

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1887**  
Sol Rees and the Chapman brothers of Jackson are taking in the G.A.R. reunion at St. Louis this week.

Postmaster Mead is introducing the combination of lock boxes, which are decidedly handsome and have long been needed.

The flood Sunday nearly occasioned a famine among those who depended upon the baker for their supply of bread.

A.D. Litton of Center claims he will have 800 bushels of corn to market.

J.C. Hofius, formerly of Cuba, Kansas, has located in Oberlin in the land and loan business.

T.D. Bebb, H.D. Thompson and F.O. Salisbury were admitted at the present term of court to practice law in the district and inferior courts of Kansas by his honor, Judge Pratt.

The McCook ball club cannot muster enough courage to tackle the Oberlin boys.

An acrobat and contortionist was furnishing amusement for people on the streets Saturday.

It is predicted that the Republican county convention will be a lively affair.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1912**  
Mayor Morrish has been quite sick for several days.

The Oberlin Opera House is installing a heating plant for the comfort of their patrons.

Robey E. Banta is managing the South End News, a Seattle, Wash., newspaper.

The fierce wind last Friday blew down the smoke stack at the city power house, but the boys have been furnishing power with the stub end of the stack.

Art Grindle last week purchased the John Young land adjoining his farm northwest of town.

An undertaker over at Goodland has purchased a motor hearse and he advises those contemplating taking a ride in a hearse to wait until he gets this new outfit when he can give them a ride worthwhile.

Jennings Items: Mrs. A. L. Chenoweth has carried the mail the last two weeks while Luther has taken a much needed rest.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1937**  
Almost 300 women registered at the three-day session of the Sixth

District Federation of Women's Clubs convention held in Oberlin. Speakers included the state president and the Sixth District president, Mrs. Dan Hopson of Phillipsburg, and Dr. Mary Townsend De Motte, also of Phillipsburg. The opening session on Tuesday for officers was held at the Presbyterian Church in Oberlin with the dinner meeting that evening in Jennings for all officers and distinguished guests. On Wednesday the speaker at the afternoon session was the Honorable Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarty of Hays on the topic of International Relations.

The new cafe in the Masonic Temple building will be opened in coming weeks by Carroll Hall. It has been named "The Temple Cafe" and bears a neon sign to that effect.

Miss Eula Smith of Topeka has taken Mr. Donald Johnson's place in the local schools in teaching piano and voice. A graduate of Baker, she has a master's degree from the University of Kansas and teaching experience in Oklahoma, Ohio, and at Washburn College.

Leoville: The marriage of Miss Josephine Ritter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ritter, Jr., and Mr. James Hoffman was solemnized in the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville by the Rev. Father M.J. Schmitt on Sept. 8. The couple will make their home in Littleton, Colo.

Last Saturday while Ed Brown was working on the Elmer Metcalf farm, suddenly with no warning he felt the thrust of a rattlesnake bite in his leg. He applied first aid and was able to get to the house and a doctor was called. Although he was a very sick man, he is recovering.

Vallonia: Mrs. Halloran of Kentucky is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Betty Reeves.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. E.M. Coldren, 81, who came to Decatur County with her parents in 1887 where she met and married Mr. E.M. Coldren, the late owner of the Herald. In recent years she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Dodd.

Funeral services will be held at the Kanona Methodist Church for Mrs. Otto (Huff) Johnson, 32, who died of an embolism as she was leaving the hospital after a recent appendix operation. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, her par-

ents and two brothers.

A tragedy occurred in Ventura, Calif., which cost the life of Shelly Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Miller of Kanona. He was serving as a volunteer with the fire department when a high tension wire fell and electrocuted him and injured two other fire fighters. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and four sisters.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1962**

"Every day the crop situation is improving in Decatur County," said County Agent Ed Hinkle.

The Red Devils downed the Hoxie Indians 33-7 in the game played Friday night at Smick Field. Other area scores were: Jennings 45, Morland 12; Norcatur 27, Logan 20.

