

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1903**

T. F. Rooney sold his city farm last week to G. W. Bolin

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pecks, formerly of Cedar Bluffs, are now residents of Oberlin.

W. H. McMullen traded his livery barn last week to Link Gierhart. A quarter section of land in Liberty Township was the consideration, we hear.

Kanona: Charley Kirkendall's have a new baby boy.

We happened down in the east part of town on Monday and noted several new buildings. Mrs. Josephine Clifford has built two new dwellings; Homer Hitchcock a new house; Mrs. Parks an extension to her residence; George Cummings a new barn; Guy Conklin has put a new roof on his residence and with the new ward school building, makes east Oberlin look up in good shape.

Sunday Morning, Nov. 15, Geo. W. Jackson's livery barn burned to the ground. Besides the building Mr. Jackson's loss included: one horse; four sets double harness; two sets single harness; a large bin of corn; one of oats; mow full of hay; a full assortment of house-moving tools. We understand he had only \$350 insurance.

**75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1928**

A crowd of 4,000 attended the Armistice Day celebration which included a barbecue sponsored by the American Legion. Howard Hanson and his crew had prepared 2,000 pounds of beef in a pit dug east of the sales pavilion.

And though there was wind and dust, an estimated 1,500 persons attended the afternoon football game between Atwood and Oberlin which was won by the home team by a 7-0 score in what many said was one of the best games ever played in Oberlin.

During the afternoon two matinees of "Lilac Time" were shown at the Opera House and in the evening the Legion held a dance at the Maddox building but the wind

would not allow a very pretentious display of fireworks. The grade school football game was won by Norton 6-0.

Glenn Logan of Topeka, a former Decatur County boy, was elected county attorney of Shawnee County with a majority of 3000 votes over his Republican opponent.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Jennings for Arthur Hanson, a Decatur Community High School graduate of the Class of 1917. Burial was in the Kanona Cemetery beside his parents.

J. P. Noble of this city was elected county attorney of Rawlins County by a 145 majority in the recent election and we understand will move to Atwood and qualify for the position.

We notice that Neil Rogers is driving a new Chevrolet car. Neil is also installing a carbide light system on his farm residence west of Oberlin.

**50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1953**

The football season for Decatur Community High School closed last Friday when the Norton Blue Jays invaded the Red Devil territory and went home with a 26 to 13 victory to make the long standing rivalry now read 20 victories for Norton and 23 for Oberlin. Both touchdowns for Oberlin were scored by Hoehner.

The Zeta Nu Jr. Club of Oberlin is sponsoring a benefit for the purpose of buying a resuscitator for the Decatur County Hospital.

Work has been completed on the Otto Pollnow building on South Penn which houses Pollnow Barber Shop and B-Bar-B, formerly Brunk's Cafe, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brunk.

Herndon: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bauer are in St. Catherine's Hospital at McCook recovering from injuries received Sunday evening about four miles north of Herndon when their Lincoln car struck a car parked along the road which belonged to some pheasant hunters.

Dr. and Mrs. Andy Thomsen returned home Sunday from an 11-day vacation in which they visited their son, Jerry, who is stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and attended a dental convention in New Orleans.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Samme Steinmetz, son, William Thomas, Nov. 13; Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Oberlin, a daughter, Judy Alene, Nov. 13 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lemman, Norton, a daughter, Nov. 16.

**25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1978**

Hunting was good but weather was bad at the opening of pheasant season over the weekend. The storm pattern and the wind changed the birds' behavior according to State Game Protector Larry Dawson who added that most hunters averaged one bird per man per day.

Following a meeting with 17th Judicial District Judge Charles Worden and representatives of the State Office of Corrections, county commissioners met with Architect Carl Ossmann of Topeka to discuss improvement prospects of the

jail facilities in the Decatur County courthouse.

Karen Sue Fetsch and Larry E. Smith were united in marriage during a double-ring nuptial mass Oct. 21, 1978, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. Father William J. Surmeier officiated. The couple is at home in Oberlin where the bridegroom is employed by Farmers National Bank and the bride is employed as librarian at Decatur Community Junior-Senior High School.

