

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1884

Readers, we greet you. With this issue we assume control of the Herald and become responsible for its utterances. We will endeavor to direct its course so that it will commend itself to the majority of the people of the county irrespective of party. — Fred Henshaw

Prairie fires illuminate the heavens nightly.

Colby & Hunt have just completed a corn-crib and coal house in the rear of their store.

Antelope are reported plentiful on the head waters of the Sappa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Finnis Penn of Johnson Draw, a son, Oct. 21, 1884.

The Hitchcock House on the west side of Penn Avenue opened up for business Monday morning and is one of the best appointed and conveniently arranged houses in the west.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1909

Rev. D.O. Banta died late Sunday evening. He had been bedfast for nearly five weeks following a stroke of paralysis. Coming to Decatur County 30 years ago, Rev. Banta gave the very best years of his life to the work of the church of his choice. He was mainly responsible for the organization of the Oberlin Baptist Association and had served as moderator 21 of the 23 years of its existence.

Wm. Landau began his second term as county treasurer last week.

Dr. H.F. Cevely and Miss Bertha McCalla were married Sunday.

Jennings Items: Jesse Carter is building a large barn on his farm south of town.

It is reported that Chas. Battin, who is attending college at Ottawa University, had a leg broken in a football game last week.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1934

Injuries in two car accidents in our area have been fatal to two persons.

Mrs. Dale Connor, McCook, who suffered a fractured skull when the Ford A sports roadster in which she, her husband and their 5-year-old daughter were riding went into a ditch 7 miles north of town after striking the rear of a car driven by Ralph Claar, died Sunday at McCook after never regaining consciousness. It was reported by other drivers that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed. Both Mr. Connor and his daughter also were injured.

Joe Riepl, 74, Herndon, died in the local hospital Monday night as the result of injuries received in a car accident near Norcatour early Monday morning. Sebastian Zwickle, also from Herndon, who was driving the car, is hospitalized with injuries. The men were en route to Hays, where Mr. Zwickle's wife

is hospitalized, when their car failed to make the turn at the sharp corner on US 36 near Norcatour.

Court House News: James J. Peter, 29, Selden, and Miss Katherine N. Swank, 21, of Osborne, were granted a license on the 18th and married by Rev. Clement Weber of Selden.

Miss Iva Millen will leave for Southern California to spend the winter with relatives. She will accompany Miss Augusta Geisenhener.

A new addition to the Oberlin Green House will give Mrs. Leake an opportunity to promise freshly cut flowers at opportune times.

Two carloads of young people came to Oberlin Sunday to make recordings at Gierhart Music Company.

Big Timber: The wheat checks have caused much rejoicing in our part of the woods.

The Oberlin Red Devils rallied to come from behind during the last few minutes of the game to win over Goodland 12 to 7. Next week they face undefeated Colby.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1959

Plans for a construction program costing more than a quarter million dollars which will bring dial service to Oberlin are beginning to materialize according to Lloyd Beach, district manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Led by General Wayne Frickey, yards of local residents will be invaded Thursday night by an army at war against leaves in the annual Halloween Clean-up.

Nancy Nemeth and Mary Reeves placed second in the Garden City debate tournament over the weekend. The other team composed of Deloris Musgrave and Janet Hunter won five of their preliminary rounds.

Oberlin took it on the chin 44-0 at Smick Field last Friday night but it was no disgrace considering the Red Devils were playing the Colby Eagles, the state's top-ranked Class A football team according to the latest Topeka Daily Capital prep ratings.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller, Englewood, Colo., daughter, Patricia Louise, Oct. 20, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herzog, daughter, Gayle Jean, Oct. 24, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Rippe, son, Lynn Rae, Oct. 24, 1959; Mr. and Mr. Clyde Chambers, Wilsonville, Neb., son, Kent Allen Oct. 20, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg, daughter, Janet Leslie, Oct. 24, 1959.

Emporia: Ordinarily a coach would have to recruit several athletes if he wanted regular starters for his football, basketball, track, baseball and golf teams. It wasn't necessary at College of Emporia, however, when Russell (Rusty) Adleman came to school here three years ago. He has lettered at

least once in every one of the above sports and in some has earned three letters. His total for three years at C. of E. is 12 varsity letters and he should pick up five more this season. Last year he suffered a broken ankle in the next to last football game and missed most the entire cage season but still managed to letter. The broken ankle is the only serious injury he has suffered in his multitudinous sports career at C. of E. Adleman came to C. of E. because his father, Ted, is a 1926 graduate of the school and when Rusty graduates he plans to work for a pharmacist's degree then head back to Oberlin and the family drug store.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1984

USD 294 board members tossed around the question of declining attendance at the Norcatour school at their Monday evening meeting.

