

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1885

S. & C.S. Maddox are enlarging their store room. Regular passenger and freight trains now run over the line. The B. & M. folks are now erecting an engine house in the southeast part of town. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Maddox have moved to their home in the north part of town. The telegraph lines are up and messages are being regularly transmitted over them.

The following is the copy of the first telegram received at Oberlin: "Lincoln, Oct. 12, 1884: Tully Scott, Homestead Receiver's Office, Oberlin, Kansas. Is North half section 5, township 3, range 38, county Cheyenne, Kansas taken up? If not, will come immediately. A.L. Snow.

Oct. 9, 1885, a party was held at the home of H.G. Fair celebrating his 60th birthday. Five road petitions were favorably acted upon by the commissioners: the petitioners being Adam Koehler, C. Graves, A.B. Ernest, E.C. McGinley and J. K. Stiner.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1910

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Waldo last Sunday. Miss Rita Laidig who broke her ankle a few weeks ago, was taken home Friday evening but hopes to be back in school within a couple of weeks. The Oberlin National Bank has had a cement coping placed on top of the cement walk around the windows and stairway of the abstract office to protect against floods. Clint Fringer sold his interest in the west side barber shop last week and will soon leave for Washington State where they expect to locate.

Rev. John Wintjen and Rev. Mr. Gillett left Monday evening for Topeka to attend the big Christian convention. Al Compton and father and G.T. Ames of Roosevelt will leave Monday for Idaho where they

will make their future home.

Norcaturn Items: There was a moving picture show in town several days last week. The weather still keeps dry but little frost as yet.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1935

The Oberlin Business and Professional Women's Club is expecting 150 visitors from seven towns at the 8th District Conference Oct. 19-20 which will begin with a Colonial banquet in the dining room of the Masonic Temple served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Registration will be held in the Hotel Oberlin. The local BPW Club was organized here in 1925 and Hazel Votapka was the first president.

A large crowd is expected for the Oberlin-Goodland football game Friday night which for the first time in history will be played under the floodlights. It proved to be no small task to set the 60-foot poles under the direction of Herbert Wagoner, superintendent of the municipal light plant, especially during the windstorm on Monday. In the game last week the local team downed the St. Francis Indians 31-0.

The Methodist Church held a reception Oct. 9 in honor of their new pastor, Rev. Mark E. Smith. Entertainment was presented by Aileen Wenger, vocal solo; Burnie Rubendall, clarinet solo; Lorraine Love, piano solo; boys quartet of Rex Sage, John Laidig, Burnie Rubendall and Ross Reeves; a violin solo, Edith Miller, accompanied by Lois Stimbart and a vocal trio composed of Lorraine Love, Edith Miller and Janette Vernon.

A major surgical operation was performed by Dr. F. Wayne Brewster at Benton Memorial Hospital on a 5-day-old baby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson of Herndon in which a congenital malformation was corrected at the end of the stomach.

Vallonia: The Pete Reeves home seemed to be the center of attraction recently with several of the neighbors gathering there to listen to the World Series ball games.

The Sunday Oct. 27th New York Times will carry a story concerning Halloween activities at DCHS the past few years written by Gerald VanVleet. Hospital News: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Claar on Sunday, Oct. 13, a daughter, Janice Lee.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1960

Two Oberlin women were honored at the Sixth District Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs convention held at Russell last week. Mrs. Clayton Diehl, Keep Pace Club, was elected district treasurer and Mrs. H.J. Morrison, Monday Evening Club, was honored as the most active member having the longest affiliation with the district federation — 55 years.

The Rev. T.A. Gianopoulos, Assembly of God pastor, announced his resignation Sunday to accept a call to the pastorate of the Lyons Assembly of God Church.

Bruce Carlson, Larry Roe, Jerry Wiley, Freddy Rahe, Gene Overmiller and Chuck Ellis joined the Oberlin Boy Scouts as Bobcats at the monthly pack meeting.

Two DCHS seniors, Dallas Caster and Janet Hunter, have been cited for outstanding performances in the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test given last spring.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Shields, a daughter, Teresa Ann, born Oct. 16.

