

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1880
W.H. Nelson is acting as county treasurer during the absence of Mr. Hitchcock.

The month just past is the coldest November of our 10 years' experience in Kansas. Good skating on the creek and the youth of the town are having lots of fun.

While the Buffalo mail coach was on the way between the Sappa and Prairie Dog on Monday morning, two gray wolves trotted across the road with as much concern as though there was no one near.

The ball at Allen's hall on Thanksgiving evening, given under the auspices of the Terpsichorean Club, was the leading social event of the season. Charley Maddox, as floor manager, was the right man in the right place, and the music which was furnished by Messrs. Marshall and Hendershot, was excellent. The supper at the Oberlin House was, in our opinion, the best feature of the occasion. The tables were bountifully laden with the best viands to be had, and the manner in which it was served reflects great credit upon the landlord and landlady, Mr. and Mrs. Doom. The dance was kept up until 4 a.m. and some 30 couples were in attendance and all enjoyed themselves.

Lyle Items: We are having school here with Mrs. Beebe as teacher. School opened with 21 scholars. A literary society has been started with S.A. Lamb as president.

A Thanksgiving dinner at the residence of Mr. Shackelford near Oberlin was attended by 23 Greenbackers.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1905
Nine above zero. John Grossniklaus is rebuilding this building where he does the rough work of the butcher shop.

Those that have been out that way say that Charley Hancett has the nicest looking farm house in that part of the country.

H.C. LaTourette brought 26 turkeys to town Monday that weighed

430 pounds or an average of nearly 17 pounds each.

The Huber family will move to Oberlin in a few days.

Link Gierhart sold on Saturday the last two buggies of the 190 he had shipped into this part of the country this fall.

We are of the opinion that the B. & M. will be extended to Pueblo next spring.

Julian Duval, who started the *Jennings Success* some months ago, threw up the sponge last week and will move the plant to Clayton.

High School Notes as reported by Caleb Smick: The assembly program Friday of rhetorical was good; the recitations of Clyde and Florence Luddington and the essays of Ethel Ankenman and Augusta Giesenhener were the best.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1930

Last week's storm of rain, sleet and snow covered a wide area and delayed traffic. Telephone companies suffered greatly with as many as 20 percent of the poles down.

Three transients who had been living in the deserted city jail building which had been turned over to the jobless during the cold weather were victims of denatured and wood alcohol poison and died over the weekend.

Fred Patton's coat which was hanging among others in the vestibule of the Presbyterian Church was taken Sunday evening. A week ago Sunday night a coat disappeared from a parked car at the Methodist Church.

In a game that was nearer mud ball than football, the Red Devils scored their fourth league victory in as many games with a 20-0 over Hoxie. The outcome of the Norton-Oberlin Thanksgiving game will determine the league championship.

The golden wedding anniversary of John and Alice (Baxter) Nellans was observed Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nellans. Despite the cold and al-

most impassable roads, nearly 85 persons attended.

Cedar Bluffs: The snow and rain has sure made the roads bad. The mail carriers are having to drive until after dark to finish their routes. Many people have had no phone service for two weeks.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1955

The Yuletide season officially opened in Oberlin Tuesday evening when the Christmas lights on Penn Avenue were turned on at 7 p.m. Oberlin Lions Club is again sponsoring a Christmas home decoration contest.

Court House News: Aleen Van Vleet, Decatur County treasurer, reports that tax returns are coming in good and that there are only 20 days left to pay your taxes.

Abbott Morton was re-elected president of the Decatur County Fair Association at the annual meeting.

Coach Bob Rumble will make his coaching debut in Oberlin tomorrow night as the Red Devils tangle with the Phillipsburg Panthers in a non-league contest. Rumble will have five lettermen, seniors Allen Jeffus, Rusty Addleman, Larry Law and Jack Carver plus junior Jerry Baker for the A-squad, along with holdovers Gene Van Vleet, Dallas Musgrave, Dick Pavlicek, Bob Vernon and Eldon Johnson. Coach Fred Simmons of the Panthers has only one letterman back from last year's powerful squad, which beat Oberlin 59-53 last year in the season's opener.

