

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1886**

Grand balloon ascension the second day of the Norton fair. Miss Bertha Rodehaver has accepted a position in the G. Webb Bertram law office as copiest. H.O. Douglas' horse, Oberlin Jim, took third money in the free-for-all trot at the Norton fair. The First National Bank has been moved into its splendid new brick building and everything pertaining to the office presents a most business-like appearance. The furniture is decidedly handsome and is a marvel of neat workmanship. It is an ornament to the city.

Both the Republicans and Democrats held conventions to nominate candidates for the coming election.

**100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1911**

Last Saturday the formal ceremony unveiling the monument in the cemetery commemorating those who were killed in Decatur County by the raiding Cheyenne Indians in 1878 was held. W.D. Street made a short talk and Misses Mabel Elson and Lola Street pulled the cords that unveiled the monument. The crowd then adjourned to the courtroom where W.L. (Iron Jaw) Brown of Kingman made the commemorative address.

A nice little girl arrived at the home of Chris Mines of Logan Township on Friday.

A new phone manager was taken in at the home of Art Steele on Friday, Sept. 29th. We understand he has a contract for 21 years with board and clothes.

A fire partially destroyed the Esteb home in northeast Oberlin.

Miss Irene Gilkison was married to Harry Hitch of Oklahoma City recently.

Corn is 70 to 74 cents a bushel. Kanona Iems: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, on Sept. 25th.

**75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1936**

Coach Ralph Conger's football team from Smith Center was too much for the local boys as they scored a 27 to 0 victory in the game here Friday night. Several spectators remarked that it was no disgrace to lose to a team like that.

Norcat: Funeral services were held Saturday for Mrs. Frank Freen following an illness of several years. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Dorothy, Evalan and Patricia, a stepson, Francis, her parents; three brothers and two sisters.

Many older residents of the county will remember J.B. Raymond, father of Myron Redmond, of here who died recently at his home in Covina, Calif., at almost 97 years of age. Born in Boston he was married in Lisbon, Illinois and he and his wife Alice were the parents of two boys and 5 girls. He joined the Union Army in April 1861 and served with Company E of the Massachusetts volunteer infantry and was injured in the battle of Fredricksburg and was in eight battles. He came to Kansas in 1870 and settled on the banks of the Republican River near Concordia before coming to Decatur County. He moved to California in 1893. A letter from his granddaughter about his Civil War experiences will be published in next week's Herald.

Progress is being made in the Sappa Park project with nearly 100 WPA men now on the job.

If you noticed an air of excitement around Stevenson's Drug Store, we want you to know the reason for it. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevenson are the parents of a baby daughter, Margaret Ann, born last Friday afternoon.

Twenty enthusiastic young people of the Jennings and Lyons townships have organized a new 4-H Club. No name has been chosen but the following officers were elected: president, Violet Dodson; vice president, Georgia Lee Rhodes; secretary-treasurer, Maida Tice; reporter, Eleanora Krizek; song leader, Norma Dodson and adult leaders, LaValle Carter and Lois Matousek.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg observed their golden wedding anniversary with all of their sons and daughters present on Oct. 2 at Enne Lutheran Church. At the reception which followed there were 140 guests present.

A farewell dinner was held at the Victor Morton home last Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. George Schmahl who are leaving soon for a

new location in Phoenix, Arizona.

**50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1961**

Bishop Eugene Slater of the Kansas Area Methodist Churches will officiate at the dedication Sunday at 10:30 a.m. of the new educational building of the Oberlin Methodist church. Former pastors planning to attend the 2 p.m. service include: Mrs. Rose Flowers, Gem; the Rev. Sanders Clayton, Caldwell; the Rev. Armour Evans, Ness City; the Rev. Howard Smothers, retired, Hutchinson and the Rev. Paul Brooks, Lakin. The Rev. Ray Bressler is the host pastor.

Fumbles proved costly to Oberlin Friday night at Goodland enabling the Cowboys to trounce the Red Devils 36-7.

Candidates for the 1961 DCHS football homecoming queen are Carolyn McCartney, Connie Pollnow, Pam Banta, Marlene Brown and Mary Anderson. The homecoming foe will be the Atwood Buffaloes who also have a two win-two loss record.

The pinning of Anita Torluemke and Larry Wolgast was announced Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Kappa Delta house in Manhattan. Anita is a 1961 graduate of Kansas State and is teaching in Topeka and Larry is a K-State senior.

The barbershop quartet, the Travelaires won first place and a trophy at the SPEQSA contest held in Topeka. Members are Don Kready, Colby; Lloyd Freeman, WaKeeney; Boyd Bainter, Oberlin and Dick Woodall, WaKeeney. Their quartet was judged the best quartet coming for the first time and fifth place among all of the 23 entries.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holle, Oberlin, daughter, Shelly Louise, 10-3-61; the Rev. and Mrs. Eldred VanPelt, Oberlin, son, Kevin Ray 10-5-61; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chaney, Oberlin, daughter, Kaylene Sue, 10-6-61.

