

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1879**

Several new school districts are being formed throughout the county.

R.A. Marks will receive four carloads of lumber this week.

A number of our sporting citizens have surveyed and are fixing up in good shape a mile race track on the farm of J.B. Hitchcock northeast of town.

Noah Castor and Vint Westfall returned from a buffalo hunt on Monday last. They were gone three weeks and got one buffalo.

It has been reported that telephonic communication has been successfully established between Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., a distance of 80 miles.

**100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1904**

Harlan Items: Elmer Ault is building himself a board barn. Sod buildings will soon be a thing of the past.

Edward B. Shaw sold his shop and left for Michigan this morning. He was an odd character and will be missed from about town.

J. D. McConchie, wife and daughter, Fannie, will leave for California this week.

Mrs. Karnes, the mother of Mrs. J.W. Smith and Sig Karnes of Liberty Township, died Sunday night. C.N. Page is building an addition to his city residence.

We notice that an electric light company has been formed at Norton, and that our townsmen, Guy Conklin and Chas Fawcett, are among the officers.

**75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1929**

The Decatur Red Devils won over Sherman County by a score of 13-0.

More than an inch of rain and snow fell here and across most of Kansas last week. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Railsback attempted to drive to Manhattan recently but because of the muddy condition of the roads, ended up going part way by train.

The 20th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Cevely was celebrated last Thursday evening with a dinner at Mrs. McCalla's planned by Dr. Cevely and children as a surprise to

Mrs. Cevely.

Jennings: To celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of their parents, nine sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Brock were together for the first time in 12 years. The celebration was held in Omaha, where the Brocks have a home, although they also maintain a home southeast of Jennings on land which they homesteaded in 1885. Mr. Brock has engaged in the real estate and insurance business the past 15 years.

School Notes: Doris Helmkamp of Lutheran Parochial School was absent several days as the result of an appendicitis operation.

**50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1954**

The voting in the so-called off-year election was much heavier than expected and the Democrats took control of Congress. In Kansas, Republican Fred Hall won over Democrat George Docking by a substantial margin for governor.

Perhaps the greatest election-day surprise in Decatur County was the overwhelming vote cast in favor of the sale of the county farm and the 1-mill levy to build a home for the aged. In local contests, Victor Morton, Republican won over Corral Bainter, Democrat to become the next sheriff and Walter Torluemke, Republican, defeated George Siegfried, Democrat, for commissioner 2nd district

Mr. and Mrs. John Frickey will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner and reception. They were married Nov. 6, 1904, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E.A. Pauley at Kanona.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alexander are the new owners and operators of the grocery store formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Temple. Both of their daughters plan to help them in the store.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Sue Bemis, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bemis, who died at her home southwest of Oberlin as a result of leukemia.

Dick Kelley was chosen captain of the Halloween clean-up.

Weaving together a razor-sharp aerial attack, the Red Devils hammered out a 20-13 win over Atwood. They completed 16 of 16 passes for 146 yards. Al Jeffus did all of the tossing with Dick Kelley, Jack Carver, Derry Bishop, Lee Hoehner and Wilbur Baker as receivers. Hoehner led the rushing with 132 yards in 14 carries and Elmer Trail led Atwood with 86 yards.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John Spresser, Dresden, boy, Charles Leonard, Oct. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Branvold, girl, Jane Elizabeth, Oct. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Olson, girl, Gayla Sue, Nov. 2.

**25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1979**

The recent snowstorm has delayed fall harvest. Power has been restored in the McDonald area, where more than 900 poles had been broken off.

The Downtowner Restaurant reopened this week under the management of Dorothy Woods. Mrs. Woods, who has been in the restaurant business the past 20 years, is leasing the building and fixtures from Charlie Corcoran. The restaurant was closed Aug. 1 when Diz's Deli went out of business.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Things have been slow this week at the Museum, but we have had time to work on some genealogy research and historical projects.

I am still working on Civil War veterans and have more than 500 names. Thanks to several people, I now have information and pictures for a few more of these names.

The following are several little articles taken from *The Oberlin Herald*; date unknown, since I forgot to write down the date, but from one of the articles we know it was in November:

"There is a hustling after turkeys these days. Next week is Thanksgiving. Pumpkin pies and cranberry sauce along with your turkey.

"Link Rogers and Andrew

Oberlin PRIDE received a Community Development Award and a check for \$200 for their fourth-place finish in the state contest. Kent Reinhardt and Larry Arganbright are the recently-elected co-chairmen.

At the annual Decatur County 4-H achievement banquet Kevin Unger and Christine Rippe were chosen to attend the American Royal in Kansas City while Linda Long and Brad Vacura will attend the National Western Round-up in Denver and Bill Vacura, Elden Huff, Penny Fisher and Georganne Ruzicka will attend the Denver Stock Show in January. The Key Awards went to Ed Schwab, Christine Rippe, Linda Long and Lynda Votapka.

Funeral services were held at Ellsworth for Edgar Krizek, 53, a former resident of the Dresden area. He has made his home in Ellsworth since 1961, where he was the State Farm Insurance agent. He is survived by his wife, four sons, Craig, Brian, Curtis and Brad; a brother, Ken Krizek of Dresden, and a sister, Dorothy Leonard of Salina.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. James Muehlenkamp, son, Nov. 5.