Rusty Addleman, Larry Guinn and Jack Carver were named on the all-Northwest Kansas football team selected by the *Topeka Daily Capital* and Addleman and Don Richardson were named to a similar crew as selected by the *Wichita Beacon*.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Reeves, Mary Martha and Jimmy and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Reeves and Janeil of Alma spent Thanksgiving in Denver with Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure. The group remained in Denver and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morton to attend graduating exercises for Miss Bobbie McClure from St. Luke's Hospital.

Jennings: USAF Major Willis R. Kusy has been awarded an oak leaf cluster. He was a crew member of a helicopter which made a dramatic rescue in the English Channel last year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Flaska of Jennings.

Dresden: Harry Zimmerman and son, Lyndol, have sold their filling

station to Jimmy Campbell but plan to remain in Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Simonson have sold their home on East Commercial to Mr. and Mrs. Tude Robertson of Jennings. The Robertsons' son, Robert, will receive his discharge from the army in December and he and his wife will live on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portschi of Herndon announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Mr. Dwayne Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Jones of Oberlin. Miss Portschi graduated from Decatur Community High School and Kansas State College and is a music instructor at Colby Grade School. Her fiancé also graduated from Decatur Community High School, served two years with the U.S. Armed Forces and is cashier of the Farmers National Bank. The couple plan a summer wedding.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1980

Terry Hoffart, 36, is the new administrator at Decatur County Hospital. He comes here from Grand Island, where he was an assistant administrator.

Dedication services will be held Saturday evening at the Masonic Temple for an elevator which has recently been installed to provide easy access to the second floor lodge hall facilities, according to Duane Witt, Worshipful Master of the Masonic organization, and Mary Ann Amack, who serves as Worthy Matron in Eastern Star. Installation services for officers will also be held that evening following the annual turkey dinner.

Work continues on an area just south of Sappa Creek near Decatur Co-op where the Oberlin PRIDE Committee is hoping to have an ice skating rink this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hall, Eureka, and Mrs. Gordon Lippelmann, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their children, Marilyn and Jon. Miss Hall is employed at Finance Corporation, Scott City. Lippelmann is a 1975 Decatur Community High School graduate, holds a degree from Pittsburg State and is a teacher at Scott City Junior High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dolan, daughter, Nicole Kristen, Nov. 25.

Teachers and students at Oberlin Elementary School are having an opportunity to experiment with computers, assisted by David Brown of the high school faculty.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

I hope everyone was able to celebrate the blessings of family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. I pray that those who traveled arrived home safely.

Family and friends gathered at the Lions Hall for a dinner on Thanksgiving Day. This was also a welcome home celebration for Jake Gould who is on leave from the Navy.

Those present were Jake Gould, U.S.S. Nimitz, San Diego; Matt Gould, Kansas City; David and Casey Gould, Jay and Nancy Dahl, Tim Dahl, John Ray Gould, Jolene Hansen, Terri Korte, Ashley, Caleb, Eric Korte and Cameron, Delores, Darla Kaye, Darrel, and DeAnn Dible, Rexford; Jon and Tina Anderson, Jake and Ashley, Larry and Kim Dible, Tad, Jayme, Mallory and Kaitlyn, Goodland; Bob and Linda Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris, Craig, Beloit; Grace Tice, Hoxie; Leland and Sheryl Tice, Mankato; Gayle and Linda Dible, Oakley; Mike and Cindy Shubert, Marty Boutte, and Will Dill, Colby; and Brandy Boutte, Eckley, Colo. Marguerite Black was an afternoon visitor.

Kristin Wark, a Kansas University student; Rebecca Wark, Fort Hays State University student; and fiancé, Chance Rains of Chad, spent Thanksgiving with Hays and Desiree Wark and Morgan, Jami Wark, and Vicki and Dennis Allison. Vicki's mother, Donna Anderson, was a guest Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving guests of Jean Hawkins were Jerry Adams, Hutchinson, and Marie Adams, Colby.

