

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1879

Corn sold for 56 cents per bushel on the streets Monday. Commercial travelers say they sell more goods in Oberlin, than in any other town of its size in Kansas. L.A. Bariteau has commenced the erection of a dwelling on Rodehaver Avenue. Dan Bruce has the mail route between this place and Red Willow, Nebr.

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

A runaway team on Saturday coming down Penn Avenue at break-neck speed, tore down wire fences at Bariteau Bros. and George Colby's. The wagon then hit the corner of Rodehaver's log house, upsetting the wagon and stopping the horses.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1904

The Herald this week is carrying a list of Thanksgiving dinners one full column long. Oberlin was full of school teachers last week in attendance at the annual Northwest Kansas Association meeting. Retiring president was S.V. Mallory of Goodland and incoming president is Supt. F.W. Simmons of Mankato. A.W. Erickson has purchased the old Riste property in east Oberlin. Uncle Sammy Taylor has just returned from a buffalo hunt. He killed two buffaloes and came back happy.

Born, Nov. 26, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Renne Barnes, a daughter. A young man by the name of Muirhead who was husking corn for W.R. Woods last week husked 45 bushels Wednesday, 104 on Thursday and 96 on Friday.

John Thielbar of Sherman was an early caller Monday morning, having brought his daughter to town to attend the County High School.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1929

November 1929 seems intent on breaking records. Not only was the record for snow fall broken, but the -7 degree temperature on the morning of Nov. 22 is lower than any temperature ever recorded in Oberlin during the month of No-

ember. The Norton High School football team was confident coming to Oberlin on Thanksgiving Day on changing the tune of the last six encounters, which had all been won by Oberlin. Some 2,300 persons watched the game which was won by Oberlin 3-0 by Francis' toe. A 47-yard place kick early in the third quarter was the only difference. It was the best game of football played on the Decatur field in years, with no sportsmanlike conduct on the field or rough razzing heard on either of the sidelines.

Two former Dresden people, W.M. Metzler, a contractor in Colorado Springs and his son, a student at Colorado College, bagged elk during the recent open season on bull elk in four counties of the State of Colorado.

Mr. Metzler is of the opinion it may be some years before there is another open season on elk owing to a number of violations of the game laws.

Harlan Items: Alva Van Vleet went to Kansas City Friday with Prof. Howard to visit the American Royal show.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. John Muirhead are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Along The Big Timber: We have heard of many huskers bringing in 80 bushels a day. That sounds like the corn is good.

Tom Thomsen had his Ford car stolen Friday evening while he was attending the Chick Boys show.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1954

The Rev. Joseph Bruce, 72, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Oberlin, died very suddenly in the hospital at Falls City, Neb. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce, Jeanie and Joe, lived in Oberlin from 1940 to 1944 before he accepted a pastorate at Hebron, Neb.

Coach Jack Hague was presented a Bulova wristwatch at the last meeting of Oberlin American Legion. The watch was inscribed "Coach of the Week" as the Topeka Daily Capital had given him that honor when the Decatur Community High School football team beat Norton 25-6 on Veteran's Day.

A new printer, Beryl Maloney, has begun work at The Herald mov-

ing here from Smith Center with his wife, Lela Jean and children, Edwona Lea and Michael Eugene. Beryl is a native of Selden but went to school in Phillipsburg where he worked in the shop of the Review.

Jennings: J.A. Shearer, father of Glenn Shearer, will celebrate his 100th birthday Dec. 10. He is a resident of the Jackson Nursing Home in Norton.

Selden: T.W. Monteith, rural carrier on route 1, retired Nov. 1. His first route was 30 miles long and he made it with a team and buggy, then a motorcycle, next a Model T Ford. He has carried the mail to the Leoville post office from Selden ever since it was established.

Funeral services will be held in Denver for Elizabeth (Cody) Berry, 66, who was born at Kanona. She was a registered nurse and did special nursing at several Denver hospitals. Local relatives include a sister, Mrs. Merle Nelson.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Portschy, Herndon, daughter, Rita Renee, Nov. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Dole Metcalf, daughter, Patricia Ann, Nov. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hickert, son, Duane Leo, Nov. 25.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1979

Farmers in the area appear to be wrapping up the fall milo harvest

this week as temperatures hit an unseasonably high 76 degrees. Elevator operators are still singing the blues, as box cars are as scarce as ever. Elevator manager Bob Rapp, Norcat, said the shortage is the worst situation he has been in, in the past 30 years.

