

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1885

The streets are muddy. The B&M Company has an immense tower in position surmounted by a windmill. The foundation for Ira Wear's hardware building is completed and work on the frame commenced. M.E. Mix is feeding 150 head of cattle on his ranch two miles west of town. The heavy storm prevented the county commissioners reaching town, hence the vote was not canvassed until Tuesday of this week. L.K. Pratt received over 3,000 majority for judge of the 17th judicial district. The entire Republican ticket was elected in Rawlins County.

Steps have already been taken to locate and build a Methodist Episcopal Church in Oberlin the coming year. Messrs. Caldwell, Wood and Co., from Missouri have a large and complete stock of general merchandise in the room recently vacated by Colby and Rodehaver.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1910

The greatest football every played on Oberlin grounds occurred last Friday when the high school team went down to defeat before the Washburn College second team by a score of 11-6. Tudor Stevenson made both of Oberlin's scores by drop kicking two field goals. Other Oberlin players were Chas. Wilbur, Frank Roach, Frank Railsback, John Battin, Opie Cody, Ivo Heitman, Harvey Daniel, Ray Wolfe, Harvey Street, Gene O'Grady, Earl Relph, Byron Scott and Glenn Love. Two Decatur County boys played on the Washburn team: Dean Rogers at fullback and Caleb Smick at guard. Two other notables were Carl Smiley (now of Norton) at quarter and Berg (now the Washburn coach) at tackle.

Election results: Decatur County elected a full set of Democratic officials; district judge, W. S. Langmade; representative: J. M. Shuey; county clerk: C. J. Raymond; register of deeds, B. W. Wernette; county attorney: J. F. Peters; probate judge: Geo. W. Macfee; Sheriff, J. M. Griffin; Coroner, Albert Jeffries; surveyor, E. J. O'Toole; county superintendent: M.T. Barnett; clerk of district court: L.M. DeuPree; commissioner, 1st district, Tim Woods.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1935

The wheat fields of Decatur County received a welcome four-inch snowfall on Sunday. In the annual Armistice Day clash at Atwood Monday afternoon, the Decatur Red Devils moved a notch closer to the Northwest Kansas League title by stubbornly resisting the effort of the Atwood Buffaloes to

push across a touchdown from the 1-foot line near the end of the first half. In the fourth quarter Oberlin scored on a pass from Hackney to Ferguson. Outstanding players for Oberlin were Kessler at punting, though leaving the game injured in the fourth quarter, and Don Dyer whose numerous tackles of the big Lankas and Moore probably averted an Atwood score.

Oberlin people were shocked and grieved to learn on Saturday morning of the death of the city electrician, H.C. Wagoner who passed away during the night of a heart attack. He had apparently been in good health as he had attended the football game at Smick Field Friday evening. Having had much to do with the installation of the lighting equipment he had taken more than an ordinary interest in the games.

Arnold Hutfles, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutfles of Herndon, died after a fall from a tall tree in the Matt Hartner place in Herndon. He suffered a fractured skull and severe internal injuries.

Oberlin Rotarians and guests were privileged to hear Eldon Auker, guest speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting, and a pitcher for the World Champion Detroit Tigers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiers were honored guests recently at a miscellaneous shower held at the home of Mrs. Spiers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ruby. Leoville; Mr. and Mrs. August Karls are the parents of a son born Nov. 1 at the Hays hospital.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1960

Construction, remodeling and redecorating are in progress at various business places in Oberlin. At Raye's Grocery an addition is being built onto the present store making the space nearly double in size. At Western Auto a year-around toyland is being completed in the basement while at Don's Grocery new doors with a divider in between have been installed to eliminate the congestion of customers coming and going at the store.

Mrs. Ward Claar was flown to Denver from Gothenburg, Neb., Monday by Bob Fraker where she is at the Craig Rehabilitation Center.

Robert Cram, retired St. Francis attorney, told about his trip behind the Iron Curtain at the farmers' night meeting of Oberlin Lions Club. He showed slides of East and West Berlin, Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad. Oberlin will open the 1960-61 basketball season at Hill City. Daryl Parker, in his second year as Red Devil coach, has six returning lettermen, David Blickenstaff, David Nichols, Norman Stanley, Howard Kuhn, Jack Wesch and Ronnie Erickson.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Euhus, son, Bradley Noles, 11-17-

60; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth, daughter, 11-19-60.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Emerson and family of Lakin spent the weekend here visiting relatives and friends.

Sam R. Willcoxon of Dallas, Texas, spent Tuesday of last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Berniece Willcoxon, and the Harold Brown family. Sam was en route to Chicago where he is being transferred with the AT&T Company. His family will join him in Chicago next week.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1985

Ben Miller, a pilot in World War I, gave the address at the Veterans Day program held at the DCHS gymnasium, sponsored by Oberlin American Legion Post #70 and Auxiliary.

