

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1903
C. Graves sold a turtle to the Metropole Hotel for a Thanksgiving dinner that weighed 32 pounds. He said it was more trouble to clean than a big string of catfish.

Married: At the residence of D. C. Jackson near Shibboleth, Nov. 2, 1903, Mr. Ralph Ellis and Miss Annette Houtsma.

Goodland sent her football team to Phillipsburg on Thanksgiving Day but were not allowed to leave the depot because of smallpox. It is claimed the Goodland crowd were redhot about the way they were treated.

Born, Dec. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ethridge, a son.

J. A. Quinn, the implement man, returned last week from an extended trip to Canada, New York, Ohio and Michigan.

J. E. Kulp will have a sale Dec. 9th at his farm one mile north of Oberlin.

Mrs. J.H. Hayward of Olive Township died Nov. 29, 1903.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1928

Oberlin's new 500-gallon capacity fire truck and chemical wagon arrived this week from Kansas City. It was purchased from the Boyer Co. of Indiana, who claim it is the best between Salina and Denver at the present time. If the city had had this truck in the past 10 years, several residences on the hill need not have burned and a number of others would have been extinguished before getting a real start.

The Decatur Red Devils defeated Hoxie 40-12 at Chautauqua Park last week and received a forfeit from Norton on Thanksgiving Day to give them a clear title to the league championship.

When Coach Riley awoke Thanksgiving Day and saw a couple inches of snow on the ground and a real storm in progress, he called Coach Snyder of Norton and suggested a postponement but the latter said the Norton team could not very well make a postponement so Coach Riley said his team would be on hand for the game. Two school busses were secured and the drive made to Norton, but hardly had they reached Norton when Coach Snyder said it would be impossible to play and Norton would forfeit to Decatur.

After getting dinner in Norton, the Oberlin squad started home, reaching Oberlin about two o'clock. In winning all 10 games in the 1928 season, Oberlin scored 196 points and their opponents but 25.

Marriages: Merl Ward, 28, Norcatour and Miss Fern Spence, 21, Crete, Neb., Nov. 23; Walter Portschy, 21, and Ada E. Robarchek, 18, both of Herndon, Nov. 24; Otto Pollnow, 23, and Letha M. Jordan, 21, both of Oberlin, Nov. 24; Floyd Holliday, 21,

and Ida Perona, both of Cedar Bluffs, Nov. 26. All of the above were married by Judge Kulp.

Custer: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ehlers are the parents of a baby boy born Nov. 25. Misses Lucy and Pearl Jennings are caring for the family.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1953

A large crowd attended the Christmas opening in downtown Oberlin. The window guessing contests which were so popular last year are again being offered by each merchant.

A.B.C. Unit is working diligently trying to inform the people of Decatur County of the urgent need for an old people's home here. In order to build such a home, it will first be necessary to dispose of the county poor farm.

Funeral services were held this past week for two long-time area residents: Samuel Walter Betts, 96, who was married to Eliza Jane Ankenman in 1885 and homesteaded in the Norcatour area, and Charles C. Brown, 82, who moved to the area with his parents at the age of 9 where they homesteaded 14 miles southwest of Oberlin.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson, twin daughters Nov. 29 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook, Suzanne Leah and Joanne Carol; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Berry, daughter, Dec. 1, Linda Sue.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sewell celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Nov. 22 with a reception at the Dresden Methodist Church served by the W.S.C.S.

Wert Frerichs, who for the past four years has been employed as sales manager for W.J. Roshong in Oberlin, is now sales manager for Jensen's in Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Welter, Dresden, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joan Patricia, to Virgil L. Brosnar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brosnar of Centerville, Iowa. The wedding will be Jan. 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

Sometime during the night Friday, schools at Dresden, Selden, Clayton, Jennings and Lenora were robbed and the Karls Grocery Store and the elevator office at Dresden were also entered.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1978

The local power plant was switched from diesel fuel back to natural gas last week, but it is probable it will be back on diesel at some time in December, as the year's allotment of natural gas is depleted.

Norcatour: The U.S. Postal Service has awarded a contract to build a new post office in Norcatour to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie T. Tholen, Grinnell. It will be built on the vacant lot south of the present post office and will be leased for 10 years with three, 5-year renewal options.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buchholz announce the adoption of a daughter, Amanda Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reeves, son, Robert Veeh, Nov. 25.

Renee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith, who is a member of the University of Kansas marching band, has been chosen as a member of the KU Pep Band which will play for women's basketball games at Allen Field House. She is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

Oscar and Sina Lohofener observed their 68th wedding anniversary at the home of their son and wife, Harold and Irel Lohofener, rural Oberlin.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

As this is being written the town is abuzz with activities, getting ready for the Christmas opening this evening. The store windows are ablaze with lights, mannequins and gift ideas for the season.

