

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1886

Windy weather prevailed most of the time last week.

Sunday was an immensely warm day and shady spots were in demand. Monday reversed the order of things and overcoats and mittens were the order of the day.

Married, Sunday, Sept. 26, 1886, Mr. John Sage to Miss Mattie Bolin; Chas. Dimond, justice of the peace, officiating.

The family of Frank Smith will move to Colby this week.

Chas. Adleman purchased of C.A. Walker the building occupied by his cigar store.

L.G. Parker and family returned from their trip to California Saturday night.

Ed. Carmichael has purchased a half interest in the Pioneer Billiard Hall.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1911

M.E. Mix bought 200 tons of alfalfa hay last week of Waid Waldo of Traer, paying \$12 a ton baled.

A new walk is being put across Commercial Street on Rodehaver Avenue.

Ray Porter of Abilene, accompanied by his wife and child, arrived Monday and will be the lineman for the Oberlin Telephone Company.

William Kennedy and son Harry of Cedar Bluffs passed through town Monday evening on their way to Topeka to see President Taft.

The large barn on the Harry La-Tourette place southwest of town was struck by lightning Wednesday night and burned to the ground.

Norcatut Items: Rev. J.B. Grove preached his farewell sermon and will return to his former home in Ohio.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1936

By far the best rain in several months began with drizzle on Saturday and continued three days amounting to nearly an inch and a half which will start growth on the wheat already sown and enable other farmers to begin planting.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to Lloyd McIntyre and Vada Alexander, both of Norcatut, on Sept. 19.

Mrs. V.D. Woodward and her three daughters, Mary, Martha and Jacquelin, left this week for their new home in Tulsa, Okla. Their

many friends regret their departure and send them with all sorts of good wishes.

In keeping with its attractive new appearance, the Oberlin Opera House has been renamed "The Chief" in keeping with the striking Indian murals and decorative effects throughout the show house. The building which belongs to Mr. W.T. Stevenson is now managed by Henry Beardsley and Tudor Stevenson.

The Oberlin Herald family, correspondents and office force, will be guests of the editors at a dinner on Saturday at 12:15 at the Hotel Oberlin.

Cedar Bluffs: Watermelon was not the only crop raised by A.L. Macy this past summer; he estimates his crop of sweet pumpkins to be 40 tons.

The opening of Oberlin's study clubs began last week with Philosophian Club members having a picnic at the lakeside park on Tuesday evening; JCC Club met with Mrs. Ray Dyer; Keep Pace Club held a luncheon at the home of Mrs. H.Q. Banta; Monday Evening Club held its annual High Tea at the home of Mrs. G. B. Morrish and PEO had a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jay Paddock.

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Clare McKay met at the Willis Miller home on Sept. 27 for a basket dinner honoring the McKay family who are leaving Oct. 1 for their new home near Leadville, Colorado as well as the birthday of Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Anna B. Morrish held a luncheon Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Otis L. Benton of Los Angeles who has visited in Oberlin the past two weeks. On Friday she went to Norcatut to visit the Benton family before returning to California.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1961

An old-fashioned cornbread, beans 'n ham hock dinner was served in the kitchen of the sod house of the Decatur County Museum at noon of Sept. 30 honoring the survivors of the last Indian raid in Kansas which occurred in 1878. The Temple Cafe has sponsored the meal for the past 15 years and those in attendance were Dott Adleman, Charles Stiner, Henry Steffan, Charles Rohan and Henry Anthony. Wise Wiggins was unable to be present.

After the meal they were interviewed by Radio Station KXXX and appeared live on KOMC television.

Janice Laidig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Laidig of Harlan Township, left Washington, D.C., Oct. 13 for Chile, South America, where she will spend six months as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate.

Funeral arrangements are pending for Lyman Kathka who had undergone heart surgery in Denver in September. A native of Decatur County, he had attended Oberlin schools and was in the plumbing business. He is survived by his wife, Vena; daughters, Nancy and Hope, and his mother, Mrs. Cora Kathka.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John Dark, Oberlin, daughter, Mary Ann, 9-29-61; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Oberlin, daughter, Mary Beth, 10-2-61; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Muirhead, Oberlin, son, Allen Richard, 9-28-61.

