**THE OBERLIN HERALD** 

# **Events of Yesteryear**

125 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1882 Newcomers every day. Men with the cash

Our people should organize a reading club and literary society for the winter.

A burglar is at large in Phillipsburg who should be captured and sent to the insane asylum. He recently burglarized the safe of the Phillipsburg Herald. It is unnecessary to say that he only got a few papers and no money.

M.E. Mix is daily expected home from Iowa where he has been purchasing young cattle which he will bring to Decatur County.

George Darlensen has sold his town lot and log stable to Capt. Short.

Good attendance at Sunday School last Sunday. The excellent singing adds much to the enjoyment of the exercises.

### 100 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1907

The first snow came Monday night. It was about half rain and was of much benefit to the growing grain.

George Bayne bought the grocery store owned by Garwood and Ruffner last week, and will continue the business.

R.A. Reasoner has been summoned to sit on the U.S. Grand Jury at Topeka the first of December.

Ursula McMullen, one of the high school girls who has been riding to school, was thrown from her horse last week and quite severely jolted, but did not stop attending school.

Will Kellogg and wife who have been spending the summer in Iowa named Bernard Charles. returned last week.

Kanona Items: Born to Mr. and 50 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1957 Mrs. Adolph Johnson on Nov. 5th, a boy

C.A. McCartney of Traer was in the city Wednesday looking after business affairs. Carlisle has been building some houses over that way out of cement blocks and believes, when properly built, that material makes about the best house that can be built in this country.

The Hillman Stock Company has been playing at the Opera House this week.

### 75 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1932

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Report of the sudden death of Caleb W. Smick last Friday evening came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky to the several thousand people gathered in Oberlin for the Armistice Day celebration. Mr. Smick had only a few hours before his (785) 475-3441, or Gary Walter at death helped to serve an estimated

Chamber of Commerce. He was pleasing. Many farmers started the housing unit. Stevens said two stricken about halftime on the sidelines of the football game between Oberlin and Atwood and death came about 6 o'clock that evening at Benton Memorial Hospital. Mr. Smick, 47, had a light stroke two weeks ago on Sunday but could not be dissuaded from going ahead and teaching the adult Sunday School class at the Presbyterian Church which had grown to 180 persons.

For 21 years Caleb Smick had been the dominant spirit and guiding hand of the Oberlin school system and it had grown to be recognized as one of the best in the state. Funeral services at the grade school auditorium were attended by 2,000 people including representatives of the state board of education, Kansas State Teacher's Assoc., and Rotary International. He is survived by his wife, the former Lois Street, and one son, Caleb William Jr.

In the passing of Caleb Smick on Nov. 11, 1932, Oberlin has suffered a severe loss. We are richer because he has been with us, inestimably poorer because he has gone.

R.A. Reasoner received a letter from Reuben Bradley of Santa Ana, Calif., telling of the death of his sister, Dr. Maud Mead, at her home in Lawton, Oklahoma, of apoplexy. Dr. Mead will be remembered as Oberlin's first woman physician.

Mabel Olson is opening a ladies ready-to-wear store in the space formerly occupied by the Goodykoontz Hat Shop.

Shibboleth: The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Larue has been

A three-inch snow that fell on Decatur County over the weekend pleased people with Christmas card perspectives and the sellers of overshoes. But esthetically or commercially it wasn't the kind of weather that milo-growers found Ila Stevens, local promoters of sive tackle.

is this week. That means it's time

for the Light Parade, which will be

on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The theme

for this year is "When Christmas

Lights Shimmer, Christmas Spirits

Pick up a Light Parade entry form

from the Chamber, or call in your

entry. Call me at the Chamber,

Glimmer.'

to cut in earnest last week despite moisture content that far exceeded the 12-percent maximum required for government loan and storage. A few were fortunate and found buyers but the weekend snow stopped that.

Jennings voters, by a 12 to 1 margin, approved a \$15,000 bond issue to be used to replace the old water system which city officials say has been ruined by salt water pollution from nearby oil wells.

The DCHS debate tournament was won by St. John which took the first-place trophy over undefeated teams from Garden City, Haven and Russell by speaker points.

Larry Laird, Peggy Jennings and Mary Reeves helped Coach Gertrude Railsback arrange the tournament and local people served as judges.

