

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1881
(The Oberlin Herald failed to be printed. The reason why will be given next week.)

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1906
It seems odd that people 100 miles south of Oberlin should be enjoying good sleighing, but such is the fact.

A.M. Lytle and W.H. McMullen returned from their Nebraska trip Saturday. They drove thru but McMullen came back on the train as he was badly hurt by a cross bull about two weeks ago and was hardly able to travel. His left knee was thrown out of place and badly bruised. The bull had him down and it is almost a miracle that he was not killed.

The high school is progressing very nicely and a couple of weeks more of good weather will see it enclosed.

A bad fire occurred at Lebanon, Nebr., on Sunday morning. Six business buildings, including the post office, were destroyed.

Traer Items: Mr. R.S. Thomas has his new house completed and another one for rent, nearly finished.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1931
The fall wheat was greatly in need of moisture and a soaking rain the past several days has put it in good condition to go through the winter. The storm has put a stop to corn shucking and country roads are in bad shape but the benefits of the moisture received more than overbalances any inconvenience it has caused.

The weather is favorable for the annual Thanksgiving Day football

classic tomorrow on the local field between Norton and Oberlin. Norton lost recently to Smith Center but is considered to have more experienced players while Oberlin is undefeated. Players for Oberlin are: Chambers, LE; M. Rathbun, LT; Waldo, LG; G. Rathbun, C; Hackney, RG; Geiger, RT; Martin, Jim, RE; Francis, QB; Anderson, FB; Peters, RH; Joe Martin, LH and captain.

A 4-room frame house with full basement is being built on Wilson Street by Fred Ploussard.

Court House News: Miss June Mosher of Rexford and Mr. Milton Smith of Colby were issued a license and married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. C. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ernest Nichols are the parents of a baby boy born Nov. 24.

Jennings: Both elevators are receiving wheat since the price advance but very little corn is being marketed.

Norcatur: It is reported that the new Jackson Bros. grocery store will also have a meat market.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1956
For the official opening of the Christmas season, a new Christmas decoration purchased by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce was lit up over the corner of Penn and Maple Streets, an illuminated Santa and six reindeer. Judging for prizes for home and business decorations has been scheduled for Dec. 22.

Jerry Baker, the Red Devil's senior tailback and all-around handyman who labored mightily in a winless season, was selected by the

all-NWKL coaches as an all-league running back.

Rusty Adleman, Oberlin's 1955 all-state fullback, who moved into the collegiate ranks at College of Emporia with hardly a hitch this year, has been named to the All-Conference team.

Wedding vows were solemnized for Anita Portsch, daughter of Mrs. Ed Portsch of Oberlin and the late Mr. Portsch, and Gene Bertrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bertrand of Oakley on Nov. 24 at the Oberlin Federated Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Muirhead will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 25 at their home in Dresden.

Bob Rumble — no Rock 'N' Roller he — is singing the blues nevertheless. Rumble, in his second year as coach of Oberlin's basketball Red Devils, can start the season with only one regular starter available from last season's crew, Jerry Baker. Another tough break for Rumble came when George Gianopulos, a 6-1, 180-pound senior transfer from New Jersey quit the squad at his parents' request. Gianopulos had shown enough promise to be a possible starter.

Prairie Chapel: Mrs. Lizzie Coulter, a member of the Prairie Chapel Ladies Aid for over 60 years, was recently presented a gold Women's Society of Christian Service pin.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1981
More than 100 persons gathered at the Oberlin American Legion Tuesday afternoon for a town meeting with Governor John Carlin. In his remarks to the group he listed

three critical areas the state is facing, property tax, the highway situation and crime. Carlin last visited Decatur County in July 1980 for the dedication of the scale model train on the opening day of the county fair.

According to Ken Kaufmann, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, 50 persons have made reservation for the community Thanksgiving dinner.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown, daughter, Leslie Jean, Nov. 18; Mr. and Mrs. LaMoine Wolfgram, son, Nickolas Ray, Nov. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Reuber, Ludell, daughter, Amanda Margaret, Nov. 22; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Solko, Oberlin, son, Joseph Allen, Nov. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Humes, Oberlin, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Evelyn, to Michael Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vern Johnson, Lindsborg. A May wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Green, Saint Leonard, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Hope, to Shawn Patrick Guinn, son of Bruce Guinn Jr. and the late Hazel Guinn. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 2, 1982, at the United Church in Oberlin.

