

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1886

Nearly a coal famine in town last week. The snow blockade was raised just in time to give relief.

Five persons are reported to have perished in the blizzard of the 16th in Sherman County.

The Commercial Hotel had 50 snow shovelers from the B. & M. Saturday.

T.J. Harvie, the Ludell druggist, was in Oberlin Saturday.

The coming Kansas Legislature will consist of 99 Republicans, 26 Democrats, 3 Independents and 1 antimonopolist.

Married, by Rev. John Wilson at the Presbyterian parsonage, Oberlin, Phillip U. Wallack of Norton county, Kansas, and Ethel Bishop of Decatur County.

F.B. Upson, a Decatur County boy who sold out and went east last fall has returned with the intention of making Decatur County his future home.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1911

Corn is in great demand at 75 cents a bushel. Frickey got in a carload Saturday and it was all gone by Monday evening.

Rural Carrier Blake has moved his family to the Colby property on the hill west of the city.

We note by the Denver papers that Tully Scott, for many years a resident of Oberlin, has been appointed judge of the district court in that city.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Helmkamp home in Logan Township Saturday evening, the 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Helmkamp had invited a number of the young people in to celebrate their son, Eddie's, 17th birthday.

Miss Nellie Reid of Norcatour is the new deputy county treasurer.

Norcatour Items: Grover New and Ina Preston went to Oberlin Saturday and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1936

Nearly 250 school teachers and executives representing the eight northwest Kansas counties, attended the meeting in Oberlin last week at which Supt. Charles Hawkes of Oberlin was chairman. The purpose is to study ways to revise the school curriculum and the meeting was attended by the State Superintendent of Schools, W.T. Markham and other state school officials.

An exploding oil stove burned the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ruebesam five miles east of Kanona. The Oberlin Epworth League en-

tertained the Dresden League Sunday evening at a chili supper. Group singing was led by Edith Miller and a baritone solo was played by Arris Johnson. The program was an account by Miss Douglas of her European trip taken last summer.

Eat your Thanksgiving turkey at the Sweet Shop before you go to Norton to the football game. Will start serving at 10:30; price, 40 cents. —adv.

Sheriff Frank Garver returned last Friday from San Francisco where he was called on business.

Among the interesting experiences he had during the week was seeing the fleet sail out of the Golden Gate and walking under the fine new bridge. He saw Jack and Faye Weimer in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Betts and children will spend Thanksgiving Day in Norton at the home of Mrs. Betts' brother, Mr. B.W. Belt and Mrs. Belt, and attend the Oberlin-Norton game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bruggeman celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 15 with a service at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville with the Reverend Father Martin J. Schmitt officiating as he had at the wedding ceremony.

A local man, Mr. Alfred Miner, has a collection of 40 varieties of cactus, several of which are outdoors but most are potted and arranged on tables in his west windows.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1961

The churches of Decatur County are asking residents to donate blankets to aid victims of Hurricane Carla in Texas and Hurricane Hattie in Honduras, Cuban refugees escaping to Florida and storm victims in Greece. Goal for this county is 200 blankets.

The Jennings Journal has been sold to Fred and Geraldine Van Epps of Wichita according to former owners Clifford and Clois Fiala. The Fialas plan to move to Norton.

Harold Raburn, first-season basketball coach at DCHS, has five returning lettermen: seniors, Ronnie Erickson, Howard Kuhn, Jack Wesch, Bob DeMay and junior Lynn Johnson. Others on the varsity team are Steve Cathcart, Danny Musgrave, Ronnie Morton, Don Vessey, Jim Claussen and Gary Young. Assistant coach is Gailord Bellamy.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwab, son, Walter Edward, 11-22-61; Dr. and Mrs. Fred Reith, Chico, Calif, son, Thomas Patrick,

11-7-61.

Lyle: Bad weather Saturday evening before Thanksgiving caused the annual Thanksgiving supper at the Lyle Church to be canceled. Everyone seemed thankful just to be able to stay at home.

