

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO—Nov. 1880
Election News: Except for one county commissioner position, the Republicans swept the county.

Two or three loads of aid were received the first of the week.

Taxpaying time is here and treasurer Metcalf is in his office to receive taxes.

Hollister has moved his butcher shop into the first door north of the post office.

A young son made its appearance at the home of J. B. Hitchcock on Oct. 31. John says he is going to call him Garfield.

J. W. Allen & Son purchased a load of corn as fine as we have ever seen which was raised on the Solomon in this county. How is this for drought.

The buffalo hunters returned the first of the week. They went out into Colorado between the Platte and Republican rivers where they got two buffalo and a number of deer.

Arthur Allen and Nate Addleman brought back a fine buffalo head which when cured and with artificial eyes will look as natural as life.

100 YEARS AGO—Nov. 1905
Monday was a bad time for carpenters. The four-inch snow made people who are building wish their buildings were complete.

Jacob Bolin of Summit is building a new house.

Judge Bertram sold his residence property this week to A. A. Engstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bogenrief of Republican City have arrived in this city for a few days visit with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Larkin.

George Colby put down a red granite walk in front of his business block last week.

Marriages:
Mr. Ernest Kolsky and Miss Bessie Beneda, Oct. 24, 1905.

Mr. Leroy C. Plotts and Miss Mary E. Dees, Nov. 1, 1905.

75 YEARS AGO—Nov. 1930
The county corn husking contest attracted a crowd of nearly 1,500 people to the county farm Tuesday afternoon. Will Litton of Olive Township proved himself the best of the 10 contestants husking 24.85 bushels in the hour and 20 minutes of the contest. George Cody of Liberty Town-

ship was second and both will enter the state contest to be held near Goodland on Nov. 5. At the close of the contest 7 merchants and business men indulged in a contest lasting 30 minutes with the winner being George Wurm, followed by Harry Bates, Earl Sproul, Caleb Smick, Loyd McGee, Elwood Brooks and Charlie Walton.

Gordon Banchor has resigned his position as treasurer of Benton & Hopkins Investment Co., and leaves this week for Denver where he has taken over the insurance department of Ackard & Co. Inc., and will be engaged in a large real estate department which covers the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Pansy and the children will join him sometime in December.

Mrs. H. Q. Banta entertained the girls of the primary department of the Federated Church at a Hallowe'en party at her home. Included were Geraldine Paddock, Mary Smith, Cleo Michael, Mildred Woolley, Mary Peterson, Cleta Gilbert, Alice Reeves, Dorothy Beardsley, Maxine Counter, Helen Keiser, Beatrice Bosler, Elsie Dodd, Elaine Bradley, Dorothy Marsh, Lila Woolley, Virginia Harmon, Ethel Rogers, Ila Chilson, Dorine Paddock, Virginia Ross and Dorothy Woolley.

Sappa: Mr. and Mrs. Darl Schweitzer are the parents of an 8-pound baby girl born Oct. 16 at the home of its grandparents, the Chas. Uehlings.

Kanona: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mrstik are the proud parents of a fine 10-pound boy, Mertis Duane, born Oct. 25.

Mrs. Chris Jorn and baby daughter are expected home from Rochester, Minn., this week.

50 YEARS AGO—Nov. 1955
The voters of Decatur County have authorized the county commissioners to proceed with the issuance of general obligations bonds, not to exceed \$160,000, to be used with the funds on hand for the construction and furnishing of a Home for the Aged. Howard Benton, chairman of the board, stated that the 926 to 377 vote indicates the large majority of voters favored the bond issue.

Selden: Mrs. Gus Juenemann appeared on the TV program "Name That Tune" and won \$5,000 by naming all the tunes.

The first sale at the new Oberlin Livestock Exchange will be held Friday. Jones Brothers, operators of the sales pavilion, are inviting the public for inspection and to sign up for door prizes. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served during the afternoon.

There is every indication that the offset well on the Holden Simpson farm west of town is going to be a producer. This well is the first offset to the Boettger No. 2 which Sauvage Drilling Co., brought in several months ago.

Cramer's "66" Service has been leased to Bill Ater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ater. Phyll Cramer has been operating the station and the motel the past three years and has decided to devote his entire time to the motel business.

John Dark, a work unit soil conservationist in charge of the Decatur County Soil Conservation Service, narrowly escaped death last Friday morning when his truck was struck by a fast-moving Rock Island freight train in Norton. He will be hospitalized for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Dark and their two children, Donna, 2, and Jack, 1, came to Oberlin from Sharon Springs last January.

In Northwest Kansas League football action, the Oberlin Red Devils defeated Oakley 33-20 and Goodland 33-13.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bryan announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lee, to Mr. Dick Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kelley.

