

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1885

Quite a number of new houses were constructed last week.

The construction train on the B. & M. is running west of Norton. The first regular train pulled out of Norton Friday.

Twenty-eight immigrant outfits camped in various parts of town last Friday night.

Colby and Moser have put in a plank floor throughout their mammoth livery, feed and sale stable.

The past week has been exceptionally cool and cloudy for the season of the year and light rains and heavy mists have prevailed.

Last week John Fair, who lives on the Sappa, brought to this office a hill of corn containing 12 stalks and each stalk was adorned with an ear of good sound corn.

J.T. Harvie has in his possession an Indian butcher knife found by him on Custer's battlefield June 1879.

Minnesota and Wisconsin were visited with slight frosts last week.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1910

Married, Sept. 7, Mr. Don Koechler and Miss Ovanda Bobbitt.

Misses Emma Griffith, Millie Marvin and Salome Bigelow left Monday for their year's work at Ottawa University.

Caleb Smick and Ray Yarnell left for Topeka where they will attend Washburn College.

Earl O'Toole got back from his ball-playing trip to Colorado.

The Christian Church at Allison burned down last Sunday evening just before the evening service. Loss estimated at \$2500, partially insured.

W.A. Dale and Claude Paddock left Monday for Ogden, Utah, where they will look over the country with a view of investing.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Peters left Monday for a three-weeks trip to the Pacific Coast.

Editor Roughton of the Dresden Sunflower was in Oberlin Monday attending to his duties as secretary for the Republican county central committee.

Mary Vawter will attend Kansas University this coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor of Center Township departed Thursday evening for Pana, Ill., where Tom has a job running a stationery engine.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1935

Rains of Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday have finally covered the entire county so that wheat seeding

work can get under way. A rain of nearly 6 inches between Herndon and Traer flooded the Beaver for a time and A.N. Weber tells us the flood was the highest ever known in Traer.

The enrollment of 358 students at Decatur Community High School for the 1935-36 school year places them at the top of the list of schools in the Northwest Kansas League. Over in the consolidated grade school, Prin. Laidig reports an enrollment of 430 students. Nearly every grade is crowded and many of the teachers have more pupils than they should be required to instruct.

Court House News: Harold Wright, 23, and Ilene Bainter, 18, received a license and were married here Sept. 8.

The congregation of the Federated Church observed their first anniversary by pledging more than enough money to clear the building entirely of debt.

Allison: Mr. and Mrs. Florent Bader are the parents of a baby girl and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fulton have a baby boy.

Recent guests at the Hotel Oberlin have been greeted with the scent of fresh paint and varnish as a result of the redecorating work now in progress. Geo. McMullen, jr., has been engaged for the past 10 days repainting and re-varnishing all the rooms downstairs and is now applying the same treatment to the rooms on the main floor. The dining room has been made more attractive by the hanging of new drapes.

The body of another victim of the May 31 flood on the Republican River has been found near Culbertson. Nebr. All five members of the John Stevens family of Oxford drowned and all the bodies have now been recovered. No trace has ever been found of six persons drowned between St. Francis and Benkleman. St. Francis Herald Custer: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gaumer are the parents of a boy born Saturday, Aug. 24. Mrs. Marion Bremer and children and Mrs. Dewey Bremer and Freddie called on the Gaumers Sunday afternoon to see the new boy.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1960

Some farmers are postponing wheat planting while awaiting moisture. Total rainfall in Oberlin since July 29 is .56 and September thus far has not moistened the rain gauge. Due to the lack of moisture, deep seeding is more prevalent than ever this season in wheat that has been planted.

Lance Gilmore, managing editor of The Oberlin Herald since June 1958, has accepted a position with the Wichita Eagle and he, Mrs. Gilmore and daughter Tracy will move to Wichita Nov. 1.

Funeral services were held at the Oberlin Methodist Church for O.R. "Bud" Kelley, 51, who was accidentally killed on his ranch near Lafayette, Colo., when a tractor turned over on him while putting ensilage into a trench silo. Kelley operated the Oberlin Locker Plant from 1937 to 1958 when the facility was sold to Phyll Cramer. He is survived by his widow, Myrna, and three children Ronald, Vickie and Terri, of the home; a son, Raymond of Danbury; his father, Ora, and a sister, Opal McKillip, both of McCook and a brother, Max of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Gertrude Anderson, Kansas City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Oberlin, and James W. Myers, Kansas City, son of Mrs. Velma Myers of Blackwell, Okla., were united in marriage Sept. 9 in the Mission Covenant Church, Herndon. The bride is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and is a senior at the KU Medical Center majoring in nursing and the groom, a graduate of Wellington High School, is a senior at KU.

