

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1886

W.D. Street and family returned from Indiana Saturday.

Squire Burger is building a dwelling house in Cole's addition.

The U.S. Land Office has been removed to rooms over B.S. Foster's furniture store. The room vacated will be used as a flour and feed store.

Geo. Keys has resigned his position with the Equitable Mortgage Company and will soon be in business for himself as a real estate agent.

The county commissioners have contracted with the Cincinnati Safe and Lock Co., for two cells, 14x11x7, which together with the corridor will be capable of holding 16 prisoners. The consideration is \$2500.

Udo Drath and Miss Eva Zwickle were married last Saturday at the home of Mr. Drath's parents in Herndon. Udo is one of the earliest settlers in the county and has a wide circle of friends who wish him and his bride every prosperity and happiness.

E.E. Stewart has disposed of his interest in the hardware business to W. T. Campbell.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1911

H.O. Douglas has been elected cashier of the Oberlin National Bank in place of F.O. Dort. Hop Douglas has dealt with the people of Decatur County for 30 years and is well known to most people of the county.

The city fathers have passed a curfew ordinance that requires minors to keep off the streets after 10 o'clock.

A very jolly gathering took place at the Dan Caster home Wednesday noon.

The recent fine rains have put the soil in fine shape for wheat sowing.

Kanona Items: Rev. F.U. Hamon and family left Monday for Jewell County to visit his parents and will then go to Southern California to seek a better location. By and by all these folks will return to sunny Kansas.

Allison Items: Grant Talbot traded his farm last week to John Bennett for the farm known as the Bob

Corder place. Center News: George Ropert is up and around again after his siege with typhoid fever.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1936

Much work has been done at Sappa State Park as a cooperative project by the National Park Service, the Dept. of Interior and the WPA and it is becoming more and more evident that some day it will offer the people of Southwest Nebraska and Northwest Kansas a beautiful and useful park area.

One of the many projects is the picnic area immediately below the site of the dam which is shaded by native trees and has camp stoves, tables and benches built of native lumber and car parking space.

Decatur's first league loss of the football season was dealt by the St. Francis Indians with a 54-7 massacre.

Walter Rubindall who had severe spinal injuries in a tractor accident recently on his farm just north of town has been moved from the hospital to his home.

Results of a Sixth District straw poll indicate that Gov. Landon has a slight lead over President Roosevelt in the upcoming presidential election.

Dresden: Anna Kuhle was a visitor at the Pete Welter home on Sunday.

Mryth Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Maddox, was the guest of honor at a neighborhood birthday party Saturday morning on her fifth birthday.

Norcat: On Saturday, Oct. 10 Miss Merle Knutson of Wilsonville, Nebraska and Rex Cozad of Norcat were married at the office of the Probate Judge Ralph McLaughlin in Oberlin. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Knutson and Rex is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cozad. The couple plan to start housekeeping in an apartment in his grandfather's house, the W.P. Smith home at Lyle, and he will farm with his father.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1961

The unexpected death of George Nellans, 67, who had served as probate judge of Decatur County since 1944, came as a shock to the entire community. He came to Decatur County with his parents at

the age of three to a farmstead near Jennings where he lived until 1920 when he was elected county clerk. During World War I he served as a machine gunner with an infantry unit in France. He is survived by his wife, the former Miranda Parker, a son, George Parker Nellans, two grandchildren, four brothers and one sister.

In the biggest sale of land in this county in recent years eight quarter sections of land were sold in a partition action at the courthouse to settle the estate of L.P. Montgomery for the amount of \$94,300. According to L.F. Cushenbery of Cushenbery & Lund, attorneys for the heirs, the selling price of the land was exactly \$100 less than its appraised value. J.B. Powell, Oberlin, purchased 320 acres, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lake of Norcat, 320 and L.W. Montgomery of Norcat, 640.

Funeral services were held in Marysville with burial in Oberlin Cemetery for Mrs. Donald (Marguerite Roach) Williams, 41. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Donna, 12 and Linda, 8, of Marysville and her mother, Mrs. Mike Roach, Oberlin.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. Frank Brewster, 89, of Holdrege, Neb., who operated the Benton Memorial Hospital here for many years. He had been critically ill with cancer only a few weeks after returning from a world tour.

