

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1882**  
Stand ready to vote the Republican ticket and do not deface it with a scratch.

Pleasant party at Robert Riley's across the street Thursday evening.

Several herds of wild horses have been captured on the South Sapparecently. There was a pleasant party out at McDermott's last Friday night. A number of the young folks from town were present.

Measures are being taken to organize a Lodge of Odd Fellows at Cedar Bluffs and to build a suitable hall. We hope they may be successful in their undertaking to build up this grand order and in diffusing the principals of benevolence and charity.

W.E. Emahizer and John Emahizer arrived last week from New Mexico with 1,200 sheep they will hold in this county.

**100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1907**  
Born, Oct. 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Pearle Stowell, a son.

Reverend Teall unexpectedly resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church and will move to Norton the first of December.

The school board of Norton has ruled out football and the boys now have no way of hardening their muscles.

On account of the recent flurry in banking circles in the east the banks of Decatur County have mutually agreed to certain restrictions in paying out cash on checks — limiting amounts to \$25 to one customer and \$50 in any one week. Sight drafts on corresponding banks will be used where larger amounts are needed.

Selden Independent: W.S. Fleming of Oberlin came on Sunday with teams and packed up the Grisham & Jerome stock of merchandise and moved it to Oberlin.

Mrs. Lydia M. Barnes was given a surprise party Oct. 29th in honor of her 20 years of service as postmistress at Hooker. The day was also her 65th birthday anniversary. A fine time is reported by those attending the party, and that includes Mrs. Barnes, who seemingly enjoyed the occasion immensely.

**75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1932**  
Preparations for the big Armistice Day free barbecue of buffalo meat and beef are rapidly being completed according to chairman Howard Anderson. Other events for Nov. 9 include a grade school football game with Atwood at 1:30 followed by the annual Armistice Day combat between Atwood and the Decatur Red Devils and a special

movie at the Opera House during the afternoon and evening.

H.Q. Banta, chairman of the Decatur County chapter of the American Red Cross, has secured 80 barrels of flour and 800 yards of material to be made into clothing for needy families through the federal government relief program.

Dresden: Everybody is excited over the fact that the Dresden main street is going to be curbed and graveled in the near future. Mrs. Fred Emmons called at the Pete Welter home Thursday evening to see Mrs. Welter and the new baby girl.

Big Timber: The sons and sons-in-law of John Tacha are cutting wood preparatory to filling John's furnace this winter. We predict that there'll be many a pinochle game played at that same friendly heat.

"Swede" Anderson will head the annual cleanup on Halloween in this year. The yards of all shut-in people or widows will be raked and the rubbish hauled away and anyone wishing this attention next Monday night is asked to place a lighted candle in a front window.

After being beaten 13-6 in the first half of the Goodland game and shoved all over the field the Red Devils came back in the last half with that fighting spirit which has made Decatur football teams famous and defeated the Cowboys on their own field 19-13 with Sam Francis scoring on a 50-yard touchdown run.

**50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1957**

The flu caught up with Oberlin this week. DCHS has 90 absences Tuesday and Wednesday, about 40 percent of the total enrollment, which led to the postponement of the Halloween cleanup and possibly the upcoming football game.

Following the first freeze of the season last week, Decatur County farmers got their first good chance to get into sorghum fields.

Jennings: Citizens will go to the polls Nov. 15 to vote on a \$15,000 bond issue to provide for a proposed new city water system. The city filed suit last week in Decatur County asking \$39,450 damages from the Texas Company which owns oil wells near the present city water supply alleging that citizens have become sick from drinking the polluted water and that water heaters have been ruined by the salt content of the water.

Emmett West was honored with a surprise dinner at the Green Lantern for 30 years of service with Southwestern Bell Telephone. Lee Waldo also was honored for 10 years of

service with the company.

With a half dozen flu-weakened players able to manage only a few plays at a time, the Oberlin Red Devils fell to Goodland 25-14 in the Homecoming game. Karen Moore was crowned the 1957 homecoming queen.