The new educational wing and parish hall of Faith Lutheran Church will be dedicated during the Sunday morning worship service. The Rev. A.R. Zeilinger is pastor of the church which was built in 1956.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn King, son, Ricky Wayne, 9-21-62; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hartzog, Jennings, son, Kyle Ray, 9-24-62.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spencer, Ulysses, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Anne, to James F. Miesner, Ensign United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miesner, Oberlin. Miss Spencer attended Fort Hays Kansas State College and is employed by the Kearney ASCS office in Lakin. Ensign Miesner, a 1962 graduate of Fort Hays Kansas State College, is stationed with the Navy at Milton, Fla. A December wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Ridgway announce the engagement of their daughter, Roxanne Rae, to Robert Wayne Pavlicek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pavlicek of Oberlin. Both are graduates of DCHS and Miss Ridgway attended Fort Hays Kansas State College and is now employed at Farmers National Bank. Mr. Pavlicek graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College last spring and is now employed with the Internal Revenue Service in Wichita. The wedding date has been set for Nov. 25 at the Presbyterian Church in Oberlin.

Mrs. Richard Basgall, the former Eleanor Karls of Dresden, will teach in the music department of Marymount College this fall. She

is a 1952 Marymount graduate and received her master of music education degree from the University of Wichita.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1987**

A bus line through Oberlin has reopened with a ticket agency for Trailways/Greyhound lines registered by Fifth Wheel Service which is owned by Elmer Kathka. Departure times for the Oberlin stop are 9:10 a.m. for westbound freight and passengers and 8:05 p.m. for eastbound destinations.

Two Decatur County 4-H members, Angie Krizek and Melissa Bailey, earned purple ribbons on their entries at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Angie received a purple on her complete costume and Melissa for the intermediate ready-made garment review.

Darlene Sater, a 1987 graduate of DCHS, left Saturday for Belgium where she will be a Rotary International Youth Exchange student. She is the daughter of Bill and Myra Sater.

Hospital News: Debra and Donald Macfee, Lebanon, Neb., son, Kegan Yates, 9-16-87; Teresa and Edward Meitl, Dresden, son, Justin Wayne, 9-18-87; Dr. and Mrs. Richard May, daughter, Danica Nicole, 9-11-87.

Jennings: Students in grades 3-12 enjoyed a rare opportunity Sept. 14 when Brian Muirhead, an engineer with the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Los Angeles, presented a slide show and talk about his work with the space program. Muirhead, whose actual title is Technical Group Supervisor of the Advanced Spacecraft Development Group, currently works with a project to develop a spacecraft which can be sent to Mars to roam the planet's surface. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. King Muirhead of Jennings and is a guest lecturer at the University of Kansas College of Engineering this week.

Decatur County commissioners appointed Ruth Bainter, rural Dresden, as county appraiser effective Oct. 1.

The St. Francis Indians stunned the Oberlin Red Devils on their own field Friday night as they ran the opening kickoff back 84 yards for the touchdown. The game ended 7-0 St. Francis.

## Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Norcatur Senior Citizens will be playing pinochle at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Methodist Educational Building. Everyone is welcome.

Richard and Venietta Miller will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Enchanted Valley Ranch Clubhouse, 7300 Monroe, Mission, Texas. Mail may be sent to 7324 Ford Street, Mission, Texas, 78572.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Norcatur Citizens Alliance may send their donation to Dennis Leichter, 1001 Road O, Clayton, Kan. 67629.

Lula Hix said she had a wonderful 95th birthday and appreciated the cards and letters.

A benefit for Deb Marshall, Norcatur's City Clerk, has been scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, at the former grade school building. Deb is undergoing cancer treatments and the benefit is to help defray medical and travel expenses.

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Plotts, Sept. 19; Doug Dempewolf, Sept. 20; Shanna Long, Sept. 22; Matthew Helm, Kelsey Janssen, Sept. 23; Carol Miller, Dwight Wentz, Sept. 24.

Tara Nelson and friend, Jerry Hutfles, drove to Norcatur to retrieve a 1941 pick-up truck for restoration. The truck had belonged to Tara's grandfather, Charlie Nelson.

Wava Reames spent some time in Oberlin on Sept. 13. She stopped by Cedar Living Center and drummed up a card game with old friends, Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Juanita Eckhart.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp and Gabby Schamberger went to Chanute on Sept. 12 to meet the newest granddaughter and niece. Bailey Marie Poire was born to Kortney and Jerrod Poire weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. She has an older sister, Kynleigh. Great-grandparents are Marian Dempewolf, McCook and Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin.

Recent visitors of Joyce Price were Shirley Wilcox and Wayne

McCallister.

Mark and Deb Ward, Hugo, Colo., were recent visitors of his mother, Dorothy Ward.