Norcat: A large number attended the formal opening of the new educational building Sunday at the Norcat Methodist Church. The ribbon was cut by the building chairman, Dwaine Stapp. There were beautiful flower arrangements and special music by Tammy Sebaugh at the piano and John Arnold at the organ.

**25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1986**

The Oberlin City Council passed an ordinance creating a city arts and humanities commission to include six members plus a county commissioner. The six will be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Council, will have a director of arts and have a budget of \$1,000.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Mike Hayden was in Oberlin Saturday for the First District meeting of the Kansas Federation of Republican Women. The Atwood native who has been the 120th District Representative the past 14 years, is counting on a big turnout of voters in Western Kansas to give him key support and a margin of victory.

Much to the dismay of the new owners of the Frontier Motel, the large spruce tree that has seemed like a landmark to those living near the local motel, was removed last week. David Eggers said because of the size of the tree located near the pool it was encroaching on the motel pool and also causing problems with the pool filtering system. The Eggers plan to renovate and modernize all 27 rooms over the next two-year period with new furniture, carpet and drapes.

The Oberlin Veterinary Clinic has announced that Dr. Rhonda Robbins, formerly of Mound City, will fill the place recently vacated by Dr. Jo Beatty. Jan Schissler will continue working as small animal assistant and receptionist and Jack Fortin will continue as large animal assistant.

The Atwood Buffs downed Oberlin 19-6 Friday to run their season record to 4-0 while the Red Devils drop to 1-3 for the season.

Many Jennings alumni attended the Homecoming game Friday evening at which Sammie Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks of Clayton was crowned queen and Cary Wahlmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wahlmeier, was chosen king. A heavy drizzle and a cool wind helped contribute to the Coyotes 62-14 loss to Palco during the Coyote Homecoming.

The consolidation of the Oberlin and Jennings chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star became official on Oct. 1, 1986.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We will be celebrating Frankfurter Friday again this week. Please join us in the Cedar Living Center dining room at noon on Friday, for a free hotdog lunch. We will be serving from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a great opportunity to not only eat lunch, but also to visit with residents and staff. The newly re-decorated fitness room is right next door and we would be glad to show you around.

This past week went by as fast as all of the rest. Monday afternoon found several residents playing penny cards. No one got too rich, but everyone had a good time. Myrna Jones, Marian Amack, and Delores Depperschmidt assisted with the sing-along time before supper.

The Cedar Living Center men met to watch Monday night football. A member of the nursing staff donated sub sandwiches for the guys to snack on during the game.

Wilma May was the top player at bingo on Tuesday, winning both the first bingo and the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on the Cedar Living Center patio Tuesday afternoon.

Several residents met on Wednesday for an afternoon of watching Johnny Carson. The shows always bring a laugh as well as fond memo-

ries of watching the late night programs. Refreshments were served while everyone watched the video. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon. They made a beautiful fall wreath out of sugar cookies cut into the shape of fall leaves. It is a lovely addition to the dining room area.

The baking group made banana chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. Sadly, there were no leftovers once everyone finished sampling.

Our new digital photo frame is now on display in the dining room. The frame was purchased with memorial money donated by the family of Blanche Skubal. The pictures feature residents, staff, the rose garden, and the courtyard turtles.

The names featured in our list of recent visitors are mostly gleaned from those who sign our guest sheet by the front door. Please feel free to add your name to the list on your next visit.

Recent Visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Eugene Kleidosty, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Deborel Shuler, Selden; Rebecca, Andrew, and Amy Gavieiro, Germany.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Pat Hall and her mother Violet Foster enjoyed having Pat's son, Matt Hall, and fiancée Jenny from Brighton, Colo., visit over the weekend.

Ralph Rodgers, district governor of Kansas Lions clubs paid an official visit to the Jennings Lions on Sept. 26. Jennings Club President, Dewayne Metz, received the International President's "I Believe" pin from Gov. Rodgers.

Kurt Brown, Milly and Dashiell, Quinter, visited his parents, Kay and Doyle Brown Sunday.

United Methodist Women had charge of the Sunday church service at Jennings. The Rev. Barbara Patterson showed slides and spoke on her and Glenn's trip to Africa.

The United Methodist Women met Oct. 5. Vicki Bailey led a Bible Study titled, "Outlive Your Life". Those attending were: the Rev. Barbara Patterson, Helen Rhodes,

Kay Brown, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance and Louise Cressler.

Kay and Doyle Brown are the grandparents of granddaughter, Sydney Ellen, born Oct. 6. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Her parents are Phil and Keli Kleidosty, Kekaha, Hawaii.

Violet Krizek had surgery Oct. 4 at Kearney Good Samaritan Hospital. She is home and doing well.

Violet Foster is taking physical therapy at McCook several days a week following her shoulder surgery.

Remember to attend the ham, beans-and-cornbread dinner Sunday at the Senior Center. This is sponsored by the American Legion. There will be a bake sale at the center, also a \$3 bag garage sale at the Legion building, with all proceeds going to the American Legion.