Dick Kelly, local fish and game protector, observed that heavy cover and cold weather kept the pheasants out of sight for most of the opening weekend of the hunting season.

The DCHS musical "Little Mary Sunshine" under the direction of Susan Nelson will feature Perrell Stanley and Andrea Lauber in the lead roles.

Flora Reeves, 102, was honored on her birthday with a party at Cedar Living Center where she resides. The widow of the late Dr. Arthur Reeves, the couple resided in Oberlin where he practiced medicine until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Depperschmidt, Salina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Jerome Roell, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Lawrence Roell of Harrison, Ohio. She is a 1980 graduate of DCHS, holds a degree in business administration from Marymount College and is employed at the Mowery Clinic in Salina. Her fiancé has a degree in agricultural engineering from Ohio State University and is employed as area service manager for John Deere Company.

Jennie Diehl Brown, 98, was awarded a 55-year continuous American Legion Auxiliary membership pin at a recent meeting:

Hospital News: Kelly and Monte Moore, Oberlin, daughter, Allie Beth, 11/12/85; Joyce and David Juenemann, Oberlin, son, Chase David, 11/16/85; Danna and Richard Kelly, Oberlin, son, Richard William, 11/17/85; Floyd L. and Dale Bryan, Oberlin, daughter, Bayley Anna, 11/11/85; Mike and Mirla Coleman, Oberlin, son, Matthew Joseph, 11/11/85, born at St. Anthony Hospital, Hays.

The DCHS harriers finished the season with a fourth place finish at the state 3-A meet in Manhattan. Darren Horn placed 18th in a field of 100 runners and Jeremy Dunn was 21st.

The Red Devil football team finished their season on a high note trouncing the Hoxie Indians 49-12 for a season record of 6-3.

DCHS athletes named to the all-NWKL team included: Football, Jeff Unger, Gary Juenemann, Corey Raulston, Brent Kempfe and Kent Winder. Volleyball: Kristin Richards, Robyn Russell and Laurie

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Saturday evening dinner guests at St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Oberlin for the Waterman cousins get-together were Pat and Dottie Mead, Topeka; Dan Waterman, Jewell; Ross and Sandi Waterman, Vona, Colo.; Myrna Carter, Carter Lake, Iowa; Kenneth and Carolyn Call and Janet Miller, Colby; Coleen Bowen, Greeley, Colo.; Gary and Virginia Solko, Ludell; Marty and Jane Waterman and Donna Waterman, Atwood; Ed Waterman, Sedgwick; Becky Hibbs, A.J. and Emma, Wichita; Elmer Waterman and Lisa, Bonaire, Ga.; Dave Casselmann, Arlington, Texas; Melvin Waterman, Scott and Kristi Waterman, David Tommie and Courtlyn, Heather Waterman, Corbin and Kaden, Ryan and Karen Nichols and Levi, Dale and Lenora Soderlund, and David and Karen Eskew, all of Oberlin.

While there, they also helped Donna Waterman celebrate her 88th birthday. Mollie Tate, a member of the McCook YMCA swim team, placed fourth in the 50-yard breast stroke, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle, and third in the 100-yard individual medley at the League swim meet in Hastings, Neb., on Saturday.

Accompanying Mollie were Becky Tate and Grace, and Robyn Rouse and Dani. Dani is also on Mollie's team and competed in the meet as well. Martin and Evelyn May, Janice Cundiff, Connie Olson, Lee and Jane Gilliam, and Gisela Fisher attended a live video conference at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood on Saturday entitled "Walk Through The Bible In One Day" featuring the Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, a seminary professor and pastor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Mike Shields, Omaha, Neb., and Brett Shields, Harlan, Iowa, were weekend pheasant hunter guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

David May, McCook; Stean Ol-

son, Hays; Wilma May, and Jerry and Connie Olson met Sunday noon at a local restaurant to celebrate both Stean and Connie's birthdays.

Sunday evening supper guests of Tami and Joel Shaw and Dante were her parents, Norman and Julie Gallentine; her brother, Gary Gallentine, of Titusville, Fla.; and two of his friends from South Carolina. Gary and his friends were here to enjoy the opening season of pheasant hunting.

Cole May, Manhattan, and Richard May and Nolan, Lawrence, were in Oberlin over the weekend for the opening of pheasant season and to visit Walter and Betty May. Walter will be celebrating his 87th birthday this week.

Justin Zodrow was a Saturday evening dinner guest of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica to help Jessica celebrate her 21st birthday.