Oberlin school superintendent Harry Mahon was elected for the third time to the board of directors of the Kansas State Teachers Association. He will represent the 24 northwest Kansas counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Euhus of Fort Worth, Texas, are the parents of a girl born Nov. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters of Atwood are the proud parents of a boy born Nov. 13.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jeffus, Herndon, daughter, Carole Lea, Nov. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Francis St. Clair, son, Stephen J., Nov. 17 at McCook hospital.

Larry Laird and Janice Laidig were the major award winners at the annual 4-H achievement night banquet and award ceremony.

### 25 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1982

A major step in the possible construction of a congregate care facility in Oberlin may be taken next week when a public gathering is planned according to Lorin and

## **By** Jody Betts

locations being considered are just north of Oberlin Locker and south of Kermit's Auto Body and Glass on Griffith.

Kansas Wheat Commission chairman Dennis Shirley, Norcatur, met with a group of five Soviet grain scientists whose purpose was to determine the quality of this year's crop.

More than 50 persons have made reservations to attend the community Thanksgiving dinner to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church under the sponsorship of the church and the Oberlin PRIDE organization.

John Tongish were united in marriage in a 4 p.m. ceremony Oct. 30, 1982, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Father Kerry Ninemire officiated.

ion, Neb., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teresa, to Rocky Diederich, son of Vernon Diederich, Oberlin, and Mrs. Carolyn Miller, Colby. A Feb. 14, 1983, candlelight wedding at Peace Lutheran Church in McCook is being planned.

eca, began work last week as Decatur County home economist. A 1976 graduate of KSU, she served as home economist in Trego County for three years before joining the Peace Corps where she worked two years in Kenya, Africa.

Retired banker Ralph Brown was honored by the Modern Woodmen of America at the annual community recognition banquet.

All-NWKL football honors went to Brian Moore as all-league punter and offensive receiver and honorable mention at safety. Other team members receiving honorable mention were Buck Matson, running back; Brad Erickson, offensive guard; and Lee Heronema, defen-

Patricia Ann Leitner and Dave

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reiners, Mar-

Beverly Droge, a native of Sen-

It's time for Christmas opening I can't believe that Thanksgiving

### **Chamber News** By JoHenderson, manager

Also that evening, Santa will be at the courthouse from 7 to 9 p.m. and the museum's Christmas Tree Tour starts at 7 p.m., so there is something for everyone.

Don't forget the Holiday Arts and 'raft Show this Saturday from 9

I wish everyone a happy, peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving, and may we all remember the many things we have to be thankful for, no matter

how small they seem to be. Santa Bucks are in at the Chamber office

cently visited their daughter, Mignon and Todd Barry, at Wellfleet, Mass., not Maine, as was reported last week. This was an error in interpretation of the name of the state by the newspaper.

Claudine Bennett has returned to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin after an extended stay in a Denver hospital following surgery.

Rick Foster is home after having hip surgery and doing well.

Vendla Tacha is still in the hospital after surgery. She is up walking around now.

The congregational meeting following church Sunday at the Jennings United Methodist Church was well attended. The reports for charge conference were given and approved.

Those attending were William and Rachel Carter, Julie and Ken Carter, Darlene LaRue, Mary Votapka, Helen Rhodes, Imogene Keenan, Marge Hartzog, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Glenda Johnson, Louise Cressler, Violet Krizek and Pastor Carrie Buhler. A potluck dinner was enjoyed after the meeting. Charge conference will be this week.

Keith and Helen Muirhead re- held Sunday at the Norton United Methodist Church.

Sunflower Senior supper held Nov. 13 was enjoyed by Rachel and William Carter, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Imogene Keenan, Mary Votapka, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Bob and Neoma Tacha, and Louise Cressler. Bingo was played after the meal.

The Sunflower Senior group decided to hold the Christmas dinner at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11, instead of in the evening. We will be collecting items for the fo

od pantry at Oberlin again this year. Bring items to the December meeting or leave anytime in the Senior Center.

Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed visiting with Emma Sanford Friday at the Sappa Manor in Oberlin.

Frances Bader attended tax school at Colby a week ago Saturday. A representative from the Internal Revenue Service of Wichita spoke about changes in tax forms.

Norton Correctional men will be working in the Community Hall

# **Good Samaritan News**

"Give thanks to Him, bless His name!" Psalm 100:4

We at the Good Sam would like to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving

God has surely remembered us this year and provided such a bountiful harvest. What a joy it was to take the residents out to see the crops and the combines and the beautiful mountains of golden corn piled so high.

