

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1880

The Republicans had a jollification on Friday evening last over the glorious election news. Warren Jennings of Jennings Township was in town today making final proof on his homestead. He was accompanied by his son, Bedford.

Messrs. Wm. Love and Willis McKane returned from buffalo country Monday. They killed two buffalo and some deer and antelope and had their wagons loaded with meat.

Clayton Items: Marion Salisbury has bought E.L. Pease's improvements on the southeast quarter of school section 36. Mr. Pease has purchased the Clayton House from J.C. Latham and will occupy it as a store and dwelling. Mrs. Latham has bought property in Norton and will move there soon.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1905

Just as we were going to press last week, we heard of the death of E.J. Taylor, postmaster at Jennings.

Renne Barnes of Hooker lost his best horse last week by its getting some wheat.

Art Pollnow sold the Chris Mines place last week for \$3500.

Ambrose Handwerk of Bassettville Township has built a fine farm residence; also a good-sized barn. The two costing him nearly \$2500.

Samuel C. Sawyer of Custer Township died Sunday morning, Nov. 5, aged 67 years.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gail Kreymborg, Denver, twin sons, Kevin and Kelvin, Nov. 7; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, daughter, Mary Margaret, Nov. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Orris Aumiller, Selden, daughter, Colleen, Nov. 6.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1930

The contest for governor of Kansas has not been decided though Hauke is thought to be the winner over Woodring. The real surprise and overwhelming shock to the people of Kansas in this most colorful off-year election was the more than 150,000 voters who wrote in the name of Dr. J.R. Brinkley, the goat gland doctor. In this county all contested offices went to the Democrats.

Guided by the sign of a lighted candle in the window, Oberlin students under the leadership of Ernest

Buffington held a Halloween cleanup the night of Oct. 31, raking leaves and carrying away many loads of trash.

Oberlin is all set for the Armistice Day celebration sponsored by the American Legion which will include a free barbecue at noon, a football game with Rawlins County, a special matinee at the Opera House and a big dance.

A ceremony at five o'clock Monday afternoon at Lincoln, Neb., united in marriage Miss Dorothy M. Mousel and Harold E. Metcalf. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Mousel of Cambridge and attended Kearney State Teacher's College and the University at Lincoln and has taught the intermediate grades in the Danbury public schools. She has a lovely voice and has trained the school children in several cantatas. Harold is the youngest son of Mrs. A.J. Metcalf and a graduate of Decatur Community High School and has worked with his mother in managing the Metcalf ranch for a number of years. He is better known locally, however, in his exploits in the field of aviation. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf returned to the Metcalf ranch, where they will be at home to their many friends.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1955

Jennings: The Jennings Cleaners has closed and Bill Tacha will work as a salesman for Kump Motor Company of Oberlin. The Tachas purchased the cleaning business from Vincent Stroup in 1949 and have operated it since that time.

The Olson Shoe Shop which has operated in the same location in the Randall building on South Penn since 1930 will move to a new location. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Olson who have operated the business for the past 25 years are planning to retire and Harold, who recently completed training at S. & H. Orthopedics Laboratories in Los Angeles after receiving his discharge from the U.S. Air Force, will operate the business with the assistance of his father part-time. In addition to shoe repair, Harold will set up an orthopedic laboratory.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gassman are the parents of a baby boy born Nov. 1 at St. Thomas Hospital in Colby. The little fellow has five brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cathcart,

Jeanne, Joyce and Gerald Jr., arrived Saturday to make their home in Oberlin. Gerald has purchased the Kyte Auto Electric Shop and opened for business this week.

Liberty Star: A large crowd turned out at the Lyle Church Saturday night to see the slides Norma Mae Huff showed of her summer tour of Europe. Norma Mae is teaching in Topeka and was accompanied home by her fiance, Melvin Wells.

Switching to a single-wing formation in the third quarter enabled the Red Devils to score and defeat Atwood 21-0 with 185-pound senior Rusty Adleman gaining 196 yards in 26 carries.

Wayne Bosler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bosler, arrived home last week after finishing his first nine weeks of basic training with the U.S. Navy at San Diego. He will leave this week for Norman, Okla., where he will attend school.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holle, son, Kevin Kent, Oct. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barnett, Rexford, daughter, Karen Ruth, Oct. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patton, Goodland, daughter, Ronda Lea, Oct. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, son, Vern Ray, Oct. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Malone, Herndon, daughter, Nancy Joann, Oct. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Emerson, Lakin, son, Lloyd Patrick, Oct. 25.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1980

Unified School District 294 board members voted to replace the stadium bleachers after inspection by local contractors indicated that

some areas of the present bleachers would not be safe for another season.

