

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1885

School commences Sept. 14. On an average 25 prairie schoolers arrive in Oberlin daily. The coyote country will soon rank as the finest agricultural and stock-raising section of the state.

E.C. Van Horn is slinging calico at John Morrisons.

A bowling alley is the latest addition to Oberlin's list of amusements.

The material for the enlargement of the Herald has at last arrived and we hope to appear in a new form next week.

Sol Rees of Jackson this year raised eight and a half acres of potatoes that averaged 250 bushels per acre.

N.H. Jones, who for the past year has been employed in the Herald office, has resigned his position and returned to his old home at Minden, MO.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1910

Many people attended the Norton fair last week and the greater portion seemingly had a very pleasant time.

The accommodations for bringing the crowd back on Friday evening were totally inadequate, the train taking four hours to make the run from Norton to Oberlin, and made many wish they had stayed home.

Jay McKenzie, who has been playing baseball at Cambridge, Nebr., the past two weeks returned Monday.

Mrs. W.L. Barr returned from her visit to eastern Kansas on Saturday.

The Douglas girls, Martha and Muriel, returned from their western trip last week.

George McMullen went to Akron, Colo., on Tuesday to attend the fair being held there and to look after some land which he owns.

Ray Hitchcock took the train on Saturday evening for LaHarpe, Kan., where he has a position on the Journal, the paper run by Columbus Borin.

Contractor Probasco showed us plans for the new Catholic parsonage from which we take it they are to have a very commodious residence for their minister.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1935

Our roving reporter, Ralph Martin, who has returned from his 15,000 mile jaunt through ten European countries and has furnished weekly accounts of his travels to our readers, has rejoined the DCHS faculty.

Enrollment at the high school is now 353 with 97 freshman, 81 sophomores, 91 juniors and 82 seniors. Sophomore transfer students include Harold Area, Manhattan; LaFerne Kathka, Gem; Raymond Linn, Cleburne; Walter McAfoe, Rexford; Mahlon Walker, Leoville and Ethel Peterson, Atwood. Juniors are Pansy Elson, Traer; Gordon Railsback, Norcat; Marjorie

Rhodes and Grace Vavroch, Dresden; John Walker, Leoville and Lila Woofter, Traer. Seniors are Leslie Joy, Luray; Ellen Noland, Larned and Russell Rhodes, Dresden.

The finals of the three-day baseball tournament was played at Smick Athletic Field on Sunday afternoon with Herndon turning back the Jennings team 9-1 to win the \$50 purse.

Jennings: Mrs. Liggett's music pupils gave a recital Friday afternoon for parents and friends. Dainty refreshments were served.

Vallonia: Miss Jacquetta Railsback teaches Decatur school, Miss Frances David, Star; Lanissa David, Excelsior and Elsie Cathcart, the Kelley school. Miss Gertrude Resch teaches Vallonia and has three beginners, Eldon Hayward, Carolyn Miller and Metta Schweitzerberger.

Selden: Not many of us have attained the distinction nor has Providence blessed many of us by making us nonagenarians; (we have always wanted to use that word) but last Friday, Aug. 9 we helped celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. A.S. Jones. Her good neighbor, Mrs. Belle Simpson, saw to it that all her neighbors and pioneer friends were invited. "Grandma" Jones still lives on the old farm in Decatur County just three miles from Selden. Some 10 years ago her husband and son, Mark, died as the result of a railroad crossing accident and since then she has carried on alone with the help of a hired girl.

Vallonia: Mrs. John Coulter moved to an apartment in Oberlin to keep house for her grandchildren, Lester and Virgil Cathcart and Mirth Coulter who attend high school.

Prairie View: Dale Kelley and several Norcat boys are working near Bartley, Nebr., on the restoration of roads wrecked by the floods.

Dresden: Miss Florence Harold left Sunday for Manhattan where she will attend Kansas State College.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1960

The annual picnic for business men will be held Sept. 12 at the fairgrounds sponsored by the 4-H clubs and home demonstration units of Decatur County.

Because pheasants are abundant this year the season will extend from Nov. 5 to Nov. 30.

Funeral services were conducted for Ormo Follett, 78, retired Seventh Day Adventist minister and pioneer missionary to Indian tribes of the Southwest. As a young minister he and his wife, the former Agnes Wammack, moved from Oberlin to New Mexico after being told he had tuberculosis of the throat and lungs and could only hope to live a short time. As his health improved he established a mission station, a school and hospital at the edge of the Navajo reservation near Thoreau, N.M.

Dresden: School began Aug. 29 with 28 pupils. Elmer Carlson is teaching the upper grades and Lois McGowne the lower. Mrs. John Muirhead is teaching kindergarten and has four pupils, Sherry Jackson, Debbie Moore, Joan Muirhead and Pamela Petracek.

