

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1883

Robert Morgan has caught 10 wolves with steel traps in the last two months.

J.F. Ellsworth broke his ribs in a fall while plastering the ceiling of Rev. John Wilson's new home.

J.F. Heitmann has moved to New Almelo where he will teach school this winter.

Mrs. Knowles is building a sod room in which to winter her fine collection of house plants.

D.W. Morton, brother-in-law of Dan Caster, is visiting him. Mr. Morton is from Meigs County, Ohio and likes this county so well he will probably locate here.

J.E. Cochran and family have moved to McCook.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1908

A.L. Nitcher has a fine new residence on his farm.

Fred Sedustine is well satisfied with his new farm. He raised over 2500 bushels of corn this year.

High School Notes: A banquet was given at the schoolhouse Friday night for the Atwood basketball and football teams. Last Saturday the Decatur Community High School girls basketball team defeated the Atwood girls by a score of 10 to 6. The Oberlin team was Lioba Heitmann and Bernice Barr, centers; Ruth Bigelow and Jennie Hackney, guards; Laura Brooks and Stasia Heitmann, goalers. The Oberlin boys won the football game by a score of 25-11 with the following lineup: Vince Larrick, le; Marshall Tilden, lt; Ray Wolfe, lg; John Battin, c; Fred Eckhart, rg; Guy Geisenhener, rt; Tudor Stevenson, re; Ed Kennedy, q; Carl Hale, rh; Henry Bliss, lh and Dean Rogers, fb.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1933

With the county poor fund in a rather depleted condition and winter just starting, the information that Decatur County will share in the new Government Civil Works program to the extent of \$35,000 is genuinely encouraging to both county officials and the unemployed of the county.

The Oberlin Red Devils, with two new players in the backfield, waited until the fourth quarter to push a score across and avoid a scoreless game and down Hoxie 6-0. Oberlin with one more game to play can still boast an undefeated team. Whether they can do that depends on the outcome of the big annual Thanksgiving Day game with Norton. The Norton team is exceptionally strong this season and Oberlin is not quite as strong as in the past.

News from schools in Decatur

County: Kanona, Edith Cilek, 26 pupils, grade 5-8; Mrs. Mildred Southard, 26 pupils, grades 1-4. Traer: Doris McCartney, 18 pupils, grades 1-3; Lucille Torluemke, 19 pupils in grades 4-6; Elmer Carlson, 13 students, grades 7-8.

Custer: Freddie Bremer is taking guitar lessons from Verle Batchelder

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ayres were honored with a family dinner on their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in Otisco, Ind., on Nov. 18, 1883, and moved to Decatur County in September of 1884 where they homesteaded the quarter section in Center Township now owned by R. W. Spiers. Later they purchased the quarter section which Thos. Barratt had homesteaded and this is their present home.

Frank Ufford, Oberlin and E. M. Dutton, Traer are driving new V-8 Fords purchased through the Roberts Motor Company.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Hilbert Johnson, 83, who came to Dresden in 1896 and was in the mercantile business for many years.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. John Bruggeman are the parents of a baby boy born Nov. 15 who has been named Donald Joseph.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1958

Norman Bainter was elected chairman of the executive board of the Decatur County Extension Council at the annual meeting. Executive board members are Martin May, Mrs. Glenn Anthony, Lewis Bleses, Mrs. Carl Schrieber, Mrs. James McKay, Johnny Richards, Arnold Reichert and Waldeane Witt.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Walter (Opal) Sauvage, 55, who died in her sleep. She was born to William and Lola Macy at Cedar Bluffs and was married May 10, 1924, to Walter W. Sauvage. She is also survived by two sons, Ward and Keith; her mother, Mrs. Lola Macy; two sisters, Faye Hulbert, Chico, Calif., and Lois Landau of Atwood and two brothers, Rex, Danbury and Ray, Almena.

The DCHS debate tournament attended by 13 schools with four teams going five rounds with undefeated records. McCook and Haven tied for the top ranking and second place went to Dodge City and third to Russell. Tournament director was Mrs. C. B. Railsback assisted by Larry Laird, Eva Sue Myers and Mary Reeves.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gronweg, Selden, daughter, Joyce Cae, 11-19-58; Mr. and Mrs.

Elmer Kathka, Oberlin, daughter, Marianne, 11-24-58,

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marietta of Casper, Wyo., announce the birth of Mitchell Lee, born Nov. 23,

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sewell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 20 at their home.