This week was another busy one. Our routine activities are our structure and remind us of the daily chores we did when we were home. They bring stability and familiarity, but then there is always the added splash of something new, fun, educational or spontaneous like unexpected guests that make living here vibrant and relevant. It helps to keep us active and alert, gives us purpose and delight. Here is a sampling of some of those splashes throughout the week that add color to our days.

On Monday Mildred Holmdahl played canasta with Lucy Schissler, Edla Olson and Lora Zwickle.

Lisa Paulson led a watercolor art class on Tuesday, where Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan, Nadine Anderson and Jeanette Conway painted pretty Thanksgiving scenes.

Wednesday's routine is a day everyone looks forward to. It begins with Anita Hirsch leading Songs of Worship, followed by Mert McEvoy engaging the ladies in Bible study. The buffet lunch is always a treat, giving staff and residents an opportunity to eat together. After lunch, Rosella Meitl and Dorothy Alstrom pamper the ladies with a manicure and in the evening is the much looked forward to bingo night, hosted by Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihsler. Country Reflections treated Angel Lane to a special Social Hour on Thursday, where Certified Nurse aides Rhonda Skibbe, Frannie Nothdurft and Sue Stoney served up warm apple crisp and ice cream. Later that night, the Monday Evening Club sponsored our monthly birthday party. We had two birthday honorees, Alvina Unger and Muriel Ready and both are celebrating their 99th birthdays! That deserved something special and it certainly was. The club brought musician Michael Melbauer to sing and play for us while we all laughed and danced and had a hi-ho time! Six ladies got all gussied up to go to the theater Friday. Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska, Faye Miller, Opal

Bryan, Dorothy Pryor and Doris Marintzer headed to the high school to see, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.'

On Saturday afternoon John and Muriel Ready entertained many guests who had come to help celebrate Muriel's birthday, hosted by Esther Ready, who was home from New York City.

Sunday night was our first ever old-fashioned Tent Revival. Pastor John Paulson brought the message to a crowd of 50 people. The Gospel Singers sang several numbers, including "Shall We Gather at the River." During this song, Serena Stacy, Elleigh Walker, Cerys and Meghan Davies, along with others from the congregation, re-enacted a baptism at the river.

Our thanks to Stanley Hardware for graciously providing the tent that added authenticity to the event.

Mark your calendar for one last November event. On Friday, Nov. 30, we will open the dining room to the public for Pooch's famous pizza. We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. If you could please call by Monday, Nov. 26, letting us know you plan to attend, it will help us to determine how many hundred pizzas Pooch will have to make. It is sure to be a great time and yes, we will have his hot sauce, too!

crowd of  $\hat{8}$ ,000 at the free barbecued spirit, have some fun and light up buffalo dinner served by the Oberlin the town at the parade.

the Bank, 475-3817. So get in the

a.m. to 4 p.m. You should get a good start there on your shopping.

See you at the parade on Friday!

# **Cedar Living Center News**

away at Cedar Living Center on Saturday.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon. He served pumpkin pie to staff, residents, and guests.

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

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Don Shaw won the blackout game.

Bingo volunteers Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, and Jeanne Isbell assisted with serving refreshments at the November birthday party, which was held following bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Those honored were Elma Ashley and LaVergne McClelland. Bill Harper, a singer from St. Francis, provided the entertainment.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on the Cedar Living Center patio Tuesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game on Thursday afternoon. Players included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Edie Pettera, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Delores Wheeler, Darlene Fisher, and Lyle Gamblin.

The Daisy Scout group, led by Penny Fringer, visited on Thursday afternoon. They brought turkey decorations to hang on the wall and they also went all around the facility

Sympathy is extended to the tovisit. The girls made a big impresfamily of Alice Fiala who passed sion on the residents and everyone enjoyed meeting them.

The baking group made pumpkin cookies on Friday afternoon.

LaVergne McClelland was the guest of honor at a birthday lunch at noon on Saturday. Meredith and Gene Hrnchir were here to celebrate with her.

Sam Mack hosted the poker players for a game on Saturday evening.

The annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner was held at noon on Sunday. Many staff members were involved in making the day a success. Several even came in on their day off as volunteers to assist.

