

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1886

The first fall of snow for the season occurred on Saturday last. It did not amount to much.

The Democrats elected representatives in Phillips, Osborne, Rooks, Mitchell and Graham counties.

We are in receipt of Vol. 1, no. 1 of the Cheyenne County Democrat by Will C. Hydon.

Mr. Will Laney and Miss Susie Caldwell were married Wednesday at the home of J.P. Burns.

J.E. Kulp and Pat Boiles purchased the hardware stock of W. T. Campbell and are now busy invoicing. The firm of Kulp and Boiles will prosper.

H.J. Potter this week purchased the property on Hall Street known as the Commercial Hotel.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1911

Our first touch of winter came last week and was a pretty good one for a starter.

The Oberlin High School boys defeated Atwood 11 to 9 in their football game Friday and in the evening put on a big celebration. A "shirttail" parade with a bonfire and speeches being part of the doin's.

John Bivans has started a butcher shop in Dresden and put Glenn Hanson in charge.

Jay Paddock has put the Baptist Church bell in ringable shape again.

John Graves, wife and mother, left Monday for Montana for a visit with relatives.

The railroad company has material on the ground to build another ice house.

J.E. Love sold his dairy herd Saturday and will quit the business. He says at present prices of feed that milk cannot be sold at less than 8 cents per quart.

Norcaturn Items: Harry Sayles, sr., formerly of this place lost his home and contents by fire near Kearney, Neb., recently.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1936

The Oberlin City Council has been asked to take immediate action to correct the present unregulated and dangerous parking on main street. Trucks, bicycles and cars have been parked all over in most any fashion and often persons who do their shopping on Friday and Saturday and park their cars in regular parking places find when they are ready to leave that two or three cars are parked back of them without drivers and they must wait sometimes several hours until they are moved. The ordinance prohibiting parking or stopping trucks on main street will also be enforced.

Business and professional people on main street are requested not to park on main street on Friday or Saturday.

Hospital News: Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tally join with them in their joy at the birth of their first child, Norman Earl, who arrived at Benton Memorial Hospital Nov. 5.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary (Mizer) Wolfe, 75, who came with her husband to Decatur County in 1886 and homesteaded land five miles south of Jennings where they still resided at the time of her husband's death in 1910. She later moved to Jennings and is survived by three daughters and five sons.

Allison: Last Wednesday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society of the Allison Church entertained at their annual guest day with a quilt show at which between 50 and 60 quilts were exhibited including one owned by Mr. H.C. Steele's mother which was more than 100 years old.

Vallonia: Well, election is over and perhaps we can listen to something besides politics.

Business has been so brisk at Benton Memorial Hospital that Miss Mary McMullen was asked to assist for a few days last week.

Before a large crowd here yesterday afternoon the Atwood Buffaloes defeated the Decatur Red Devils 14 to 13.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1961

Put together a Veterans Day weekend, opening day, beautiful weather, plenty of pheasants and a flock of eager hunters and you come up with last weekend. Mrs. John Garwood and Mrs. Iva Johnston reported that between their going businesses, nearly 1,200 pheasants were dressed over the weekend.

Rain, which started Wednesday morning, was expected to turn to snow by evening. The moisture will be most welcome.

The churches of Decatur County are cooperating in the nation-wide clothing appeal for surplus clothing to be sent overseas.

Under new management and completely remodeled is the Temple Cafe and the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walters, invite the public to free coffee and donuts on Friday, Nov. 17. The cafe was purchased recently from Lloyd Corcoran and the building is owned by Mountain Slope Lodge 186 A.F. & A. M.

Funeral services were held at the Federated Church for Roy Kiefer who came to Oberlin in 1926 to work as a barber in the Fred Close shop. In 1944 he was appointed as game protector for Kansas Forestry,

Fish and Game Commission until retiring in 1955 and it was at that time that they built their home at the corner of E. Commercial and Griffith. He is survived by his wife and a son, Charles.