Work on the courthouse remodeling project and fourth floor renovation for a new jail will end under way after the first of the year, according to Dick Barnes of Rhoads Construction in Goodland.

Vicky Marintzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Marintzer of Herndon and Charles Mumm, son of Mrs. Sarah Mumm of Selden and the late Fred Mumm, were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Herndon. Father Owen Schellhase officiated.

Norcat: Lt. Col. Franklin D. Frewen, son of Nellie New of Norcat, has arrived for duty at RAF Fairford, England.

Coach Jim Keller's varsity cagers opened with a 56-52 win over Scott City in their first game of the season. The girls' team, coached by Annette Sulzman, downed Scott city 45-19. In wrestling, the Red Devils downed Scott City by a 42-16 score and took second place at the Hoxie Invitational tournament, with Terry Urban placing first at heavyweight.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It is hard to believe that there are just three weeks before Christmas. The season got a nice start with the Parade of Lights and the Museum Tree Tour considering the rainy evening.

If you were unable to attend the opening, the neat and interestingly decorated trees will be on display at the Museum until Dec. 23 during regular winter museum office hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

As you do your Christmas shopping in Oberlin, don't forget the Museum's gift shop. There are some wonderful gift items and decorations.

From the *Norcat Dispatch*, June 15, 1906: "A boy and girl made

their appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson, Thursday. They're twins, both of them, and they and the mother are doing nicely."

From the *Oberlin Democrat*, date unknown: "Our city Marshal has been arresting quite a number of our citizens this week, for gambling, and other misdemeanors. We regret to record such a fact, especially as some of our most prominent business men were among the number. We refrain from giving names this time, and hope the occasion will never arise in which we shall be compelled to do so. A second offense will justify a full publication. We believe in upholding the law, let lightning strike where it may."

Jennings News

By Laurie Long

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Vendla Tacha were Cheryl Roberts and Don McClelland, Norton; Ryan Roberts, Gardner; Trevor Roberts and Colton, Neb.; Aaron Roberts, Hays; and Warren Tacha, Jennings. Lynn Tacha was ill, so was unable to attend.

Sunflower Seniors Saturday evening card-playing winners for the month of November were: Nov. 6 and 20, Louise Cressler; Nov. 27, Eleanor Morel. No cards were

played on Nov. 13 due to the hunter's supper at the church. Just a reminder of the Senior Christmas Dinner at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Jennings Cafe. Let Ramona Shaw or Louise Cressler know by Dec. 6 if you plan to attend.

There will be a Christmas decorating party at the church at 4:30 p.m. today. A soup supper and vespers will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will host their annual family potluck Christmas dinner following morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Members will meet at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the church for their Christmas meeting and prayer sister gift exchange. Plates will also be filled for shut-ins. Hostesses are Sherri Schmidt and Gail Bergling.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were Eva Harder, Audrea Hanson, Dawn Heighton, and Stephanie Heighton, Hays; and Quentin and Olive Bergling, and Jason Bergling. The Hays relatives visited from Wednesday to Monday at their home.

Randy and Sharon Olson, Brent and Kerrie were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of her parents, Ruben and Darlene Feikert, at St. Francis.

On Saturday, Brent Olson was honored with a birthday supper at the Southwind Cafe in Selden. Others present were Randy and Sharon Olson and Kerrie, Glenn and Eunice Martin, Oberlin; and Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer, Ellis.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt were Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Craig and Kristin Engelsen, Larkspur, Colo.; Clint and Erin Schmidt, Denver; Tanner and Barry Schmidt, Manhattan; Chris and Sherri Schmidt, and Joe and Vicki Schmidt.

The Ron Sattler family and John and Ardythe Cederberg joined others for the Sattler family Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Senior Center in Herndon.

Thursday dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Simonsson,

Lawrence; and Joel and Sara Uerling and Addyson, McCook.

Galen Olson, McKinney, Texas; Lee and Terri Munsell and Amanda, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Steve and Arian Arnold and Edla Olson had lunch together at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin on Friday.

Galen's wife, Lynn, was in Smith Center with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Chase.