Court House News: Max Area and Florence Rippe, both of Oberlin, were issued a marriage license.

L.F. "Cush" Cushenbery, Oberlin attorney, has returned from a 14-day trip to Germany as the guest of the West Germany government. He accompanied Nebraska Governor Frank Morrison who had been extended the invitation as a courtesy after a group of West German youths had spent the summer at private homes in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van De Wege of Prairie View announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Arlo Wurm, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wurm of Oberlin. Miss Van De Wege is a fourth grade teacher in the Colby school. The wedding is set for Dec. 27.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1986

Despite mild autumn weather, the entire Oberlin community is getting all spruced up for the Christmas

opening to be held Friday, Nov. 28. Theme for the 1986 Yuletide observance will be "Christmas on the Prairie."

Oberlin Rotary club is sponsoring a holiday home tour on Sunday, Dec. 7, with proceeds to go toward the expense of moving Addleman School to the museum grounds.

Sixteen Oberlin CYO members attended the annual convention of the Salina Diocese held last weekend in Salina.

Local investors are being sought for two prospective industries for Oberlin and Decatur County, Kansas Coach and Paragon, a new concept in boating.

Newly inducted National Honor Society members at DCHS are: Joel Dunn, John Koerperich, Bob Schumaker, Catherine Braden, Julie McChesney, Karla Krause, Jeni Peter, Scott McVay, Brandon Russell, Dan Grafel, Sharon Corcoran, Beverly Gee, Aaron Lauber, Lisa Schuetz and Mitch Bartels.

Norcatour: Fifty-two Norcatour businessmen and employees were guests of Three-Prairie Extension Club for the annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Come all ye thankful people. We had a nice size group for our Thanksgiving dinner: Carol and John Moye, Adrienne and daughters, Kiley and Skyler, Neal McNames, Denny Wood and friend, Sam, and myself, Veda Wood. One thing I was thankful for was that I was feeling much better than a few days previously.

June Jolly has the great-grandson they have been waiting patiently for. Carl Telen McDonald was born Nov. 27 to Colt and Sarah McDonald.

June was one of about 50 to celebrate Thanksgiving at the home of Barbara and Alfred Jolly. Russ McFarland and a couple of friends of Lincoln, Neb., were at Linda's for Thanksgiving. June and part of her family went to "The Loop" in McCook.

Joyce Sumner went to Olathe with her son, Ward's family on Wednesday for Thanksgiving with Melanie's family. She returned home on Saturday.

Gary Anthony will see a skin

specialist this week in McCook. We hope he doesn't have to have too much done.

He, Cathy and Keith went to daughter, Windy's in Oberlin for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Twenty-five Magers family members had dinner at the Lyle Community Building on Thursday. On Saturday, Jane Engelhardt and her family, Kevin, Catherine, her mother, and Mike and Pam Hornung were guests.

They decorated Toots' home for Christmas, and took a tree to Carl's grave. On Sunday, Jane took Toots to Allen and Patty Powell's for their annual Powell soup dinner.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen had Thanksgiving dinner at his daughter's and on Saturday, they went to Quinter to the home of Tim and Jolene and Clinton Nejd. Jolene's mother, Martina Zimmerman, Kip, Danielle and Colton Jear DOE of Glen Elder were present also.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lora Arnold, 90, who died last Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at the Norton County Hospital. Funeral services were held on Monday at the Norcatour United Methodist Church and burial was in the Norcatour Cemetery.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of William R. Young, 66, a retired Texas rancher, who died Nov. 1, 2011, in Gilbert, Ariz. He was born Oct. 11, 1945, in Norton, the son of Edgar and Marjorie Young and lived in Reager when his family operated the Reager Inn and Derby service station. He attended grade school in Norcatour. Funeral services were held in Fort Worth and burial was in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Patricia Howell, 50, of Ansley, Neb., died Nov. 15, 2011, at the hospital in McCook. She was the daughter of Gust and Fay Foth of Norcatour. Inurnment will be at Mason City, Neb. Others Other survivors include her husband, Adam Howell; two daughters, Echo Hernandez and Stacy Haumont; a brother, Paul Foth and a sister,

Karen Bistol.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson had Sunday dinner on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Hidden Dragon in Norton with Keith Anthony and Ed and Phyllis Yeater of Norcatour, then Keith, Dorothy and Bee visited Lora Arnold at the Norton County Hospital. The ladies also visited Eleanor Jensen, who was also a patient.