Jennings: Mrs. John Tacha, Aunt Toni, celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 7 and received many cards, gifts, flowers and calls. Clara Carper served coffee and the birthday cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Elwood Bailey.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fowler, Oberlin, son, Douglas Scott, 11-12-61; Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Thornton, Norcaturn, daughter, Lisa Robin, 11-14-61; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wurm, daughter, Lillian Marlene, 11-9-61.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1986

Decatur County voters took their responsibilities seriously on election day with a local voter turnout of almost 80 percent. In state results, Republican Mike Hayden defeated Democrat Tom Docking and Pat Roberts defeated Dale Lyon. In the 120th District race for the House of Representatives, Republican Fred Gatlin defeated Democrat Ray Lohofener. In the race for District 2 County Commissioner Republican, Don Kump was ousted by Democrat Dennis Sloan.

Pheasant hunters converged in Oberlin and the surrounding area Friday and early Saturday with most marksmen reporting a fair amount of success. The weather was cooperative until early Monday when a bone chilling blast of winter arrived.

Evelyn Zabel Wilson, Oberlin, and Michael John Wilson, Selden, exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1986, at St. John Lutheran Church in Athol.

Norcaturn: Thirty men and women who have reached and passed "the magic age" of 80 years met Saturday evening at the Norcaturn Methodist Church Educational Building for the first "over 80" party. Dick Kelley, whose mother, Dorothy Kelley, started the whole thing, introduced the program. Oldest person present was Jennie Diehl Brown, 99. Women outnumbered the men three-to-one.

Junior Darren Horn made school history in Manhattan Saturday when he became the first DCHS cross-country champion breaking the tape in the 3A race with the winning time of 10:18. Horn edged out SE of Saline's Wade Caselmann, the favorite, and Brian Gray of Pleasant Ridge, cited as Caselmann's toughest competitor, with 400 meters left in the race.

The DCHS gridders lost their final game to Hoxie by a 21-6 margin ending the year 2-7. Graduating seniors are Andy Matson, Mitch Bartels, Kent Winder, John Kelley, Brad Burmaster, Glen Baughman, Kenny Gee, Dallas Johnson, Shane Wurm and Brent Jennings.

The Red Devil volleyball team returned from the state Class 3A volleyball tournament sadder and wiser, having been seeded against Chase County in the opener, a team with a 30-0 record, and also losing to Erie and Immaculata.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Everyone had a good time making the visits on the Business-to-Business Tour on Sunday. The weather was perfect and the soup and snacks were great.

Our town has so much to offer shoppers. Hope to see all of you out after the Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 25. The stores will each be having their own special discounts following the parade. They also will have specials on Thursday, Dec. 15, for the Women's Late Night Shopping and Thursday, Dec. 22, for the Men's Late Night Shopping.

Anyone who wants enter the Parade of Lights should call Gary Walter at the Bank, or the Chamber office for information and to pick up a registration form. The theme this year, chosen by students at Oberlin Elementary School, is "Wrap Up a Merry Christmas."

I hear Santa will make his first appearance during the parade and stay to visit with the kids at the Golden Age Center afterwards. The Oberlin Lions Club will be helping Santa greet everyone.

There will be a Coffee Hour at Stanley Hardware on Friday, Nov. 25.

The museum will again have its "Mall in the Hall" from 4 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

The Chamber's Holiday Craft Show is planned for that Saturday, Nov. 26, at The Gateway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have 55 spaces spoken for, but there is still a bit of room for more. Lunch will be served by The Gateway staff and home-baked goodies will be available at the Chamber table.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

little prior notice.

The Sunflower Senior Citizens enjoying a carry-in potluck dinner at the Center on Nov. 8 were: Eleanor Morel, Rachel Carter, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler and Ruth Chance. A business meeting was held. You may still drop off non-perishable food items at the Center, to be taken to the Food Pantry in Oberlin the second week of December. Plans were made for

our Christmas dinner to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The main dishes and drinks will be prepared at the center. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert and a guest.

Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 351 met Nov. 1 at the Czech Museum. President Neoma Tacha led the group with the Flag Salute. Present were Alice Mizer, Dona Mrstik, Lila Jennings, Ann Sweistis, Alice Wagoner, Darlene LaRue, and Rachel Carter. Chaplin Rachel Carter gave the prayer. After announcements and communications were read we worked on the Christmas Wreaths for veterans graves. The wreaths will be placed in Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries on Dec. 10. We donated a money gift to the Veteran's Gift Shop.

New members were welcomed. They are: Dona Mrstik, Frances Bader, Marj Hartzog, Dalene Gawith, Donna Lamm and Jeanette Bosch. The next meeting will be a

special meeting for placing new ribbons on the wreaths. Members will be called with date and time. Hopefully, this can be done in the Legion Hall.

Heritage Associates of Jennings Czech Museum board met on Nov. 3, at the Museum. Neoma Tacha presided with Alice Mizer, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, and Mike Tacha present.

Jennings Tuesday Study club will be touring the Jennings museum on Nov. 15. We will be placing the Christmas Wreaths in the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries on Dec. 10. If weather permits, they will be taken out on Dec. 9. Volunteers will be welcome for this project.

A contract for termite inspection was discussed. We reminded members to donate individual gifts for the annual Christmas gift drawing.

Our next regular meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Practicing medicine in a rural environment provides a unique set of challenges, and that is why the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health has set aside the third Thursday of November as National Rural Health Day.

In conjunction with this, Decatur Health Systems plans to celebrate a Community Wellness Day on Saturday. Stop by the Family Practice Clinic between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for a free blood pressure check. We also will be offering prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screenings for prostate cancer in men and a more complete blood screening including

five tests: a complete blood count, a comprehensive metabolic panel, a thyroid-stimulating hormone test, a cholesterol test and a blood typing.

We realize that keeping a rural community healthy takes more than just one day. There are several people in the area who work year-round to help keep us all well, not just people at the hospital and clinic, but also at the dental office, the pharmacy, the optometrists' office and elsewhere. One day in their honor doesn't seem like quite enough, but it is a start.

Norcaturn News

By the Norcaturn News Committee

Gen Brunk enjoyed a long weekend with family before Halloween. Malea Copeland, Arvada, Colo., and Jerrilyn Manbeck, Phoenix, visited her from Thursday through Monday. Barbra Stites of the Hill City area joined them for the weekend. On Saturday, they and a granddaughter, Shauna and Ben, and daughters, Isabelle and Gemma and Barbara's husband, Wilbur, had a hayride and Halloween party, complete with bonfire, wiener roast and s'mores.

Rea and Dee Magers accompanied Margaret Magers and Janie Engelhardt of Norton to Denver, where they met Janie's kids, Mike and Pam. They had supper together, along with Tyler, Mike and Pam's son, then spent the weekend with Bob and Cheri. On Sunday, Bob and Cheri, along with grandson, Zach and Brenda and Ryan took Rea and Dee out for Italian food to celebrate Dee's birthday. On Sunday, 18 members of her family met at the home of her sister, Regina, for visiting and lots of fun.

Don't forget coffee time at the library from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The library has new lights, put in by Louis Anderson, Carl Lyon and Jeff Roe.

The former home of Wava Reames in Kingfisher, Okla., had a 4.7 earthquake, which centered around Prague, Okla.

Birthdays include: Dewayne Jackson Nov. 9; Amy Wentz, Nov. 12; Mary Leslie, Nov. 13; Rea Magers, Howard Sumner, Nov. 14.

Sixteen senior citizens met Nov. 4 for pitch at the Educational Building. Winners were Arlene Hill, Jackie Porter and Bob Schoenrad. The next meeting will be Friday.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints returned recently from a bus tour to the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, which included beautiful fall foliage

and other sites including: Oakridge, Tenn.; the Biltmore Estate, Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for a Country Tonight Show, Cumberland Gap, Moonlite Bar-B-Q in Kentucky and much more.

