

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1879

Potatoes are worth \$1.00 per bushel.
A fine shower of rain fell on Sunday last.
D.S. Moody has given his saloon a coat of paint. Dan Kilburn did the job.

The Kirwin Chief has been enlarged to an 8-column paper and it has been put in a new power press.

L.A. Bariteau has commenced the erection of a dwelling house on Rodehaver Avenue.

The M.E. parsonage is completed and Rev. Cary has moved in with his family. Much credit is due the carpenters, Messrs. Nelson, Stever and Kellogg.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1904

L.F. Gierhart moved to their new residence recently erected in east Oberlin.

U. Fringer of Custer was unlucky this year; he lost the office of treasurer of his township by the toss of a dollar in the county clerk's office. P.L. Ashcraft won the toss.

Died, Thomas Barratt at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Ayers, on this old home place, Nov. 17, 1904.

Norcatyr News: Fire destroyed Doctor Dallal's office and Zakem Bros. store Sunday night. No clue as to how the fire started.

Quite a number of Norcatyrites went to the Colony Sunday to witness the marriage of Mr. Melvin Temple and Miss Lura Sloan.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1929

More snow has fallen this month in Oberlin than any November on record. So far this month 13 inches of very wet snow has fallen.

There were a lot of disappointed boys and girls when the snow caused the postponing of the football game with Atwood.

Due to the condition of area roads, the Girl Reserve conference had a much smaller than expected

attendance according to Miss Martha Douglas, faculty advisor. At the banquet held at the city school auditorium, 160 plates were served by the ladies of the Federated Church. We were told that the decorations which were made by the local G.R. members were the prettiest ever shown at a banquet in Oberlin.

School News: We note that teachers are reporting considerable tardiness throughout the county. There really can be no very good excuse for tardiness, and three tardy marks are equivalent to one absence, and is a matter to be handled by the Truant Officer.

Fairview-Summit: Some thief stole some of Jesse Robertson's turkeys one night last week.

Harlan Items: Beverly, the little daughter of Weaver VanVleet, was under the care of Dr. Ryan last week but is improving at this time.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1954

Coach Jack Hague was named "Coach of the Year" by the Topeka Daily Capital as the result of the surprisingly decisive defeat of the Norton Blue Jays on Veterans Day. The score was 25-7 and both Addleman and Hoehner gained more rushing yards than the Norton team and Paddock, Guinn and Richardson led the strong Oberlin defense but it was a complete team effort according to coaches Hague, Lawson and Lyons. The loss by Norton gave the league championship to Colby who defeated Goodland 7-0.

Funeral services were held for an early-day Oberlin businessman, J.H. Fleming, 82, who operated a bakery for many years and also manufactured and distributed ice cream.

Lt. Colonel and Mrs. H.O. Benton have returned from several years in Germany and have asked that their Herald be mailed to To-

peka. The Bentons are well known here where they made their home until 1934 with their children, Harwood Jr. and Barbara. Col. Benton will soon be eligible for retirement.

Miss Delores Witt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witt of Lebanon, Neb. became the bride of Norman Troester on Sunday, Oct. 24, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Martin May, daughter, Janice Louise, Nov. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jaderborg, Lawrence, son, Nov. 4, Lee Zan.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1979

The new medical arts facility located just west of Decatur County Hospital will open Dec. 3 according to Mabel McLaughlin, office manager. X-Ray equipment from the former Oberlin Clinic site will be moved prior to that date, according to Jack Metcalf, hospital board chairman.

Offices of the Decatur County

Health Coordinating Council will be moved to the former Oberlin Clinic site as soon as rooms become available.

Commissioners moved to proceed with the jail renovation and courthouse remodeling project, with bids and fees coming in over \$300,000.

The Decatur County Historical Society voted to close the museum Nov. 30 this year rather than remaining open through Dec. 31 as in past years.

The Decatur Community High School musical, "The Velveteen Rabbit," directed by Susan Davenport, was well attended. Lead singers were Kristi Erickson, Larry Dick and Anita Richardson.

Selden: An expansion is underway at the Farmers State Bank with Bainter-Reichert Construction as contractors. The all-metal building will have a rock and brick front. The bank has been in the present location the past 50 years.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The trees are up and several have already been decorated for the Museum Christmas Tree Tour, which will open for the public after the Parade of Lights in downtown Oberlin, Friday, Nov. 26. More details next week.

Remember the benefit supper this Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 510 North Wilson Avenue, in Oberlin. This joint project of Faith Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran Thrivent members, along with the help of Museum board members and staff, will raise funds to assist in the move and restoration

of the Norcatyr St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The supper is a freewill donation.

The Smoky Hill Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match up to \$1,500 toward this project. The Museum board will recognize those who give donations of \$100 or more by including the donor's name on a plaque in the restored St. Mark's church.

Come and have supper with friends, support the Museum Benefit, and then attend the Decatur Community High School Musical, "Godspell," at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Dennis Brown led Saturday's devotions.

