#### THE OBERLIN HERALD

# **Events of Yesteryear**

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1880

R.A. Marks has moved his family to town for the winter.

Fitch Colby has been appointed deputy sheriff and will attend to all the duties of that office in the absence of Sheriff Ayers.

The firm of Marshall & Shaw, watchmakers and jewelers, has been dissolved, Mr. Shaw retiring. Mr. Marshall will continue in the business at the old stand.

Geo. Metcalf retired from the treasurer's office Monday and J.B. Hitchcock, elected at the last election, took possession.

The Herald this week prints the complete results of the election because it is the first held in this county, although a special election was held in February 1880 shortly after the temporary organization of the county. In Decatur County, James A. Garfield, Republican, received 307 votes for president, Winfield Hancock, Democrat, 103 and James B. Weaver, Greenback.

#### 100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1905 E. Ketel and wife returned from

their trip to the Pacific coast last

C.N. Page and wife returned from their western trip last week. They have taken in the West pretty thoroughly and have greatly enjoyed their visit. They visited the Loyds and found them all prospering. The Durkees, Jake Wilson and Pat Cassady are all absolutely satisfied and we have lost them for good without doubt.

Sunday was a beautiful day. November sometimes furnishes ideal weather in western Kansas. It is the remembrance of such days that causes persons that leave this county to get homesick when they remember them, while living where rain and mud are abundant.

Married: Gustave Wudtke and Miss Tracie Leitner were married at the Congregational Church in Traer on Nov. 1, 1905.

#### 75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1930

Beautiful weather helped in the celebration of Armistice Day in Oberlin with 3800 persons attending the free barbecue of 2300 pounds of beef served by the American Legion with Glenn Hanson in charge of the preparation.

What a day! What a game! More than 2000 spectators witnessed the clash between the Rawlins and Day and finished their first unde-Decatur County football teams at Chautauqua Park, which was won by Oberlin 14-6. The first quarter Bishop, Larry Guinn, Rusty was scoreless but in the second quarter after Alec Francis, the plunging half-back of Oberlin, resented being pounced upon by one of the Buffaloes after he was down and the referee's whistle had sounded and cast his head gear and caution to the four winds and executed a series of plunges, end runs and hard drives that carried the ball across the goal line.

According to information received by Mrs. R.A. Marks from the post office department, the town of streets and number the homes.

C.M. Chandler, Wichita contractor and foreman on the work on U.S. 36 died at the local hospital as the result of injuries from a car accident Cleo, all of Selden. at the curve across the railroad tracks three miles east of Norcatur. This was the 19th accident to occur at this curve since the completion of the hard surfacing and business men at Norcatur are taking measure to convince the state highway commission of the need of more adequate danger markings at this The Weimer brothers, Jack and

Russell, invite the public to inspect their new bakery, which is located in the Curry building between Gierhart Music Store and the Curry Monument Store.

Miss Beverly Barnes, daughter of L.H. Barnes and a 1928 graduate of 25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1980 the local high school, was married to Mr. Ray Higley on Nov. 6 in Atwood. She is on the nursing staff at the hospital in Atwood, and they will make their home on a farm 11 miles south of Atwood.

Jennings: Mrs. Leo Bendon and children of Oberlin visited Saturday with Mr. O.E. Munson, who has been very ill. Mr. Munson is a Civil War veteran and well known in

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw are the parents of a son born Oct. 31, who has been given the name of Ralph

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1955

The Oberlin Red Devils knocked over Norton 32-13 on Veterans' feated, untied season since 1930. Seniors on the squad are Derry Addleman, Ray Corcoran, Don Richardson, Lynn Johnson, Jack Carver, Bill Schwab, Allen Jeffus, Joe Paddock and Jerry Macfee.

Don Gaumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Gaumer, has been selected as one of the nine Kansas Youth Exchange delegates for the coming year. A 1952 graduate of DCHS, he is currently a law student at Washburn. He has specified Asia as his first choice of areas to visit and hopes to be assigned to India.

Funeral services were held at Oberlin is to have free village mail Lund Covenant Church for Dean delivery. To expedite the matter, it Anderson, 33, who died suddenly at is now up to the city to mark the his home as the result of a heart ailment. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine and two sons, Richard and Jerry; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson, and a brother,

A six o'clock dinner was enjoyed at the Myron Pollnow home Monday evening by the football team, pep committee and cheerleaders, hosted by the DCHS football queen. Karen Pollnow, and her attendants.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Meitl, Dresden, daughter, Susan Marie, Nov. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Scott, daughter, Donna Sueanne, Nov. 14. Lt. Jerry Thomsen, son of Dr. and

Mrs. A.J. Thomsen, who has been stationed in Charlestown, S.C., left this week for Japan where he will serve with the U.S. Air Force.