During the Highway 36 Garage Sale, lots of company stopped by to see Rea and Dee Magers. Those who came included; Dee's sisters, Regina Vifian, Lakewood, Colo.; Erma Alexander, Potter, Neb.; and her daughter, Lori Hill, Wheatland, Wyo.; Mary Lou Williams, Littleton, Colo.; and her daughter, Kerry Williams, Aurora, Colo.; Dee's nephew, Jerry Sanza and his dog, "Wolf," Leadville, Colo.; Cherri and Bob Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo.; and Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs. Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter, stopped by for a short visit.

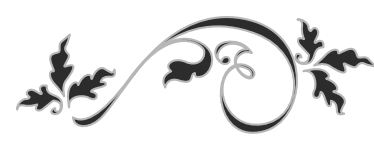
Former Norcatur resident, Roger Beachel, U.S. Navy, (retired), San Deigo, Calif., writes that he is recuperating well from a stroke he had last December. He is hopeful that his doctors will clear him to drive soon.

Guests of Dewaine Stapp the week of Sept. 5 were his daughter, Elaine Kingsley, Allen, Texas, and his son and wife, Randy and Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind. Dewaine hosted a pizza supper Sept. 10 and fixed grilled steak on Sept. 11. Additional guests both evenings were Dave and Patty Stapp; Sam Stapp; Micheal and Kaitlyn Shamberger and Gabby, Hoxie; and Charlotte Meints, Oberlin.

## Traer News

By Marilyn Courange

Candy Magers McLerran of Sapulpa, Okla., visited Maralyn Courange on Friday morning. She was on her way to Boulder, Colo., to visit her nephew, Terry Lee Magers, and other relatives.



## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the Midwest Health and Wellness dinner and seminar at The Gateway in Oberlin on Sept. 17. Bee Nelson took Dorothy Ward, Jody Lyon and Veda Wood. We enjoyed a very good dinner and I'm sure if we followed the speaker's advice we would be improving our health and adding a few years to our lives.

June Jolly played Bingo and went to her KT Club on Thursday. She had sloppy Joes, beans and pie at the Catholic Church on Saturday. She is making a "turkey" wall hanging like she did a few years ago. She wondered if she sold the other one at the bazaar.

The doctor gave me permission to start walking, but my leg doesn't want to, yet. Daughter Carol said, "No clogging" and Merlin said, "or hopscotch". No danger for a little while.

My granddaughter, Tracey Pershing came for a few days visit, and I

was happy to have her with me most of the weekend. The trouble was, she was ill most of that time, but was feeling much better on Sunday and attended the Lyle Church service, and visited with friends there. She returned to her home in Douglas, Wyo., that afternoon.

Larry Van Otterloo's daughter-in-law, Mary, and granddaughters, Taylor and Aubrey, visited the Lyle service also.

Toots Magers attended Oran Milner's funeral with Gary and Cathy Anthony. She played cards at Norcatur on Friday, and Judy and Charley Easton came on Sunday, had dinner with her and did some chores.

Joyce Sumner reported that she feels better than she has in a long time. Her granddaughter, Amy Archer, is doing a little better. Larry Sumner said he had to come to church to check on his mother. Only a few years ago it was the other way around. (You know I'm kidding.)

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Join us Sunday, for a journey through Oberlin and Decatur County's past, via the Oberlin Cemetery, on our first Decatur County Museum "Voices from the Silent City" tour.

Actors will regale you with the tales of a lawyer, bootmaker, buffalo hunter, merchant and pioneer women. Hear the sad stories of the dreaded disease diphtheria taking four children from the same family within three weeks, the death of a young mother during childbirth, and a brother killing brother over a horse.

In the sections that have been chosen for this first tour, the Oberlin American Legion and Auxiliary will honor Civil War, World War I, and World War II veterans.

The tour starts at 3:15 p.m. at the north end of the old section of the cemetery. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be picked up beforehand at the museum during regular hours

or can be purchased the day of the tour. Museum members will not need tickets, as this will be a free activity for you. Membership to the Museum is only \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a family.

The tour will last around an hour and cover three blocks in the "Old Section" of the cemetery. There will be no seating available during the tour.

The Voices from the Silent City tour is a great way to learn more about the history of Oberlin and Decatur County and its people in a unique setting.