Mrs. Ward Claar, seriously injured in a car accident several weeks ago, is said to be making slow but steady improvement at the hospital in Gothenburg, Neb.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1985

A new sign "Red Devil Turf"

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Wow! In last week's article I wrote "The residents have high expectations of the generosity of the community and tremendous faith in our great God! They look forward to being used by Him even in their old age for His work!" The Residents had set their goal at \$2400 and during Resident Prayer Meeting, they upped it to \$2600.

When I penned those words last Wednesday, I myself was waning in faith! I only had three committed entertainers and three checks equaling \$310. I had determined I had scheduled the 2010 Rock-a-Thon on the world's busiest weekend, that the town's economy just couldn't sustain another fundraiser

I was preparing my condolence speech for 16 disappointed Rockers and about 3 p.m., I went to Janice's office wondering if canceling should be an option. (Are you sensing my discouragement?) She offered some words of encouragement, "You can't cancel now!" (Thanks, Janice!). I went to my office and prayed! The residents had been praying too, for weeks, in fact, and what follows is not an exaggeration. By 6 that same evening, the entertainment roster was filled! By the time Saturday morning came around \$1600 had made the way to my mailbox! Now we're Rockin'! We were still quite a way from the \$2600 goal, but faith had returned and the excitement was at fever pitch.

The entertainment flowed hour by

hour and so did the contributions! Each hour the Resident's would yell, "Aaaaaah STRIKE" and the updated total would be posted. At the 3 p.m. update we had surpassed our updated goal of \$2600 and by 4 p.m. — are you ready for this? — our final 2010 Rock-a-Thon total was \$3,722.!

Our God is an awesome God! He used my puny, waning faith and the steadfast unwavering faith of 16 "old people" to show His Glory in a very real way. We, on our own, without Him can do nothing!

We started out the morning saying, "Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory, Glory." We do give God the Glory for the wonderful day!

Our thanks to all of you who contributed financially and with your time and talent! Oberlin is an amazing community and I thank God for you!

Visitors this week were: Max Carman, Larry and Diana Alstrom (Hoxie) for Myrtle Waldo, Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman, Erin and Sue May for Walt and Betty May, Roy and Sally Hessenflow (Westminster, Colo.), Robert Hessenflow, Lois May (Xenia, Ohio), Kim Ortega (Westminster, Colo.) Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt, Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan, Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock, Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marntzer, Francis Janousek and Hubert Mumm, Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Put on your dancing shoes and stop by Cedar Living Center on Thursday evening. We will be having a dance in the dining room at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21. The Old Time Band from Hoxie will be supplying the music. Refreshments will be served. We enjoy having guests join us for the evening.

Several residents met in the dining room on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. Those who joined in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Wilma La Salle, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet, Mary Votapka, and Mabel Zimmerman.

Columbus Day was the theme for a trivia social held in the dining room before supper on Monday afternoon.

Mary Votapka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma La Salle won the blackout game.

Several residents spent time outside on Tuesday afternoon enjoying the beautiful fall weather.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to work on Halloween decorations.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Several residents met for a game night on Wednesday in the dining room.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents

on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made peanut butter oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Lions Club hosted the October birthday party in the dining room on Saturday afternoon. Those honored with October birthdays were Aleen Van Vleet, Marie Jean Vavroch, and Edie Pettera. Club members served cake and ice cream.

Several of residents attended the Open House in honor of Dr. Dally on Sunday afternoon at the Decatur Health Systems Specialty Clinic.

Recent visitors: Marilyn Fisher, April Fisher, Topeka; Virginia Alquist, Sue Meyer, Smith Center; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Vleet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estfam, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pete and Eileen Portschy, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Owen Wilson, Traer; Kathy Davidson.

Carol Kompus, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Mildred Holmdahl, Opal Huntley, Angie Wilson, Max Carman, Lyle Gambelin, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Miller, Garrett Scott, Connie Olson, Robert Fringer, Jim and Pat Abbey, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Our sympathy to the family of Frieda A. Steier, who passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. She was born to Everett and Minnie Yost in 1920 and graduated from Herndon High in 1940. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook.

Bart Ecker, and Troy and Brandi Ecker of Hays were weekend guests of Grandma Sharon. They helped Uncle Marlin with a few projects and all enjoyed chicken dinner at Roger's on Sunday.

Don and Joan Grafel spent an extended weekend with family.