Leoville: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Catherine (Bries) Welter, 99, who came to Kansas from Iowa in a covered wagon in 1878 where her family homesteaded a tract of land east of Dresden.

25 YEARS AGO—Nov. 1980
More than 75% of the county's registered voters went to the polls Tuesday casting their votes across party lines as they appeared to go with the winners at both the state and national level. Republican candidate Ronald Reagan defeated incumbent president

Jimmie Carter; Bob Dole won his 3rd term in the U. S. Senate and Republican Pat Roberts will fill the congressional seat for the First District, replacing retiring Keith Sebelius of Norton. In the contest for county attorney John Bremer, incumbent Democrat, defeated Independent candidate Terry Rogers 1,140 to 1,081.

Former astronaut Gene Cernan was in Oberlin for a few hours Friday to assist with the grand opening at Cobblestone, Ltd. clothing store. Cernan, a family friend of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sauvage, was asked to describe what it's like standing on the moon's surface. "The earth is the only color in the sky," he recalled. "It's beautiful. You can see the greens, the blues of the oceans, the shapes of the continents. Every 12 hours you can see the other side of Earth."

Funeral services were held from Faith Lutheran Church for Dr. Phillip A. Lauber, 36, who died of cancer after an illness of a year and a half. The Rev. Larry Arganbright officiated and burial was in Oberlin Cemetery. Dr. Lauber graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in 1970 and opened a practice in Oberlin which he sold in 1979 due to ill health.

Gaylord Shields has been elected by the 9th district of the Federal Land Bank as their nominee to the Federal Farm Credit Board.

The Red Devil harriers brought home a seventh place finish in the 3-A State cross-country meet held at Manhattan. Phil Shields placed eighth with a time of 10:18. The Red Devil volleyball squad finished the season with a 13-6 record losing to Oakley in the sub-state.

The Jennings Coyotes football team coached by Carl Wahlmeier defeated Golden Plains 20-12 to win the Western Kansas League championship.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

At the museum we are thinking holiday time. With help from some very nice volunteers we have the Christmas trees up and ready for trimming. Eighteen of the trees have been spoken for but we still have several that need to be adopted. You can call us at 475-2712 and reserve one for your group or business.

Hours for viewing the trees this year start Sunday, Nov. 20, from

1 to 4 p.m. in conjunction with the Antique Guild stores, who are holding an open house and a buffet that day at the LandMark Inn.

Our other times include Nov. 25 after the Parade of Lights, and during regular museum hours.

Remember, we are still open for guests on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. through the month of November.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

There's a large pile of corn at the north end of Rexford, which I assume means there has been a good harvest and the elevator is filled. Aside from the wind, the autumn has been beautiful!

The Red Cross blood drive will set up at the high school from on Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell were surprised to see their daughter two weekends in a row! The last one was totally unexpected. Liz Purcell, in her final year as a nursing student in Shawnee, Okla., had free time and came back again to see her parents.

Janine Colson took Edna Colson to Garden City to attend the cross country meet and see her grandson, Jesse Colson, a member of the Colby Community College team, participate. Edna also saw her eye doctor and got new glasses.

Darrell Leh is home from the hospital in Hays after being there for three weeks.

A nice group of adult and teen prayer partners attended the soup supper for the Kids Klub at the Rexford Church. Thirty-three kids attended, with a total of 70. The responsibilities of the prayer partner are to pray for the child, send an occasional card or letter of encouragement and remember their birthday and Christmas.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Margaret AraSmith, Freda Ketchum, Delores Dible, Darla Dible, Deb Stepper, Bernada Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Pat Williams, Hulda Wark, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, and Sondra Barnett. Pat brought some old newspapers from the *Prairie Drummer*, dating as early as 1975. There were good photos of the big flood in this area at the time.

She also brought several copies of the *Thomas County Herald*, among them being the centennial edition covering news of the county from 1885-1985. One of the most fascinating articles told about the formation of the Social Hour Club in 1917 with 33 members. It stated that it was probably the first club to be organized in Rexford. It is still going and many members were at Koffee Klatch on Friday.

There's more sidewalk work being done in Rexford! The latest I've seen is south of the church to the end of the block. Great!

Grace Cheney had lunch in Selden on Friday with her cousin, Charlene Cheney of Ottawa.

