/Oberlin football game on Friday at Smick Field. Tickets are still available at the Chamber office.

Have a good week!!!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

This week we celebrated Pioneer Days! Our activities centered on this theme and made for an interesting adventure. Monday, we churned butter and ate it on Johnny Cakes hot off the griddle. The name Johnny cakes came from what the Pioneers called "journey cakes." Residents shared a task that used to be a chore, but today was churning up memories!

Tuesday afternoon during Art Class we made Button Spinners, a simple childhood toy made from string and a button.

On Wednesday, nearly everyone was out to "Pack our Wagon." Five tables were given lists of supplies (with the weight) needed for a five month journey. Our wagon could only carry 2000 pounds. Each table took turns adding to the wagon until it was full weight. So complete with food, water, ax, hammer, chamber pot and coffee grinder we were ready to roll!

On Thursday, we braided a rug to put before the cook stove...oops, we

didn't bring a cook stove, it weighed 900 pounds and our wagon was full! Oh well, we braided just for fun. Lora Zwickle, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Hunt, Myrtle Ross, Leone Porsch, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller and Edla Olson made quick work out of making a door mat sized rug.

On Friday, we took the coffee beans and grinder off the wagon to make some authentic Pioneer coffee for Social Hour. We visited about relatives who came to this country and known stories about their trials and triumphs.

Our Pioneer adventure came to an end but something else is always in the making! October is almost here with new and exciting things to do. Mark your calendars so you can join us!

Friday is our Founder's Day Family Potluck at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to help us plan seating. On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Wichita Children's Theater will perform at 4:30 p.m. Then Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m., we will

be hosting a Bridge Tournament. Contact Cindi Sauder for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 24, is our 2009 Rock-A-Thon. Proceeds this year will go to the Decatur County Food Pantry. Friday, Oct. 30, is the Spook Parade. Last year over 200 children filled our halls to overflowing and we ran out of candy. If you would like to donate some candy, it would be greatly appreciated!

Just for fun we are having a Houdini Zucchini Decorating Contest. Giant zucchinis are on the front patio. Help yourself and use your magic to turn it into something spectacular! Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Oct. 30!

Visitors this week were: Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Earl Brown and Pooch Portschy. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall, Ron Snyder (Colby) Mildred Black and Helen Brooks for Dorothy Hunt. Brian and Pam Simonsson for Opal Bryan. Donna Lincoln for Faye Miller. Hubert Mumm was visited

by Frank and Mert McEvoy, Ken Mumm (Selden) and Cheri Kastens (Herndon). Edie Tate and Gladys Geis visited Lois Carlson. Edla Olson entertained Arian Arnold (Herndon). Leo Mooty was visited by Ralph and Norma Unger. Alyce Avery and Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Eileen Laird enjoyed her time with Frank and Mert McEvoy. Jeff Hayward for Shirley Hayward. Leone Porsch entertained her daughter. Elsie Wolters visited Dorothy Pryor. Lora Zwickle had coffee time with Eunice Wenger. Pooch Portschy, Loren Escher and Glenn Martin had lunch with Cheri Kastens. Leona Helmkamp was thrilled to see her daughters, Lori Brewer (Limon, Colo.) and Julie Gardiner (Hutchinson) who came to celebrate an early birthday. Ethel Nemeth enjoyed visits from Vicky Heisel (Fort Morgan, Colo.) Sharon Black-Hecox (Wichita) and Helen Brooks.

Come, eat and enjoy.

A.J. and Tielia High and Aubrey had birthday cake for Wade Bader and Grant Slater. Other guests were Emily Bader, Mariah Bader, Garrett Bader, Carol Moye, Adrienne Vacura, Kylie and Skylar, Veda Wood. Carol, Veda and Wava Reames went to the Cardinal Cafe for their buffet and Karaoke. Sandra McNames and three friends participated in the singing. The next day, Tielia called me to come down and see all the monarch butterflies in their yard.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We hear that Gary Anthony is slowly improving. We miss him, Cathy and Keith, and hope they come back before long.

June Jolly was hostess at her KT club on Thursday, held at the Senior Center in McCook; on Friday she came to the Norcatur Senior Citizens for pitch; then to McCook on Friday evening where she and Karen Brown played pinochle at the Eagles. On Sunday evening, she and Margaret "Toots" Magers went to the pinochle game at the Norton Legion.

Kathy Van Meter's friend has had a bumper crop of tomatoes, and

Kathy has canned a lot of them. He also gave me some for a batch of cookies. You couldn't get a better deal than that, so I had tomatoes to can.

On Wednesday, Dwight and Teresa Wood and Andre Lafebre went to Winfield to the Walnut Valley Festival and brought me some delicious grapes, so I made them some jelly. Then she says, "No, those are yours, I have more at home." People are so good to me!

Thursday, Kathy called and asked if I wanted more tomatoes, so I started out there, and picked up my friend, Marla Ruth. We worked

together at the State Hospital for several years.

Toots Magers sewed on Tuesday, came to Senior Citizens on Friday, went to church as usual on Sunday, and her daughter, Judy and Charlie Easton, came Sunday afternoon and did yard work. She and June played pinochle at Norton that evening.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m., the Lyle Community will have their annual benefit supper and program and would like to have volunteers. Brooke Sumner has been good to play for us, some of the Sweet Adelines plan to come, and the group that used to be called Prairie Dogs.