Two deer hunters traveling through Oberlin returning to Indianapolis, Ind., from a hunting expedition (four deer were strapped to their car) stopped at the Fifth Wheel café. The driver went into the cafe and the other man was asleep in the back seat. While the driver was in the cafe, the other man awakened and went to the rest room. Meanwhile the driver returned to the car and set off for Norton unaware that his companion was no longer in the back seat. The Norton police were notified and stopped the car and an embarrassed hunter drove back to pick up his companion.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1983

More than 40,000 acres of Decatur county cropland was taken out of production in 1983 through participation in the government's payment-in-kind (PIK) program.

Decatur county commissioners appointed Bill Nelson to the Decatur County Hospital board filling the vacated position held by Carol

Shirley.

Norcatur: Remodeling is nearly completed at the Citizens State Bank located on the southeast corner of Norcatur's main street. The new bank entrance is on the north under a sheltering canopy and customers may use either the ramp or the sidewalk which are heated to keep ice or snow from sticking during the winter. Bank officers are K.G. Ward, president; Lyman Lechlitter, vice president and cashier; Lora Linn Lechlitter, assistant cashier and Linda Hunt, teller. Formal opening will be held in the spring when all board members can be present.

Four Red Devil football players were selected for the all-NWKL team: Buck Matson, running back; Lee Heronema, tackle; Jamie Shirley, slotback; all seniors and Tony Hager, junior center. Honorable mention went to Scott Gawith, junior quarterback and Kevin Lawn, senior linebacker.

Guests at Oberlin Rotary were Dan Buchanan, second year head basketball coach at DCHS and Tom Alstrom who is beginning his third year as head coach of the DCHS wrestling program.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin for Rose Mary Berls, 64.

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! Don't forget about the annual Community Thanksgiving dinner, which will be served at noon Thursday in the basement at St. John's Lutheran Church.

This week has been a busy week at the Chamber. The Oberlin Business Alliance's annual Christmas Parade of Lights is Friday.

It is not too late to sign up an entry. Anyone can enter and there is no entry fee. Just stop in the Chamber office for your form.

We are excited about all the entries so far. We are also excited to have the Cappella Nova Brass Quartet singing to us before the parade.

Friday also brings a coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at Stanley Hardware, a soup supper from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center, sponsored by the Aquarius Club, and let's not forget Santa will be here at the courthouse from 7 to 9 p.m. for everyone to go see.

He will be waiting for all the boys

and girls on the first floor after the parade.

Saturday is the Oberlin Craft Show at The Gateway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to go by and see all the wonderful crafts this year. We would love to see you there.

Once again this year, the downtown stores will open their doors for the special Christmas shopping hours on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., starting this week and continuing to Sunday, Dec. 21.

The Good Samaritan Center will be having a resident Shopping Spree on Thursday, Dec. 4. Residents will get to shop from new items donated by merchants.

They will have their gifts wrapped and ready for their families and friends for the Family Christmas Potluck at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. The Golden Ringers will perform that night.

Donations are welcome. If you would like to participate, contact Cindi Sauder at 475-2245.

Have a safe and fun weekend — all. We will see you at the parade!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

We are old, with hearts of Gold, wanting to do our share.

Our eyes are dim, our hearing weak, but we can rock a chair.

We rocked from morning, 'til setting sun, we did not stop 'til the task was done.

Thank you, for giving your time, talent and treasure.

Eight hours of rocking was surely our pleasure!

Edla Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Eva Bryan, Doris Marintzer, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, R.D. Thornton, Lucy Schissler, Alice Bobbitt, Lora Zwicke, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Eulaine Benda and Leone Porsch took their rockers at 8 a.m. to begin the eight hour Rockathon. Relief rockers were Hubert Mumm, Earl Brown and Shirley Hayward.

A total of \$2,030 was the final posting at 5 p.m. Saturday evening as the Fourth Annual Rockathon came to an end.

This year's proceeds will stay right here in Decatur County. A check will be presented to the Golden Age Complex project. The outpouring of support was tremendous! Not only did the community rally to sponsor these residents but the talent that came to entertain was again absolutely awesome!

Pastor John Paulson began by asking the Lord's blessing on the day. Kellie Cooper was the first in the entertainment line-up. She "signed" three songs. Anita Hirsch sang with daughter Jennifer Tally accompanying her on piano. Barbara Dehlinger read poetry. Angie Wilson was next on piano followed by Cheryl Metcalf performing for the first time at our Rockathon.

The Bells of St. Mary's came from Herndon to entertain us. They sang a special Happy Birthday to Leone Porsch! Elma Lee Erickson and Emma Threlkel from Atwood were up there. They inspired and

revived the rockers with their energetic songs, dance and humor! A show stopping, four-legged friend named "Sassy" came to make a donation with the money attached to her collar. This kind hearted dog and her owner wanted to be a part of the fun!

