

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1882**  
Ed. Snyder was measuring cloth at Allen & Sons.

The legal time for shooting quail is from November 1st to January 1st.

If you want to get choice deeded or government land, call on J.E. Cochran. — adv.

Put bells on your sheep and keep away the wolves. Buy them of Knowles & Smith.

District court convenes on Monday, the 25th. A large docket greets the eyes of our greedy attorneys.

Many farmers in this vicinity are smiling; they have done their threshing.

Dan Kilborn has charge of the Mix & Moser ranch on the Beaver.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1907**  
Gerald Benton, Caleb Smick and Frank Laidig are attending Washburn College this fall, and it makes a rather solid delegation.

A.C. Furman of Fort Collins, Colo., was in the city on Wednesday. He had driven by team and was well sunburned. Arch was the founder of the Danbury News and for many years a frequent visitor at this office.

Kanona Items: John Frickey has moved his goods into the parsonage. They expect to live there this winter.

High School Notes: Caleb Smick from the class of 1907 writes back from Washburn College that he took second prize in a pie eating contest at a YMCA social. The High School Congress has been reorganized with the following officers: Fred Eckhart, Speaker of the House; Augusta Geisenhener, Reading clerk; Merle Hostetter, Docket Clerk; S.B. Keiser, House Reporter and John Handwerk, Sergeant-at-Arms.

At the Old Settlers Picnic at the Oberlin City Park last week the following officers were elected for next year: D.O. Banta, president; R.A. Reasoner, vice president and E.M. Coldren, secretary and treasurer. Three very interesting papers were read and all three are reprinted in this week's issue of The Herald.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1932**  
The mystery involved in the disappearance from his home here the morning of Sept. 1 of Thomas E. McKay has been partially solved with the discovery of his body in a water hole on Sappa Creek about a 100 feet from a sand pit.

More than 500 people attended Mr. McKay's memorial service at Shibleoth Church in a building which he had helped to erect. Be-

cause the church was too small to hold the crowd, the piano was placed on the front platform just outside the door and the program given there. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Misses Lois and Edith Miller, granddaughters of the deceased; Dan Wilson and Robert Redman. Rev. Simpson of the Dresden M.E. Church, Rev. Williams of the Oberlin M.E. Church and Rev. J.D. Bowles of the Oberlin Federated Church assisted with the service and burial was in the family plot at Dresden Cemetery.

Mrs. Frank (Jessie) Garver died Saturday of meningitis at Mary Lanning Hospital at Hastings, Neb., where she had been a patient over two months. She is survived by her husband and five children, Ray, 14; Mamie, 12; Rex, 10; Mary, 7 and Margaret, 15 months; her mother, Mrs. John Wilson, Oberlin, and a brother, Earl Wilson of Logan Township.

Dorothy Diehl, the popular teacher of District No. 57, was greatly elated over the purchase of a piano for the school. It was a complete surprise to her, pre-arranged by a board member.

Shibleoth: Miss Bernie Moore left Saturday for Topeka, where she will take up nurses training.

School News: The high school enrollment at Oberlin stands at 340 and at the grade school the number is 383.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1957**

It was cool and damp in Decatur County last week and that was what farmers were wanting as conditions were ideal for planting wheat. Biggest contrast with the previous four years was the amount of rainfall which had fallen during the year, with all areas of the county reporting more than 20 inches thus far and areas near Jennings and Allison closer to 30 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith have purchased the Ernest Roberts home at 612 N. Cass.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Moore, a daughter, Marsha Lynn, Sept. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marietta, a daughter, Sept. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gridley left Sept. 6 on the S.S. United States for England, where he holds a Fulbright scholarship for graduate work at the University of Reading. Mrs. Gridley will do graduate work in the school of Oriental studies at the University of London.

Lund: Johnnie Simonson, Dick Carman, Harold Foster and James Jennings are attending McCook Junior College. Lund School started

Monday with an enrollment of 12. LeeAnn Muirhead and Julie Beth Marcuson are beginners. Miss Roberta Simonson is the teacher.

Enrollment at DCHS includes five transfers: juniors Howard Benton, Norcatur; Jerry Fidele, Boise, Idaho; Gary Grose, Norton; Judy Mangold, Walla Walla, Wash.; and Myrna Sater, Central City, Neb.; and Mary Townsend, sophomore from Lebanon, Neb.

Three classes of the Menninger Bible Study begin this week in Oberlin. The course written by Mrs. Carl Menninger is an interdenominational course designed to cover the entire period of Bible history in four years.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1982**

If all goes as planned, Kansas Gov. John Carlin will make a visit to Oberlin Saturday during the two day Mini-Sapa celebration. Several other political candidates, including incumbent 120th State Representative Mike Hayden and his Democratic opponent, Judith Shirley, will also be on hand.

The 116-pound pumpkin grown on the Dennis Anderson farm took fourth place at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson according to County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel. Winner in the pumpkin class weighed 161 pounds.