The DCHS-St. Francis football game was knotted in a 6-6 tie in the third period when a blocked punt on the Oberlin 10-yard line enabled St. Francis to come roaring back to win 27-6. Oberlin's only score came on a quarterback sneak by Howard Kuhn.

Norcatut: Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Rogers of Norcatut announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy, to Gaylen Menges, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Menges, Norcatut. An Oct. 29 wedding is planned.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1986

Encouraged by sample trials in Northwest Kansas, a bread baking business, Western Kansas Wheat and Honey Bakery, will open in the coming weeks in Oberlin according to the president of the corporation, Dr. Allen Hooper.

Ten Oberlin residents attended the annual International Highway 83 convention which was held this year in Swan River, Manitoba, Canada. Elmer Kathka was elected vice president of the Association which was formed to promote and develop the route along Highway 83 which stretches from Swan River to Brownsville, Texas.

In the DCHS Homecoming festivities, Laurie O'Toole was chosen queen and Mitch Bartels reigned as king and Coach Barber's Red Devil gridders put it all together in the

second half for an 18-10 win over the Colby Eagles. Andy Matson scored two touchdowns for Oberlin in the third quarter and Shane Wurm scored in the fourth quarter but all PATs failed.

In the two-mile Fun Run Saturday morning sponsored by Oberlin Rotary, David Bainter of Selden was first in the men's division with a time of 11:06 and Sherri Elwood, 11, took first for women with a time of 13:49. She is the daughter of Mike and Jacque Elwood.

A total of 56 boys and girls participated in the punt, pass and kick contest sponsored by Oberlin Rotary and the Oberlin Commercial Club.

Third grade winner was Jeremy Stoney; 4th grade, Gabe Stanley; 5th grade, Lynn Leitner and 6th grade, Brian Buchanan. Coaches assisting with the contest were Earl Barber, Duane Dorshorst, Robert Carlson, Dan Buchanan and Sarah Fredrickson.

Sue Ann Stutheit, Norton, who recently returned from Dusseldorf, Germany where she spent a year studying voice, entertained Oberlin Rotarians and guests at a noon luncheon at the Oberlin American Legion. Miss Stutheit, who holds degrees from the University of Kansas and Boston University, was sponsored by the District 567 Scholarship Program.

New Arrival: Kimberly and Thomas Miller, McCook, daughter, Brittany Morgan, 9-23-86.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ready have returned from New York City where they visited their daughter, Esther, who recently moved from Kansas City to Manhattan Island where she is working as an Instructional Television Program Manager.

Cabinetland Industries has become part of the business economy of Oberlin with a complete line of cabinets for the home. The business is located six miles east of Oberlin and one mile north of Highway 36 but displays of their cabinets can be seen at Guinn's Plumbing and Heating in downtown Oberlin. Merle Gilliam, production manager, has been designing and building cabinets for 20 years and his son, Lee, is production manager in the factory which opened in 1985 and employs five men.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are busy making plans for another Frankfurter Friday on Oct. 14. Watch for more information on this fun event next week.

We are still looking for a volunteer to host our Wednesday Bible study group. The group has been meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoons for years, but the time could be changed. The perfect candidate for the job would be able to lead a non-denominational study geared to the senior population. For more information on this job or to find out more about other volunteer opportunities, please call Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2208.

The dice players met for a fun afternoon on Monday. The players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Lee Ploussard and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Several men met on Monday evening to watch football. Members of the nursing staff bought them a pizza to enjoy during the game.

Lee Ploussard must have had a lucky penny in his pocket on Tuesday as he won both the first bingo and the blackout game.

The Residents' Council met on Tuesday afternoon. Among the topics on the agenda was a discussion about plans for the holiday season. A couple of important dates were announced. The Thanksgiving Potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 and the Family Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 18. More information on these events

will be available soon.

Many residents met on Wednesday afternoon to feast on an assortment of ice cream treats that were donated by Roberta Petracek.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

A group of residents gathered on Thursday afternoon to try a game of bowling. The players are very good at cheering each other on. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group made monster cookies on Friday afternoon. The scary part of these monster cookies was how fast they disappeared.