There are 17 students at the Norcatour attendance center this year with Audrey Pavlicek teaching grades one through three and Oran Milner grades four and five with no students in grade six.

Gary Mitchell was elected to head the Oberlin Commercial Club with Mike McVay as vice president.

Wet, cold weather has all but halted almost all field work in the area. Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel confirmed that some milo is starting to go down. Yields have been in the 70 and 80 bushels per acre range but only about 10 percent of the crop has been cut due to the weather conditions.

Over 200 reservations have been made for the Pacemaker I banquet to be held at Jennings at which Gov. John Carlin will be the speaker and will present the Pacemaker plaque to Jennings PRIDE.

Bob Woolsey of Dale's Fish 'n'

Fun estimates the pheasant population is down nearly 50 percent from normal.

Will Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirk, Clayton, was recognized at halftime during the KSU-Missouri football game as a KSU student ambassador. A junior in agricultural economics, he will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the KSU Alumni Assoc., for the honor.

Dr. Marguerite Palmer was selected by the Oberlin Business and Professional Women's Club as "Woman of the Year." Dr. Palmer first came to Oberlin to assist Dr. Ren Whitaker for a three-month period in 1977, then returned to join the Oberlin Clinic staff in 1980. She spent 24 years in missionary service in various locations in Africa: Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Burundi and Zaire.

New Arrivals: Marita and Leon Portschoy, Herndon, daughter, April Diane, Oct. 16, 1984; Melanie and Lee Don Scott, Oberlin, son, Britton Gerard, Oct. 16, 1984; Mary Matheony, Oberlin, daughter, Sabrina Ann, Oct. 17, 1984; LeeAnna and Mike Dempewolf, Oberlin, son, Daniel Thomas, Oct. 18, 1984; Tammy and Rick Shaw, Selden, son, Casey Reed, Oct. 19, 1984.

It took two rounds of overtime action to decide the winner of the Oakley-Oberlin football game with the Plainsmen coming out on top 20-14.

The Jennings Coyotes defeated the Morland Tigers 24-16 in the homecoming game. Teffani Muirhead was homecoming queen and Phil Kirk was chosen king.

The Decatur Community High School cross-county team qualified for state by a third-place finish in the regional held at Dighton.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The chills of the mornings are letting us know that winter is here. I finally got my snow shovel out, so I guess I am ready.

I will be getting things ready for the Business to Business Tour Sunday, Nov. 15. I will be contacting businesses to make a list for the tour. If I happen to miss someone, and you would like to be included in the tour, please call me at the office. The number is 475-3441. I will also be making a list of visitors on the tour. As refreshments will be served after the tour in the Business Enhancement Center, it would be nice to have an approximate count. Some people have thought that the tour was for only business owners, but anyone is welcome. It is sometimes surprising what we have in Oberlin. Several years ago I went on the tour and I was amazed. There is a small

fee to cover the supper refreshments after the tour, which is offered by the Oberlin Business Alliance and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. The starting place will be announced later.

The annual Spook parade will be this Friday, Oct. 30, beginning right after school 11:30 a.m. I'm sure it will take a few minutes for them to get to main street. School is letting out early for the state volleyball tournament, as our team will be going to state. Good Luck Girls!!

I have been getting more registrations for the Holiday Craft Show for Nov. 28th. That time is creeping up very fast. We still have room for more, but it would be great to get your registration in soon in case we get full. There is a great variety of crafts already, so come join the fun.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Please come join the Oberlin service men and women in celebrating a Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, Nov. 11. All area VFW, American Legion and community supporters are invited to walk in a short but deserving tribute to our troops, present and past.

Participants are to meet at 10 a.m. at the Good Samaritan Center. Carry your flag with pride or wear your favorite red/white and blue colors to celebrate this national holiday. Military jeeps or trailers with chairs will be available. Please contact Gary Allen at 475-3461 for additional information.

Emmie Johanna Foxhoven spent this last week with Bob and Julie Hafner. The Hafner's were guests of Marlene Cook in Parker, Colo., and helped Emmie celebrate her third birthday on Tuesday with the Dave Foxhoven family.

The Hafner's met Jill Artus, of Parker, but formerly from Johannesburg, South Africa, a friend of Marlene's on Monday for a most enjoyable visit. Life is quite different here in America for Jill. Our houses are more "geared up" and bugs are much smaller. Snow is a rare occurrence in Johanna

nesburg so the Colorado winter may be an adventure. Jill says she loves this great country and the people are fantastic. Come visit Herndon and the area sometime Jill.