Luise Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moberly, was a member of the graduating class at Stormont Vail School of Nursing in Topeka.

Maxine Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olson, was one of 19 graduates of Mercy Hospital School Nursing in Denver.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1985

Mick Glaze, Oakley, began his duties this week as Decatur County Extension Agent. Mick and his wife,

Linda, are natives of the Curtis, Neb., area. Glaze said his main interest lies in the area of livestock. The couple has moved to 612 N. Rodehaver and have a three-year-old son, Aden.

Oberlin PRIDE members are urging Oberlin residents to use the time prior to the kickoff of the Oberlin Centennial celebration Sept. 21 by painting, fixing up and cleaning lots and property.

Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce has hired Barbara Wenger as interim office manager. It was reported that Jessie Barrett, Area Chamber secretary, had been released from the hospital yesterday.

New Arrival: Alan and Judy Marietta, a daughter, Leah Michelle, Aug. 26, 1985, at Decatur County Hospital.

Mrs. Don Jorn left Sunday for Kansas City where she is visiting her daughter and family, Nancy Jorn and Stu Beals and Adam and is helping to care for their infant son, David Jorn Beals, who was born Sept. 9 at Shawnee Mission Hospital.

Galen and Mary Bennett of Norton, but formerly of Jennings, have returned from a tour of Ireland.

Vivian Soderlund Goss, a former Oberlin resident, will be displaying her exhibit, "Tribute To A Home Town," from Sept. 21-28 in commemoration of Oberlin's Centennial. A graduate of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1945, she also held a public showing of her paintings at the Alumni Banquet in May.

Owners Dale and Eris Young have announced the sale of their business, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun to Bob and Terri Woolsey and Joe and Candance Dejmaj.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

I would like to thank Manager Rusty Addleman, Captain LaMoine Wolfram, and the rest of the Oberlin First-Nine team for playing in the vintage baseball game on Sunday. It was a fun time and another successful event celebrating Oberlin's 125th.

Flyers will be available around town and at the Museum next week with the schedule for Saturday, Oct. 2. The Mini Sapa Day is filled with some really exciting and fun activities. It will be one of those days that you will want to spend the WHOLE

day in beautiful downtown Oberlin, Kansas. Lynn Conrad, granddaughter of Evart and Irene Claar, brought the family heirlooms down from Cheyenne, Wyo., to be placed in the museums in Oberlin and Colby as their final home. She said she feels she has brought them home as the Henry Claar family founded Hawkeye, Kan. in 1879. Irene Claar is still alive and is living in Windor, Colo. She was 101 on April 27 and said that she was very pleased to have the family antiques come back to Kansas.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sympathy is extended to Jacqueline Douglas of Dresden following the death of her father, Larry Douglas, in a Topeka Hospital on Sept. 4. Funeral services were held Saturday at Oskaloosa.

The community also extends sympathy to the family of Eric Bell of Norton, 38, who was killed in the car accident east of Clayton on Wednesday. His parents are Elwyn and Karen Bell of Dresden.

Patrick and Betty Keener of Lenexa visited several days with her sister, Violet and Kenneth Krizek. They were joined by their sisters, Roberta Nech of Texas and Donna Beneke, of Lost Springs, and their brother, Bob Day, of Lenora, for a

reception in Lenora which honored their mother, Darlene Day, on her 65th anniversary membership in the Rebekah Lodge.

Charlotte and Max Cox of Doylene, La., visited Eugene and Dona Mrstik. Eugene is recuperating at home from knee surgery and is undergoing therapy at the Decatur County Hospital. The Jennings American Legion Post will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned veterans benefits at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Czech Museum. Veterans and their family members who have specific questions are urged to attend.

The country's largest veterans service organization, the American Legion assists more veterans and their dependents in filing for benefits through service in the Armed Forces than any other group or organization. District American Legion Auxiliary officers will accompany the Legion officers on this tour. Auxiliary members and their families are also invited to attend this meeting.

This meeting is part of the Legion's Annual American Veteran Tour when State and District Officers visit each of the over 325 American Legion Posts. The Czech Museum Board of Directors held its monthly meeting Sept. 2 at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the museum. Neoma Tacha, presided over the meeting with directors, Mary Wahlmeier, Mike Tacha, Lawrence and Lila Jennings,

Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith and Larry Mizer present.

Thanks to all who visited the museum during Fireman's Fun Day for coming and Rachel Carter, Mary Mapps, Dalene Gawith, and Josh Davis, and others for their help that day. A new air conditioner unit will need to be purchased to replace the one damaged recently by lightning. Our buildings will be checked for termites. Some shelving units were purchased from Bus and Coach International at their recent sale.