Around 90 guests plus residents, staff, and volunteers enjoyed the bountiful meal. The dietary department prepared the turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, and gravy and the guests brought a side dish to

share. We had tables heaped high with every kind of salad as well as pies, cakes, and cobblers. Pastor Judi Stricker said the blessing before the meal. Lynn Doeden took family pictures all around the room.

Each table acted as a team in playing a mixer game that required collecting signatures around the room. The game prize was won by the table including residents Naomi Carter, Grace Cook, Elmoin Bailey, and Mildred Tacha.

Recent visitors: Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ralph and Marcia Hejny, Grand Junction; Jan Sattler, Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Sohn, Shakia, and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, Frances Bader, David Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Kaley Ward and Robert

Daniels, Norcatur; Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Marsha Seck, Falcon, Colo.; Leanna and Bill Roberts, Abilene; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Dave Cox, Hays; Sabrina Cooper, Norton; Julia and John Geisinger, Kaylin Wiens, Carol Shaw, Selden; Peg Smith, McCook; Margaret Stanley, Laci Leichliter, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Rodney Leichliter, Seibert, Colo.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Joy Votapka, Fern Jording, Jon and Ana Wishon, Jan Matheny, Lyle Gamblin, Carol Allen, Barb Solko, Jeanette Miller, Dolores Koerperich, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Gary, Alvera, Stephanie, and Tyler Bruggeman, Joe and Regina Stanley, Gary, Sara, and Kain Fredrickson, Sandra Young, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Eunice Martin, Oberlin

Recent visitors were: Tami and Bri Cook of Norcatur, Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall, Helen Brooks, Mildred Black for Dorothy Hunt; Sharon and Marvin Slaybaugh, Brian and Pam Simonsson, Detta Anderson, Sharlee Westoff of Fort Morgan, Colo., Eunice Wenger for Opal Bryan; Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings for Fave Miller; Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon, Todd Nelson of Salina for Thelma Spiers; Donna Kelley, Gary and Mary Metcalf of Lakewood, Colo., Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan; Ken and Clem Mumm of Selden/Colby, Vicky and Bud Mumm of Gem for Hubert Mumm; Sally Olson of Atwood, Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler; Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth; Esther Ready of New York City, Lois Lamb for John and Muriel Ready; Ken and Clem Mumm for David McGee; Sharlee Westoff and Eunice Wenger for Lora Zwickle; John and Carol Barrett for Dorothy Bryan; Cheri Kastens of Herndon for Pooch Portschy; Daisy Rhein for Jeanette Conway; Vicky and Bud Mumm for Doris Marintzer; 180 House boys for all.

**Rexford** News

"Occupation: Murder," by Billy The play cast and crew will have a St. John, will be presented by the Golden Plains High School at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Tickets will be \$2 at the door. The setting is the television studio set for "It's a Living," a fictional game show. Rounds of the game show are actually played during the performance using members of the audience on stage as contestants. When the rehearsal begins for the TV quiz show, who would suspect that before the telecast is over, the hardest problem to solve would be "Who killed Tony Farizi, the show's sponsor?"

Prior to the performance, Golden Plains National Honor Society will have a spaghetti dinner for a freewill donation, as a fund raiser for cystic fibrosis from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

dessert bar, freewill donation, following the evening's production of the play. This will be an evening of events you won't want to miss. The Golden Plains students thank you for your support.

On Sunday, Grace Cheney will celebrate her 90th birthday. Her children, Gary Cheney and Duane Cheney, will honor her with a birthday party from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Rexford Community Church. Everyone is invited.

Repairs on the railroad tracks that run through the main street of Rexford have started. One set out of the three has been completed.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. is Ladies Bible **ByVickiAllison** 

2 p.m.; and Friday is Koffee Klatch

at 9:30 a.m. Senior Bingo has started

up again and will be the second Sat-

Until next time, make your week

Sell your

stuff in the

classifieds

urday of each month, at 7 p.m.

memorable.

### **\$1,000 REWARD** DecaturCounty, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1672a, Study; Come on Down, Thursday at

hereby offers a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction (or adjudication as a juvenile offender) of the person or persons responsible for criminally damaging county property or county traffic signs along state and county roads.

Persons having information should contact Ken Badsky, Decatur County Sheriff, 475-8100, or the Decatur County Highway Department, 475-8111. 1-16-02

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