Selden: Funeral services were held for Leonard Zodrow, 86, who managed the Farmers Union elevator for many years.

Claude Kelley, Grant Township farmer, stepped down from a stack of hay bales in his barn, missed the step and broke a rib so when he fell into the manger. This makes four times at least that Kelley has broken a rib, and he some time ago bought outright the harness the hospital used, so now he doesn't even go to the doctor.

Carolyn McCartney, senior, was crowned the 1961 DCHS football homecoming queen. The Atwood Buffaloes chalked up a 26-6 victory in the homecoming game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beneda and Orlin left Oct. 13 to go to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to visit their son and brother, Pvt. Elvin Beneda, who is taking heavy equipment training for the Army there.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1986

Cold and wet weather has hampered work on the Sappa Creek bridge on U.S. 83 and some of the asphalt work. The stretch is expected to be opened to traffic in early November if weather conditions cooperate.

Dr. Lynn Fogleman, who practiced medicine in Oberlin in 1984 and 1985 and his wife, Dr. Sharon (Goodwin) Fogleman who have practiced medicine in Waterloo, Iowa, the past year, have been accepted as missionaries by the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. After a period of training in England, they will leave for Kenya, Africa in the spring of 1987. The Oberlin United Methodist church has pledged \$2,500 annually toward support for the Foglemans.

Two buildings which have added to the history of Decatur County have recently been moved to the museum grounds: Addleman schoolhouse and the first county jail.

Steve Zodrow, Oberlin, has joined the certified public accounting firm of Keith Mines, McPherson, as a staff accountant. He is a 1986 graduate of Bethany College and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zodrow of Oberlin. Joseph E. Mines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mines, Oberlin is a senior accountant with the same firm. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and has passed the CPA examination.

New Arrivals: Debra and Keith Bowie, Jennings, son, Shane Douglas, 10-6-86; Roberta and Don Shuler, Oberlin, daughter, Blaine Pauline, 10-9-86.

Featured speaker at Oberlin Rotary Club Tuesday noon was Dr. Bob Jensen, former Oberlin coach and educator, who serves as dean of academics at Salina Technical School. His topic was a slide presentation of Mexico based on a trip taken by him and his wife during a one-year leave while a member of the faculty at the Institute. During that year they were employed by Winnebago International to lead a convoy of 62 Winnebago recreational vehicles through the country of Mexico on a sight-seeing tour beginning and ending at McAllen, Texas.

The visiting Red Devil football team was downed by the Scott City Beavers 28-8.

Norcat: News

By the Norcat: News Committee

Mary Lesle, Deb Scott and Bee Nelson had supper together at the Norton Subway on Oct. 5.

The Norcat: United Methodist Church is scheduled for Sunday. Auction items are needed for the annual bazaar. Take them to any way on the bazaar committee: Dave or Patty Stapp, Jamie Wentz, Luke Bailey, Dennis Leichter or Carol Miller. You may also bring them to the Educational Building the day of the bazaar.

Norcat: News sheet renewals were received from: Paula Ward, Denver; Gwynn and Judith Ward, Loveland, Colo.; Errol and Carole Salter, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; and Charlotte Meints, Oberlin;

The Norcat: Commercial Club donated the remainder of its money to various Norcat: organizations. There will not be anymore scholarships awarded.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints attended funeral services for Frank Ward in Norton on Sept. 17. Later that afternoon they attended

the wedding of Ashley Kramer and Dakota Eberle at the Norton Christian Church. Dakota's grandparents are Jerris and Larry McMullen. Jerris is a cousin of the late Pat Stapp. In the evening, Mr. Stapp and Mrs. Meints attended Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and the reception and wedding dance at the American Legion.

Norcat: Firemen will host their first annual fall hot dog roast at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the firehouse. Everyone is invited to attend. The firemen will be serving hot dogs, baked beans and cookies. There will be free give-aways and candy for the kids.

There will also be a Haunted House in the old high school buildings hosted by the Decatur Community High School senior class. The house will be open Oct. 28-29.

A book review discussion club will hold their first meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29 in the library. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Everyone is invited.

A Nurse Cadet coat was recently donated to the Norcat: Museum by Wava Reames. It had belonged to Genevieve Crabill.