Tomorrow a familiar face will be gone from the County Extension office. Florence Hawkins Vavroch has resigned her position which she has held since April 1949. She has been replaced by Mrs. Leland Smith, the former Eloise Anderson, who is a DCHS graduate of 1951 and a graduate of Central Business College in Denver.

**25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1982**

Nearly 70 percent of Decatur County's eligible voters went to the polls Tuesday. The high voter turnout resulted from local interest in the one county commission race and the 120th District state representative contest. In the first district commission race incumbent Dennis Sloan was unseated by Don Kump by a vote of 328 to 300.

Incumbent Mike Hayden of Atwood defeated Judith Shirley of Norcat for the 120th District state representative post by a vote of 1,150 to 709 in Decatur County and had the majority vote in every county in the 120th District.

Bob Rapp at the M-G-M Grain Elevator in Norcat reported his storage facility was full. Much of the milo being harvested in the county is now being stored on the farm and yields have been running from a low of 30 bushels to as high as 115

## Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

What a great week — blue skies, very little wind, sunshine and warm weather.

The fund raiser in Norcat on Oct. 14 raised over \$800 for a new roof for the Norcat city building. A big thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed a great spaghetti dinner provided by the Decatur Chamber and served by Marilyn Horn, Tami Shaw, Iris Mastin and myself.

The Christmas season is soon upon us and that means it's time for the annual Business to Business Tour. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see what the local merchants have available this year. The tour will be Sunday, Nov. 11.

Downtown Oberlin will be deco-

bushels per acre.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dodson, Abilene, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley, to Alan Shuler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shuler, rural Selden. Miss Dodson is a December candidate for a degree in speech language pathology at Fort Hays State and will continue working toward a master's degree. Shuler is working toward a degree in industrial education at FHSU. A May 21, 1983, wedding is being planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

A 2 p.m. ceremony on Oct. 2, 1982, at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin united in marriage Patricia Ann Lohofener and Lennie Joe Currey, both of Hays. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lohofener, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Currey, Kensington.

Competing in the substate tournament at Oakley, Oberlin's volleyball team ended up as runner-up with a season record of 15-12. Coach Jim Keller was pleased with the season and especially his seniors, DeDe Parker (4-time All-league), Kendall Wilson, Lori Ayers, Lori Cochran and Trina Wendland.

At the cross country regional meet held at Hays Saturday Oberlin placed fifth with Paul Shields, the only Red Devil to qualify for the state meet to be held at Manhattan.

The Red Devil football team defeated district and league opponent Oakley 21-6 Friday night setting up a showdown with Hoxie in a game Friday night which will decide the area 3-A team to enter post-season play.

## Cedar Living News

Glenn Martin is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

We are ready for Halloween. The decorations are up and we have stocked up on lots of candy to hand out to the children. We hope for a big turnout of ghosts and goblins.

The craft group met on Monday afternoon to make ghosts and bats. These are now hanging from the ceiling all around the dining room.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

The Residents Council met on Tuesday morning. We have been making plans for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner to be held on Nov. 18. We are also scheduling programs for the Christmas season.

Don Shaw won the first bingo game on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Helena Bruggeman and Don Shaw.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. The group included Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, and Helena Bruggeman.

Stuart Euhus led the Bible study class on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a pizza party for resi-

dents and staff at noon on Thursday. Mr. Brown brought the pizza and the dietary department provided a salad bar. The party was a big success and everyone ate too much.

The bowling group met on Thursday afternoon to try to work off just a little of the big lunch. Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make peanut butter oatmeal cookies.