## Norcat: News

By the Norcat: News Committee

Birthday greetings to Rebecca Wentz, Oct. 8 and Bob Dickey, Oct. 11. Celebrating a wedding anniversary were Jim and Carolyn Plotts on Oct. 8.

Capt. Jake Leichliter, son of Dennis Leichliter, was the guest speaker at the Norcat United Methodist Church Sunday. Capt. Leichliter is in the U.S. Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colo. He is also the grandson of Vene Leichliter.

The LIVE BIG youth group meets Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.

Bible Study is held Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building. The group is finishing their study of the book of James.

A community meeting will be held to address concerns regarding the possible closing of the Norcat Post Office. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, at the Norcat City Building. Questionnaires may be picked up at the Post Office and submitted at the meeting. Written comments may be hand-delivered to the Post Office or mailed to: Central Plains PFC, 6005 Lockheed Court,

Omaha, Neb. 68119-9500.

Bob and Anita Montgomery and Renee Harman, Oberlin, attended the Frank Ward funeral in Norton on Sept. 17. Later, they attended a family wedding at the Christian Church followed by a reception, dinner and dance at the Norton American Legion.

Scott Harman spent Sept. 26 through Sept. 29 in the Norton Hospital suffering from allergies and asthma.

Attending the Mini Sapa Day pancake feed in Oberlin were: Jody Lyon, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson. Joining them was former Norcat: Larry Hix, Crownsville, Md. They listened to the DCHS Singers perform and noted that two Norcat: boys are part of that group; Matthew Helm and Rob Henningson. Mr. Hix left several pictures of scenes from around Conifer, Colo., where he had been visiting and helping his sister, Linda (Hix) Young, paint her house.

Shane and Crystal Montgomery and Renee Harman have been helping Bob and Anita Montgomery set

up a computer system.

Oct. 2 Dorothy Ward, Beth Sebaugh, Bee Nelson and Mary Leslie went to Oberlin for a chicken dinner at the Frontier Cafe. Later, the women attended the movie, "The Help" at the Oberlin theater. Before ending their evening, the ladies stopped for an ice cream cone.

Thursday begins a new event in Norcat: The Senior Citizens will sponsor pinocle games at 1 p.m. at the Educational Building. Everyone is welcome and there will be someone to show beginners how to play.

On Sept. 30 Senior Citizens met for a pot luck dinner followed by an afternoon of cards. Winners were Al Sedlmayer and Bob Strevey. Jody Lyon tied for second followed by Dorothy Ward.

Norcat: Postmaster, Deb Scott, received a new title on Sept. 30 - "Grandma." Her first grandchild, Rowdie Wayne Lynch, was born weighing 10 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches in length. His parents are Deb's daughter, Riki, and son-in-law, Matt Lynch.

Callers at the home of Arlene Hix on Sept. 30 were her sister-in-law, Betty Reid, Norton and their nephew, Larry Hix, Crownsville, Md.

Decatur Community High School seniors are sponsoring their second annual Haunted House in the Norcat: High School. It will be held on Oct. 28 and 29.

Abigail Rhoades and Jacob Crandall were visitors of Jim and Carolyn Plotts Saturday. Mr. Plotts will be conducting the couple's wedding on Nov. 19 in Norton.

Flu shots will be available again this year. If you are interested you are encouraged to sign up in the City Office or call Deb Marshall to put your name on the list. The shots are offered by the Decatur County Health Department and cost \$25.

The Norcat: United Methodist Church will hold its Fall Bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 23. A soup supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by the bazaar.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

There are a couple of changes in information on the latest table tents. The Spook Parade will be Monday, Oct. 31, instead of Thursday, Oct. 27. Tricia Carney is a nurse practitioner, not a physician assistant.

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to thank Decatur Health Systems for sponsoring the past few months' table tents.

Farm Bureau called about a defensive driving course planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today Call 475-2238 for information.

Decatur Tomorrow is looking into helping start a community garden to allow each person or family a selected plot of ground to care for and grow their own vegetables. If you are interested, call the Chamber office to leave your name and information. A plot of ground has been donated for this, and grant ap-

plications are in the process. Many other towns have been doing this. If you will be out traveling, it would be good to see what others are doing and bring any good ideas.

A new business, the York Street Market, will be opening in the "BEE" Building next week by Judy Ploussard. It will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering antiques and floral arrangements.

The Chamber will be holding ribbon cuttings this week. Equipment Locator on U.S. 36 will be at 2 p.m. today, Unger Chiropractic at 1 p.m. Thursday and Professional Massage Therapy here in the BEE Building at 2 p.m. Thursday. We will be doing more as I can get them scheduled. Everyone is welcome to come out and help support our new businesses.

Another event that is shaping up

for this fall is our annual Holiday Craft Show. This will be held Saturday, Nov. 26, at The Gateway. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, call the Chamber office at 475-3441 and I will be happy to send you the information. As has always been the case in the past, this show is open to all crafters and home businesses. If you want an interesting little shopping spree, come join us as, we have a nice variety already lined up and lunch will be served.

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