Jan Badsky led Sunday afternoon devotions with the message, "The Homeless Man and the Brainless Woman", about compassion and giving. Helen Styles was honored on her 96th birthday. Family members served cake to all staff and residents. Among those attending were Dave and Shirley Nichols and Doyle and Karol Styles.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna and Anita Chambers; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelly, Samantha Anderson, Detta Anderson.

Jennings News

By Laurie Long

Julie Carter, a teacher at Prairie Heights School at Jennings, was one of a select group of America's teachers who are being honored by their former students in the eighth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Students are

asked to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic experience who made a difference in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspire interest in a particular subject and challenge them to strive for excellence.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Nov. 8, Jan Badsky led morning devotions, with the message entitled "Expectations." Children from Little Sam's Day Care met with Florence Fisher, Lois Buchholz, Leo Mooty and Agnes Chambers to cut and paste turkey creations. Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson tackled a mountain of clothing protectors during Folding Fellowship.

Toots Magers and Kathleen Van Meter of Norcatyr played a mean game of pinochle with Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson and Hildegard Euhus. Social Hour was served while Myrna Jones played the piano, and Linda Smith sang.

Monday evening was spent making scrap books with Patti Richards. Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Ella Peterson and Hildegard Euhus made some lovely pages featuring our recent trip to the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Lisa Stacy brought devotions Tuesday, based on Psalm 139:14, which speaks of being "fearfully and wonderfully made". Mrs. Olson's first-grade class joined us for the First Hand Friends reading program. Residents with reading pals were Ivah Alexander, Dena Gillespie, Pooch Portschy, Garrah

Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, Harold Demmer, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, Everett Fisher, and Leo Mooty.

On Tuesday afternoon, 22 residents had their Christmas pictures taken. Helen Juenemann and volunteer Donna Hazen helped the ladies with their hair and makeup. Anita Hirsch was photographer. Dennis Brown and his Forget-Me-Not ministry topped off the afternoon with the wonderful "Friendly Dessert" he served at Social Hour.

Anita Hirsch and Jeanette Diederich, accompanied by Cheryl Miller, led Songs of Worship Wednesday. The residents really enjoyed their singing. Stuart Euhus came to lead Bible study. Jeanette Conway, Ella Peterson, Ruby Shuler, Mamie Unger, Fern Anderson, Neva Campbell, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Leo Mooty and Eryline Nichols had fun exercising while interpreting music with movement.

Wednesday afternoon Dorothy Alstrom and Lisa Stacy provided nail care for residents. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Jan Badsky led Thursday morning devotions entitled, "Learning to Listen," by Karon Phillips Goodman. A Veterans Day story

Cold, hunters both arriving

The cold has arrived, along with some rain last week. This should begin to put the crops in good shape for the winter and into the spring.

The hunters have arrived. They say that there is a good crop of pheasants and lots of cover. The Chamber held ribbon cuttings for these new folks in town: Graphics by Salem, Terrance Gardens RV & Trailer Park, Country Quilting & Keepsakes, Rose Tea Room and Country Woods. Welcome to our fair city.

The Dresser held the November Coffee Hour and just looking around they have some beautiful things in the store.

Last Sunday saw a large group of folks walking the streets of Oberlin in the afternoon, in and out of stores, chatting and browsing, ending up with supper at the LandMark to finish the Business-to-Business Tour. It was well attended. Don't forget that anyone can attend; just let the Chamber know next year so you can be included. The Lutheran churches are hav-

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

ing a benefit pancake supper from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, to help with the moving and remodeling of St. Mark's from Norcatyr to the museum grounds. Let's help them out — no dishes to wash, and the high school musical to attend afterward.

The next big events to become involved in are the Christmas openings and the Light Parade. You still can enter in the parade, just call the office at (785) 475-3441 and let me know. The theme is "Ho, Ho, Here We Go—Christmas is on its Way".

The Lions will be having their soup supper at the Golden Age Center from 5-7 p.m., the Light Parade will start at 6:30 p.m., Santa will arrive just after that at the lower floor of the courthouse, votes may be placed on the entries in the window lighting contest (voting slips will be available at either the

Golden Age Center or Chamber office), and there are many contests to sign up for.

The Museum is having their Christmas Tree Tour again this year. Be sure to stop by and vote on your favorite tree. They will be open on Friday night, Nov. 26, and then during regular museum hours until Christmas.

The Oberlin Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, at The Gateway. There will be so much to see and many things for gifts for your family and friends. There will be food on site and babysitting is provided.

The new Oberlin phone books are in, so you may stop by and pick some up if you would like extras. Stop in and we can have a cup of coffee, as the pot is always on.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Amy Kincaid who died on Thursday at Cedar Living. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Dorothy Davis who died on Friday.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served a delicious strawberry cake called "Friendly Dessert" to residents, staff and guests.

Myrna Jones, Linda Smith, and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Alice Fiala won the blackout game.

