THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1883

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Cox of Lyle on Nov. 28, 1883 a son.

Our sanguine friend, F.F. Bliss is fencing in his trees and shrubbery out on the farm, to protect them from the inroads of stock.

Last Monday the Oberlin school opened in the new schoolhouse with 26 scholars enrolled in the higher department under the instruction of Mr. T.B. Wolfe, and 44 enrolled in the primary department under the instruction of Miss Jane Morrison.

Uncle Billy Love and Frank Meier returned from their hunt on Dismal River in Nebraska, reporting having killed 14 fine fat deer.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1908

Bob Riley got tired of delivering milk and has quit the job.

W.H. McMullen is moving to town this week, locating in the northeast part of town.

The star route that has been going to Bassettville for the last 20 years was discontinued last Monday and the post office at that place discontinued.

The rock crossing on Commercial Street north of Joe Young's is about the limit; covered with five or six inches of dirt all the time.

The big Thanksgiving Day football game between the Oberlin and Norton town teams resulted in a victory for Oberlin by a 4-0 score due to a drop kick by Jerry Mulliken.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1933

Tomorrow is the day, Smick Field is the place and everything is in readiness for the big Turkey Day game between Norton and Oberlin. Neither of these teams has suffered a defeat this season but the scores against opposing teams would indicate that Norton is the stronger team. Activity tickets and physician's passes will be honored at the gate but "D" sweaters will not admit to the game.

A reward of $10 will be paid for information leading to the recovery of the following articles stolen from my car and garage Sunday night: 1 horsehair o'coat with quilted lining;1 double-barrel hammerless 410-gauge shotgun; 2 auto robes; 1 brown topcoat; new brown gloves and numerous tools. Dr. Eber Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Claar are the parents of a baby girl born Nov. 27 at the local hospital.

Custer: Several from up this way attended literary at Jackson Friday night. There was a large crowd and it was a grand success.

Jennings: It looks like Jennings will have a paved road through the town.

It seems that the theatre is just what Jennings has been wanting. It was impossible to hold all the crowd for the first show so a second show had to be given. A merchant's ticket and 5 cents will admit one to the show.

Fairview-Summit: A good many attended the "husking bee" at George Martin's last Tuesday.

Paul Nitsch was a conspicuous character on the street Friday all dressed up in his new green uniform. The uniform is to remind folks of his new oil station at the intersection of Highways 36 and 183.

On Sunday, Nov. 26 the children of J.E. Plotts gathered at the parental home to visit with Lew Plotts and wife of Myers, Mont., and 37 were present.

Kanona: The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Bartos Brown with 19 ladies present. Next meeting Dec. 6 with Mrs. Dean Orr.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Frewen have a baby boy born on Nov. 22.

50 YEARS AGO —Dec. 1958

The Decatur County Historical Society has announced plans to construct a 40 by 60 concrete block addition to the east end of the present museum building. The addition is prompted by an urgent need for additional floor space for display of museum relics. The south portion of the lumber shed behind the present museum will be razed and the north portion has been sold to Ernest Nichols. Lumber sheds have kept the museum's fire insurance extremely high.

The Red Devils coached by Bob Rumble used superior offensive rebounding to down Almena 43-29 in the season basketball opener.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Dewey (Mary) Miller, 74, who had been hospitalized the past five weeks. She and her husband operated a general store in Dresden for a number of years. She is survived by her husband and two children, Omer Cook of Arriba. Colo., and Golden Roulier of Limon, Colo.

Four Decatur County 4-H members received awards in home economics achievement at the recent 4-H banquet: Linda Ayers, Garrah Smith, Karen Ashley and Connie Emigh.

Harold Olson was the speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary. Harold and his father, N.A. Olson operate Olson Shoe Repair in conjunction with the Central Orthopedic Laboratory and Harold builds correctional appliances for the feet. His customers are primarily chiropodists and doctors in all parts of the country.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coulter, Oberlin, daughter, Lori Jean, 11-28-58; Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jones, Oberlin, son, Todd Edward, 11-29-58; Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Oberlin, son, 12-2-58.

Dresden: There are now eight couples living in Dresden who have been married 50 years or more: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Foster; Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Rolley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Muirhead and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Skubal.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1983

Several predicted blizzards this fall have failed to show but the weatherman was right on target Saturday and Sunday when 15 inches of snow driven by a 40-mile-an-hour wind paralyzed the area. By Tuesday evening the city had removed the huge piles of snow from the center of the street to enable Christmas shoppers to park. The biggest problem: where to pile any more snow?