The Jennings High School football team coached by Larry Ayers and winners of the Western Kansas League title the past two years, was defeated by McCracken 42-16 in the regional playoffs Friday night at the Fort Hays stadium. All-league selections include Scott Hartzog, guard, Tim Kinser, end; Jerry Rhodes, quarterback and Jim Bird, halfback and on defense, Tim Kinser, end, Jerry Rhodes, line-backer and Tony Krizek, safety.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

We all like to eat, so read on and make plans to attend! On Friday, Nov. 21, the Lutheran churches are having a pancake and sausage feed from 5-7 p.m. to benefit the Decatur County Museum Bohemian Hall.

The main room of the hall is in dire need of plastering and painting. If \$800 can be raised Friday evening, the churches will match that giving us \$1600 for this project. The benefit will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 510 N. Wilson. This is by free-will offering, so drop by and help support your museum.

After eating your fill at the benefit supper, why not attend the Decatur Community High School musical? It's sure to be a good one!

Several woven throws have

been sold this week. Come get yours before they are gone.

Most of the trees have been decorated and what neat ones we have this year. A lot of time and effort have gone into decorating them so be sure to take the Christmas Tree Tour after the Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 28. There will also be music and refreshments in the Bohemian Hall.

Santa will also be making a stop at the museum this Christmas season on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

As we assembled our trees this year, it was noted that some of them are showing a lot of wear. Please remember us if you have a good used tree to donate for the future.

There is no place like the museum for the holidays. Come and enjoy all of our events.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The annual bazaar for the Lyle United Methodist Church was held Sunday with a good crowd. The ladies were grateful for the help.

Auctioneering was donated by Bob Jones and the clerks were Ruby Cook and Dave Ward. Kathy Van Meter, Rhonda Jolly, Jennifer Blume and Virgil Price helped with presenting the items for sale. A light lunch followed.

Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, arrived early enough Sunday to take Helen and John Helm to Mass at Indianola, Neb. They had a short visit with Florence and Jerry Uerling at their home and attended the Lyle Bazaar after dinner. They all drove to the Mike Helm home in Norcat, where Timothy Helm was celebrating his eighth birthday.

Grandma and Grandpa Fossum also attended the birthday party. The Star Valley 4-H Club was just finishing its leaf-raking with a chili supper at the Mike Helms when the birthday guests arrived, so for awhile there was a full house.

On Monday, John Henry Rinehart of Colby took his grandparents, John and Helen Helm, to the American Legion meeting at Lebanon. Ray and Myrna Haag served lunch.

Aaron Helm read the essay he had written for the Voice of Democracy contest at Herndon School. He received second place. Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers played cards at the Good

Samaritan Center in Oberlin Monday with Garrah Gaumer and Ruth Laidig.

Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers visited Van Cozad at the nursing home in Beaver City on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the Liberty Star Club held its Thanksgiving dinner at the Lyle Community Building. Each year half of the club fixes dinner for the others, plus guests. There were 17 for the turkey and dressing dinner. Their meeting followed the dinner. Teresa Reves played her hammered dulcimer. One of the guests, Barb Hitt, joined the club. Mrs. Magers had a "Strain your Brain" quiz.

After the meeting, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers went to the Good Samaritan Center to visit Marguerite Fullerton, who is now a resident there. She is happy to be where her many friends can visit and she can continue with her therapy. The Lyle ladies also visited Fern Mapes, also a new resident there.

Mrs. June Jolly played cards in McCook Monday evening and attended a bingo party there Wednesday.

Mrs. Magers was the guest of Mrs. Van Meter at a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday provided by the First Security Bank of Holbrook. They were entertained by the Sweet Adelines of McCook.

Repairs on the south door of the Lyle Community Building and

caulking of windows was done Thursday afternoon. It will be paid for from the Lyle Community building fund.

Veda Wood attended a scrapbook party held at the Educational Building at Norcat hosted by Terese Reves. Callers last week at the Wood home were Dwight Wood and John and Carol Moye.

Donna and Earnest Huff attended the memorial services held

for Neil Reeves at Almena on Saturday. Sympathy is extended to his family. He and his wife, the former Grace Bell Eckhart, were well-known in the area.

John and Helen Helm visited Van Cozad Friday afternoon at the nursing home in Beaver City. Both his daughters, Karla Claussen and Ruth Vise, were also there.