Sappa Valley: Plainview School opened Aug. 29 with Esther Lindquist as teacher and 18 pupils enrolled. Rodney Alstrom and Terry Lippelmann are beginners. New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dye, Oberlin, daughter, Cheryl Ann, 8-30-60; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rummel, Atwood, son, Carl Ogle, 9-2-60; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bentley, Oberlin, son, George Thomas, 8-31-60.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1985

Don Fredrickson, owner of Don's Super Market in Oberlin, announces the sale of the long established home-owned food store to Bud Kelling and Bill Steinmetz, of Norton, who own Kellings Fine Foods there. Fredrickson has been in the food service business for 38 years while Kellings has been in the grocery business in Norton for 32 years. Steinmetz, originally from Oberlin, has been in the food service business for a decade.

The Immaculate Conception Church of Leoville celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday Sept. 1 with a 4 p.m. mass attended by 625 members and guests and Bishop George Fitzsimons of Salina. Concelebrants were Monsignor Clement Kruse, the Rev. Roger Meitl and Steve Reichert, OFM all formerly of the Leoville parish. Kruse was ordained in 1940, Meitl in 1959 and Reichert in 1969. Special music was provided by the Leoville choir under the direction of Mrs. Jim Schieferecke and organist was Mrs. Dave Carter. Some 550 persons were served at the banquet which followed. Presently serving the

Leoville parish are the Rev. Kerry Ninemire, the Rev. Ken Lohrmeyer and Sister Helen Hake, all part of the team ministry which also serves the Selden, Oberlin and Herndon parishes.

New Arrival: Dave and Patty Stapp, Norcat, daughter, Kortney Michele, 8-26-85.

Bob Wurm, who has been employed for nearly 40 years by Nitsch & Nitsch and later Reliance Motor Co. will be honored on his retirement Sept. 5 with an open house sponsored by owners Mike and Mirla Coleman and their staff.

Ana Arias from Quito, Ecuador, is this year's American Field Service student. A senior, she lives with David and Mary Anderson.

First year head volleyball coach at DCHS Pat Dorshorst has 27 girls out for practice with six seniors on the squad.

DCHS football coach Earl Barber has 48 players checked out and the schedule includes meeting Larned, Colby and Atwood in the first four weeks of play.

Cross country coach Dick Ahlberg starts his ninth season with the harriers. His teams have qualified for the state six of the past eight years and he has five seniors this year.

With the awarding of an arrow sash in August, Trevor Frickey has carved one more notch in his personal ladder on the way to become an Eagle Scout. Frickey, son of Willard and Jackie Frickey, moved to Oberlin early this year when they purchased Raye's IGA Grocery. This summer he joined boys of the Kansas Council on a three-week journey to the East Coast which included participation in the 75th Diamond Jubilee International Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

United Methodists of Norcat are expecting many old and new friends to join them Sept. 15 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church.

Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Residents Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Aleen VanVleet and Fern Wenger met in the dining room on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. The group enjoyed a snack after the game.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday. Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo and Agnes Pruitt won the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to start on some autumn art work. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper.

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

The dietary department, activities, and nursing teamed up to serve a pizza and salad bar lunch at noon on Thursday. This special menu was selected by the residents' council at their last meeting.

Twila Bainter of Hoxie gave a piano recital in the dining room on Thursday afternoon to an appreciative audience of residents.

A small group of residents met on Thursday evening for games.

The always popular baking group met on Friday afternoon to bake and eat some homemade cookies.

Recent visitors: Julie Hafner, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Gene Kleidosty, Herndon; Kary Miller, Jamie Miller, Jennings; Jan Sattler, Tammi Engle, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Susan Orr, Colby; Judy Jackson, Norcat; Wayne and Sandy Orr, Rosalia, Kan.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Malorie, Savannah, Jackson Gregory, David City Neb.; Kiefer Wurm, Lincoln, Neb.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Kevin Vavroch and Janice Doyle, Kansas City, Mo.; Stephani Hawkins, Euleus, Texas; Joe and Lauri Fox, Joyce Rich, Adren, N.C.; Carrie Knapp, Ashville, N.C.

Pastor John and Lisa Paulson; Carol Kompus; Connie Miller; Max and Veanna Carman; Eunice Richards; Marilyn Gamblin; Dolores Koerperich; Helen Brooks; Ila Ray; Marian Dempewolf; Mary McEvoy; and Ella Betts, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Stan and Deanie (Euhus) Moore, houseguests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields, arrived Sunday evening, Aug. 29, and left for their home in Conroe, Texas, on Thursday.

Hunter Nedland, a freshman at Kansas State University, Manhattan, and Jessica Bremer, a senior at Washburn University, Topeka,

spent the Labor Day weekend with their families.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Herschel and Jody Betts were their son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Jan Betts, Leawood; granddaughter, Anne Betts, New York; and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

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Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

In 1922, Pastor "Dad" Hoeger, the founding father of the Good Samaritan Society writes 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. h

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 is Love, Everyone is Someone" which is the motto we stand by today.