The Wentz Brothers and families entertained their customers to a barbecued pork roast appreciation dinner on Saturday evening, Nov. 19.

Book Potpourri has been rescheduled from the last Saturday in November to Saturday, Dec. 10, due to Thanksgiving.

A Christmas raffle is being held on a Tick Tock Till Christmas Clock. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds will go to Loretta Lawn Fowler. The winner will be drawn on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the drawing. Tickets may be purchased at the City Office or from Deb. Marshall. The clock is on display at the City Office.

The next scheduled time for the Outreach Clinic will be from 9:30

Plans are being firmed up for the holiday season at Cedar Living Center. We are still scheduling groups to provide programs, Christmas music and parties. If you would like to share your special talent with us during the holidays or any other time during the year, please contact Teresa Shaughnessy or Tara Votapka at 475-2276.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lyle Gamblin, who passed away on Saturday. Lyle was a frequent visitor at Cedar Living Center for many years before moving to the center recently. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon to enjoy a game of penny cards. There was a lively group that gathered before supper to sing and laugh along with Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack.

The second grade Reading Buddies visited on Tuesday morning. The children do a great job of reading to the residents.

Tuesday is always bingo day at Cedar Living Center. The bingo players met for a lively game in the afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

William Raile was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by his family in the dining on Wednesday afternoon. Family members served cake to residents, staff and guests during the party.

Several residents enjoyed going out for the day on Thursday and we

had many visitors over the holiday weekend. Everyone had much to be thankful for.

Residents enjoyed a concert of Christmas music before supper on Friday evening. Capella Nova, a brass quartet whose members include social worker Joanne Wendelin, played for an appreciative audience. Joanne's sister, Bonnie Condit of Winfield, also played with the group. After finishing the program at Cedar Living Center they traveled north to Wheat Ridge Terrace to entertain.

The soup supper sponsored by the Decatur Health Systems staff at the Golden Age Center on Friday evening was a big success. The money raised through the generosity of the community will go toward updating the decorations in our dining room area.

Recent visitors: Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Martin, Ellen, and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Susie Engenblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Norma Ward and David Ward, Clayton; Eugene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon.

Marian Dempewolf, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Mary McEvoy, Gerald and Connie Olson, Dolores Koerperich, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I hear Santa made his first appearance in Oberlin during the Light Parade on Friday evening, riding on the fire truck as usual. Amazing that Santa knows just where he is supposed to be.

I also heard that over 90 children met with Santa at the Golden Age Center to give him their wish lists.

Shopping was good downtown after the parade, with lots of people going "turkey hunting" in participating stores. Oberlin Business Alliance gave out \$25 in Santa Bucks for each turkey someone found.

On Tuesdays, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22, Christmas trees will be hidden in participating stores for the women's and men's late-night shopping. Each winner finding a Christmas Tree will win \$25 in Santa Bucks. Again, it will be one tree per person.

The annual Craft Show was a suc-

cess again this year. I had a couple of cancellations and a couple of sellers not show up, but still ended up with 53 spaces filled, including several long-time vendors and several new ones. It is always a fun event.

There are a few doors yet for the Chamber to finish wrapping with our ribbon and bows, so if you have ordered one and not received it, don't fret. Someone will be coming around within two or three days and get them finished.

If you haven't been contacted and would like to have one, please call the Chamber office at 475-3441.

Coffee Hour will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday here in the BEE Building with York Street Market, Chamber of Commerce and Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development as hosts.

Have a great week!