Rebecca Helm spent Saturday helping her grandparents at the farm.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting on Nov. 5 at the Senior Center. Ann Martin read the poem, "The Dying Fisherman's Song," and Beth Hraha read the poem, "Grandma's Shoes."

Doris Marintzer won blackout in bingo and Helen Marintzer, the door prize. The next potluck will be today with Maxine Reuber and Ann Martin on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be Dec. 3 with Anna Mae Ketterl as hostess.

Visitors last Sunday of Ann Martin were Dick and Betty Martin, Wilsonville, Neb., and Bob and Liane Martin.

Les and Myrna Pettera treated Edie Pettera, and Don and Rose Pettera to dinner at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin last Tuesday to celebrate Rose's birthday. Vonnice

Sattler was a last Thursday guest of Edie Pettera and her guests.

Judy Solko of Larned and Doug and Pat Marrs of Hays were last weekend guests of Monica Solko. Joining them on Saturday for dinner were Brett and Amber Marrs, Hays. On Sunday, Judy Solko, Doug and Pat Marrs and Mildred Kleidosty were guests of Monica Solko for the St. Mary's bazaar.

The oak cedar chest, made by Dave Leitner for the St. Mary's bazaar, was won by Hattie Toth of Atwood.

Guests at the home of Denis and Wilma Tongish recently were Dan Stalls of Newton and Roger Elliot of Peabody.

Recent guests of Helen Marintzer were Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., and Jim Hartner, Denver.

## Good Samaritan Center

Children from Little Sam's Daycare helped residents create a "thankful tree". Participating were Lois Buchholz, Agnes Chambers, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, and Mamie Unger. Stories were shared with Ruby McKenna, Elsie Macy, Agnes Chambers and Dena Gillespie. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. Card Sharks Ruth Laidig and Garrah Gaumer gathered with Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers to enjoy pinochle. Mildred Holmdahl, Elva Shaughnessy, Hildegard Euhus, and Jan Badsky enjoyed a game of Canasta. Cowboy Paul Mye shared stories with the children from Little Sam's.

In Tuesday's devotions, led by

Joyce Ploussard, patriotic songs were played by Cheryl Miller. Residents Elsie Brown, Marilyn St. Clair, Lorna Bishop worked on quilt blocks for Sewing Bee. Anita Hirsch presented patriotic music.

A memorial service was conducted by Joyce Ploussard in honor of Vergie Nygren on Wednesday. The choir provided music. Vergie's nephews, Gordon Helberg of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Milton Anderson of Vliets, provided piano and harmonica music.

Bible Study was held by Mert McEvoy for Dena Gillespie, Hattie Olson, Ella Peterson, Mamie Unger, Hazel Flaska, and Veda Pingetzer. Dennis Brown of Forget-Me-Not's

invited guests Ann Leitner, Elva Shaughnessy, Irel Lohoefer, and Marilyn St. Clair for a carry-in lunch.

Anna Shaw met with Garrah Gaumer to work on a project. Social Hour music was provided by Ben Smith, and served by Ellen Horn. The United Youth Group from the Methodist Church brought care packages for their members: Florence Jones, Elva Shaughnessy, Harold and Eleanor Demmer, Ruth Laidig, Veda Pingetzer, and Marilyn St. Clair.

Mass was held, with volunteers Walt and Rosella Meitl, and Dolores Koeperich, assisting Father George. Hattie Olson, Elsie

Brown, Iris Wurm and Fern Anderson gathered for Sewing Bee. Cheryl Miller played the piano for Social Hour.

The ladies of Wheat Ridge Terrace, Edla Olson, Merle Shirley, Goldie Raulston, Alvina Unger, and Myrtle Waldo, had coffee with residents Lois Buchholz, Hildegard Euhus, Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer, and Irel Lohoefer.

The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce led devotions and communion on Friday. Hearts Creation craft group made reindeer decorations.

The Friday movie was enjoyed by Leo Mooty, Ivah Alexander, Eryline Nichols, Hattie Olson, and Irel Lohoefer.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Sympathy is extended to the family of Blanche Tacha, 95, who died on Nov. 12 in McPherson. She and her husband, the late Jesse Tacha, and their daughters, Joyce and Jeanee, were longtime residents of Jennings. She was the former Blanche Fortin, a sister of Bernece McKay of Oberlin.