The marriage of Karen Lynn Ooton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ooton of Oberlin, to John Steven Molstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Molstad of Colby, was solemnized Oct. 24, 1981, at Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Colby.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin, and Jerry and Joan Loughmiller, Sam, James, and Chris, Wellington, were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of the Robert Muirhead family in Hays.

Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham and Calvin, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Ryan and Stacey Duysen, Taylor, Ashley, and Madison, Gillette, Wyo., were Thanksgiving Day and weekend guests of Craig and Karen Larson. Additional Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Zane and Gladys Geis and Carl Larson.

Ed Waterman, Sedgwick, enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with Melvin Waterman, David and Karen Eskew, and other family and friends.

Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson, Kathy Almquist, Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; and Jordan Condit, Lawrence, were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jerry and Connie Olson were Evelyn Olson, Wilma May, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Oberlin; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson and Paige Niernberger, Hays; and David May, McCook.

Brandon May, Salina, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Elwood and Jeannie May. Afternoon visitors were Wilma May and David May.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, were Walter and Betty May, Robert May and Cole, Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth, Roland and Pam May, Zach and

Hannah, and Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin.

Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Richard and Anna Shaw and Jennifer were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. Isaac Shaw, Topeka, visited his parents and family earlier in the week but left before Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Lois Carlson were John and Edith Tate, and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Jessie Grace.

Late afternoon supper guests of Ralph and Norma Unger on Thanksgiving Day were Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis, and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly.

Martin and Evelyn May were Thanksgiving Day supper guests of Greg and Janice Cundiff and Quintin.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended the wedding of Stacie Gamblin and Greg Coyle Saturday afternoon at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

The weekend following Thanksgiving, Millard and Sherri Kyte, Sarah and Austin, celebrated their family Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Jim and Beverly Gaines. Also attending were her brother, Jeremy and Tina Gaines, Lincoln, Neb.; her sister, Pam and Ron Scribner, Bartley, Neb.; and their children, Kristi and Duane of Hoxie.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Arthur and Alice May, Helen Derby, Fern Jording, John and Muriel Ready, and Esther Ready and David Chomowicz and Nick, New York City. Lois Lamb was an additional afternoon guest for pie and coffee.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

On Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings and Brett Jennings were guests of the Dale Musgrave family at Ong, Neb. Others present were Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Crystal Jennings, Hays; Brent and Brendan Jennings, Junction City; Erin, Ryan, and Eric Musgrave; and Crystal Hanson.

Dinner guests Thanksgiving Day of Bob and Neoma Tacha were Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley, and Dustin Tacha, Hays.

A second Thanksgiving dinner at the Bob Tachas was held Sunday. Guests were Royal and Gail Tacha and Garrett, Hoxie; Jeff and Ashley Brown, Park; Mike Tacha, Jennings; and Peggy and Roger Tacha, Oakley.

Guests of Vendla Tacha for Thanksgiving were Aaron and Ryan Roberts, Gardner; Sarah Resley, Mission; Cheryl Roberts and Don McClelland, Norton; and Warren and Lynn Tacha. Vendla went to Norton on Friday to enjoy the grandkids before they returned to their homes.

Larry and Alice Mizer, Max Mizer and Kathy Tacha went to Riley to have Thanksgiving with Dr. Cary and Barb Herl and family. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Foster, Samantha and Jessica from Aberdeen, S.D., and Tatum and Taryn Rowh, Manhattan.

Claudine Bennett spent Thanksgiving with her grandson, Kurt

Bennett and family, in Indianola, Neb.

Jeanne Townson and son of Pampas, Texas, visited several days with her mother, Jean Gillespie.

Stan and Ramona Shaw, Colleen Wagoner of Sharon Springs, and Adam Wahlmeier spent the Thanksgiving holiday at the home of Danny and Cindy Black, Logan and Bowen, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings visited with Jean Gillespie, and Bruce and Peggy Carlton of Bakersfield, Calif., on Sunday afternoon. Brian and Westley Jennings spent the weekend at the Lawrence Jennings home.

Elliott Gillespie, Kansas City, spent Sunday night at the home of his grandparents, Stan and Ramona Shaw.