Irene Fringer was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family on Sunday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Residents, staff, and family members were served cake and ice cream. Irene had her 90th birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent Visitors: Joyce Richer, Arden, N.C.; Ray Leitner, Palm Springs, Calif.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; William and Elle Walker, Lincoln, Neb.; Patty and Bill Killingsworth, Wendi, Mason, and Makaden Davila, Salina; Tara and Becky Fringer and Levi Jones, Colby; Susie Youngblood, Delpha Sis, Eunice Braymeyer, Theresa Chvatal and Linda Files, Atwood; Robert and Penny Fringer, Jim and Reva Marshall, Carol Kompus and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

WOW... that about describes the day on Saturday; everything from breakfast, the DCHS Singers, the crowd, the authors, and down to the Great Western Cattle Trail and Indian Raid Tour. We shouldn't forget the weather either!

We just hope that everyone who took part in our events had a great day too, and thank you for taking part.

The museum will be open four more weeks Tuesday - Saturday

10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Our last day will be Saturday, Oct. 29 so there is still plenty of time to come and tour. With the days cooler it is a great time of year to visit and step back into Decatur County history.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the museum you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 for a family or \$10 for a single. Be part of Oberlin's No.1 attraction.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We have had a few chilly mornings, but mostly the weather has been warm enough to go without jackets.

It was especially nice on Saturday when Rowan Bader celebrated his first birthday at the park in Hays. It was a little windy but that didn't discourage the kids from climbing, swinging and going down the slides. There were balloons flying and popping, bubbles, cupcakes, parents, grandparents and gifts.

Rowan's parents are Wade and Vicky Bader of Catherine, and grandson of Tilia High, Norcatut. I went with Carol and John Moye, Oberlin, who brought grandchildren Kylie Gruwell and Skylar Hawkins home for an overnight visit.

Remember Saturday, Oct. 15. There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by music and fun at the Lyle Community Building. It is the yearly benefit for the community building fund. Free will donations

will be taken to help pay for the upkeep and bills. At the same time, the winning ticket will be drawn for the quilt. Tickets are being sold; \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds from the quilt will go to the Lyle Church.

Carol Moye took Dwight Wood and I to Grand Island where Dwight had an appointment with a surgeon who got his dialysis site ready for use again. We were very thankful that the procedure was successful. He was able to return home that evening.

Gary and Keith Anthony both had doctor's appointments on Tuesday of last week.

Seventeen people enjoyed the Norcatut Senior Citizen potluck on Friday, followed by cards. Friday, Oct. 7 will be the next card day.

The Lyle Church group also had their monthly potluck, where 12 people met, ate and visited. Afterward, Charlie and Judy Easton did some work for Toots Magers.

Good Samaritan Center News

By Lisa Paulson

The book, "I'll Love You Forever" written by Robert Munsch, was read at the Founder's Day Family Potluck on Friday.

Other happenings this week: Don Gilbert, Alice Bobbitt, Galen Tacha, Evelyn Olson, Edla Olson, Olive Arnold, Dorothy Pryor and Violet Schissler enjoyed a beautiful autumn day outside eating apples.

Alan Adleman, Barb Beisner, Lucy Schissler and Myrtle Waldo played poker with Max Carman. Barb stole the trophy from Alan... better luck next time!

Humming Bees Club took place with Cheryl Hill, Bessie Peterson, Eva Bryan and Ben Jorns. More singing could be heard from the Quiet Room. Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Opal

Bryan and Leone Porsch joined their voices in song.

Bible Study group finished their series on the Beatitudes. Attending were Eulaine Benda, Eva Bryan, Leone Porsch, Amy Rehm, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson, Walt and Betty May, Galen Tacha, Doris Marintzer and Alice Bobbitt.

Our "All Dressed Up for September" theme for September concluded with a "Fashion Roller Coaster" as we discussed the fashion fads spanning the 1920s to the 1950s. Galen Tacha, Alice Bobbitt, Mary Waldo, Evelyn Olson and Eva Bryan had a good time contributing memories and opinions.

"Don't Forget to Remember Me" is the theme for the seventh annual Walk and Rockathon scheduled for

Thursday, Oct. 15. Proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Sponsor sheets are available at Good Sam and area businesses.

Guests this week were: Rea and Dee Magers (Norcatut) for Mary Waldo, Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth, Edie Tate for Lois Carlson, Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin, Carolyn Strevey (Norcatut) and Von Johnson (Norton) for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross, Becky Hunziker (Breckenridge, Colo.) and Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm.