Local observers of the activity at the temporary ground-based radar station west of Oberlin were interested to hear that 1st. Lt. Patrick Coon, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mines of Logan Township, was the navigator on the 2:12 flight Wednesday afternoon which originated in Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Tex. The station was expected to be moved this week as the last low-level missions were completed.

Graveside military services were held in Wichita for Dr. R.T. Young, 60, who had made his home in Oberlin since 1948 after graduating from Kansas Chiropractic College. Immediate family include his wife Betty, a son, Doug, Waco, Tex., and a daughter, Lisa Reinking, Aurora, Colo.

Funeral services were held for Pamela Jean Manning, 19, daughter of Kenneth and Nora Bell Manning, who died as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seller, daughter, Danette Jolyn, Oct. 16.

A powerful Sharon Springs football team defeated Jennings 40-23 to end play-off hopes for the Coyotes.

Two area players are members of the women's basketball team at Colby Community College: Bev Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Unger of Herndon, and Tracey Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Temple, Norcaturo.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It is still not too late to reserve a tree for your group or business for our annual Christmas Tree Tour. You can call us at 475-2712 and get your name on the list. We have 20 trees spoken for but there are still one or two left. Don't miss out on this fun event at the museum.

Our first viewing of the trees this year will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, in conjunction with the Antique Guild stores holding an open house and a buffet that day at the LandMark.

As in the past, we will be open after the Parade of Lights on Friday,

Nov. 25. This night is special with entertainment provided by Ron Temple's Gospel Group and refreshments of hot cider and cookies provided by the museum board and staff.

On Saturday, family of the late Dr. Arthur Reeves visited the museum. Dr. Reeves was a physician and surgeon in Oberlin from 1917 to 1922. Along with the Reeves family, we had 16 other guests.

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

Cedar Living News

Betty Harden is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Residents and staff had a busy day on Halloween. The Kayettes from Decatur Community High School visited on Monday morning. They brought Halloween decorations for all of the residents.

The third grade students from Oberlin Elementary gave a program of Halloween music and poems in the afternoon. Following the program, Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna assisted with serving cookies and punch.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along program. Children began arriving for trick or treat during the music and continued through supper and into the evening.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and the blackout game ended in a tie between Freda Gamblin, Bea Wolfram and Don Shaw. The Norcaturo Royal Neighbors hosted a party following bingo. They served pumpkin cake to residents and staff. They came especially to deliver 17 hand-made lap robes for the center.

The Chanté singers from Decatur Community High School also entertained on Tuesday afternoon with a lively program of music and dance.

Barbara Solko played pinocle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw, Nettie Britton, and Zola Brown. She played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday.

There were several winners at penny cards on Thursday afternoon.

Joining in on the game were residents Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Charley Vavroch, and Bea and Hank Wolfram.

Roberta Petracek treated residents and staff to doughnuts and hot chocolate on Friday afternoon.

Invitations have been mailed out for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner at Cedar Living Center on Sunday, Nov. 20. Any friends, family, or volunteers of Cedar Living Center may attend, but a reservation is required. For additional information or to make a reservation please contact Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208, ext. 277.

Recent visitors: Ray and Patricia Tuller, Mike Roth, McCook; Julie Harold, Hays; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Rose and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Jerry Temple, Joyce Price, Norcaturo; Neoma Tacha, Jay Kump, Jennings; Shirley Gallentine, Rapid City, S.D.; Maxine Brooks, Norton; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Stan Shaw, Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Jolinda Chase, Kim Wessel, Sheree and M.J. Dempewolf, Sunnie Fredrickson, Linda Glaze, Ron, Dawn, Rex and Max Diederich, Dorothy Woods, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Ella Betts, Roxie Pomeroy, Butch Diederich, Sarah and Kaine Fredrickson, Carolyn Muirhead, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

EXTRA, EXTRA, read all about it! Good Samaritan Center took first place in the costume contest! What fun we had. After filling 140 bags with candy, Town Square was lined with residents decked out in disguises.

Irene Wagoner and John Ready were both magicians, and Ruby Shuler was a princess in blue. Fern Anderson was a race car driver, complete with helmet; Ruth Laidig was a scarecrow; Garrah Gaumer, an artist; Jeanette Conway wore a witch's hat, and her dog, Casey, had a cowboy costume.