Brandon Wagoner, Joplin, Mo., visited several days last week at the home of his grandparents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. He enjoyed some archery deer and pheasant hunting.

Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their granddaughter, Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac and Leah, and their foster children, Haley and Allison, in LaCrosse. Other guests were Nicole and Billy Schroter and Adalie of LaCrosse, and Theresa and Russell Cressler of Bison.

Reminder: United Methodist Church decorating will be held Sunday following church and a potluck.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Selden Lions Club will be having their annual Soup Day on Saturday. Soup will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted with the proceeds going to the purchase of kitchen items for the community center. They are also hosting a bake sale, and Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. with treats for the kids. Please support your local Lions Club.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann; Dec. 2 - Frances Porsch; Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller; Dec. 5 - Nicole Schiltz, Kim

Juenemann, Mike Weins; Dec. 6 - Dave Mitchell; Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann, Julie Stevenson.

There was no Senior Citizens get-together last week because Thanksgiving fell on their day.

School Calendar: Thursday - Junior high basketball in Rexford with Northern Valley, high school scholar bowl in Atwood; Friday - High school basketball in Tribune; Monday - High school scholar bowl in Colby; Tuesday - Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Congratulations to Jacalyn and Dave Foxhoven of Parker, Colo., on the birth of a daughter, Emilie Johanna, on Oct. 19, 2006. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19 inches long. She has two sisters, Caitlyn and Allison, and three brothers, Caleb, Elijah and Seth. Grandparents are Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon, and Betty Foxhoven, Wynot, Neb.

Senior Citizens met at the Herndon Senior Center for a business meeting and flu shots were given by the Rawlins County

Health Department. The next business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Don and Joan Grafel had a belated Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday at their home. Guests were Todd Nelson and Karyn Jording, Manhattan; Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson, and Thelma Spicers, Oberlin.

Christmas season busy around here

Thanksgiving is over; the leftovers are a thing of the past. Now is the time for all of us to think about the beautiful season of Christmas. To me the carols, lights, the happiness that abounds and all the joy that is spread is the true meaning of peace, hope and joy to all.

The Christmas Lighting Contest is being held again this year. The Chamber is sponsoring it with the help of the City of Oberlin and Midwest Energy. Be sure to get your lights up and have them turned on between Dec. 8 and Dec. 13 so they can be judged. Please call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441 to let us know where to look in Oberlin. This includes Norcatur and Jennings. Please call their respective city offices to enter. I have seen some pretty neat displays already up and hope that there will be more. The light parade was a hit with

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

everyone who lined Main Street and the route up to the Good Samaritan Center, where they had the privilege to see them also. The winning float was The Bank; second place went to The Antique Guild; and there was a tie between Ward Drug and R & M Service Center for third. Congratulations to all.

The courthouse abounded with youngsters waiting their turn to tell Santa what they wanted him to bring this year. His elf helped handle the crowd, and she gave out tickets for the drawing for anyone under 18 on Dec. 16 for 12 movie passes at Sunflower Cinema. Remember, you can get a ticket from

him again on his next visit at the courthouse on Dec. 16.

The Lions soup supper attendance was great. And last but not forgotten was shopping in the stores in Oberlin. Be sure to sign up for the Oberlin Business Alliance drawing for \$1,000 in Santa Bucks, no purchase required. The stores participating have signs in the window.

As we enter this busy month there are many things to do. Coffee Hours are Friday, Dec. 1, with Flowers by Lee; Chamber of Commerce open house is Friday, Dec. 8; R & M Service will host Friday, Dec. 15; and the last Friday, Dec. 22, will be at Good Samaritan Center. Be sure to

attend all of these as they have so many nice things to see and sample. Good Sam has some beautiful paintings on the walls in the dining room as you enter the home. They are making this into a town square.

A FREE matinee will be shown at Sunflower Cinema on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. and another on Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. This is something for the little ones to do while you shop.

The stores are open downtown on Sundays, 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 3, 10 and 17. They are open until 7 p.m. on Dec. 20, 21 and 22 for last-minute shopping and will be closed Dec. 24 so everyone can enjoy the holiday.

Saturday, Dec. 16, is the big day in Oberlin; see the flyers in the windows for all the details.

Stop by the office for a cup of coffee and you can get a red ticket and sign up for the Oberlin Business Alliance drawing

Good Samaritan News

Psalm 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 Thanksgiving this week, the words of that Psalm played through my mind over and over.