Betty Carswell was honored on her birthday, Oct. 22, at the home of her son, Daryl and Rita Carswell in Hays. Others present were Steve and Terry Salter of McPherson; Curran Salter of Hoisington; Jeremy Salter of Schoenchen; Vince and Peggy Carswell, Kristin O'Hare, Brooklyn, McKenna and Kaden, Glen Stragey and Parker, Emily Williams and Sophie, and Sabryn O'Gara of Oberlin;

Jeff and Elizabeth Perry and Audry of Rolla; Aaron and Kristy Carswell and Camden of Salina; Robert and Peggy Dible of Menlo; Lance and Maisha Dible and Zoie of Hays; Kelli Carswell of Overland Park; Darron Carswell of Lawrence; and the guest of honor, Betty, and her husband Rex Carswell of Selden.

The deadline for ordering knives the American Legion Auxiliary is selling is Nov. 7. If interested, call Sondra Barnett or Nancy Dahl.

The seniors at the Barn have some of the old Sampler Cookbooks left for only \$10, which would be a nice Christmas or wedding gift. There is a new one in the making, which will be slightly higher in price.

Monthly fruit and candy bingo will resume at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, for Seniors at the Barn. All are

encouraged to come and have some fun.

Birthdays for this month: Nov. 17 - Ray Zoberst and Lawrence Juenemann; Nov. 23 - Gene Rogers; Nov. 24 - Grace Cheney; Nov. 26 - Eileen Dible; Nov. 27 - Marguerite Black; Nov. 29 - Jean Hawkins; and Nov. 30 - Rex Carswell.

With opening day of pheasant season on Nov. 12, the Lions Club and Royal Neighbors will serve the traditional meal. Put it on your calendar to attend, whether you are hunting or just want some good fellowship.

On Wednesday, the Royal Neighbors delivered 10 purple bears with white T-shirts "bearing" the name Royal Neighbors to a local day care operated by Tammy Miller. On Thursday, they decorated tables for the fund-raising night of bingo, which was held on Saturday evening. The group includes Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Darlene Robben, and Betty Carswell.

Scoop on the School

The eighth graders took first place and the seventh graders, second in the scholar bowl at Atwood last week. Way to go! The middle

school volleyball team was in the tournament at Sharon Springs last Tuesday.

The high school football team lost to Weskan 58-22 on Thursday.

The big gym is open to anyone who would like to walk from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Makin' it happen: Hats off to all of you who made it a pleasure for me to write for the last year and a half for the community of Rexford. I have sincerely enjoyed the experience...and getting to know all of you! I appreciate the compliments and comments from many of you whom I didn't even know...and was gratified you were reading the happenings of our small town. You are considered my friends and I love you all!

This will be my last regular column, not because I chose so, but because it's what I'm supposed to do. So God bless you, each one, and don't forget to say "hi" should we meet someplace. Thanks to all of you for the news tips as well as for the encouraging words you've offered. Your new correspondent for the Rexford news will be my friend, Vicki Allison. I hope you will all be as supportive of her as you have been for me.

Mount Pleasant News

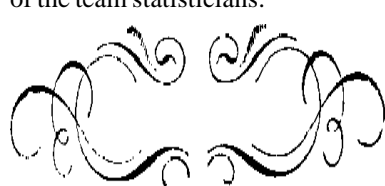
By Dianne Bremer

Wayne and Lois (Haas) Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist enjoyed attending the Haas reunion in Pratt on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Fred and Carol Nedland, Minneapolis, Minn., were Saturday visitors of the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May family. They came back to take his mother, Elizabeth McConnell, a visitor at the Nedland home, back to her home in Rice Lake, Wis.

Ralph and Norma Unger were

Sunday visitors of Alvina Unger. Jessica Bremer accompanied the Decatur Community High School girls volleyball team to State competition in Salina on Friday, returning home Saturday evening. She is one of the team statisticians.



Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Eiler who died at Cedar Living Center on Oct. 26.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Chuck Votapka who died at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Dell Pomeroy, Clifford Fox, and Mervin Babineaux are all new residents at Cedar Living Center.

We were honored to receive a donation of the Bob Dole book, "One Soldier's Story" in both large print and audio from the National Albanian American Council.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. Residents, staff, and guests enjoyed meat, cheese, and crackers.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Mervin Babineaux won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Zola Brown won the blackout game.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Donald Shaw, Zola Brown, and Nettie Britton. Mrs. Solko played Scramble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

Residents met on Wednesday afternoon to prepare treat bags for Halloween. Afterwards, ice cream was served in honor of Nettie Britton's birthday.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The Methodist Youth delivered decorated pumpkins on Wednesday

evening for all of the dining room tables.

Stan Chapin from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church gave a communion service on Thursday morning.

Residents who gathered on Thursday afternoon for bowling included Nettie Britton, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Charley Vavroch, Bea Wolfram, and Mervin Babineaux. Lyle Gamblin also attended.

The baking group made peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Kelly Brown and her Girl Scout troop visited during baking time.

Cedar Living Center received a gift subscription to the Reader's Digest large print books from Ann Martin.