All is ready for the Light Parade, which will start up main street with the American Legion Honor Guard, followed by 20-plus units of splendor. Of course we can't leave out the best, "The Jolly Old Fellow" dressed in red by the name of Santa Claus, arriving by jeep. He will hold court and listen to the little ones, as well as a few big people, tell what they would like for Christmas.

Winners of the Light Parade were: first place, Decatur Co-op Crop Production Department; second place, The Bank, and third place to Ron McDougal with his team of horses and wagon representing the Assembly of God Church.

The winner of the window decorating contest, receiving \$25 off Oberlin Business Alliance dues for the next year, is Prairie Petals. The Dresser and Rocking R tied for second, and third-place winner was the Carrousel Quilt and Gift Shop.

There are many things happening in the coming weeks in Oberlin. Be sure to attend and support our community. The stores will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Sunday. There will be a matinee at the Sunflower Cinema, every Saturday at 2 p.m., as well as their regular shows.

Decatur Professional Women is having their annual Home Tour Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m., starting at the United Church and traveling to four locations here in Oberlin to view homes decorated for the season. Then everyone will travel back to the church for soup and goodies.

The Decatur Community High School band students will be wrapping gifts at Sunflower Cinema from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7.

Dec. 10 is Coffee Hour with Robert and Kathy at R & M Service. This will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cook and Mrs. Faye Quador announce the marriage of their children, Connie and Ed, on Nov. 21, 1978, in Red Willow County, Neb. They will make their home northeast of Danbury on a farm.

Funeral services were held for a longtime Decatur County resident, Fred J. Counter.

Be sure to stop by for a visit.

On Dec. 12 the Chamber of Commerce will have their annual open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be some nice things to sample along with coffee, and there will be drawings every hour. Stop in.

Dec. 13 is packed full with the Business Alliance's Winter Farmers Market in the Munson Building, north of Stanley Hardware, starting at 9 a.m. that Saturday. They are asking for vendors to sell their wares consisting of homemade or homegrown items during the morning. This can be food items, crafts, garden produce or anything that is a specialty of yours during the holiday season. Call the chamber office at (785) 475-3441, if you are planning to attend, by Dec. 8. You need to furnish your own table and any other supplies needed. I have heard by the grapevine that the Blarney Stones are going to be there. DATA will be performing Christmas readings at 1:30 p.m. and the Oberlin Business Alliance drawings taking place at 4 p.m. This will all be in the same building.

The museum will be open that day for the Christmas Tree Tour, and Santa will be on the grounds between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14, the alliance will host a soup luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Munson Building, north of Stanley's. Then Santa will return for a visit in the courthouse from 1-2 p.m.

The Oberlin band students will be wrapping gifts again at the theater that afternoon, from 1-4 p.m.

The chamber and city will sponsor the lighting contest again this year. All residents of the city of Oberlin are eligible to enter. The judging dates will be Dec. 15-19. Be sure to have your lights turned on those evenings between the hours of 5:30-10 p.m.

If you would like to enter, please call the chamber office at 475-3441. Last year's winners are not eligible. The three winners will be announced Dec. 22 at the chamber soup supper.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings Lions Club will have their annual soup and pie luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Jennings City Hall. Santa Claus will stop by to visit the children at 1 p.m. There will be a drawing for a turkey and a ham. Everyone is invited to join them.

Tuesday Study Club met at the Whispering Pines facility on Nov. 18. Members attending were Naomi Carter, Rachel Carter, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy

Nauer, Jean Skubal, Lucille Stackhouse, Twila Stieben, Mildred Tacha, Vendla Tacha, and two guests, Kay Brown and Helen Rhoades.

Following a delicious lunch, they were given a tour of the facility and information about all the services and living quarters available. Following a short business meeting, a time of visiting was enjoyed. The next meeting will be at the Jennings United Methodist Church with members bringing a salad or dessert.

Cedar Living News

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted the Coffee Club on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service on Nov. 23. Dolores Koerperich and Rosella Meitl assisted.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt hosted the music group Monday afternoon.

Bea Wolfram won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon, and Tressie Samson won the blackout game.

Residents enjoyed a dice game, Thanksgiving trivia games, and Bible study on Wednesday afternoon.

Residents who went out during the day on Thanksgiving included Tressie Samson, Darlene Stanley, Mary Uehlin, Dorothy Davis, Bertha Matchett, and Eva Marie Vacura.