After dinner guests for homemade cake and ice cream to celebrate both Jessica and Herschel's birthdays were Herschel and Jody Betts, Elmer (Junior) and Betty Jean Baus and Leigh, Dresden; and Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby.

Word has been received from Todd Tompkins that his son, Seth, has recently been discharged from the United States Army after approximately nine years of service and is now living in Texas.

Jessica Bremer, Topeka, was a weekend guest of her parents, John and Dianne Bremer.

Karen Larson took her parents, Zane and Gladys Geis, out to dinner Saturday evening to celebrate her father's birthday.

After dinner, they attended a worship musical of hope and encouragement entitled "Hope Is On The Way" at the historic Fox Theatre in McCook. The musical involved a community orchestra in which Craig Larson performed both Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Outside of strong winds, the weather has been pleasant for November, but we do need rain. When we get moisture, it will probably be snow, and we should be getting ready.

Charles and Inez Keller came to Lyle to visit Toots Magers and show their young minister and wife the sewing operation which he jokingly calls the "sweat shop".

June Jolly sewed at Lyle on Tuesday, attended her KT club on Thursday, played cards at Norcat on Friday, and McCook Friday evening, and at the Norton American Legion, along with Toots Magers

on Sunday evening. Jane Engelhardt came to the church dinner at Lyle on Sunday, and visited her mother and cut her hair later.

Tracy Pershing, my granddaughter, took IV's at home for a while rather than spend that time in the hospital. She is improving but is not to be on her foot too long at a time.

Funeral services for an old friend, Marie Rohnke McChesney, was held at St. Mark's Church on the lot of the Decatur County Museum. It is the Old Lutheran Church that was moved from Norcat.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7.

This seemed appropriate scripture in light of our Veterans Day Tribute on Thursday morning in honor of Alan Addleman, Dole Metcalf, Pooch Portschy, Ben Jorns, Walter May and Francis Janousek. These men extended a great service to our nation and we wanted to say thank you! Flags were placed at their doorways in their honor. Poppies were given to Amy Rehm, Dorothy Pryor, Betty May, Phyllis Metcalf and Mary Lemman, all wives of servicemen. Barb Biesner went out for the community celebration with her family.

Because of the chilly weather, Residents gathered at the windows to watch the Veterans Day Parade pass by. We are so grateful to be included on the parade route. It was a highlight to our week.

The majority of Residents who live here are believers in Jesus who, even in their advanced years are still active in their pursuit of learning about Him and seeking ways to serve Him on a daily basis.

This is evidenced by the number of people who attend Devotions every morning (average 15-20), Bible Study twice a week (average 18), Songs of Worship on Wednesdays (average 25) and church services on Sundays. You can see them helping one another, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller and Opal Bryan pushing friends in wheelchairs to meals and activities. Alice Bobbitt sits with Emma Sanford to keep her company. Dorothy Pryor and Myrtle Ross spend hours visiting. Amy Rehm writes notes of encouragement and thanks to staff members and guests. Edla Olson and Loren Schrock share their gift of music and humor. Eva Bryan and Eulaine Benda keep Paul Miesner smiling at the front porch.

In this season of life they have new trials to face; health problems, loneliness and depression are com-

mon, but these people keep fighting the good fight, determined to finish well by keeping their faith. They are an inspiration!

In Bible Study, we have started a new video series; "The Patriarchs." This is a pretty intense study of Old Testament truths, but Beth Moore keeps it lively and interesting.

We played two games this week, one of our favorites; making words using only the letters in our theme words, which was Happy Veterans Day. Ninety words were found. The second game was throwing Snowflakes to score the highest points. Ben Jorns, Walt May, Dorothy Hunt, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Betty May and Opal Bryan took part. Alice Bobbitt was our winner.

Mark your calendars! The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. here in Town Square! You won't want to miss it! We have so much to be thankful for!!

Visitors this week were: Penny Fringer and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Susan and Erin May for **Walter and Betty May**. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Lucy Schissler, Earl Brown and Walter and Betty May**. Connie Simonson for **Amy Rehm**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Brian and Pam Simonson for **Opal Bryan**. for **Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy, for **Lucy Schissler**. Stan and Becky and Muriel Faiver (Stratton, Neb.) for **Doris Marintzer**. Clem and Pat Mumm (Colby) for **Hubert Mumm**. Eunice Richards for **Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson and Alice Bobbitt**. Jerry and Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Rea and Dee Magers (Norcat) for **Mary Waldo**. Sherri Hilt, Michelle Stafford, Karen Andersly and D. Jenkins (St. Francis) for **Mildred Burr**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Uehlin Kolsky who died on Nov. 6. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning.

Tara Votapka will be assisting in the activities department at Cedar Living Center during November and December.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner to be held on Sunday, Nov. 21.