Pastor Carrie Buhler of the Jennings United Methodist Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Betsy Holste, Ludell; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Don and Leota Stackhouse, Roseville, Calif.; Marge Wigner, Atwood; Garland and Nola Handley, Michigan; Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Linda Bosler, Frank Cox, Herndon; Paula Tadlock, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Carol Shaw, Selden; Marilyn Artalosh, Live Oak, Calif.; Wava Reames, Norcat; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Jeanette Miller, Lyle Gamblin, Darlene Fisher, Shirley Shields, Eunice Martin, Marguerite Bailey, Regina Stanley, Ira Kolsky, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

*The wheels on the bus go round and round,*

*Round and round,*

*The wheels on the bus go round and round,*

*All around the town.*

If you have children or grandchildren, you are probably familiar with this little ditty. Our little buses have been all around the town and country this week. The residents have enjoyed getting out, seeing the autumn colors and watching the golden mountains of a bountiful harvest grow east of town.

Amy Rehm planned a visit to her daughter's ranch on Friday. Ten residents ate an A&W picnic lunch serenaded by a choir of Pygmy goats. It was fun distinguishing each little voice amidst the cacophony of barnyard noises.

We met Amanda, a beautiful and very large draft horse. Connie Simonsson brought her out of a pen filled with probably 20 other horses, so we could see her up close and personal! There was another pen filled with mules and miniature horses for our entertainment.

Residents who enjoyed the trip were Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska, David McGee, Earl Brown, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson and Amy Rehm, of course.

On Sunday Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska, Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle, David McGee and Dorothy Pryor attended church in Lyle. It was a special service where they witnessed a visiting young couple surrender their lives to Jesus for the very first time.

The Eastern Star ladies hosted our monthly birthday party on Monday. They served ice cream and cookies. Myrna Jones played the piano while everyone sang along. Our birthday girls were Ruby Shuler and Lucy Schissler.

Sherry Ruf's first-grade class came Tuesday to read. It is a joy to have the halls filled with cheerful smiling faces. The children are so well-behaved you don't hear them as they find their reading pals. Afterward, you can hear them giggle as they search around the pond looking for Sammy, the squirrel. The residents look forward to their visits and have already commented on how much their reading has improved.

Dennis Brown and the Forget-Me-Not Ministry brought ice cream with fresh strawberries and bananas

for Social Hour. Everyone watches the calendar, careful not to miss his coming.

Jeanette Diederich led our Songs of Worship Wednesday; Mert McEvoy, ladies Bible study; Rosella Meitl gave manicures and Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler hosted our weekly bingo night. Wednesday is a busy day for our volunteers, for which we are very grateful.

Thursday Fern Moore read Current Events, and Saturday Larry Mack dealt poker for Pizza and Poker night!

On Thursday the ladies finished up another project to be sold at the Craft Bazaar, pine cone ornaments. Remember to come this Friday during the Rock-a-thon to start your Christmas shopping!

Preparations and anticipation are at peak levels as we get closer to Friday. Everyone is checking out their rockers to determine if they are comfortable enough for 10 hours of rocking! If you would like to contribute to this exciting event, you can mail or drop a check by the Good Sam with Rock-a-thon written on the memo line. All proceeds will stay in Decatur County this year.

Other November dates to mark are Sunday, Nov. 18, when we will have an Old-fashioned Tent Revival at 7 p.m., and Pooch's Pizza Parlor will be open to the public on Friday, Nov. 30. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Recent visitors: **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh, Estella Waldo, Eunice Wenger; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon, Doris Fringer;

**Eva Bryan** - Detta Anderson; **Hubert Mumm** - Ken Mumm, Jim and Eleanor Rogers of Selden, Clem Mumm of Colby, Delores Rails of Hoxie; **Ruth Laidig** - Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb.; **Lucy Schissler** - Mert McEvoy; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Darci Meitl; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer, Gladys Geis, Connie Green; **Ruth McQuiston** - Helen Gee; **Doris Marintzer** - Marie Zimmerman; **John and Muriel Ready**, **Mae Guy** - Norma Richards; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Lora Zwickle** - Doris Fringer, Eunice Wenger; **June Saum** - Marie Zimmerman; **Dorothy Bryan** - John and Carol Barrett.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy (Riepl) Riley, who died last week. Funeral services were held in Salina on Saturday morning and several attended from the Herndon area.