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

This time of year is delightful. The transition from giving thanks to giving to others serves as a wonderful reminder of the reason for the coming Advent season.

It has been fun to watch various Rexford residents begin to decorate their homes for Christmas. In our home, two Christmas trees went up: one for me to decorate and one for the children.

While one is a jumble of handmade creations and one-of-a-kind ornaments and the other is a more "grown up" display of delicate collectibles, both are decorated with memories and the promise of more to come.

As for news, four members of the Dible family and seven Golden Plains students did travel to Denver on Friday to work in the Operation Christmas Child processing center. They were unsure of exactly how many boxes were processed in that one day, but it was well over 27,000. These boxes will travel to Mexico, Haiti and even Africa to

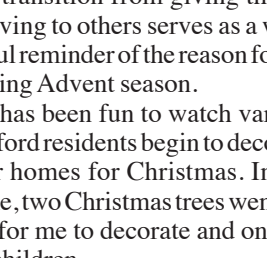
bring joy to children who would not otherwise get to celebrate Christmas.

Shepherd's Staff welcomed the last group of pheasant hunters for 2011. Eight men from the Joplin, Mo., area spent two days in the field fighting wind and birds that wanted to run instead of fly and walked over 20 miles in that time. They are already planning their return for next year.

Rexford residents, be watching your mailbox for a special invitation from Shepherd's Staff. We'd like to get to know you better, and will be holding a Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10.

And that's the news from Rexford. As you anticipate the traditions and memories of Christmas, remember that we also anticipate the return of Christ and show His love to all we meet.

I'd love to share your news in this column. Just leave a note in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, call 687-2076, or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!



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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lyle Gamblin, 78, who died Saturday in Oberlin. He was a former resident of this community. Graveside services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Oberlin Cemetery with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating.

Brandon and Kristi Dirks, Kaci, Kylie and Kodi were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Larry and Peggy Roe of Oberlin. Others present were Tyler and Rachel Roe, Kansas City; Michael Roe, Concordia, and his fiancée, Kacie, Manhattan; Ardis Roe, Jerry and Jolene Fortin, and Daren and Erica Fortin, Jacie, Jenna and Jori, Oberlin.

Dick and Donna Kelley returned home from Frederick, Colo., where they had been houseguests of their son and family, Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, while Dick was recuperating from shoulder

surgery.

Dinner guests on Thursday of Galen and Lynne Olson were Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Jerry Hill, Norcatour; Edla Olson, and Steve and Arian Arnold.

Those who enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of Eulaine Benda besides Mrs. Benda, were Bob and Connie Smith, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Hoxie; and Brandon and Sarah White, Gardner.

Thursday dinner guests of Elden and Delta Anderson were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Rex Olson, Sam and Abbie of Boulder, Colo., were weekend guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. They and Sue Wells of McCook were all dinner guests of Dale Olson at Fairview Estates Retirement Community in Colby on Saturday. The Rex Olsons and Sue Wells also visited Saturday evening with Mark and Barbara Olson and Kurt in Oberlin.

Other recent visitors of Dale Olson were Rennie Olson and Scott, Celina, Texas; Annette Frenzl, Salina; Debra Marks, Mulvane; Ava Perkins, Wichita; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Hoxie; Brandon and Sarah White, Gardner; and Bob Olson, Ludell.

Bob and Sally Olson and Lewis and Ava Perkins were Thanksgiving guests of Larry and Deb Marks and family. Sally Olson had

accompanied Rennie and Jeaneen Olson and Scott to Mulvane from Texas. She had been staying at the Rennie Olson home and she will be spending time at the Perkins home until January. She is recuperating from a stroke. Rennie and Jeaneen Olson and Scott were Thanksgiving guests of her parents, Orville and Evelyn Roy at Palco.

Esther Noren and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina. Other guests were Ken and Alice Robson, and Kirk and Janell Robson, Brielle and Aleigh, Ellsworth, and Jeremy and Carrisa Thelander, Conner, Braden and Riley, Lincoln, Neb.