Rick Roth and Jason Roth of Stockton spent Thanksgiving with Rick's mother, Vesta Roth.

Buck Harper and Clea Moeder had Thanksgiving dinner with Tim and Shelly Moeder at Colby. Peyton, Clea's five-year-old granddaughter, spent a day and night with her before Thanksgiving.

For the Thanksgiving celebration, guests at the home of Sandra Barnett were her children, Shalom, Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity, Pretty Prairie; Cory and Tessa Barnett, Tabitha, Corban, and Obadiah, Liberal; Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey, and Megan, Holcomb; Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; and her mother, Hulda Wark. Shalom was in Rexford several days. Thursday afternoon callers were Velma Barnett, Gem, and Maxine Knudson, Colby.

The community welcomes Brett and Naomi Latimer who will be living in the parsonage for a while. Naomi is the daughter of Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell.

The weekend of Nov. 19, Sandra Barnett attended the International Aglow Conference in Nashville, Tenn. There were 105 represented out of the 164 nations in which Aglow units have been established.

Good Samaritan Center

Psalms 100 reads, "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is Good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

As we prepared for the Thanksgiving holiday, the words of that Psalm played through my mind over and over.

Every morning we begin the day with devotions, which consists of Scripture reading, songs and prayer. How grateful we are that we can come together in Christian fellowship, sharing our joys and our burdens.

On Mondays and Fridays several of the ladies, Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler, Virginia Ike and Ruby Shuler gather for Folding Fellowship. Every day, Ruth Laidig delivers the mail. Hilda McGee sets and clears the tables in the Angel Lane dining room.

Dena Gillespie changes our daily calendar. The staff give excellent care, hugs and smiles. Our volunteers faithfully come week after week to share their time and talent.

Tuesday, Florence Jones, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Marie McChesney and daughter Mary helped volunteers Jeanette Diedrich and Nathan Smith bake pumpkin pies for Thursday's dinner. As the smell of warm pumpkin filled the hallways, anticipation of the celebration heightened.

Mary Lemman was all a-twitter as she looked forward to seeing her 26th, 27th and 28th great-grandchildren for the first time.

Many residents were anxious to tell all about their big plans for the holiday. For those who didn't leave the facility, most were able to share a delicious Thanksgiving dinner here with family who came to join them.

Two, three and even four generations were represented. A special thank you to all the families who came to visit. You have been a blessing to all of us!

Friday night, residents watched the light parade from the Quiet Room. The weather was nice and the turnout of floats and spectators was great, a nice way to shift our attention to Jesus, who is the Light of the world! Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good!

Our volunteers for this week included Nathan Smith, Mert McEvoy, and Tika Hall.

Recent guests: **Eulaine Benda** - the Losson Pike family, Connie and Bob Smith, Mitch Messerly family, Chammie and Laura Austin, Wesley Benda, Daryl Maresch family, Dave Pike, Jennifer and Kary Smith, Nolan and Molly; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Daniel and Dena Way; **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan of Atwood, Joyce Dean, Lee Schissler of Houston; **Eva Bryan** - Detta Anderson; **Bonnie Weskamp** - Katie Weskamp and Sarah Weskamp of Lava, Ind.; **Anne Brown** - Norma Helm, Jim and Linley Brown; **Harlan Geihlsler** and **Edla Olson** - Norma Helm; **Harold and Eleanor Demmer** - Cindy and Pat Traphagan of Yuma, Colo.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

The Herndon community will hold its 12th annual Main Street Christmas celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at St. Mary's Hall. It is sponsored by Herndon PRIDE.

It will feature a chili supper by donation, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Santa, music by the Rawlins County High School Consort Show Choir, and door prizes for all ages. Herndon PRIDE is also sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest

and judging will take place the week of Dec. 11. Anyone interested in purchasing Herndon PRIDE cookbooks, 2006 community birthday calendars and Heritage Post Cards may call Deb at 322-5312 or stop at The Bank.

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