Birthday celebrating will take place this week for Edie Pettera, Don Pettera and Keith Pettera on Thursday, Oct. 29, with family and staff enjoying birthday cake at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Congratulations Aunt Edie for living life

to the fullest for 98 years!

Visitors of Esther Pennington this week were her nieces, Chris Wood and Voni Sattler.

## Julie's Memory Jogger's

November 1921, The Nonpareil

Pioneers gather in farewell meeting last Wednesday, Nov. 9, a number of the pioneer women of Herndon gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kaden. The event being a meeting in honor of the departure of Mrs. Theo Kaden and to wish her happiness in her new home.

All of the ladies present were among the earliest settlers of Northwest Kansas. Most of the women in the party settled here in the early 80's. At four o'clock a nice lunch was served by the hostess. Those present were Mesdames, T.W. Kaden, Michael Zwickl Sr., Michael Pingetzer Sr., John Leitner Sr., Katherine Berger, Stephen Kleidosty, John Ecker Sr., Sebastian S. Zwickl and Max Kaden.

Mr. and Mrs Theo W. Kaden left last Wednesday afternoon via McCook, for their new home at 3808 Highland Ave, Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Kaden are rightly numbered among the pioneers of northwest Kansas, having come to Herndon in the spring of 1885, when Herndon was confined to one small frame building, I.N. George store.

They filed on a homestead and some twenty years ago, left the farm and moved to town. They have always been closely associated with the development of northwest Kansas and have been active workers in all civic and social movements.

Their departure means a loss to Herndon but since it is their choice their host of friends will wish them health and happiness in their new home.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Community extends sympathy to Alice Wagoner and family. Alice's brother, Henry Gassman, Grinnell, died Monday Oct. 19. His funeral was Saturday morning at Grinnell.

All veterans, servicemen and women from any branch of the service are invited to be in the Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11, at Oberlin. If you are unable to walk in the parade transportation will be provided. All will meet at 10 to 10:30 a.m. in front of Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin to parade down Penn.

Janeil Dilling, Goodland, visited her mother, Imogene Keenan over the weekend.

Jean Skubal, Leoville, had a stroke and is in the Oberlin hospital. She will be transferred to Kearney, Neb., later for therapy. Some received news on Prayer Chain and

others learned about it at church on Sunday. Somewhere our Prayer Chain link broke.

Hunter's Breakfast at the former Masonic Hall will be Saturday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 9 a.m. Serving breakfast casserole, sausage, biscuit and gravy. Free will donation to be used to refurbish the Mason building. All you can eat.

Jennings United Methodist Church will be serving annual Hunter's Supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Serving roast beef, ham loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, hot rolls, salad bar and pie bar. Adults \$6; children 6-12, \$3 and children five and under, free. All you can eat.

Jennings City Council will meet Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center.

## Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Recent visitors of Maralyn Courange, Rocky and Clayton were Gabe Ware, Culbertson, Neb., and Kane Ware and Rachel Welte, Wichita.

## Internet Tonight!

475-2206

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Halloween is a special time for children of all ages. We will be observing the holiday with several events this week at Cedar Living Center. We would like to invite children to be a part of our celebration by stopping by to "trick-or-treat." We would enjoy visits from spooks anytime, but we have reserved two times when we will be prepared for these special young visitors.

The first time will be right after the "Trick-or-Trunk" parade downtown. We have been told that this is now scheduled for 11:30 on Friday, so we will be ready to hand out treats during our lunchtime in the CLC dining room. We will also be prepared to hand out candy from 5 - 8 p.m. on Halloween night.

The third grade students from Oberlin Elementary School will make their annual Halloween visit to Cedar Living Center at 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Visitors are welcome to join us for this fun program.

Monday afternoon the penny card players met for a lively game. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary and Ira Kolsky, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka.

Darlene Fisher and Dale Butler tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Donna Kent won the blackout game.

The craft group met on Wednesday to finish making Halloween wind socks to hang in the dining room. These are now hanging from the ceiling all around the dining room.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Aleen Van Vleet celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, Oct. 21. She had been the guest of honor at a family celebration the week before.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Lacey Ream assisted with the game.

Cold and rainy weather did not stop the band from Hoxie from making it to Cedar Living Center on Thursday evening. Residents and guests enjoyed an evening of music and dancing. The band played a variety of old time favorite. Several of the guests assisted with serving refreshments during the intermission.

The baking group made banana chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent Visitors: Deanna, Brooke, and Brady Sumner, Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatour; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Judy Jackson, Norcatour; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Karen James and Benjamin, N.C.; Joyce Ricle, Ashville, N.C.; Ron Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Georgia Zoolie and Earnie Clemmer, Sweet Home, Ore.