They were guests of Kurt, Kris and Kortney Grafel of Natoma. They all traveled to Council Grove to be with Keith, Roma, Teryn, Saeger and Sydney Grafel. They attended volleyball games of Kortney and Sydney and enjoyed the football game of Saeger. Kayla Grafel of Manhattan visited the family also.

Plan to attend the Tim and Alicia Burkhalter Rippe benefit in Atwood on Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Columbian Hall in Atwood. Serving soups, sandwiches and desserts will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The auction of over 100 donated items will take place at 1 p.m. Donations will go towards medical and

travel expense for Alicia. Funds are supplemented by Thrivent.

Flu shots will be given at the Herndon Senior Center from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21.

Rachelle Solko spent two weeks in North Platte, Neb., house and dog sitting for Bill and Cindy Mills. She and Gunther enjoyed walks by the lake and watching the leaves turn to fall. Rachelle visited old friends and worked on different projects. Jane Waterman and Mary Padgett visited over the weekend where they hit some hot garage sales.

Maxine Wright and Liane Martin traveled to Bella Vista, Ark., last week for a fantastic art and craft show. They were guests of Jim and Caroline Serls. Buyers were out in force with over 320 vendors. The fall foliage was just beautiful with the trees turning in color.

Tom and Kay Franke of Council Grove were Friday overnight guests of David and Bonnie Franke. On Saturday, they all traveled to Lakewood, Colo., for the 80th birthday celebration of Darrel Buss, hosted by his son Bradley. Sunday they took a scenic drive up through Lookout Mountain, Buffalo Bill Cody's grave, Evergreen and Mor-

rison.

Julie's Memory Joggers

1913-1914 Kansas State Board of Agriculture Rawlins County: Organized in 1881; area, 1080 square miles; population, 5419; rank in population, 80; assessed valuation, \$7,928,230;

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace returned home Tuesday after spending a few days at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill., where Becky met her birth mother, Paula (Scott) Rose for the first time as well as her step-father, Stuart Rose; grandmother (Mamaw) Martha Scott (her grandfather, Thurston Scott is deceased); three sisters, a brother, and their spouses; two aunts; and all her cousins. One of the cousins attending, Scott Cox, was the person who finally found Becky, ending the family's lengthy search for her. The days flew by as they all enjoyed visiting their new families.

Caitlin Shields, percussion, was one of nine Decatur Community Junior High instrumentalists chosen for the Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Band concert to held in Hays.

Nolan May, Lawrence; Cameron Nedland, Hunter Nedland, Rhian-

non Davies, Liam Davies-Nedland, Cole May, and Justin Puckett, enjoyed supper and birthday cake at the home of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth Saturday evening to help Elizabeth celebrate her 15th birthday.

Garry and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo., arrived Wednesday and Dee and Elna (Shaw) Fortin, Brighton, Colo., arrived Thursday at the home of their brother, Ralph and Violet Shaw. Additional Friday supper guests at the Ralph Shaw home for an early celebration of Ralph's 80th birthday were Richard and Anna Shaw, Jennifer Harshman, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Laurene Van Otterlou. Garry and Jean returned home on Saturday as did Dee and Elna after they watched Dante's football game.

Jennifer Harshman, Emporia, visited from Thursday to Sunday at the home of her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A large crowd enjoyed the Swedish smorgasbord on Saturday evening at the Herndon Covenant Church, served by Covenant Women.

Eric and Susan (Bell) Flavin, Belle, Una Fae and Evangeline of County Wexford, Ireland are spending three weeks visiting Roger and Melinda Carlson, and Greg and Gwen Jones and family and other relatives and friends.

Norma Anderson and her daughter, Carol Fink of Wamego were among relatives who attended the celebration in Caldwell, Idaho, which honored Goldie Anderson on her 100th birthday on Oct. 13. She is a former Decatur County resident. Mail will reach her at 2309 Independ-

dence, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605.

Nola Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., was a weekend guest of Arlene Glad and both attended the smorgasbord Saturday evening.

Daryl and Shirley Maresch of Nekoma and Nathan Maresch of Salina visited Eulaine Benda and other relatives over the weekend and also attended the smorgasbord.

Sunday dinner guests of Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry, Eli and Maggie to honor Henry on his fifth birthday were his grandparents, Howard and Suzanne Wehrman, Sylvan Grove, and Kevin and Mary Holle.

Kurt Olson of Manhattan was a weekend guest of his parents, Mark and Barbara Olson.

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