At the Frontier Motel, manager Bruce Jones said his facility was full of travelers who decided to pull off US-36 and most of them were from the east trying to get back to Colorado. Priscilla Lattin, new owner of the Star Motel, said they had nearly a full house all three days of the storm.

Hospital News: Kaylon and Steve Hubbard, son, Thaddeus Timothy, 11-24-83; Lynda and Dean Berry, daughter, Dana Jeanine, 11-25-83; Alice and Bob Stanley, daughter, Kari Ann, 11-27-83; Vicky and Merlin Cook, daughter, Cristy Lee, 11-28-83; Sharon and Randy Olson, Brent Andrew, 11-28-83.

Karen Jane Ketterl and Daniel Joseph Sattler were united in marriage Oct. 22, 1983, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ketterl and Mr. and Mrs. George Sattler.

Funeral services were held for Albert Harold, 95, who farmed in Decatur and Sheridan counties for more than 70 years. He is survived by his wife Vera; three sons, Orval, Cloyce and Gale; a daughter-in-law, Janelle;a brother, Ora; a sister, Florance Marcoux and nine grandchildren.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

I hope everyone was able to spend time with family on Thanksgiving and able to get some rest during the holiday as we all prepare for the Christmas Season.

Santa Claus is planning to be at Rexford on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Community Building, for the annual Rexford Lions-sponsored Christmas Children's Party. The activities begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be for infant through third grade.

David Ketchum is asking residents to unload grass clippings, newspapers, and other biodegradable items, except tree limbs and branches, on his property on First Street.

The City states that there will be no change in trash pickup days during the holidays; and also the City Clerk will be working Tuesday mornings, instead of afternoons in December.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy. Philippians 1:3-4

In preparation for Thanksgiving, we had many opportunities to reflect on the abundant blessings God pours out on us daily. In our conversations about thankfulness, the Rockathon was nearly always mentioned and for a variety of reasons.

Doris Marintzer was thankful for her sore knee, because it reminded her of the day of rocking. She said, "It hurts, but it is getting better… I'm ready to rock again." Others mentioned the great satisfaction of being able to help the community. Some were in awe of the amount that was raised. The entertainment was praised, as well as the tremendous support of friends, family and complete strangers. Jeanette Conway was especially tickled to see "Sassy," a very friendly German Shorthair dog come in with a donation attached to her collar. Jeanette spent the day in her wheelchair that was placed on a rocking base. She was thankful that it was made available to her so she could fully participate. So many were touched by this event and we want to again say thank you! We are truly blessed by God to live in such a wonderful community as Oberlin!

Other Thanksgiving activities included Emma Sanford, Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Nadine Anderson, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm and Evelyn Olson gathering to make Beaded Indian Corn pins to wear or give as gifts. If you were here anytime last week you probably saw someone proudly wearing one.

During Social Hour, some ladies lingered to hear the Legend of Squanto read and learn the history of Thanksgiving.

Linda Hollowell helped Doris Marintzer bake cookies to take to her family's celebration. She, Shirley Hayward, Mary Lemman, Opal Bryan and Violet Schissler all spent the holiday at the homes of their children.

On Wednesday, we did what we always love to do — make smaller words out of a larger one. Last year we found 90 words hiding in Thanksgiving, but to prove we really are getting older and wiser, we found 115 this year! The rule is if we get to a 5 or a 10 in the score, we can quit, but if someone says another word we can't quit until we get another 4.

As the score was getting higher and higher, you could hear Lora Zwickle say, "Okay, everyone be still, don't say another word." Opal Bryan was our referee, making sure we didn't make a word with a letter that wasn't in Thanksgiving. At the very end of the game she said "aging" wasn't allowed, because the proper spelling was "AGEING". This was a dilemma, because we would have to replace the word… and we didn't think we were able at a 115. Several teachers in the group were consulted, each with a differing opinion. A dictionary was summoned and we learned that either spelling was acceptable! Lora was surely relieved!

Decorating has begun, and it is starting to look a lot like Christmas! Come see, this Sunday during the Christmas Home Tour we are featuring artist, Norman Rockwell.

Families, remember Friday is the Family Potluck at 6 p.m. The Golden Ringers will perform and we will have the tree lighting ceremony. Please RSVP to Montine at 475-2245.