District Judge Charles Worden

ruled that the will of the late Elvin C. Griswold prepared Aug. 4, 1977. was valid. Terms of the will stated that Griswold's property would be held in trust for his wife and that upon her death would be divided between Decatur County Hospital and the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Denver. They had been contested by a son of Mrs. Griswold by a previous marriage, Delbert Rysdam. Mrs. Griswold is now a resident of a nursing home in Oregon. Land holdings in Thomas and Rawlins counties are estimated to be in excess of one-half million dollars in value. Attorney for Rysdam was Selby Soward, Goodland. Decatur County was represented by John Bremer, county attorney, with Elmo Lund representing the Shriners Hospital.

By Jody Betts

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Groneweg, rural Selden, daughter, Kristin Jaye, Nov. 16; Mr. and Mrs. James Langseth, son, Nov. 13; Gene and Linda Morford, daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lohoefener will observe their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24.

Two Malaysian educators are in Oberlin this week at Decatur Co-op as part of a 16-week study of cooperative systems and management concepts through the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

A large number of Decatur County Shriners attended the Isis Fall Ceremonial in Salina. Received as candidates were John Wright, Steve Nelson and Sid Metcalf.

Don Shobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shobe, completed training for the Kansas Highway Patrol and is currently stationed at Oakley.

#### Let's go to the Museum By Sharleen Wurm, director

The first viewing of the decorated Christmas trees at the museum will be from 1 to 4 p.m. this Sunday at the museum. This is being held in conjunction with the Thanksgiving buffet at the LandMark Inn and an open house at many of the antique shops. There is no admission charge for the tour,

so come and vote for your favorite

Ron Temple's Gospel Group will provide entertainment from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, at the museum for the Christmas Tree Tour after the Parade of Lights.

Remember, regular museum hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday, Nov. 22 to 26, and Tuesday to Thursday, Nov. 29 to

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

of the winter wheat belt, again attracted pheasant hunters to western Kansas. Dads, moms, sons, daughters, and bird dogs tromped through the extended landscapes hoping to roust a bird in order to display his or her shooting ability. They reported good hunting.

The Rexford Lions Club and Royal Neighbors fed a continuous line of hunters on opening day of pheasant season. One of the hunters commented this was his 30th year to eat at the annual turkey dinner in Rexford. Thank you, ladies and gents, for taking on the awesome task to cook for and serve the appreciative crowd.

There were American flags displayed outside several homes in the community on Veterans Day in remembrance, and honoring the veterans of American Legion Post 324: William AraSmith, Carl Barnett, Darrell Bencken, Andrew Black, Lewis Black, Dennis Brown, Gary Cheney, Denise Dible, Kenneth Dible, Kent Dible, Robert Dible, William Dible, John Gould, Michael Haughawout, Gary Hibbs, Lawrence Horinek, Jack Knudson, Robert Koerperich, Norbert Korte, Hugh Rogers, Richard Sanford, Gary Schieck, Brian Williams, Charles Williams, John Williams,

Ray Zoberst, and James Zodrow. Those on active military duty and overseas include Dale Bastin, Adam Babcock, Jeremy Gould, Jared Dible, Shaelum Barnett, Stephen Allen, Eric Brown, Damien Kyle, Dan Johnson, and Tim Towey. We thank you for your service to our country!

Dan Johnson, son of Mike and Evelyn Johnson, and Tim Towey, son of Mike and Joyce Towey of Gem, were participants in the Veterans Day parade in Colby. Dan and Tim belong to the 170th Maintenance Division of the National Guard and are seniors at Golden

Sondra Barnett and Hulda Wark spent several days last week with

Gloria Dible, in Rogers, Ark. The Barnswallows met last Mon-

Charles Williams, Jean Hawkins, manipulations, and second in cal-Broeckelman, placed fifth in appli-Lawrence and Mary Anne culations with calculators. Juenemann, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Dick Sanford, and Amanda Lawrence Horinek. Berneda Zoberst and Eunice

Sanford brought refreshments to share with the Koffee Klatchers on Friday. Those attending were Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Cleda Moeder, Berneda Zoberst, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Delores Dible, Margaret AraSmith, Deborah Gamboa, and Sondra

Gorge Alberez of Arlington, Texas, has been shooting film for the Shepherd Staff throughout the week. He will be putting together a DVD as a promotion for the convention center. He had lots of activity to get on tape Saturday evening. Teens for Christ had their monthly regional retreat with 120 teenagers from Scott City, Norton, Hays, Phillipsburg, Agra, Sharon Springs, Oberlin, Almena, Long Island, Beaver City, Neb., and Holdrege, Neb. Teens travel with their sponsors to Rexford the second Saturday of

Jay and Nancy Dahl went to Salina to shop on Sunday, then had Drake Rowh, Trevor Bruhn, Andinner with their daughter, Tina and John Anderson and family, at Goodland.