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

Guests of Losson and Leanne Pike of Ashland for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday were Wesley and Eulaine Benda and Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Oberlin; Kary and Jennifer Smith and family, Menomonee, Wis.; Joel and Abby Krause, Princeton, Texas; Wes Pike and Sarah Olson, Manhattan; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Mitch and Bev Messerly and family, Sublette; and Gladys Pike and Lukas Donner, Ashland.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent Thanksgiving in Jacksonville, Ark., with his brother and wife, Don and Liz Kelley. Bob Kelley of Marquette was also a guest.

The annual Olson family Thanksgiving dinner was held on Saturday at Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Those present included Bill and Maxine Peebles, and Sheri Steinemann and Lia Grace, Denver; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Jeanee Olson and Scott, Frisco, Texas;

David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Jon and Daisy Olson, Corbin and Candalin, Iowa City, Iowa; Louis and Ava Perkins, Wichita;

Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, and Beth Kinneavy, Boulder, Colo.; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, and James and Kimberly Witt, Tyler, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin;

Sarah Olson, Manhattan; Keely Witt, Kearney, Neb.; and Kate Powell, McCook.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

B-r-r-r! It really is cold, but then what should we expect? It's about that time! We are getting some snow at this writing, and aside from the anticipated scooping that will be my job in the morning, I am thankful for the moisture!

The monthly pinochle tournament was held at the American Legion with five tables of players. First place winners were Deb Stepper and Darlene Robben; second place went to Pat and Chuck Williams and third place winners were Lawrence Horinek and Pete Ziegelmeier. The next tournament will be on Dec. 18.

Cleda Moeder's brother, Jack and Mary Minnick and son, Robert and Marsha Moeder, came to town on Wednesday. Cleda has been feeling bad with neck spasms, but everyone pitched in to do the work. They even decorated her home for the Christmas season, which was a big relief for her. While they were here, Mary's cousin, Bertha Bruggeman of Selden, died, so Jack and Mary stayed until after the funeral which was Monday.

The Minnick family has their reunion every two years on Thanksgiving day. This year it was at the Senior Center in Colby, hosted by Tim and Shelly Moeder, Taylor and Peyton. On the last day, the whole group was treated to breakfast at the Village Inn by Robert and Marsha Moeder, Hutchinson.

Others in attendance were Cleda Moeder, Buck Harper, Jack and Mary Minnick, Wichita; Christopher Moeder, Lawrence; Ann and Bobby Schmeidler, Wichita; Jane and Jay Minnick, Katie, Klayton, and Mikayla, Liberty, Mo.; Sam and Barbara Minnick, Jenae, Cade, and Cooper, Leon; Matt and Janna Brown, Brennon and Braden, Derby; and Dan and Betty Racette, Colby.

Dale and Dagmar Bastin, Mariah, Scarlett and Stirling, of San Antonio, were with his mother, Glendora Bastin, for Thanksgiving week. Dale is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, having served about 17 years.

Those celebrating together at the Dennis and Vicki Allison home

were Chad Wark, Desiré and Morgan; Rebecca Wark (home from college in Hays); Kristin and Jami Wark, and their cousin, April Anderson, Hope.

Rex and Betty Carswell went to Hays to the home of their son, Daryl and Rita Carswell and Darren, for Thanksgiving. Also present were Rita's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neverygall; and Rita's brother, Webb and Sun McKinley and Ashley, all from Wichita.

Jay and Nancy Dahl went to Goodland for Thanksgiving with their daughter, Tina and Jon Anderson, Jake and Ashley. Others present were Matt Gould, Denver, and Tim Dahl.

Ken and Julie Sanford and Sara, Colby, were at the home of their parents, Dick and Eunice Sanford, for the holiday.

Vesta Roth's Thanksgiving guest was her son, Rick Roth, of Stockton.

Dean and Marie Adams, Scott City, aunt and uncle of Jean Hawkins, were her guests for Thanksgiving Day.

Ruth and Lee Luna were at the home of their son, Darrell and Mary Luna, Fessica, Andrew, Domic and Jennifer, for Thanksgiving. Another son, Paul and Rhonda Luna, P.J. and Beth, also joined them.

Peggy and Robert Dible went to the home of his dad, Louis Dible, for Thanksgiving and all of the children were there. It was a difficult day as it was the first holiday since Norma died. Many of us can empathize.