Simpson took out lumber Saturday evening to build a shed at the schoolhouse to put the horses in that their children drive to school.

"Will Vernon of Harlan, dropped in Thursday to condole over our mutual woes. Will says he is greatly disappointed over the defeat of Leedy.

"The wonderful X-Ray which shows the bones in the hands, arms or body [will be] at the show Friday and Saturday night.

"M.E. Mix has over a thousand of as fine calves in his feedlots as we have seen for a long time. Some of these days cattle will take a big tumble and then somebody is going to lose a pile of money."

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Nov. 4 - John Karls; Nov. 6 - Cade Wurm, Dennis and Shawn Spresser; Nov. 7 - Jordan Rogers; Nov. 8 - Margie Johnson, Kade Spresser, Steve and Joni Shaw; Nov. 9 - Katie Koerperich, Fred McKee.

On Oct. 28 at Senior Citizens,

Carol Shaw won high, Irene Kruse took second, Don Smith got low and Alfred Albers had the most nines. Other members present included: Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Betty James, Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Don Shaw, Anna Albers, Shirley Emigh, Gene Rogers and Leone Porsch.

At the Golden Plains Grade school, the kids decorated their room doors for a contest. The kindergarten door had the most student participation. The first grade door had a Golden Plains Bull Dog theme, and the second grade's was the most colorful. The overall "most delicious" door was done by

the third grade, and the fourth grade door had individual power using a racing theme. The fifth grade door showed positive self-image.

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## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Oct. 25, Jan Badsky led morning devotions. Several ladies traveled to Wheat Ridge Terrace and enjoyed an autumn brunch with old friends. Marcia Lohofener, director of Wheat Ridge, planned the event. Hildegard Euhus, Hilda McGee, Ivah Alexander, and Edla Olson accompanied Teresa Shaughnessy of Cedar Living Center, and Garrah Gaumer accompanied Jan Badsky and Lisa Stacy of Good Sam.

On Monday afternoon several ladies attended a performance of the sixth grade musical, under the direction of Jim Buchholz. Lois Buchholz enjoyed watching her son's production. Others attending were Ruth Laidig and Marilyn St. Clair.

Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The Card Sharks, including Edla Olson, Ivah Alexander and Garrah Gaumer, enjoyed several rounds of cards.

Devotions on Tuesday morning centered on "The Disappearing Fence", by Lynn Assimacopoulos. Residents were challenged to mend fences with old issues, or know and remember God loves all of us. First Hand Friends came to read, and brought Halloween treats to exchange with their special friends.

At Heart's Creations Tuesday afternoon, Lisa Stacy assisted crafters with making clothing for the spool dolls created the week before. At Social Hour the Eastern Star club hosted a party with cookies and ice cream for the October birthdays. Honorees were Ruby Shuler and Irene Waggoner. Members present were Fern Moore, Glenva Nichols, Marian Fraker, Walt and Olive Hafner, Dottie Lotker and Mary Ann Amack.

Janice Shobe led Songs of Worship on Wednesday and we were delighted to have some early trick-or-treaters. Bible Study was held with Mert McEvoy, who had a full

house. Volunteering for afternoon nail care were Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, and Pat Whetzel. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn, activity aide, Wednesday afternoon. A Bible crossword was enjoyed by Agnes Chambers, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, LuVerne May, and Ruby Shuler. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Thursday morning's devotions were led by Dennis Brown. Catholic services were attended by Ruby McKenna and Bonnie Weskamp. During craft time in Heart's Creations, Fern Anderson and Jan Conway made snowman ornaments.

Alan Addleman, Leo Mooty, Harold Demmer and David McGee enjoyed a look at the milo and corn harvest when they took a van ride in the country on Thursday. Then, deciding a little time for fishing would be fun, they visited Kirk Young's pond, then enjoyed a root beer at A&W.

Leading devotions on Friday morning was Janice Shobe. Current Events were shared by Carol Duncan. A Bible word search on fruits of the spirit was shared. At Social Hour, everyone enjoyed chocolate cake to celebrate the birthday of Janice Shobe, administrator. Assisting were Montine Alstrom, office manager, and Loretta McFee, director of nursing.

Many of the staff enjoyed dressing up on Friday for the Halloween festivities. Montine Alstrom claimed the title of "Mess America" with her costume. Over 150 children came to the center for the Spook Parade.

Dennis Brown shared Saturday's devotions.

St. John's Lutheran Church led Sunday services. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Donna and Anita Chambers; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch.

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## McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Ray and Germaine Weis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 17.

Grahm Mahanna visited Steiner Scott on Friday.

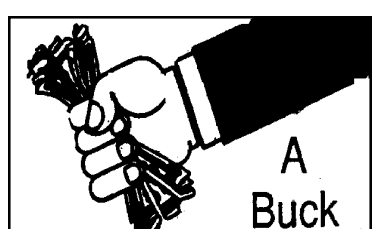
The McGraw United Methodist Church held a service for the Methodist churches of Hoxie and Selden on Sunday.

## Jennings News

By Laurie Long

The senior citizens potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Entertainment by "New Harvest"

will follow at 7 p.m., which has members from Norcat, Oberlin, Norton and McCook. Everyone is welcome.



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