Saturday evening guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kourtney Grafel of Utica; Keaston Grafel of Atwood; Chris, Kristyn and Kameron Clapp of Culbertson, Neb.; and Sarah and Rachel Grafel of Herndon.

Celebrating Braden Leitner's eighth birthday on Sunday at his home in Atwood were his parents, Kathy and Dave Leitner; sister, Sami; brother, Joey; and his grandparents, Bob and Lila Leitner, and Voni Sattler of Herndon.

Bud and Pat Bosler of Pine, Colo., Keith Pettera of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Collette Kramer of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Connie James of Thornton, Colo.; Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz.; and Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., came over the weekend to help Edie Pettera celebrate her 96th birthday on Monday. Also honored were Keith Pettera and Don Pettera who share the same birthday.

Danny Marintzer of Omaha stopped by to visit Kent and Chris Wood over the weekend.

Bud and Vicky Mumm traveled to Champaign, Ill., on Oct. 17 to visit their daughter, Anita. They also visited a neighboring Amish community and ate at a German cafe.

They returned home Oct. 23.

Visitors in Herndon over the weekend were Cecil and Connie Walker and Cecil Jr., and friend, Isis, of Houston. They brought her mother, Doris Marintzer, a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, to the family farm for the weekend.

Also visiting were Becky Faimon, Heather and Muriel of Stratton, Neb.; and Bud and Vicky Mumm, and Karol Riener, Dan, Jessica and John, of Herndon.

The Rawlins County health nurse,

Pam Stuczynski, expressed appreciation to everyone who worked setting up, cleaning up and participating at the Health Fair at the Senior Center in Herndon. It was a huge success and they look forward to providing this service next year.

Fourteen attended the potluck dinner on Wednesday at the Herndon Senior Center. Dick Cole won blackout and Sue Frick, the door prize. The next potluck will be at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, with the business meeting and bingo to follow.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A community potluck supper will be held on Sunday at the Achilles Schoolhouse, beginning at 4 p.m. with supper to follow at 5 p.m. Everyone in the area is welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Guests are asked to bring a dish or two to share as well as their own table service. Beverages will be provided.

Dick and Donna Kelley visited last week with their son, Dr. Kirk Kelley, in Davenport, Iowa.

Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary visited over the weekend with Sarah and Kurt Olson in Manhattan and attended the K-State-Baylor football game.

The church board will meet following morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. They are to bring a sack lunch.

Geneva Day services will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The annual turkey and ham dinner for the opening of pheasant season will be Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Rexford Community Building on Main Street. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. The meal price will be \$7 for adults and \$4 under 10 years of age. This event is sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club and Royal Neighbors of America.

Golden Plains Community Outreach has been selling raffle tickets for a 19" television and a hand-crocheted afghan, 52 inches by 76 inches. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The drawing will be Saturday, Nov. 3. You need not to be present to win.

The Rexford Community Church packed over 160 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child last Sunday. Twelve individuals will travel to Colorado Springs the day after Thanksgiving to deliver the gifts.

Golden Plains high school cheer-

leaders are collecting empty ink jet cartridges as a fund raiser. The school will receive up to \$4 for each cartridge turned in. Any ink jet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

If you have a Hewlett-Packard, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer, your support would be appreciated. Bring empty cartridges in a zipper bag or original box to the school.

A happy birthday to Wes Becken on Oct. 29; Jacy Moss, Nov. 1; and her mother, Jennifer Moss, on Nov. 2.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows on Monday, 2 p.m.; Bible study on Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Come on Down at 2 p.m. on Thursday; and Koffee Klatch on Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Remember to greet all the Trick or Treaters with a smile Wednesday evening and until next time, make your week memorable.

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