The new roof on the Norcat: City Building suffered some damage during the last strong wind storm. Repairs are in the works.

Dorothy Ward and Beth Sebaugh accompanied Bee Nelson to the Gateway in Oberlin on Oct. 8 to hear the music of Stanton Nelson. On the way home, a flat tire stopped Dorothy and Bee for a little while. A cell phone call to Brian Klima had them back on the road in no time.

While in Norton on business Oct. 7, Dewaine Stapp visited his friend, Jim Williams, at the Norton County Hospital. Mr. Stapp also visited at the Andbe Home with his cousin, Elwood and Norine Bailey; Dean Railsback; Oran and LaVerne Milner; and with Wayne McCallister's mother, Mildred Schwab.

Twelve Senior Citizen card players met Oct. 7. Competition was steady as the ending scores ended in

several ties. Eleanor Jensen came in alone for first, followed by Margaret Magers and Joyce Sumner in a tie for second and Dorothy Ward and Beth Johnson fighting for closure. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m., Friday at the Educational Building.

After church Sunday, Oct. 9, Beth Sebaugh, Mary Lesle, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the Fall Catholic dinner in Norton. Deb Scott met them there.

The Live Big youth group met Sunday. Bible Study is at 7 p.m. Monday evenings at the Education Building. The group is studying the book of Romans.

A quilting group called "Stitchin' Sisters" invites anyone who likes to quilt to attend the next meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7 at the Norton Prairie Land Electric building.

Several from Norcat: attended the Annual Fall Party to benefit the Lyle Community Building that was held Saturday night.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

John and Carol Moye, Oberlin, and Veda Wood spent several wonderful days in Stroud, Okla. They visited David and Tina Wood, and on Sunday went to Canadian, Okla., to spend several hours with Elvin and Dixie Wood. Elvin was bedfast but able to visit. While there, David finished a job he had worked on before and Dixie gave us a delicious lunch, (although we had told her not to).

We were so glad we went as Elvin died early Sunday morning, a week later. Dixie's address is HC67 Box 26, Canadian, Okla. 74425. I know she would like to hear from friends.

Israel and Hannah Jirak and boys came by for a barbecue Saturday on their way to a football game.

David Wood had surgery on his left thumb to repair a tendon he had

cut in an accident. He said the worst part was having to be in Oklahoma City by 5:30 a.m. He dreaded having to have it immobilized while it heals, although I know he won't be down long. They had a long awaited rain, as we did at home.

Congratulations are due to Deb Combs, new owner of the quilt that was raffled off from Lyle. Proceeds of the raffle went to the Lyle Church fund. Thanks to all who donated.

On Wednesday four members of Liberty-Star Club; Joyce Price, Kathy VanMeter, Toots Magers and driver, Carolyn Plotts, toured the Formation Plastics Inc. plant in Quinter where Mrs. Magers' daughter, Judy Easton works. The plant furnishes parts for everything from aircraft to little red wagons to agriculture, and ships products all over the world.

Club members and Judy and Charlie Easton ate at the Q-Inn, where Tim Nejd (Mrs. VanMeter's son) dropped in; and visited the thrift shop and drug store. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

Toots Magers played pinocle at the Educational Building on Thursday. Charlie and Judy Easton came and did some work for her on Sunday.

Kathy VanMeter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the wedding in Appleton, Wis., of Jesse Westerbeek and Marissa Schletzer on Oct. 8. He is the grandson of the late Dale VanMeter. Other guests were Dale's children

We had a great time at the Lyle Community building Saturday evening. So much good food, good entertainment, and good friends, all added up. The Prairie Rose Har-

mony group always makes a big hit, and they enjoy the country-type fun. Thanks so much for coming.

June Jolly has enough news for a page all her own. She and three others went on a tour to Mibot, N. D., where they watched shows by Charlie Pride, The Judds, Trace Adkins and the Oak Ridge Boys. Groups from Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland were there, and lots of music and extra shows. On the way home, they stopped in Regent, N.D., on the Enchanted Highway. The sculptor there had geese, one over 100 feet high. On Saturday, June, Barbara Jolly, Beth Macy and Betty Martin went to Trenton, Neb., where Jennifer Baker hosted a baby shower for June's granddaughter, Jennifer McDonald.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The highlight of the past week was a visit on Tuesday morning from the second grade students at Oberlin Elementary. We are calling this group the "Reading Buddies" and they will be coming twice a month to read to residents. Everyone had a wonderful time with these charming students. We are especially grateful to Hank Juenemann for her efforts in co-ordinating this program and to the teachers and administrators for making this possible.