Serena Stacy took the microphone next and sang the beautiful Phantom of the Opera song "Think of Me." Rachele Cousins brought four young boys from her Sunday School class who sang some Sunday School songs and very impressively recited the 23rd Psalm. Lisa Paulson showed the renderings of the new Golden Age Complex and explained the three phases.

Everyone got very excited to see what we were rocking for. Janice Shobe came giving an historical accounting of Nov. 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was assassinated, followed by some presidential trivia. The Noren children, Britta, David and Michael, shared their musical talents. Two young men from the 180 house blessed us with guitar. Dorothy Pryor's daughter and six grandchildren put on a "One Room Schoolhouse" skit. This was a great surprise for Dorothy!

More kids. Amy Carman brought her four, Isaac, Patience, Moriah and Gideon. They too, did a skit, David and Goliath. Amy sang while Patience demonstrated the Electric Slide dance. Other performances included Wesley Benda on the piano; Helen and Gene Gee singing with Opal Huntley on piano. Myrna Jones got us moving with snappy music we all started dancing to. Alan Addleman is quite the dancer!

For our final performance Leroy and Sharon Stevenson sang a duet and Leroy brought magic to the place with various readings. All day, giving updates were posted on bricks and announced every hour.

Have you kept track of how many people gave of their time, their talent and their resources? Thank you doesn't seem to do justice to the appreciation we feel. What a blessing you are to us!

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

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

Recent visitors were: Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Donna Kelley for Eva Bryan. Ken

and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for Hubert Mumm. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Shelby Hackney for Ethel Nemeth. Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post. John Paulson, Janet and Nathan Rippe, and Carol New (Norcatur) for Marguerite Clark. Barbara Castor and Beverly Eiler (McCook) for Elaine Thomas. Wendy, Garrett and Gage Scott for Evelyn Olson. Alice Shirley and Goldie Stapp for Donald Stapp. Julie Hafner for Pooch Porsch, Loren Escher, Helen and Doris Marintzer. Ann Hazlett (Selden) for Leone Porsch.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Brad Westerbeck and Mandy Huling were married Nov. 8 at Rome, Ga. He is the son of Marlo and Mary Westerbeck of Wellsville, and the grandson of the late Dale Van Meter.

Elry Hunt of St. Francis died on Nov. 9, at his home. He was the cousin of Marian Pachner of Akron, Colo., and the late Dale Van Meter.

Kathy Van Meter went to Omaha on Nov. 13, with the First State Bank Club of Hollbrook, Neb., to hear the Gaither Family Gospel Singers. On Friday a surprise trip and shopping at the mall were enjoyed by all, and they returned home Friday evening.

The Liberty Star Club had its annual Thanksgiving supper at Lyle on Wednesday, Nov. 12. We had a good time, as usual, and I was the turkey who brought the turkey.

Keith Anthony will go to Kearney on Monday for a stent, and will start

his treatments on Tuesday.

Richard Engelhardt is in the hospital while the doctors decide on the best treatment.

Jim Plotts' father, James, is beginning the process of being fitted, for a prosthesis for his leg, and will be walking soon, we hope.

Joyce Sumner requested prayer for Jeanie Bown, the sister of Marlene Sumner, as doctors are determining her best treatment.

Larry and Sandra McNames, Tielia High and Veda Wood attended the funeral of Dustin D. Rhodig on Friday, Nov. 14. Dustin lived in Norcatur several of his growing up years, and was the step-son of Dennis Wood.

June Jolly's son, Carroll, and Ron Weihs came from Council Bluffs on Thursday. They visited, ate out and had supper at June's on Saturday, and left on Sunday, then June and Margaret Magers played in the pinochle tournament at Norton.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

December is only a week away and we are busy polishing up the plans for the holiday season. There is always room during the holidays for one more caroling group or party. Anyone interested in sharing a talent with us during the holidays should contact Charlotte Kurtz or Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2208.

Donna Kent was the guest of honor at a birthday party held on Monday afternoon in the dining room. Dewaine Stapp, who shares a birthday with Donna, brought cake and ice cream for the party.

In addition to residents and staff, the guest list also included the card players from the Senior Center. Dorothy Moore helped with serving.

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

Alice May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Edie Pettera won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Sam Mack continues to play poker with residents on Wednesday and Saturday evening.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, Fern Wenger, Aleen VanVleet, and Art and Alice May. Ice cream sundaes were served after the game in honor of Lyle Gamblin's birthday.

The baking group made and served chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Chris Wood, Voni Sattler, Rita Marintzer, Eileen Unger, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur; Barb and Steve Brown, Selden; Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.