Recent visitors: Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Mary Huffaker, Eureka; Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Laverne Niemeth, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Gary Anthony, Lowell Sebaugh, Norcatur; Julie Harold, Hays; Sohn, Shakia, and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Earl Brown, Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Rita Garver, Laurene Van Otterloo, Juanita Williby, Marie Jean Vavroch, Ella Betts, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Gary and Kaine Fredrickson, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Autumn greetings! The pond has taken on the beautiful hues of fall. Sammy Squirrel is still living there, teasing our little First Hand Friends when they come to visit.

Mrs. Steinmetz' class came Tuesday to read to Sheri Horney, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Harold Demmer, Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway, Muriel Ready, Mamie Unger, Everett Fisher, Marguerite Fullerton, Marilyn St. Clair, and Doris Miller. It's always wonderful to see eyes brighten when the youngsters arrive with books in hand.

Dennis Brown from the Forget-Me-Not Ministry served cheese and crackers during Social Hour on Tuesday to a full house...but then again, it's always a full house when Dennis comes.

In art class this week we colored Indian corn pictures on sandpaper. If you have never tried this, you should. The colors against the sandpaper pop right off the page, bringing the subject to life. These will be framed and displayed in our hallways.

Speaking of hallways, Sue Black and her sister, Jennifer Fortkamp, have been busy decorating the halls with various artwork and vignettes. We will be on the venue for the Decatur Professional Women's Christmas Home Tour in December, so you will be able to see all the beautiful changes taking place here.

The Merry Mums group met to make autumn collages and Crafty Hands made cat magnets for weekly craft time. Exercises were led by Don Farr on Monday and Wednesday. On Thursday, Carla Britton played volleyball with the residents.

STARS Committee hosted Social Hour on Friday, serving ice cream sandwiches. They were per-

fect with the "poor man's cake" made by our Cook's Parade honoree, Everett Fisher. He and Jeanette Diederich were up early in the morning to bake this scrumptious treat. The smell wafted through the facility, tempting all of us to sneak off to the kitchen to get a taste. It was well guarded!

Pizza and poker were served up Saturday evening. Dennis Brown was the dealer. Everett Fisher, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Doris Miller and John Ready were the card sharks. They played for peanuts (literally), and other edible prizes.

Sunday services were given by the Assembly of God Church.

Anticipation is high as we start the new week on Halloween. As I am writing this, preschool trick-or-treaters are roaming the hall among the various staff who have donned costumes for the day. We will have a costume party this afternoon. More about all of this in next week's news; you won't want to miss it!

We appreciate all the help from our volunteers: Barbara Dehlinger, Nathan Smith, Mert McEvoy, Mildred Holmdahl, Dorothy Alstrom, Pat Whetzel, Tika Hall, John Wright, Bethany Smith, and Evelyn Olson.

Recent guests: Harlan Geihlsler - Donna Geihlsler of Wichita; Hazel Flaska - Arden and LaJean Flaska of San Diego; Fern Anderson - Vickie Lippellmann; Lucy Schissler - Mert McEvoy; Edla Olson - Detta Anderson; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson, Donna Kelley, Elizabeth, Blake, Paige and Reilly Fahrenholte; Ruth Laidig - Janice Meitl of North Platte, Neb.; Mary Lemman - Kerri, Kollyn, Mark and Luke Schippers of Hoxie; Dena Gillespie - Earl and Pat Hartzog.

Wheat Ridge Terrace

Wheat Ridge Terrace is full! New residents are Delores and Elmer Zodrow, and Ivis Hanson.

Card bingo was enjoyed for the first time following a light supper of quiche, prepared by Dennis Brown.

Residents each invited a guest or two for the October Forget-Me-Nots luncheon. Dennis Brown served a delicious German meal.

The following residents had guests: Eunice Avery; granddaughter Pamela Mathes, Colorado Springs.

Lora Zwickle: Delmer and Mary J. Anderson, Topeka, and Goldie

Anderson, Caldwell, Idaho. Alvina Unger: Hertha Kelley, St. Francis.

Ivis Hanson: William Carter, Vendla Tacha and Archie Harman, Jennings, and Jack Fortin, Oberlin.

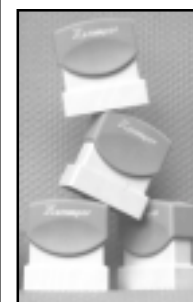
Doris Gilbert: Jessie and Killien Dellere, Selden.

Irel Lohofener: Ashley Walters, Colby.

Aleen Van Vleet: Leo and Janie Van Vleet, Phoenix, Ariz.

Myrtle Waldo: Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Tucson, Ariz.

Coffee is served every morning at 10 a.m. Stop by for a visit.



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