Sondra Barnett entertained guests at her home over the Thanksgiving holiday, from Wednesday to Saturday. Visitors included Hulda Wark, Roger Wark, Sherri Bach, Topeka; Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan, Holcomb; Cory and Tessa Barnett, Tabitha, Corban, and Obadiah, Liberal; and Shalom Kruse, Gabriel and Kaleb, Pretty Prairie.

On Friday and Saturday Cory and Scott put new shingles on the Hobby Hut (behind the house), working in the rain the first day.

Michael, Tiffany and Tabitha also put in some long hours on the project.

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Community Building on Thursday. Those in attendance were Gayle and Linda Dible, Oakley; Grace Tice, Hoxie; Leland and Cheryl Tice, Mankato; Junia Hale, Stockton; Roger Hale, Colby; Larry Dible, Kimberly O'Brien, Tad and Jayne Davis, Mallory O'Brien and Kaitlyn Dible, Goodland; Mike and Cindy Schubert, Colby; Deb Stepper, John Gould, Jolene Hansen, Jim and Ann Colling, Julie, Eric and Randy; Delores, Darla, Darrel and De Ann Dible, Fran Leach, Bob and Melody Leach, Erik and Cameron Korte, Norbert, Terri, Ashley, and Caleb Korte, all of Rexford.

Tim Dahl went to Beloit to visit the family of Derek Fobes, a former schoolmate and friend.

The Middle School basketball teams of boys and girls will take on Weskan here at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

The high school boys and girls basketball teams will play at Tribune beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, then on Saturday, they will play here at 4:30 p.m. with Northern Valley.

Those at Koffee Klatch last week were Fran Leach, Delores Dible, Freda Ketchum, Darla Dible, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, and Grace Cheney.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to my sister, Gloria Dible, who serves as proofreader and critiques for this column. Thanks!

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsky led morning devotions on Nov. 22. Children from Little Sam's Day Care gathered to play ball with Eva Cuthbertson, Hazel Alaska, Leo Mooty, Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers, Bernice Brown, and Muriel Ready.

Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson folded clothing protectors Monday during Folding Fellowship. Don Farr led morning exercises. During Turkey Talk, interesting facts about the Thanksgiving holiday were brought up.

Myrna Jones played a medley of songs during Social Hour Monday afternoon. Card Sharks gathered for card play, including Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Mildred Holmdahl, volunteer.

Tuesday, department heads helped make preparations for the Light Parade on Friday. Hot chocolate and banana bread were served.

First Hand Friends shared turkey decorations on Tuesday, made from hand-prints. A puppet show entitled, "Tom and the Hedgehog Thanksgiving" was presented, followed by facts about the origin of Thanksgiving.

A prayer circle was held Tuesday for the many things we have to be thankful for. Ellen Horn served hot chocolate at Social Hour. Ruth Laidig made gingerbread cookies for our Christmas Tree that will be displayed at the museum.

On Wednesday, Jan Badsky led morning songs, and the message was, "Thankfulness." Mert McEwold led Bible study. Sharee Depoy led, activity aide, shared one-to-one time with Veda Pingetzer, Iris Wurm, Neva

Townsend, LuVerne May, Bonnie Weskamp, and Elsie Macy. Don Farr led exercises Wednesday morning. Lisa Stacy spent the morning decorating the tree at the museum. The popcorn and cranberry garland was made during Heart's Creations crafts activity, with many residents helping. Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, and Barb Berry provided nail care.

Special guests Esther Ready and Nick Chomowicz, daughter and grandson of John and Muriel Ready, played various individual piano pieces and a duet to entertain residents. Also playing was David Chomowicz.

Hildegard Euhus enjoyed listening to her daughter, Pat Juno, play and sing the selection, "My Cup Overfloweth."

On Thanksgiving Day, residents enjoyed a wonderful meal with family and friends.

On Friday, special guest Pat Juno, daughter of Hildegard Euhus, provided musical accompaniment for devotions. The message focused on "Staying on Track with God."

Carol Duncan, volunteer, led Current Events on Friday afternoon. Bethany Smith served Social Hour. Residents enjoyed seeing the Light Parade.

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday.

Faith Lutheran Church shared Sunday church services. Delores Koeperich, volunteer, served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Ruth Laidig - Janice, Ernie, and Kim Mehrl; Iris Wurm - Jeanette Diederich; Garrah Gaumer, Ruby McKenna - Joan McKenna.



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