Curtis, Connie, and Kim Meixner of Arkansas City had Thanksgiving dinner at Cedar Living Center with Hank and Bea Wolfram. Allan Vavroch of Manhattan and Marie Jean Vavroch ate dinner with Charley Vavroch.

John and Jill Lindquist enjoyed meals on Friday and Saturday with Helen Lindquist. Steve and Lisa Thomas, Caleb and Bethany, Lamar, Colo., had lunch Friday with Don and Marie Thomas. Craig Smith, Wichita, was a lunch guest on Friday to help his mother, Phyllis

Smith, celebrate her birthday.

Marj and Phil Law, Lakewood, Colo., and Duane Jording assisted Fern and Alvin Jording with an anniversary celebration at noon on Saturday. They served cake to residents, staff and guests.

The Jornings celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on Nov. 8.

Recent visitors: Lloyd, Susan, Christopher, Kelsey, and Carolyn Huff, Fort Worth, Texas; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Chip, Kymbler and McKinley Brock, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Marvin and Millie Matchett, Norcatour; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Mick, Karisma, Kawn and Nichole Vacura, Joan Gaul, Denver; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Fred Albers, Selden; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Gary Matheny, Karen, Paul, Christina, and Randy Matheny, McCook; Ruth Hackerott, Maxine Walker, Phillipsburg;

Esther Noren, Lyle Gamblin, Ilia Ray, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Carol Allen, Melvin Klima, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Bill Matchett, Barb and Steve Brown, Nolan and Barbara Pierce, Jo Marie Lehar, Othelia and Bernie Vacura, Judy Ostmeyer, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Nov. 24, several ladies and children from Little Sam's daycare created Spin Art Thanksgiving turkeys. Participating were Eryline Nichols, Bonnie Weskamp, Agnes Chambers, Mamie Unger, Garrah Gaumer, Lorna Bishop, and Elfie Brown.

Going to Oberlin Elementary School to have lunch with their First Hand Friends were Elva Shaughnessy, Ann Leitner, Leo Mooty, Marilyn St. Clair, and Neva Campbell. Their reading partners were Kaine Fredrickson, Dakota Tate, Gannon Henningson, Regent Erickson, Kelden Breth, and others.

Thanksgiving Trivia was played Monday afternoon. The Aquarius Club sponsored the November birthday party. Honored were Veda Pingetzer, Bernice Brown, Elfie Brown, Leo Mooty, Helen Styles and Lorna Bishop. Serving were Montine Alstrom and new member Loretta McFee. The Decatur Community High School music department, under the direction of Susan Nelson, and with accompanist Mary Jo Lohofener, shared entertainment. Chanté and a quartet made up of Bret Keck, Anthony Marshall, Brent Smith, and David Morris, featured songs of long ago. Later Paul Mye read to the daycare children. The Card Sharks, Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander and Elva Shaughnessy, met for cards.

Mrs. Olson's first-grade class came Tuesday to read with their First Hand Friends. After lunch residents Marilyn St. Clair, Eryline Nichols, Bonnie Weskamp, Ella Peterson, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander and Hattie Olson met to create beaded Christmas tree decorations from old jewelry, beads and sequins. Ellen Horn served Social Hour.

Mert McEvoy led Bible study on Wednesday. Jessica Bremer shared nail care. Residents, staff and family joined together to wish Joyce Ploussard a happy birthday. Heading up the event was her sister, Janice Carman. Present were many family members, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Thanksgiving, a delicious traditional dinner was served for residents, guests and staff, hosted by the dietary department.

Current Events were led Friday by Phyllis Metcalf. Leo Mooty celebrated his birthday, with a gathering hosted by his daughter, Norma Unger, and assisted by his granddaughters.

Devotions on Saturday were led by Dennis Brown.

Sunday worship services were led by the United Church of Oberlin. Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Ivah Alexander** - Scott, Sally, Trevor, Audrey and Garrett Locy, Hollywood, Fla.; **Fern Mapes, Fern Anderson, Marguerite Fullerton** - Jerry Temple; **Hazel Flaska** - Don Karnes, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Steve and Becky Karnes; **Ruth Laidig** - Janice, Ernie and Kim Mehl; **Hildegard Euhus** - Lois Lamb; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Don and Tyler Chambers, Virginia Fullbright, Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Dena Way, Julie Way, Virginia Fullbright, Betty Krebs; **Garrah Gaumer** - Betty Krebs; **Elfie Brown** - Clara Ann (Brown) Hoffman; **Hattie Olson** - Bill and Maxine Peebles and Karen Peebles, Denver.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer for Thanksgiving Day dinner. On Sunday morning Raquelle Bainter visited at the Gayle Bainter home before she returned to Davenport, Iowa.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flemming, Rose Weis, and Mylinda Mengel.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kness of Northglenn, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Alan and Grace of Westminster, Colo., were Thanksgiving weekend houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis were among the group for Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Glen and Bill Dybert were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis.

Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh.

Edith Wasserman was a Thanksgiving Day dinner and afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Jarett and Rose Marie Sis, who were named Rawlins County Farm Bureau Association's Farm Family of the Year. Mrs. Sis is the former Rose Marie Solko, daughter of Theresa Solko of McCook, and the late Richard Solko. They and their sons, Jason and Jesse, farm northwest of Atwood. Mrs. Sis is a sister of Tom J. Solko of this community.

Covenant Women Ministries will sponsor a family potluck Christmas dinner following morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Jeremy Bergling of Perth, West Australia, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends. His wife, Michelle, will join him later. Dave and Sherry Bergling entertained Jeremy and Jason Bergling to supper last Saturday at the Southwind Steak House in Selden.

Linda Rocco of Oxford, Mass., came to visit her mother, Bernie Fred. On Nov. 21, Mrs. Fred accompanied her to Lincoln, Neb., and they flew from there to Oxford, where Mrs. Fred will spend the holidays with the Rocco family, and her other daughter, Glenda Sprague, and family.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended the 50th wedding anniversary open house in Cambridge, Neb., which honored Gene and Beverly Witt of Danbury, on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Lawrence; Joel and Sarah Uerling,

McCook; and Tammy Gutchewsky and Kendal Neal, Oberlin.

John and Ardythe Cederberg, along with Diane and Donny Ruppert and family, spent Thanksgiving Day in North Platte, Neb., with Denise and Larry Pettera and family. Jim and Renae Wolf and family joined the group later in the day.

The Wolfs, along with Dalton Pettera, spent from Thursday night until Saturday morning in the Cederberg home. Cindy and Ron Sattler joined the group for supper on Friday.

Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Edla Olson, and sister, Arian and Steve Arnold. They all joined Terri and Lee Munsell and Amanda of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Elizabeth Migchelbrink of Atwood for dinner on Thursday at the home of Jim and Jean Roberts in Atwood.

Covenant Women Ministries will hold their meeting, gift exchange and preparation of Christmas plates at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, and Evan McEvoy. Supper guests were Brian and Dawn Beckman and Ethan, Grinnell, and Joan Evans. Renee and Alex McEvoy of Colby and Ethan Beckman were weekend guests at the McEvoy home.

Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, and Dr. Beth Kinneavy of Boulder,

Colo., came Friday to spend the weekend with Keith and Mary Lou Olson. Joining them for supper on Friday were James and Kimberly Witt, Keely, Ashley and Whitney.

An Olson family Thanksgiving dinner was held on Saturday at Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Those present included: Hattie Olson and Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, Oberlin; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Rennie and Jeaneen Olson and Scott, Dallas, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Jon and Daisy Olson, Corbin and Candlin, Iowa City, Iowa; Bob and Annette Frenzl and Whitney, Salina; Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Joe and Amber, Mulvane; Louis and Ava Perkins, Wichita; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Rex, Seth, Sam and Abbie Olson, and Dr. Beth Kinneavy, Boulder, Colo.; and Bill and Maxine Peebles and Karen,

Denver. Loren and Ronna Dellinger, Morgan and Grant, and Dennis Modlin, Thornton, Colo., were houseguests from Wednesday to Sunday of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family. Additional invited Thursday dinner guests were Elden and Detta Anderson, and Gary Anderson.

Dinner guests on Thursday of Wesley and Eulaine Benda were Daryl and Shirley Maresch and family, Nekoma; Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson and family.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood; Mac and Jeri Ann McPheeters, Colby; Wayne and Stephanie Hiton, Hays; Jeremy Bergling, Perth, West Australia; and Jason and Alicia Bergling,

p.m., high school academic bowl in Atwood. Friday - high school basketball at Rexford with Tribune. Saturday - high school KMEA. Monday - 4 p.m. High School Academic Bowl in Colby. Tuesday - High School Basketball Tournament at Brewster. Wednesday, Dec. 10 - High School G/T to Oakley.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Due to Thanksgiving, there was no Senior Citizens this past week.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Dec. 5 - Nicole Schiltz, Kim Juenemann, Mike Weins, Brian Sulzman. Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann. Dec. 8 - Aldea Finnesy, Margaret Kaus. Dec. 9 - Lavina Paulson, Rilee Spesser, Tarina Aumiller, Patty Albers. Dec. 10 - Rick Shaw, Dale Smith.

School Calendar - Thursday - 4