Purple awards thus far at State Fair went to: Keli Anne Brown, Jennings, clothing; Jade Morford, Oberlin, clothing; Kayla Unger, Oberlin, international cookies.

New Arrival: Clay Pratt and Dr. Joan Pratt, a son, Thomas Franklin,

born Sept. 15, 1982.

Marie Ritter and James Bloss were united in marriage on Aug. 7, 1982, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. Father Ken Lohrmeyer officiated.

The Oberlin Lioness Club was officially chartered on Sept. 12, 1982. Norman Bainter, Jennings, immediate PDG, installed the new members and officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth (Jim) Robertson, rural Oberlin, announce the marriage of their daughter, LeAnn Gay, to Dennis Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor, Scott City. They will make their home in Hays where the bride is a senior at Fort Hays State in business administration and her husband is employed by Food Bonanza.

Members of the Fairview Community Club will observe their 60th anniversary on Sept. 23 with a celebration at Sappa Valley Manor. Through good times and bad, club members living in the townships of Custer, Summit and Oberlin have shared joys and sorrows and made contributions to their lives and the community through their projects. More than 500 quilts have been worked on during the six-decade period.

The Oberlin Red Devils came from behind to squeeze out a victory over Yuma, Colo., at Smick Field Friday night. With approximately 30 seconds playing time left, quarterback Scott Gawith threw a 35-yard pass to senior split-end Brian Moore for the touchdown and Jay Smith's PAT was good, making the score 13-10, Oberlin.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Mark Saturday, Oct. 6, on your calendars and help the Last Indian Raid Museum celebrate 49 years of preserving Decatur County history.

The celebration starts on Saturday with a freewill donation pancake and ham breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Bohemian Hall. The DCHS Singers, directed by Susan Nelson, will be on hand to entertain during breakfast, starting at 8 a.m.

Other morning activities include free admission to the Museum, craft fair, bake sale, special entertainment, and kids activities. A full day of events is planned so watch for more information.

Interesting tidbits of history from about the 1500s:

In those days people cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.

Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, and then start over the next day.

Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while, hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon."

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

## Cedar Living Center

Lloyd Wishon is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Grafel who passed away on Tuesday at Cedar Living Center.

The maintenance department has been busy this past week remodeling the sink and cabinet area of the dining room. We are all anxious to see the finished product.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon, which included a round of Name That Tune.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning.

Helena Bruggeman won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Elmo Bailey won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler brought the monthly communion service on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Delores Wheeler had several guests during the day on Wednesday to help her celebrate her birthday. Paula and Alysha Tadlock were her supper guests.

Alice Fiala celebrated her birthday on Wednesday with staff members. She had celebrated her birthday with family members over Labor Day weekend.

The dietary and activity departments hosted a special lunch on Thursday. The menu was selected by the Residents Council and included sandwiches from the A&W,

chips, watermelon, and root beer floats.

Residents who met for bowling on Thursday afternoon included Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, and Hank Wolfram. Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox played Scrabble with Barb Solko on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Mary and Jason Huffaker, Eureka; Doyle and Kay Brown, Frances Bader, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Linda

Bosler, Ann Martin, Bob Martin, J.R. Wolfram, Frank Cox, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Pat Dizmaz, Curtis, Neb.; Paula and Alysha Tadlock, Brush, Colo.; Elinor Wiltfong, Norton; Betty Richards, Rapid City, S.D.; Ida Hoover, Florida; Meredith and Gene Hrnchir, Jan Sattler, Atwood; Susan McKain, McDonald; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Rosa P. Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Leslie and Lynn Ward,

Norcatur;

Jeanette Miller, Darlene Fisher, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Dolores Koerperich, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Marguerite Bailey, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

A longer runway at the Oberlin airport is an important project for health care. In the event of an accident with multiple serious injuries, the quickest and most economical mode of transport from a rural Critical Access hospital to a regional hospital with a trauma unit is by jet transport.

Even though critically ill or injured patients are airlifted out from our hospital by helicopter today, that works for a single patient at a time. Experts consider time of the essence in treating critically injured patients, often referring to the first 60 minutes following an accident as the "Golden Hour," when medical rescue and assistance is most effective.

In a rural town such as ours, up to half that time can be used stabilizing a patient at the scene and taking them to the nearest hospital. Yet the medical expertise needed to save someone's life may only exist at a much larger regional hospital many miles away. A longer runway also would provide another option for

transport should the helicopters be busy elsewhere.

Another consideration is that specialty doctors often own their own jets to slash the amount of travel time required to come to a rural community to practice. McCook is the closest landing spot for them, which adds the inconvenience of an additional half-hour travel time, plus the cost of a rental car. A longer runway at the Oberlin airport may be an incentive to attract more specialists to come to Oberlin to provide health care to our community.

You may notice some new faces when you come to the hospital. Terese Vontz and Natasha Weishapl have been hired to work in the front office. At this time, Natasha is learning hospital admission procedures and will provide backup help for accounts payable. Terese is being orientated for the insurance clerk position. The new voice you hear on the telephone when you call our facility may belong to either of these young women.

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