The ACNE Spirit Spreaders is a business developed and operated by the Business Applications class at Jennings High School. The purpose is to help students develop business operation skills and to spread the Coyote spirit throughout the school and community. They sell snack items including candy, chips, and beef sticks. Their spirit items include noisemakers, parrot pens, flame pencils, black and gold pom-poms and the feature item is the

football tumbler. It is a glass shaped like a football, and has a paw print and "Jennings Coyote" printed on the side. Operating hours are school days from 12:45-1:30 p.m. or contact them at 785-678-2414 for orders or for more information.

Visitors last week at the home of Elton Jr. and Sonya Gillespie were Sharon Cox and Lyndsey Cox from Raymore, Mo. While here visiting they shopped several antique stores in the area and attended the pheasant supper at the United Methodist Church on Saturday.

Jaquie McKenna, a senior at Fort Hays State University, was among students who attended the Public Relations Society of America Student Day on Wednesday in Wichita. She is the daughter of Pat and Shelley McKenna of Jennings.

## Cedar Living Center

Myrna Jones gave the music program Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday. Zola Brown won the first bingo and the blackout game. The Revs. Nolan and Barbara Pierce gave the monthly communion service.

Stuart Euhus taught the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon. Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service Thursday morning. The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to work on ornaments for the Christmas tree Cedar Living Center will decorate at the museum.

The annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner was held at noon on Sunday. About 75 guests joined residents, staff and volunteers for the dinner. The dietary department furnished the turkey, ham, potatoes and dressing and the guests provided side dishes.

Pastor Glenn Krebs of the Jennings United Methodist Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service. The Rev. Krebs is a member of the Christian band, The Bridge, and they assisted with the service. The band and their guests were treated to cookies and coffee after the performance.

Recent visitors: Don Ashley, Selden; Paul and Kathy Nauer,

Jennings; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Jerry Temple, Marvin and Millie Matchett and family, Norcat; Al Schmaderer, Manhattan; Phyllis McKay, Jenks, Okla.; Clois Fiala, Jan Latham, Mishel Latham and Marvin Fiala, Colorado Springs; Beverly Maris, Wauneta, Neb.; Glema Macy, Lebanon; Christine Anderson, Paul Matheny, Karen Matheny, Randy Matheny, Gary Matheny, McCook; Sandy and Larry Wolfram, Liberal; Mary, Larry, Brian, and Adam Miller, Marie Miller, Dresden; Cleon and Arlene Childs, Phillipsburg; Marceline Hewett, Almena; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury;

Eugene and Laurene Van Otterloo, Mandi and Jonathan Fick, Duane and Carol Witt, Myrna Jones, Stuart Euhus, Dennis Brown, Willard and Esther Noren, Karen Bennett, Carol and Gary Allen, Fern Jording, Duane Jording, Lyle Gamblin, Bill Matchett, Gary and Leola Zedrow, Elsie and Gus Wolters, Barbara Young, Betty Jenik, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Bob and Lila Keenan, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Charles and Cheryl Colson and boys of Colby visited Edna Colson Sunday night, Nov. 9. They also visited Ernest, Janine and Jessie Colson.

Five members of Royal Neighbors met at the community hall on Thursday with Darlene Robben as hostess.

Deb Stepper was admitted back to the hospital in Colby. She had been home for several days but had complications.

There was a nice turnout for the ham and turkey dinner last Saturday, sponsored by the Royal Neighbors and Lions clubs. They served 220 people. The dinner is held every year for pheasant hunters and area people, and is a fund-raiser for the two clubs.

On Friday, Nov. 15, those present for the Koffee Klatch were Liz Rall, Grace Cheney, Delores Dible,

Darla Dible, Freda Ketchum and Eunice Sanford.

Marg Leh was admitted to the Colby hospital for testing on Thursday.

Last Saturday, Lawrence and Zula Horinek celebrated their grandson's second birthday in Colby with his parents, Larry and Summer Horinek. Clyde is their youngest grandchild. Also present were Gary Delzeit, Patty Ann Casey, and Clyde's brother, Andrew, and sister, Allyssa. Everyone enjoyed a delicious ham dinner, with birthday cake and ice cream.

Barnswallows pinochle had 12 players on Monday.

On Thursday the "Come on Down" group had three men. The Royal Neighbor women joined them after club, making a total of eight to enjoy the fellowship and play pinochle.

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