This is a fascinating story and it can be read now when you visit us. A beautiful painting is 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. The Residents that live here were just little children when he received his calling to care for them 88 years ago. Dad Hoeger has long gone to be with Lord, but the seed that God planted in his heart has continued to grow and bear great fruit. It is an awesome privilege for us who work here to be a small part of such a wonderful harvest.

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 and their health and 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. In addition to the many routine activities we do weekly, there is always a splash of new things to do and learning opportunities. We encourage the residents to be involved in the community by being out in it, and bringing children and pets in.

Our annual Rock-a-Thon will be Saturday, Oct. 16. The residents are already planning and looking forward to serving our community with the proceeds. We will hear from four different service opportunities for the residents to consider. Each year I contact ministries that match the concerns that have been voiced by the ladies during Bible Study.

This year, Ray of Hope Ranch (Dewey, Okla.), Victory House (Levant), Shepherd fs Staff (Rexford) and our Bowling Alley, here in Oberlin are up for consideration. The residents have the privilege of deciding how the money will be distributed. This is just one more way they can play an active role in ministry to others and they take very seriously!

We will be celebrating Founder's Day with a special Family Supper on Friday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. This is our treat for family members of our Good Sam Residents, It is NOT a potluck, so it is very important to RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13, so mark your calendar and give us a call!

We had many visitors which are such a joy and a blessing to us; Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hu- bert Mumm, Francis Janousek and Doris Marintzer.** Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Jeanne Britton (Thornton) for Opal Bryan. Charlotte Neff and Jessica Fisher (Norton) for Alice Bobbitt. Carol Duncan and Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Kathy Porsch (Lawrence) and Myrna Porsch (Colby) for Leone Porsch. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Ralph and Norma Unger for Earl Brown, Lucy Schissler and John Mooty. Mert McEvoy and John Paulson for Lucy Schissler. Jeff Hayward for Shirley Hayward. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Roger, Sue and Erin May for Walt and Betty May. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Gladys Geis and Edie Tate for Lois Carman. Max Carman and Peggy Carman (Hoxie) for Myrtle Waldo. Andy and Gary Gillespie (Watkins, Colo.) for Violet Schissler. Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Paula Armstrong (Colorado) for Cheryl Hill. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

"Take me out to the ball game, Take me out with the crowd; Buyme some peanuts and Crack- er Jack, I don't care if I never get back. Let me root, root, root for the home team, If they don't win, it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out, At the old ball game." Casey at the Bat, subtitled "ABal- lad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888", was written by Ernest Thayer and first published in the San Francisco Examiner on June 3, 1888. "The Outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day: The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play. And then when Cooney died at

first, and Barrows did the same, A sickly silence fell upon the pa- trons of the game. A straggling few got up to go in- deep despair. The rest Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast; They thought, if only Casey could get but a whack at that - We'd put up even money, now, with Casey at the bat." Baseball Sunday, Sept. 12 — Baseball Diamond at 2 p.m. Come out and see our Oberlin First-Nine team play the Hodgeman 9 from the Jetmore area and the second game will be played by the Hodgeman 9 and the Nicodemus Blues Two. This is another of the activities celebrating Oberlin's 125th Anniversary.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The community was saddened by the death of Mary Margaret Helm, eldest daughter of John and Helen Helm, who died Aug. 24 in Tucson, Ariz. She underwent surgery a few weeks ago for cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy. We extend sympathy to her mother, three sisters, four brothers and other relatives. Her funeral was on Friday at the Indianola Catholic Church.

The ladies of Lyle took a break and didn't sew on Tuesday.

I talked to my granddaughter, Tracey Pershing, and her doctor had her leave her foot unbandaged

over the weekend. She sent some genealogy back with Carol when she was there. She was contacted by a distant cousin she had never heard of, but I had met her; a cousin on my grandmother, Ruth Wood's side.

Wayne Filley brightened my day by showing me a picture he took at the community picnic of me climbing over the fallen tree to get to the slide.

My granddaughter, Tielia, has been doing some painting for me. Aubrey gets off the school bus at my house until her Mom gets off work at Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Donna Kelley's birthday was recognized on Sunday at the home of the Richard Anderson family.

Guests were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and of course Dick and Donna Kelley, all of Oberlin. As to Donna's age, it is secret.

John and Ardythe Cederberg joined family and friends at Barnett Park in McCook on Sunday evening to celebrate the 50th birthday of her daughter, Diane Ruppert.

Steve and Arian Arnold, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Sharon Addleman, and Gary and Mary Ann Erickson were guests for a barbecue on Monday evening at the home of Pete and Nan Zander.

The Herndon Covenant Youth enjoyed a trail ride with bicycles and

horses after church on Sunday to the Franke Springs at Herndon.

Tyler and Tiffany Witt and Trevor were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the church. Boxes will be packed for college students and members are asked to bring items for the boxes.

The fall schedule has begun at the Herndon Covenant Church with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and youth group at 4 p.m.

Spencer and Griffin Beckman of Grinnell were weekend guests of their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

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