Our dining room tables are decorated with some really cute miniature Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkins were donated by dietary staff member, Roberta Blake. Tara Votpaka and the craft group turned them into works of art.

We have begun decorating for Halloween in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Residents and staff always enjoy the festivities around Halloween. We will once again be opening our doors to the little ghosts and goblins. The residents will be prepared to hand out candy to the children following the Oct.

31 Spook Parade downtown and continuing until 8 p.m.

Frankfurter Friday was a big success with several members of the community joining us for a free hot-dog lunch. The dietary department served up hot dogs, chips, cookies, and tea or lemonade. Residents and staff enjoyed seeing some new faces around the dinner table.

Recent Visitors: Out of town: Rebecca Gavieiro, Germany; Betty Rall, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Janika Rall, Fountain, Colo.; Jennifer Hafner, Lexington, Neb.; Michelle Compton, Fountain, Colo.

Kansas Visitors: Tammi Engel, David Luedke, Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Tanner Jones, Tyler, Taiem and Thatcher Jones, Goodland; Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Eileen Portschi, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Dolores Koeperich, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Robert Fringer, Fern Moore, Marian Dempewolf, Carol Kompus, Dolores Depperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff and Gladys Geis, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields hosted a birthday party at their home Wednesday evening for their grandson, Tyler Shields, on his 18th birthday. Others there to help him celebrate were Mark Shields and Keric, Tucson, Ariz., and Paul and Kelly Shields, Cassidy and Caitlin. Mark and Keric were guests at the Shields home from Sunday until Thursday.

Jennifer Harshman and Isaac, Emporia, returned home Saturday morning after enjoying a few days visiting her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw, and the Ralph and Joel Shaw families.

Cameron Nedland, Manhattan, and Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May and Elizabeth to help Elizabeth celebrate her

16th birthday.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Oberlin celebrated their 125th anniversary Sunday beginning with special worship services led by Pastor Keith Kohlmeier, President of the Kansas District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, including music by many of the youth in the congregation. Enjoyed by all was a potluck dinner after worship services, a tour of the three rural St. John's Lutheran cemeteries, and a cookout in the country, ending the day with fellowship. St. John's has been blessed over the years to have five ministers from their congregation, all graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.: the Rev. Hubert May (deceased), the Rev. Wilbur May (deceased), the Rev. Don Frerichs, the Rev. Scott Goltz, and the Rev. Quintin Cundiff.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Garnett Ginther, 91, who died on Oct. 6 at a nursing home in Cozad, Neb. He was an uncle of J.R. Ginther of this community. Among those attending memorial services on Oct. 10 at Carpenter Breland Funeral Home in McCook were J.R. and Carrol Ginther, Naida Ginther of Atwood and Jane (Ginther) Foster of Longmont, Colo.

Joe and Vicky Schmidt visited recently in Denham Springs, La., with their son, Tanner Schmidt. They were joined there by Barry and Megan Schmidt of Lincoln, Neb. The Joe Schmidts also visited Dennis and Pat Barnett in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., then Mrs. Barnett flew with them to Colorado Springs, where they visited Kurt and Kathy Frisbie at Monument, Colo. Daisy Schmidt, who had been visiting at the Frisbie home, accompanied

them home and Mrs. Barnett is visiting her mother and other relatives.

Nola Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., has been visiting Arlene Glad and they enjoyed the smorgasbord at the Herndon Covenant Church Saturday evening.

Archie Hafer is a new resident at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Mail will reach him at 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Frank McEvoy took Keith Olson to Hays last Tuesday for an eye appointment. His wife, Margaret, spent the day with Mary Lou Olson, who is recuperating at home from a broken ankle which she suffered in a fall on Sept. 20 at Dave's Oil in Atwood. Other callers at the Olson home last week were Norma Anderson, Cecil Hess and Pastor Keith Reuther.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther attended a horse sale in Salina last weekend



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