Golden Plains Middle School and High School activities: National Honor Society had a successful blood drive for the Red Cross on Nov. 7. A goal was set for 15 donors and there were 21. Members express thanks to those who partici-

Traci Uehlin, Golden Plains math teacher, took several students to participate in the Fort Hays State University Math Relays. Golden Plains placed first out of twentythree 1A schools.

The ninth grade team, Kendra Spresser, Candee VonLehe, and Tanner Moss, received fourth in number sense and sixth place in calculations with calculators. Andrew Broeckelman, sophomore, placed first in number sense and first in inday. Those present were Rex and formal geometry and measurement.

cations, algebra and arithmetic. The eleventh grade team, There were 60 schools and around Stephanie 640 students in the competition. Rall,

### **Jennings News**

By Louise Cressler

It was a rather windy Saturday for the opening of pheasant season. Mom's Li'l Market served breakfast to about 30 people. Soup and sandwiches were on the menu for the noon meal. Saturday afternoon the United Methodist Church ladies were very busy preparing the evening meal. Over 150 people ate turkey, ham and all the fixings. Many of the hunters came to eat, which we appreciated.

Several in our community have been ill. Rachel Carter has been in the hospital with viral bronchitis.

Emma Sanford enjoyed having her niece, Carol Hartley of Columbus, Ohio, visit several days last

The school lunchroom was the scene of a Veterans Day program Friday. A large crowd attended. drew Noone, Taryn Rogers, Tyson Bochert, Stephani Noone, Brecken Rowh, Malilah Green and Candace Taylor sang several songs.

The preschoolers gave the skit, "Birth of a Flag." Stephani Noone sang a solo, "Wouldn't It Be Nice."

Veterans attending the program Martin LaRue, Roger Shimek, Jennings.

Wilfred Wagoner, Galen Carper, Lawrence Jennings, Eugene Mrstik, Raymond Yahne, Daryl Hartzog, Jay Kump, Earl Hartzog, Bob Hartzog, Paul Welter, John Stanley, Bob Tacha and Kenny Krizek.

Sunflower Senior Citizens gathered Tuesday evening, Nov. 8, for a potluck supper and bingo. Always plenty of good food. Jay Kump, June Vavroch, Bob Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Keith Muirhead, Helen Muirhead, Eleanor Morel, Imogene Keenan, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Mary Votapka, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha and Louise Cressler

Jennings Housing Board meeting will be Thursday evening, Nov. 17. A story in The Salina Journal on Sunday by Gordon D. Fiedler, Jr., told of the importance of saying "Thanks" to all veterans who have

This year on Veterans Day, he said he shook hands and took names of as many veterans in the area that he could. Among those was Cpl. William Tacha, Army, World War II ("four years, 9 months, 18 days"). Bill Tacha and his wife, the former were Elmoin Bailey, Larry Mizer, Ethlyn Bainter, are formerly of

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**Cedar Living News** 

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served pumpkin and mincemeat pie to residents, staff, and guests.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. Residents sang "Happy Birthday" to Myrna who celebrated her birthday on Nov. 10. Fern Moore hosted the reading

group on Tuesday morning. Nettie Britton won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Darlene Stanley and Freda Gamblin. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-

gave a communion service on the patio Tuesday afternoon. The dietary department and activities department hosted a special lunch at noon on Wednesday featuring sandwiches from the A&W

Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church

Restaurant and root beer floats. Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Zola Brown.

Wednesday afternoon to play a dice game. Paul Sass was the big winner of the afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

A group of residents met

lesson on Wednesday. Stan Chapin of Sacred Heart

Catholic Church was in charge of the Catholic service held on the patio Thursday morning.