Among others on the tour from this area were Carol Ross and Karla Anderson, Almena, and Elden and Betty Ambrosier, Norton. Dewaine's son, Randy and Karen, met Dewaine and Charlotte in Bowling Green, Ky., and Charlotte's daughter, Marcia Stecklein, met them in Salina for breakfast after the tour on Sunday Later that day they met Jerrod and Kortney Poire and Kynleigh for lunch.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Josephine (Jody) Baker Corroscio, 57, of Fort Stockton, Texas, who died on Oct. 24, at the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas, from injuries in a motorcycle accident. Survivors are her husband, Tony; three children; six grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Baker and Scott Tavis, Norcaturn; Dale Baker, Omaha; Frank Baker, Lincoln, Neb., and sisters, Patricia Espinos, Amarillo, Texas, and Star Sarabia, Stockton, Texas.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints visited Alice Shirley, who is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She is improving and would enjoy mail sent to the hospital, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Bee Nelson, Beth Sebaugh and Dorothy Ward had dinner at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin on Sunday. They were joined by Charlotte Meints and Dewaine Stapp. The three women also attended the organ concert at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Outreach Clinic will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon every other Tuesday in the Norcaturn City Building. The first one was held Nov. 9. Call (785) 475-2015 for an appointment or walk-ins are welcome.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Pheasant hunters are combing the highways and byways again. The Norcaturn Educational building was packed with hunters, neighbors and lots of food on Saturday evening.

The Lyle Community building was the scene of the Liberty Star Club Thanksgiving supper on Wednesday. Twenty-two people; members, families and friends; ate turkey and all the trimmings visited. Kathy VanMeter brought the turkey and dressing. I believe two ladies opened "mystery sister" gifts, and pictures were taken of the group. Snapshots in Christmas cards were sent to former members.

J.T. Guy and daughter, Kendra came to Toots Magers' home on Saturday and brought her to the pheasant supper. Kendra had to be back to Abilene for basketball practice by 4:30 on Sunday. Charles and Inez Keller brought pizza to her home on Friday, and Charlie and Judy Easton came on Sunday.

June Jolly has been doing the "same ol' thing," except she is anxiously awaiting the birth of a great-grandson, Carl Talan McDonald. She went to the Halloween party and Auxiliary soup and pie supper at the Holbrook Community Building.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Elmer and Tim Waterman, Bonaire, Ga.; Dave Casselman, Arlington, Texas; and Ed Waterman, Sedgwick, were weekend guests of family and friends for pheasant hunting.

Enjoying a potluck dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin Saturday evening were Elmer and Tim Waterman; Dave Casselman; Ed Waterman; Virginia Solko, Ludell; Donna Waterman, Atwood; Ross and Sandi Waterman and Justin Wachsmann, Vona, Colo.; Del and Ann Wachsmann and granddaughter, Alana, Omaha; Dale and Lenora Soderlund, Peggy Groneweg, Melvin Waterman, Heather Waterman, Lexi, Corbin, Kaden and Kiaya, Scott and Kristi Waterman, David and Courtney, and Karen Eskew, Oberlin.

Dan Nedland and Rhonda May and Elizabeth hosted a birthday dinner Saturday evening at their

home in honor of Walter May's 88th birthday which will be Nov. 17. Helping them celebrate were Richard May and Nolan, Lawrence; Bill and Tommy Basehor, Kansas City; Walter and Betty May; Robert May and Cole; Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin; Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam; and Gatlin Reichert, Dresden.

Hunters Patrick Hickey and his father-in-law, Mike Shields, Omaha, and Brett Shields, Harland, Iowa, were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Additional weekend visitors at the Shields home were the Paul Shields family.

Richard May, Nolan May and friends Bill and Tommy Basehor were weekend guests at the Roland May home to enjoy the opening of pheasant season.



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