The Jennings American Legion and Auxiliary will also host their yearly Coffee Tour on Monday at 4:30 p.m. They are also planning on having a Ham and Bean Dinner, bake sale, and garage sale on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Senior Center.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 7, and everyone is invited to attend.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Dan Nedland returned home Tuesday from Rice Lake, Wis. While there, he and his five brothers attended a 90th birthday party for their mother, Elizabeth McConnell, in Solon Springs, Wis. After spending a few days in Rice Lake visiting his mother, brothers, and their families, Dan left for home on Monday. En route home, he enjoyed lunch with Cameron and Hunter Nedland in Manhattan on Tuesday.

The seven member team, "Poppa's Angels," Elwood and Jeanie May, Oberlin; and Stephanie and Andrew Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, and Leslie Myers, Kearney, Neb., participated in the 1 mile Alzheimer's Memory Walk held Thursday at Yanney Heritage Park in Kearney. Elwood and Jeanie returned home on Friday. The Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds

for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

Gerald and Connie Olson, Oberlin; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; and Stean Olson, Hays, returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Topeka visiting Gerald's sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Bob Baer, and attending a wedding shower for Brandi Baer and Travis White. Brandi is the daughter of Janice and Bob Baer and the granddaughter of Evelyn Olson of Oberlin.

John and Edith Tate celebrated John's birthday Sunday noon with Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:9-11.

We truly believe that because of Jesus, our residents do have abundant life. Every day we sing praises to the Lord, pray, share testimony of the good things He does for us, and cast our burdens on Him. We do a lot of other fun things to pass the time, like Hillbilly horseshoes, Laugh it Up, Storytelling and Bingo, but those things are pretty trivial compared to things that have eternal value. This is what sets our facility apart from the others who do not openly and purposefully invite Christ to be a part of every day living.

During Bible Study this week, we were learning about 12 different "one anothers" that Jesus speaks about in the Bible. Often, the question of heaven comes up in our discussions and inevitably someone asks how can we know for sure that we are going to heaven. What a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel again, to help others understand that we don't have to hope we get to heaven, but to assure them that if they have placed their faith in Jesus that they can know they will be in heaven one day.

Sometimes we mistakenly assume someone knows the Lord, Jesus Christ as their personal savior, so we don't bother asking them pertinent questions about eternal life. But, what I have found is that this particular age group thinks a lot about death and dying. They want to know, they need to know for they perceive their time on earth will soon be over. How wise they are! Regardless of our age, not one of us knows how much more time we have to get our house in order before we are called to our eternal resting place.

Some other phrases I often hear are, "Well, it's too late for me now, I've lived my life and what is done is done; can't go back to change anything" or "I've gotten by all these years without God. He wouldn't have anything to do with me now."

How sad and how exciting it is to hear those words. Sad because they have missed out on so many blessings, they have endured life's hardships alone. Exciting, because we have the opportunity to share the Good News again, and more often than not, the words fall upon ears that are eager to hear and accept it.

The promise of heaven is only given to those who put their faith in Jesus. Being a good person will get you there. Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6.

We are happy to welcome two new Residents to our Good Samaritan Family, Crystal Moore and Loren Schrock. We pray they will feel loved and at home here.

We will be celebrating Founder's Day with a special Family Supper at 6 p.m. this Friday. This is our treat for family members of our Good Samaritan Residents, not a potluck.

Visitors were: Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt; Donna Kelley for Opal and Eva Bryan; Gladys Geis and Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross; Ralph and Norma Unger for Earl Brown, Lucy Schissler and Leo Mooty; Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Jim Hayward for Shirley Hayward. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Roger, Sue and Erin May for Walt and Betty May. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Doris Fedro (Waco, Texas) and Diane Lane (Lake Jackson, Texas) for Violet Schissler. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Eleanor Rogers (Selden) and Kenny Mumm for Hubert Mumm. Elizabeth and Jim Hardy Blake, Reilly and Reid Fahrenheitz, (Juniata, Neb.) for Eva Bryan. Linda Bunny (Norcat) and Marilou Long for Elden Long.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Three of the Cedar Living Center residents celebrated birthdays this past week. Ruth Havel had her special day on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Several family members met with Ruth for a party on the patio Tuesday afternoon. Wilma La Salle celebrated her birthday on Friday, Sept. 10. Delores Wheeler's birthday was on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The dietary department served an indoor picnic lunch at noon on Labor Day. The menu featured hot dogs and all the trimmings. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Edie Pettera won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to finish making fall decorations to hang in the dining room. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper.