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

Each Monday and Friday several of the ladies, Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Faye Miller, Dorothy Hunt, Alvina Unger and Irel Lohofener, gather for Folding Fellowship. They come together to visit, laugh and fold the clothing protectors used at mealtime.

Every day Ruth Laidig delivers the mail. Faye Miller and Mary Lemman set and clear the tables in the Angel Lane dining room. Lucy Schissler changes our calendar.

The staff gives excellent care, hugs and smiles. Our volunteers are faithful to come week after week to share their time and talent.

For Living History on Tuesday, Anita brought several baskets filled with old pictures we hope to use for our anniversary celebration in March. Swede Unger, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Faye Miller, Elsie

Macy, Eva Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Hazel Flaska, Dorothy Hunt, Mary Lemman, Lucy Schissler, Elaine Thomas and Ruby Wennihan along with a fair number of staff members pored over the pictures, reminiscing and identifying friends and loved ones captured on film many years ago

Thanksgiving morning started with a devotion entitled "Five Kernels of Corn." The significance of the five kernels was that this was the daily ration of food for the Pilgrims their first winter.

For us it represented five blessings in which to thank our Heavenly Father for providing. Each resident was asked to mention just one blessing in their life... family was often the first mentioned and then they rambled on with two or three or four more — one blessing just was not enough!

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.

A special thank you to all the families who came, making this a special day of celebration.

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, after all, the Light of the world!

Good Sam was able to enter two floats this year. The first was a sweet live nativity made up of children of staff members. Mary was played by Meghan Davies; Joseph, by Jordan Baker; the three kings were Evan Shobe, Adrian Chambers and Shiloh Marine; the shep-

herds were Jake and "G" Dea; angels were Cerys Davies, Celianna Shobe, and Lily and Ara Marine. The animals were graciously loaned to us by Edwin and Doris Black. Our second float boasted our church ("For the Lord is good...").

Saturday held a huge early birthday surprise for Mae Guy, planned by her daughter, Sheryl Unger.

The entire family, including Mae's children and their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — 59 in all — came together to make Mae's wish for the whole family to celebrate her birthday together a reality ("His truth endures to all generations..."). Now that is something to be thankful for!

Visitors this week: Kathryn Post — Doris Fringer and Ina Goodnight; Ruth Laidig — Kim Mehl of

Warrensburg, Mo.; Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb.; **Dorothy Hunt** — Ron Snyder of Colby, Joey and Teena Friend of Stillwater, Okla.; **Ruby Wennihan** — Nikki and Wyatt Amlog of Pfeifer, James, Regina, and Wally Hendrickson of Adrian; **Eulaine Benda** — Anna Messerly of Sublette; **Mae Guy**, **Eva Bryan and Edla Olson** — James, Regina, and Wally Hendrickson of Adrian, Mo.; **Irel Lohofener** — Sage Lohofener and Libby Fossum of WaKeeney; **Muriel Ready** — Esther Ready and Nick and David Chomowicz of New York City; **Eva Bryan** — Elden and Detta Anderson; **Wilma Bobinmeyer** — Pat Marintzer of Colorado, Carol Kompus of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** — Daisy Rhein.

Decatur Health News

By Othelia Vacura, public relations

A Tasting Tea on Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon until 2:30 p.m. at the Gateway will be the kickoff for our new cookbook.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children 8 and older, \$3 for children under 8.

Decatur Health Systems employees are planning to prepare the food from recipes in the cookbook. Funds raised from the Tasting Tea and cookbook sales will be used to purchase cardiac equipment and to provide related education.

The cookbook will be printed in January, with delivery to the facility sometime in March.

A preliminary proofing copy at the Tasting Tea will allow you to glance through over 500 delicious recipes that will be in the cookbook.

The DCHS Singers will provide entertainment and door prizes will be given. We will also be taking orders for the cookbook if you would like to reserve a copy.

Leslie Jones is in the process of completing her mammography internship in the Decatur Health Systems diagnostic imaging department, and must complete a series of 100 mammograms under the direct supervision of Rose Eskew, who is a fully certified technologist.

The final step for her to become a mammography technologist will be taking the state board examinations.

Mammograms are available through our diagnostic imaging department on the recommendation of your family physician.