The dinner will start at 12:30 p.m. Family members and friends of residents are encouraged to attend. For additional information or to make a reservation please call Cedar Living Center at (785) 475-2276.

We celebrated two birthdays this past week at Cedar Living Center. Dale Butler had a birthday on Monday, Nov. 8, and Edna Mott celebrated her special day on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Mrs. Mott invited her fellow residents as well as a group of her friends to a party in the dining room on Tuesday afternoon. Ice cream sundaes were served. The bingo volunteers assisted with serving.

A group of residents gathered on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those joining in on the fun included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Edie Pettera, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka.

Zola Brown won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The dietary department hosted a special lunch at noon on Thursday. They served a menu selected by the Residents Council that included a salad bar and assorted sandwich choices.

Several residents tried their hand

at bowling on Thursday afternoon. There were reports of several strikes and spares.

A small group of residents gathered to play games on Thursday evening.

The baking group made sour cream chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served warm from the oven.

The Closely Knitted Friends group held their November meeting on the patio on Saturday afternoon. The group brought birthday cake in honor of Edna Mott's birthday.

The dietary department and activity departments teamed up on Sunday night to serve root beer floats.

Ice cream treats of any kind are always a big hit and root beer floats never fail to bring back some wonderful memories.

Recent visitors: Carol Ogburn, Prescott, Ariz.; Stean Olson, Hays; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Linda Gazda, Lakewood, Colo.; Virginia Almqvist, Smith Center; Gene Kleidosty, Julie and Bob Hafner, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Chris Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka; Betty Rall, Colorado Springs; Michelle Compton, Fountain, Colo.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Gary Sayer, Nebraska; Glenn and Tonya Sayer and family, Gothenburg, Neb.; George Sayer and Rita Ogg, Lexington, Neb.; Michelle Stafford, Dorothy Hankind, Karen Moberly, Sherri Holt, St. Francis; Clayton Erickson, Tecumseh; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; David May, McCook.

Robert Fringer, Connie Olson, Nadean Stoney, Lois Lamb, Phyllis McCartney, Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Miller, Carol Morford, Mildred Holmdahl, Gladys Geis, Dorothy Moore, Marilyn Gamblin, Judy Jackson, Jon and Katrina Fisher, and Eunice Richards, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Please bring gently used or new tennis shoes and/or sandals (no flip flops) by Nov. 30 to the United Methodist Church in Jennings.

There is a box in vestibule marked for this. The church is sponsoring a Mission Project for the children of Djibouti, Africa for Christmas. Gordon Kuntz, Hays, a son-in-law of Doyle and Kay Brown is stationed in Djibouti.

A very successful Hunters Supper was held Saturday evening at the United Methodist Church in Jennings.

Over 170 hunters and local people were served. We appreciate all who helped with this project. Kolaches left from the breakfast, sponsored by the Historical Building Preservation Committee, were also on sale at the supper.

Sue Long recently went to the home of her daughter, Lori Scheiflin and Katelyn at Overland Park. She helped granddaughter Katelyn cel-

brate her birthday, attended one of her ball games and went Christmas shopping.

Larry Mizer is improving and may soon be coming home from the Norton hospital.

The Sunflower senior citizens are gathering non-perishable food items to be taken to the Food Pantry in Oberlin. You may bring them to the center or contact Louise Cressler, 678-2233 to have them picked up.

We will be taking them to the food pantry after our Christmas dinner on Dec. 14.

Children's Reading Hour was held at the library on Saturday Nov. 13, with six children in attendance. Carla Latimer, city librarian, let the children make booklets illustrating what they were thankful for. A book was also read to them. Helen Rhodes assisted Carla.

Reminder: water meters will be read Nov 20, weather permitting.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Shepherd's Staff will be holding a family movie again in November. They will be showing the movie, "No Greater Love," on Sunday, Nov. 20. It is the story of a boy who reunites his parents. We'll also be holding a Pumpkin Pie Contest that day, so anyone who wants to bake a pie and bring it for tasting should do so. The event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Shepherd's Staff "Hall", on main street.

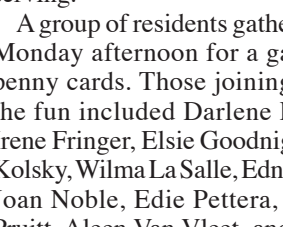
For all you walkers who would

like to continue walking during the winter months, but do not enjoy being out in the cold, the high school gymnasium will be open to the public for walking between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and noon.

There were 18 pints of blood donated to the Red Cross at the Blood Drive held at Golden Plains on Friday. There were a number of 16-year-olds who were first time givers. Another Blood Drive will be held at the school in the spring.



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