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

Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka met for games on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Many of the residents come to the

patio each Thursday afternoon to listen to the reading of The Oberlin Herald. The front page news, the obituaries, the police blotter, and the news from the various communities are always a hit.

The baking group made banana oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon. The tray filled with cookies disappeared quickly.

Sunday, Sept. 12, was Grandparent's Day. The day has not caught on the way that Mother's Day and Father's Day have, but it is still nice to have a day set aside to remember those special grandparents and great-grandparents. For many of us, some of our happiest childhood memories involve our grandparents. It is not too late to pick up the phone or send a note.

Recent visitors: Stephani Hawkins, Euleas, Texas; Lauri Fox, Valley Center; Carrie Knapp, Asheville, N.C.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Linda Blossler, Herndon; Jean Hallagan, Goodland; Jim Plotts, Norcat.

Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Marian Dempe-wolf, Ila Ray, Gerry Neff, Max and Veanna Carman, Juanita Williby, Catherine Neal, Lisa Paulson, Lyle Gamblin, Loyd Waldo, Mary McEvoy, Ralph La Salle.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community is saddened by the death of Daniel Riener, who died Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Manhattan. Dan was born April 2, 1986, to Karol and the late Patricia (Marintzer) Riener. Dan was a 2004 Herndon High School graduate and crowned the last homecoming king in 2003. A parish vigil and rosary were Monday evening at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church. The Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Sept. 14. Final resting place is St. Mary's Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to Cork, Jacque and family and many relatives and friends.

Liane Martin and Julie Hafner greeted Herndon visitors Merlin O. (Mo) and Joann Wirt Saturday afternoon at Roger's Bar and Grill — Herndon, Pa., that is. Comparisons were made of the two Herndons with Herndon, Pa., winning out with 500-600 residents. Herndon, Pa. is a borough in Northumberland County, founded by Naval Commander and Explorer, William Lewis Herndon of Virginia. Merlin and Joann live on Herndon Road, near the Susquehanna River.

A note worth mentioning is a big percent of Herndon, Pa., ancestry came from Germany also. Mo and Jo left for Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado before visiting Dodge City, and heading back home after this five-week vacation. They will certainly be back since Mo loves riding horses, hunting and our open spaces, Joann loves sewing, and both enjoy the friendly folks.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, Jesse Niemeth of Hays and Kim Niemeth celebrated birthdays early. Jerry grilled up burgers for Laverne Niemeth, Herndon; Gary and Joyce Hoffman, McCook; Jesse and friend, Mindy of Hays and Kim. Tim and Alicia Rippe were hosts at their home Sunday night, Sept. 5, for a barbecue and party for Wyatt's second birthday. Those helping him celebrate were his grandparents, Kevin and Jeanette Burkhalter and Richard and Theresa Rippe, his great-grandmother, Mary Schwardt, Beau Burkhalter, Jonathan and Jenna Dare and family, Kevin and Megan Rippe and girls, Ed Rippe, and John and Keri Riener.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marvin Nelson, who died on Monday, Sept. 6, at his home in Atwood. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the United Methodist Church in Atwood with Pastor Kent Morgan officiating. He was a former resident of the Achilles area.

Esther Noren was honored by her family with a picnic at Krizek Park in El Dorado on Saturday, Sept. 4, in observance of her recent 80th birthday. Others present were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Kent and Amy Warden, Tara and Kylie, Olathe; Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Connor, Brayden and Riley, Lincoln, Neb.; Steve and Connie Noren, David, Michael and Britta, Oberlin, and friend, Chris Cochran, Agra; Ken and Alice Robson, Kirk and Janelle Robson and Brielle, Ellsworth; Andy and Dayna Robson, Bennington.

Pastor Keith Reuther and Bill enjoyed the Colorado Rockies-Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game in Denver on Friday.

Dick and Donna Kelley went to McPherson on Friday, where they visited Bob and Elaine Fleenor. He is recuperating at The Cedars Nursing Home from a broken hip. They attended a reunion at Kanopolis Lake with five other couples who had worked together with them overseas. Bob Kelley was an additional guest, then the Dick Kelleys were overnight guests of him at his cabin at Kanopolis. On Sunday, they visited Wane and Cheryl Stull of Solomon in Salina en route home.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina were weekend guests of her father, Bob Olson. They visited Keith and Mary Lou Olson on Saturday evening after attending a steak supper at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon, which honored Fran and Carol Hesterman on their 55th wedding anniversary.

Sally Olson, who has been recuperating from a recent stroke at the Derby Rehabilitation Center, plans to move to the home of her daughter, Ava and Lewis Perkins, in Wichita for further therapy there.