Laurene Van Otterloo, Gladys Geis, Max and Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Dolores Koerperich, Lyle Gamblin, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Alvin and Sharon Johnson, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

What do you think of when the Good Samaritan Center is mentioned in conversation? Old Folks Home? Rest Home? WELL, THINK AGAIN! This building is filled with some of the most innovative, energetic people you will ever meet. Read on, and I think you'll agree.

Monday, Anita Hirsch and the residents did some armchair traveling to Norway, and then played some ethnic food trivia.

Tuesday, Mrs. Henningson's First Graders met their First Hand Friends and read to them for the first time this year. Their faces were bright and shiny eager to share their books, a welcomed contrast to the cloudy days we've been having. In Art Class pretty leaf prints were made by Faye Miller, Myrtle Ross, Amy Rehm and Betty May to adorn the shelf outside the Quiet Room and Lucy Schissler was kind to share her 86th birthday cake with us for Social Hour.

Wednesday, was another birthday celebration. This time the Pi Alpha ladies brought...you guessed it...PIE to honor both Lucy Schissler and Ruby Shuler.

Thursday too, was more celebration! The Modern Woodmen ladies brought yummy treats and donated three Sentimental Reflections Video Magazines to us in honor of Make a Difference Day!

Friday, the place was really humming now. Residents had a hard time keeping their minds on the tasks at hand, Foldin' Fellowship, Current Events and Exercise.

At Bible Study they managed to concentrate on a lesson about OI' Man Noah. But as the buzz continued... we prayed! It was in this very room five years ago, that a heart was moved, a question asked, "What can WE do?," in response to the hurricanes that ravaged the coastline, compassion filled the room and a dream was born — The Rock-a-Thon!

Over the past four years the ladies with the love and support of the community have raised \$7,000 to give to the needs of others. That does not include the proceeds for this year...

The first year, ten ladies lined Town Square... this year twenty-two chairs were needed to accommodate all the compassionate hearts ready to serve. As set up began Fri-

day afternoon, several ladies took turns sitting in one chair, then another and another. It was like a scene from Goldilocks. "This chair is too short...this chair is too small....ahhh this chair is just right!"

Saturday, eight o'clock sharp, Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Betty and Walt May, Shirley Hayward, Amy Rehm, Lora Zwickle, Earl Brown, Elsie Macy, Myrtle Ross, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Mary Lemman, Faye Miller, Lois Carlson (harmonica), Violet Schissler and Doris Marintzer set their chairs to rocking!

Entertainment began with Janice Shobe inspiring us with a devotion in keeping with our "Rock" around the clock theme. She gave each rocker a stone and then asked them to hold it up and squeeze it as hard as they could until it changed shape, an object lesson to demonstrate the unchanging character of God, the "rock" of our salvation. "Rock of Ages" and "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" were the hymns of choice. John Juenemann ended our day at 5:30 p.m. with a hearty rendition of "God Bless America."

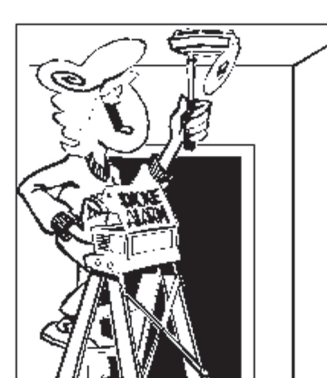
Other entertainment was provided by Dennis Brown, testimony and songs; Erin May, story, piano and dance; Ryan May, 4-H presentation; Angie Wilson, piano; Kellie Cooper, signing; Anita Hirsch and Jenny Tally, vocal and piano; Chris Nelson, piano and trumpet; John Paulson, storytelling; Marlin Lil- lech, guitar.

Rachelle Lytle and her Sabbath School kids, song and Scripture memorization; Phyllis Screen, organ; Cerys and Megan Davies and Miranda Long, song; Leroy and Sharon Stevenson, poetry and song; and Vicky Leitner, song.

Each hour Lisa Paulson went "Coo Coo" as she posted the giving report on the large whimsical clock adorning the platform... at 5:30 p.m., thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Oberlin community \$1,609.50 was posted! Bringing our five year combined total to \$8,609.50!!!!

Thank you for giving not only to the Decatur County Food Pantry but also to the hearts and lives of the ladies you sponsored! Praise be to God!

## IS YOUR SMOKE ALARM WORKING?



A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms cut in half your family's risk of dying in a home fire -- but only if they work. So, when you turn your clocks back on November 1, also make a lifesaving change in your household -- change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.