Virginia Ike was dressed as an Indian. Eleanore and Harold Demmer were a farmer and his wife. Eva Bryan, a dignified scholar, handed out treats instead of diplomas. Nadine Anderson was a chef, and Bernice Brown and Florence Jones were both "old ladies." Doris Miller wore a musketeer hat, and had a friendly, fuzzy bird perched on her walker. Edla Olson was a "lady of the evening" and Elsie Macy was a classy beatnik.

They greeted about 120 little costumed cuties who paraded through the building during the annual Spook Parade. Becky Ayers' preschoolers came early in the day to give us a preview of what would come later.

The Kayettes came also, only they were bringing treats and not collecting them. They made each resident a "ghostly" windsock to adorn their rooms. A busy, fun-filled day!

Our theme for the month is, of course, Thanksgiving. We are centering our activities on things the Pilgrims might have engaged in. Crafts for the week involved making a cornucopia of beaded squash and gourds to fancy up our display shelf. And on Friday, we tried basket weaving.

The Chanté singers from the high school performed for us Tuesday afternoon. They are under the direction of Susan Nelson, who year after year impresses us with new talent. Thank you, Susan, for including us so often in your busy schedule.

Thursday, we began a hunting expedition. The Town Square boasts an impressive display of wildlife, thanks to Andy, Chris, and Marvin May. Mounted animals include a porcupine, prairie chicken, deer head, a crow and a bobcat. We also have pelts from a coyote, rabbit and pheasant, compliments of Rocky Diederich.

The residents each received a "hunting license" which will allow them to attend the various hunting activities this month. The first event was a visit from Game Warden Dick Kelly. He shared a wealth of knowledge and delighted us with various calls used while hunting. A perfect kick-off to our hunting season!

Friday, Anita and Joey Hirsch led Rhythm Band. Seventeen instruments were handed out and music was in the making! Hopefully, we'll have a little concert come Christmas.

Virginia Ike was the Cook's Parade honoree. She and Jeanette Diederich made a batch of caramel corn enjoyed by all during Social Hour.

Usually, things are kind of quiet on Saturdays, but we had a toe-tappin', knee-slappin', good ol' time watching the Family Frolic Square Dance Club as they performed for us Saturday evening, including Angie and Roger Wilson, Oberlin; Roger and Wanda Miller, McCook; Jerry and Delores Dellere, Selden; and Betty and Ken Bradley, McCook. Their caller, Ed Clafin, and his wife, Shirley, from Gothenberg, Neb., traveled quite a distance to be here. We want them to know how very much we enjoyed and appreciated them.

Until next week...happy hunting! The volunteers who helped us with various programs and events this week were: children from Becky Ayers' daycare, Nathan Smith, Barbara Dehlinger, Larry Smith, Chanté, Ellen Horn, the Kayettes, Gladys Geis, Dorothy Alstrom, Tika Hall, and Bethany Smith.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan** - Dettie Anderson; **Marie McChesney** - Julia Ray and children; **Garrah Gaumer** - Arlen, Ardi, Mike, and Amy Gross, and Mike Carper, from Louisiana and Texas; **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog of Jennings, June Vavroch; **Kenny Rdyquist** - Goldie Raulston; **Ruth Laidig** - Guy and Dorothy Laidig of Washington State; **Marguerite Fullerton, Doris Miller** - Pat Cozad, Jeff and Johnathan Burmaster; **Lucy Schissler** - Ralph Crim, Arlene Glad, Mary Horton, Margaret Fikan, Atwood; **Edla Olson** - Arlene Glad and Mary Horton. Also visiting were Ryan, Erin and Susan May, the staff from Fair Chiropractic, and Gail Lee Morgan.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The first week of November has given us beautiful warm days, pleasant evenings, and calm nights, making fall an enjoyable season of spectacular color and great football weather.

The other morning as I peered out my bedroom window at the neighborhood, my eyes fell upon a maple tree that had shed its colorful foliage now resting upon the ground under the boughs of the naked tree.

The old tree had produced another year of shade and now a time of restoration will bring forth its budding beauty in the spring for our little town of Rexford.

Just as the leaves come and go, the Rexford news will continue.

Sondra Barnett, my friend, did a superb job reporting for the community the past 18 months and I, Vicki Allison, will continue to submit to the community happenings on a weekly basis.