The Aquarius Club hosted the November birthday party in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon. Club members assisting with the party were Montine Alstrom, Kem Bryan, Sandy Rush, and Loretta McFee. They served pumpkin cake. The Chanté group from Decatur Community High School and the men's quartet, under the direction of Susan Nelson and accompanied by Mary Jo Lohofener provided entertainment. Elma Ashley, the only resident with a November birthday, received a gift and balloon from the group.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George was here for Mass with Catholic residents and members of Sacred Heart Parish on Thursday morning. Dolores Koeperich assisted.

Veterans were recognized during social hour on Thursday afternoon. We have three World War II veterans living at Cedar Living Center: Harlan Geihlsler, Charley Vavroch, and Floyd Bryan.

The Residents' Council met on the patio Thursday evening. Plans for the upcoming holidays were discussed.

The baking group made pumpkin cookies on Friday afternoon.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Sunday afternoon.

Residents are preparing for their annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner to be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, in the dining room. Family, friends, and staff are welcome to attend the dinner, but reservations are required.

Recent visitors: Cliff and Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatyr; Lynda Bass, Doniphan, Neb.; Neva Stanley, Cambridge; Evelyn Scheicher, Sutton; Dale Hazuka, Diana Hazuka, Susan McKain, McDonald; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Patt Tuller, McCook;

Jody Betts, Mary Ann Amack, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Rita Garver, Bob and Lila Keenan, Barb Solko, Jeanette Diederich, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Bernie Vacura, Sabrina Cooper, Steve, Marilyn, Colt, and Brandi Diederich, Oberlin

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to relatives of Harry H. Steier, 87, who died Oct. 28, 2004, at the Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb. He was a native of Herndon and the son of Paul and Lizzie (Zwiekl) Steier. He attended Herndon schools and was a World War II veteran. He married Edna Luetta Grams and she preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at Westside Church of Christ in Imperial, Neb. Burial was at the Benkelman Cemetery. Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Wilma Steier and Frieda Steier, both of McCook.

Bud and Vicky Mumm flew to San Jose, Calif., to visit their daughter, Anita, and celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The three visited Bud's niece and family in San Francisco, then the couple returned home by Amtrak.

Lucy Evans of McCook and Julie Geisinger of Selden visited their mother, Ann Martin, last Saturday.

Danny Marintzer spent last weekend with his mother, Helen Marintzer.

Judy Solko of Larned, and Pat

Marrs and Carol Solko of Hays spent last weekend with their mother, Monica Solko, and all attended Herndon Heritage Day. Dinner guests on Sunday of Mrs. Solko at the Down Home Cafe were Mildred Kleidosty, Ron Solko of Oberlin, Judy Solko, Pat Marrs and Carol Solko.

Helen Kleidosty was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home on Sunday, Nov. 7. Those attending were her brother, Lester Ketterl of Willow Ridge in McCook; his daughter, Donna Christen, Merna, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Green, Cedric, Whitney and Keisha; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Kilpatrick, McCook; Shirley Organ, Kenny Leitner, Dorothy Reinert, Ellen Dewey, Rosemary Weishapl, Eileen Unger, Anna Weishapl, Nadine Green, Kylie Rietchek, Mardell Buford, Ron Fikan and Don Grafel.

Bonnie Franke, who served as Herndon School secretary for many years, was honored with a retirement reception on Thursday at the Herndon School gymnasium.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Thursday evening dinner guests of Fern Jording.

Karen Larson, Denise Abbey, and Charissa Huff left Friday to attend the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting in Manhattan. They returned home Saturday evening.

Ed Waterman, Wichita; Melvin Waterman, and Karen Eskew attended a surprise birthday party for their aunt, Donna Waterman, on Saturday. The party was held at the home of Donna's granddaughter and husband, Ben and Kerri (Waterman) Brogan, near Atwood.

Hannah May, Ryan May, Zach May, and Jessica Bremer participated in a Piano Progressions Clinic Saturday in Norton. They are students of Cheryl Metcalf.

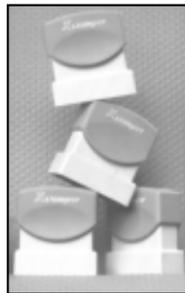
Martin and Evelyn May, Marvin May, Greg and Janice Cundiff, and Kaylee and Kelsey May met at a local restaurant after church services on Sunday to enjoy dinner and celebrate Janice's 50th birthday.

Sunday dinner guests at the Jerry Olson home to celebrate the birthdays of Connie Olson and Stean Olson were Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Stean Olson, Salina, and his friend, Paige, Hays.

Jessica Bremer was honored with a 15th birthday slumber party Friday at her home. Attending were friends Rory Wendelin, Rebecca Helm, Jennifer Ploussard, Jessica Dellere, Melissa Hasty, and Kinze Fisher. Additional dinner guests were Arthur and Alice May.

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