Jan Anthony, an employee of Decatur Health Systems, gave a program on black powder shoots Thursday afternoon. She brought a number of items to show including guns, clothing, melting pot, firestarting kit, flag, pottery, jewelry, and trophies and metals she has won in competition. She told about making many of the items by hand.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday service. Reservations for the potluck dinner at Cedar Living Center, to be held on Nov. 20, are due by Friday, Recent visitors: Rose and Sport

Domsch, Atwood: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jay Kump, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Ann Martin, Edie Pettera, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Julie Harold, Hays; Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, Robert Koerperich, Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin

Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Ella Betts, Gary Fredrickson, Vernon Diederich, Lyle Gamblin, Karolyn Muirhead, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Fern Wenger, Oberlin.

## **Good Samaritan News**

A-hunting we will go, a-hunting were made. Merry Mums group we will go. . . Monday afternoon, John Ready, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Kenny Rydquist, Dena Gillespie, Virginia Ike, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Leo Mooty and Fern Anderson brought out their hunting licenses for our first annual Turkey Shoot. Dart guns and bows and arrows were the weapons of choice. Dorothy Pryor was the winner

with bow and arrow accuracy. Lucy Schissler took second place using the dart gun. After a brief Social Hour, the hunters all stuck around to make balloon turkeys from surgical gloves for the first graders who come to read on Tuesday.

On Tuesday Mrs. Olson's class did come to read, and the turkeys were a hit with the kids. They enjoyed the hunting display, and found Sammy the Squirrel hiding at the pond, a ritual they look forward

During Reminisce Corner the ladies talked about Thanksgiving traditions and family recipes. Cer-Brown showed up for Social Hour those who have served our country. serving...yup, pumpkin and mincemeat pie. What a coincidence!

Wednesday began with Songs of Worship. Pat Wright led the morning Bible study. Don Farr directed exercises. Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom pampered the ladies with their weekly manicures. Bingo ended the day's activities, with Marilyn Horn and Coleen Geihsler

met, and golf was played. Friday, by far, was the highlight

of the week. We had the pleasure of saluting eight veterans at a special Veterans Day program given in their honor: Alan Addleman, Army, Korean War; Harlan Geihsler, Army, WWII; and his son, Dean Geihsler, Army, Vietnam; Kenny Rydquist, Navy, WWII; Everett Fisher, Army, WWII; David McGee, Navy, WWII; Pooch Portschy, WWII; and John Ready, Navy, WWII. We also honored the wives of veterans, including Mary Lemman, Dorothy Pryor, Muriel Ready, Lucy Schissler and Hilda

The program included a devotion given by Janice Shobe, patriotic songs played by Cheryl Miller, special recognition of the veterans by Lisa Stacy, the national anthem sung by Jennifer Hirsch, and "A Veteran's Prayer" read by Phyllis

The halls were lined with flags hanging at each door, and a phototainly pumpkin and mincemeat pie filled bulletin board was on display were mentioned in the discussion. for all to linger over. This was a spe-And what do you know, Dennis cial time to thank and remember

> Our hard-working volunteers this week included: Nathan Smith, Tika Hall, and Bethany Smith.

Recent guests: Eva Bryan -Detta Anderson; Garrah Gaumer - Joan McKenna; **Dorothy Pryor** -Linda Smith; Hazel Flaska -Gerald and Charlene Karnes; Marie McChesney - Julia Ray; Lois Buchholz - John Buchholz: Walt Mosier - Patsy (Mosier) During Art Class on Thursday, Bowlby, Frances Mosier; Dena beautiful Indian Corn lapel pins Gillespie - June Vavroch.

# Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

of Lynn Scrivner on Nov. 5. Lynn's daughter, Sondra, and Dustin from Ogallala, Neb., were also dinner A community potluck was held at

Lyle on Sunday. Karla Clason and Ruth Vise, Bea-

ver City, Neb., visited Toots Magers Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Magers went to Hays Tuesday to be with Judy Easton, while Charlie was hospitalized for double hernia and prostate surgery.

The Liberty Star Club Thanksgiving supper was Wednesday Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, Adrienne Vacura,

Toots Magers was a dinner guest Tracey Pershing, Carol Moye, Virgil and Joyce Price, Cathy and Gary Anthony, Bill Schwab, Lynn Scrivner, Angie and Roger Wilson, Carolyn and Jim Plotts, and Deanna, Todd, Brooke and Brady

> Marguerite Fullerton died on Thursday at the Good Samaritan

> Kathy Van Meter and guest, Helen Helm, attended the Security First Gold Club party.

Sunday was the Lyle Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated, and to the evening. Members and guests were McEwens in Norton who were the auctioneers.

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