Members of the Rexford Community Church packed 125 shoe boxes for Samaritan Purse after a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Darrel Dible on Sunday after the morning service. Darrel will deliver the gifts to a distribution center in Colorado Springs where they will be sent to kids in other countries.

Colleen Rall, daughter Amanda Rall, and Jami Wark traveled to eastern Kansas on Friday. Colleen visited her children, Brian Rall and Alisha Rall in Manhattan, while

Amanda and Jami spent the weekend in Lawrence with Jami's sister, Kristin Wark, a freshman at Kansas University. Kristin gave them a tour of the campus and treated them to the KU-Nebraska football game. The girls had an awesome experience cheering in a crowd of 51,750 fans and then rushing onto the field after the Jayhawks defeated the Cornhuskers 40-15.

On Thursday at the Red Barn, the Come on Down group had eight card players: Rex and Betty Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Dick Sanford, and Lawrence Horinek. If you play cards, please, "Come on Down" and join in.

Koffee Klatchers last week were Jean Hawkins, Berneda Zoberst, Cleda Moeder, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Deb Stepper, Margaret Arasmith, Liz Rall and Vesta Roth.

The Lions and Royal Neighbors will host the annual ham and turkey dinner on Saturday.

Janell Antholz, the Golden Plains middle/high school music instructor, took Jordan Rogers, Andrew Broeckelman and Brittany Ritter, sophomores, and Valerie Broeckelman, a senior, to Hays for District Honor Choir auditions. The four were selected and will perform in Hays on Dec. 3 at the Kansas Music Education Association mini

convention. The middle/high school fall concert will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The high school play "A Golden Fleecing" will be given on Friday. A chuck wagon meal, catered by

Golden Plains alumni Dana Broeckelman Lieja, will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the school or at the door. Please RSVP at the school, (785) 687-3265.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received of the death of Annette (Olson) Newcomer, 62, of Yuma, Ariz., on Oct. 27. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Hildur (Larson) Olson, former residents of this community. Funeral services were held Nov. 1 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Yuma and burial followed at Desert Lawn Memorial Park. She was a niece of Edla Olson, and a cousin of Arian Arnold, Gordon Anderson, Elden Anderson, and Henrietta Bremer.

Survivors include her husband, Larry; four daughters; two sisters, Mercedene Bagley and Marcelylene Olson; a brother, Julius "Butch" Olson; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her parents and a sister, Geraldine Lee, preceded her in death. A memorial was established to Hospice of Yuma, 124 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, Ariz., 85364.

Covenant Women will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Herndon

Covenant Church. Hostesses will be Dettie Anderson and Mary Lou Olson. Dolores Benda will have devotions and Patti Benda and Sandy Reuther will have charge of the program.

Congratulations to Brian and Dawn Beckman of Grinnell on the birth of a daughter, Jordyn Marie, born Nov. 4, 2005. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces. She has a brother, Ethan, 4. Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin, and D.L. and Rosemary Beckman of Grinnell are her grandparents.

Several cousins who enjoyed lunch on Wednesday at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin included: Donna Hampton and Marilyn Linn, Wichita; Vendla Tacha, Jennings; Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; and Ivis Hanson, Cecil Hess, Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones, Oberlin.

Jerry and Cheri Hill of Norcaturo were last Monday dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Odene Koehler, and Dale and Cheryl Votapka were Tuesday evening visitors of Elwood and Elaine Mines. They brought pizza and helped Elaine celebrate her birthday.

Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., arrived Friday and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo., arrived Saturday to visit their mother, Hildegard Euhus, who is hospitalized at the Decatur County Hospital.

John and Dianne Bremer attended a performance of the 25-member Kansas Music Educator's Association High School District Honor Jazz Ensemble at the Hays High School Saturday afternoon, in which Jessica Bremer played second chair piano. Since Jessica and Sarah Marcuson were the only students chosen from Oberlin to play in the ensemble, Elaine and Sarah Marcuson joined the Bremeres for

dinner after the performance before returning home.

Connie Olson, Shirley Shields, Dorothy Moore, and Peggy Groneweg returned home Saturday evening after attending a Lutheran Women's Missionary League retreat in Wichita.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday afternoon after visiting Ladd and Greta Wendelin and seeing "A

Street Car named Desire" at the Lincoln Community Playhouse in which Ladd played the part of Mitch.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, were Sunday afternoon visitors of his mother, Alvina Unger. They also took Alvina out to supper Sunday evening before returning home.

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