Along with the tour, the Decatur County Museum board and staff will be holding an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. that same day. Admission will be free so that everyone can come and enjoy the 15 historical buildings. Local talent will be performing in the parlor with coffee, tea and cookies being served.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Residents met on Monday afternoon to exercise their brains with assorted trivia questions. We are often surprised by the bits of wisdom we have stored away that can pop back up so quickly and yet we cannot remember where we put our glasses five minutes ago. It was a fun afternoon and we shared coffee and doughnuts, too.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led us in the sing-along time before supper.

We had a great time at bingo on Tuesday afternoon with volunteers Ila Ray, Caroline Jacobs and Mike Helm assisting. Irene Fringer won the blackout game.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Wednesday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Alice Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Audra Duncan, Irene Fringer, Joan Noble and Donna Kent.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Laughter rang through the dining room on Thursday afternoon when residents met for a game of bowling. We had nine bowlers and

a few cheerleaders encouraging us on to victory. Snacks were served following the game.

Friday was spent observing the last day of summer. It was a little too windy to have our party outside, so we met in the dining room for one last cool treat of summer. We made up a batch of rainbow fruit punch floats featuring lemon lime soda, fruit juice and two flavors of sherbet. We reminisced about the long hot summer just ending and summer fun from years past. We also used the time to begin making plans for the fall season, including Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Recent visitors: Bob and Marilyn Fossum, Danbury; Hunter and Kelton Parks, Cambridge, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Bailey Wolf, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Betty Hafer, Delpha Sis, Anna, Juliann and Jaelynn Sis, Atwood; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Carol Kompus, Charles and Donna Lincoln, Connie Olson, Dorothy Cochran, Mirium Fisher, Ralph and Norma Unger, Robert and Penny Fringer, Marilyn Gambelin, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Please send your school sporting events, travels, company or family gatherings or church events to kompusgal@yahoo.com or call (785) 322-5219. Herndon news for Oberlin and Atwood papers is appreciated before Monday noon.

Many friends and family members of Rob Percival helped him celebrate his 25th birthday on Saturday at the Herndon City Park. Everyone enjoyed the cool weather and great food.

Jerry and Carol Sattler of Madison, Wis., spent this past week visiting with family across Kansas. Their first stop was with Pat and George Cardinal and family in Salina, then on to visit Rodney Rippe in Hays and Pat Louise Sloan in Colby. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they spent with Richard and Theresa Rippe, Tim Rippe and Wyatt, Kevin and Megan Rippe and girls of Ludell, and Tom and Myra Sattler of Herndon. They ended the week heading to Colorado to see Norma and Roger Cichorz in Boulder and then a few days with their son Matt and his fiancée, Cathy, in Fort Collins.

Marlene Cook, Littleton, Colo., visited Thursday to Monday with Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon. After enjoying the Oberlin homecoming parade on Friday they surprised their cousin, Marcella Leitner in Good Samaritan in Oberlin. Saturday the sisters shopped 'til they dropped after joining Mary and Collin Clark for lunch in Colby. The gals surprised the painting crew late Saturday afternoon. Marlene, the Hafners and Clarks were guests of Janice and Jayme Sattler for Sunday dinner before touring the Clark's country back yard, gazebo

and pond.

Theresa Rippe and friend, Michelle Stevens, spent Saturday in Hays visiting with Debi Rippe from Tyler, Texas. They had lunch with Debi and her dad, Walter Dechant, and Rodney Rippe. Joining them later for supper were Aaron and Brenda Schilde and Addison from Minneola and Katelyn Rippe.

The Eugene Wurm Memorial bench has been completed in Pride Park. Gene loved the Herndon area and outdoors. When going by the park on Main Street, take a little time to relax on one of the three benches and enjoy the moment.

Roseanna Stoney celebrated her 87th birthday all weekend. Family enjoyed cake and ice cream both Saturday and Sunday evenings and many friends and family called wishing her another blessed year.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) is sponsoring a Novena beginning Saturday and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 7. Bishops across the country will lead a Novena for our nation. Additional suggestions other than joining in the Mass celebration are scripture readings and prayer daily, a donation or something practical to help the poor. Encourage as many people as you can to follow the nine-day Novena, asking for religious freedom for our nation. Check your cable or satellite channels for broadcast times.

Greg and Rita Marintzer hosted a lunch for Joe on Sunday for his 25th birthday. Those attending were Greg and Rita along with Grandpa Pete, Grandma Leen, Uncle Gene, brothers Isaac and Justin and sister-in-law Lori. They made homemade ice cream along with cake. Congratulations, Joe!

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