Max Carman, Peggy Carman (Hoxie), Jodee Stillman and Cash (Hoxie), Dan and Judy Shinabarger (Clio, Mich.), Dick and Duane Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Ruth Palmer (Loveland, Colo.), Arian Arnold

(Herndon) and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Ron Snyder (Colby) and Jim and Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Janet Knipp (Hays), Marie Lemman (Salina) and Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Stan, Becky and Muriel Faimon (Stratton) for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill (Norcatut) for Cheryl Hill. Gerald and Connie Olson and the Scott Family for Evelyn Olson.

Nadine Tacha and Lois Heilman (Jennings) for Galen Tacha. Pat Abbey and Elaine Bryan for Laurene VanOtterloo. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings American Legion and not the Lions Club will have a ham, beans and cornbread dinner. Final plans have been made for the dinner and food sale to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Sunflower Senior Center. A \$3 a bag sale will also be held that day at the Legion Hall. All proceeds will go to the Legion for Hall improvements.

Sunday, Oct. 9 will be United Methodist Women's Day. The ladies will be in charge of the 11 a.m. service at the Jennings church. Pastor Barbara Patterson plans to give a talk and slide presentation about her mission trip to Zimbabwe in February with the United Methodist Conference. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Family visiting at the Tom Votopka farm the weekend of Sept. 23-25 were: Tim Votopka, Kilder, III.; Nancy Diacon, Lawrence; Andrew Glaze, Kaysville, Utah; Tracy, Wendy and Vivian Montieth, Castle Rock, Colo.; Tyler Diacon, Chicago, Ill.; Jean Halligan, Goodland;

Joy Votopka, Janette Votopka and Norma Anderson all from Oberlin; Monty and Barbara Monteith, Morristown, Tenn.; Dawn Davenport, N. C.; Sherry Armentrout, Virginia; Mary Votopka, Cedar Living Center, Oberlin; Sue Long, Terri Hanke, Jason Rowh and Brecken, Jennings.

A Memorial Service was held Sept. 24 at the Selden Cemetery for Frances (Votopka) Montieth. She died Aug. 16, in Morristown, Tenn.

On Sept. 27, 10 members and two guests from the Jennings Tuesday Study Club shared lunch at the Phillipsburg Third Street Bakery. After lunch, the group walked to the Phillips County Courthouse and held their September meeting. Roll Call was answered with "My First Sewing or Knitting Project" by members: Patty Foster, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Shelly McKenna, Lila Jennings, Lynn Tacha, Sue Long; and guests: Ann Gallentine and Roberta McAllister.

For the program, the group went

to The Shepherd's Mill at 839 Third St. The mill processes fiber from 42 states. The fibers are obtained from animals ranging from the alpaca to the yak. Sally Brandon provided a tour of the facility and showed examples of yarns and unique woven items made at the mill. The process of turning animal fibers into a useable product required many steps.

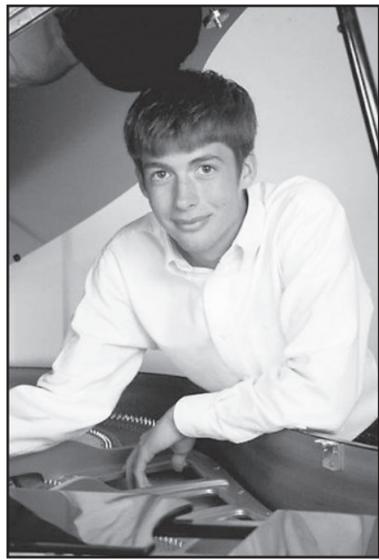
On Sept. 29, the Jennings Book Club met at the home of Kathy Nauer and discussed the book, "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. Members attending were: Shelley McKenna, Terri Hanke, Sue Long, Helen Rhodes, Joan McKenna, Jo Vacura, Lila Jennings, Ruth Chance and Carla Latimer. Joan McKenna will host the October meeting of the Book Club.

Just a reminder the Senior Citizens carry-in potluck dinner is Tuesday, Oct. 11. Bingo will be played after the dishes are done. Please bring one or two \$3 bingo prizes. Everyone is welcome.

Stanton Nelson

Pianist from Long Island in concert

The Gateway
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8



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