Jackie Votapka, Jerald Leitner, Eunice Richards, Elvin Beneda, Pat Fringer, Martin and Evelyn May, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Max and Veanna Carman, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, Connie Olson, Elwood May, Gene Plotts, Roberta Johnson, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a benefit calf fry at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Proceeds will go to Soldiers' Angels Foundation, benefitting Middle East veterans and their families. Games will follow.

David and Bonnie Franke celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in Orlando, Fla., with all of their children and grandchildren. They spent three days at Disney World and two days at Sea World. Family helping them celebrate were Dean and Carrie Franke, Jefferson City, Mo.; Brian, Tracy, Ellen and David James Franke, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Aaron, Brenda, Candaesa and J.D. Van Horn, Ottawa. While in Orlando, they were visited by Gary and Elaine Sallans, Melvin and Sheryl Solko, and John Case, who were there for the winter.

Visitors from Herndon this week of Edie Pettera and Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, were Chris Wood, Voni Sattler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Carol Bobinmyer, Eileen Unger and Rita Marintzer. Janice Sattler, Atwood, also visited Wednesday afternoon.

The Senior Citizens monthly dinner was held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the center. Sharon Frick won the door prize and Beth Chartier won the bingo black-out. No dinner or meeting will be held in December.

Voni Sattler and Bob and Lila Leitner enjoyed the Rawlins County junior-senior play, "Ten Little Chipmunks," Friday evening in Atwood. Their granddaughter, Sami Leitner, was a member of the cast.

The CCC, also known as the corn cob crew, traveled to Kenesaw, Neb., on Monday. Those picking cobs for sausage smoking were; John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb.; Julie Hafner, Kathy Schneider and Del Solko.

In times past, the cob was of value as chicken house bedding when ground, or for filling in mud holes in the feed lot and good dry cobs made excellent kindling in the kitchen cook stove. Putting the cob to good use makes one feel good, however, not the back. An additional highlight of the day was enjoying lunch of chili and cornbread with Kathy and Larry Schneider. Who knows, after sausage making, maybe they will try cob jelly!

It was great pleasure for Don and Joan Grafel this last weekend watching the grandchildren in action. They enjoyed the Rawlins County junior-senior play in Atwood, "Ten Little Chipmunks," with family in the cast on Friday evening. Saturday evening they

attended the "Anything Goes" musical in Oberlin where their granddaughter, Makenzie Nelson, was a member of the cast, and her mother, Susan Nelson, director.

The Belles of St. Mary's entertained at the Good Samaritan Society in Oberlin on Saturday for their annual Rock-A-Thon. Singing a variety of 'old time' and 'patriotic' songs, the gals had some of the residents in their rockers joining in. They also enjoyed the jokes from Sharon and Julie.

Those able to participate were Sharon Ecker, Julie Hafner, Rita Marintzer, Vicky Mumm, Voni Sattler, Ann Solko, Eileen Unger, Chris Wood, and Theresa Rippe on piano. Parish members joining the group in the audience were Esther Pennington, Alan Solko, and Bud Mumm. We were all pleased to have members of our parish that are residents at the home, in the audience enjoying our sing-a-long. They were: Loren Escher, Doris Marintzer, Helen Marintzer, Hubert Mumm, and Pooch Porsch. The Belles enjoyed lunch together at the Pizza Hut after the singing. Our next entertainment will tentatively be at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin sometime in January. Please come join in the fun!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
Julie's Memory Joggers
Herndon Nonpareil News
Fall and Winter Millinery. As the season advances a number of our Ladies and Misses Hats are being sold due to the exceptional values and variety of beautiful styles we are offering in Street Hats, Trimmed Hats, Pattern Hats, Children Hats or Re-trimmed Hats.

We have secured the services of an experienced Trimmer, who has the sole charge of this department. Mrs. Mary E. French

Council Proceedings: Herndon, Kansas, Oct. 5, 1914:

Council met in regular session with Mayor L.L. Tongish presiding. Councilmen present, R.C. Drath, Jerry Malone and Theo W. Kaden. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The following bills were read and allowed and Orders drawn for same;

A.J. Roberts, printing, \$3.25; F.H. Stires, Marshall fees, \$10; F.H. Stires, Street Work, \$10.10; Pete Wenzel, light rent, \$22.80; Roberts Bros, rent dumping ground from July 1, 1914 to July 1, 1915, \$20; City Treasurer's Report of Sept 15 was read and approved showing a balance of \$82.75.

There being no further business, the board adjourned. L.L. Tongish, mayor; Jas O'Leary, City Clerk.

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