Visitors this week were: **Opal Bryan's** family, Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson, Krista and Gavin Gutchewsky (Kearney, Neb.), Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) and Sharon Slabaugh. **Edla Olson's** daughter and son-in-law Nione and Mike Rhodin (Loveland, Colo.). **Hubert Mumm's** brother, Ken Mumm (Selden). **Elaine Thomas's** two sisters, Beverly Eiler (McCook) and Barbara Castor. **Dorothy Hunt's** family, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer. **Marguerite Clark** received a visit from Rea and Dee Magers (Norcatur) and Pastor John Paulson. **Jeanette Conway's** Adopt-a-granddaughter, Daisy Rhein came by on Saturday. Connie Robison (Littleton, Colo.) and Eunice Martin visited **Glenn Martin**. **Eva Bryan's** stepdaughters and husbands, Detta and Elden Anderson and Donna and Dick Kelly visited Sunday. **Loren Escher** enjoyed a special week entertaining his daughter, granddaughter and one-month old great-granddaughter. We've never seen him so happy! Mert and Frank McEvoy visited **Elaine Thomas, Lucy Schissler, David McGee, Earl Brown, Hubert Mumm** and **Eileen Laird.**

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Our prayers go out to the little boy, Dawson Brown, 6, and his family. Dawson was injured and taken by helicopter to the Kearney hospital after he suffered damage to his mouth and jaw when he was caught on a piece of rebar. He is recuperating in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

On Nov. 18, the District Superintendent met with a few Lyle people for Charge Conference. He brought words of encouragement and had communion. He then admired the quilting and received a small quilt as a gift.

There seems to be quite a bit of sickness in the neighborhood this week. Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly missed the Senior Citizens get-together. They both came to help with the Prairieland Foods but were not feeling well. Both are better this week.

Wood visitors have been Carol Moye and Kyle; A.J., Teilia and Aubrey High; Wade, Emily, Maria and Garrett Bader; and Grant Slater.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 23, Dorothy Ward took Bee Nelson, Margaret Magers and Veda Wood to Oberlin to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service in St. Mark's Church on the grounds of the Decatur County Museum. The church has been renovated and looks very nice. It was sponsored by the Decatur County Ministerial Association, and was a beautiful service. To top it off, there was a potluck supper held in the old Bohemian Hall. I over did things and had two pieces of pie, which was a little shocking to my companions; but I never had much of a "figger" to begin with, so not too much harm done. I had to have pumpkin pie, and Beth's pineapple coconut pie was scrumptious and irresistible – and I did it and I'm glad, and thankful!

Richard Engelhardt went to Denver on Sunday for an appointment on Monday, but planned to be back for a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. Margaret "Toots" Magers family will have their dinner at the Community building.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We will be busy getting the Christmas decorations up this week at Cedar Living Center and preparing for a month of holiday festivities. Our first big event of the season will be the annual cookie decorating party hosted by Dr. Sliter on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Any child may join us for a finger licking good time.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Darlene Fisher, Clara Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edie Pettera, Blanche Skubal, and Frank Ward.

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

There was a large crowd of residents at the bingo game on Tuesday afternoon. They kept volunteers Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, and Ila Ray busy with giving out prizes and helping wherever needed. We are always thankful for these women and all of our faithful volunteers. Aleen VanVleet won the first bingo on Tuesday and Ruth Leopold won the blackout game.

Popcorn and a movie were on the agenda for Wednesday afternoon in the dining room. Teresa Shaughnessy led the Bible study before supper.

The dietary department served up a traditional turkey dinner at noon on Thanksgiving to residents, staff, and guests. Several residents spent the day out with family members on Thursday.

The baking group made homemade cookies on Friday afternoon with Charlotte Kurtz.

Joanne Wendelin brought her brass quartet to play a little holiday music during supper on Friday evening. It was a great way to start off the Christmas season.

Recent visitors: Kay Brown, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Bill and Geri Lampe, St. Francis; Steven Thomas, Lamar, Colo.; Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.; Shawnda Hall, Shawna Crum, and James Reames, Dover, Okla.; Eileen Unger, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Karen Unger, Aurora, Colo.; Valerie Rogers, Shawnee; Greg, Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kailyn Coyle, Rossville; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Kurt and Dee Beyers, Hays; Mary Morse, Beaver City, Neb.

Jackie Votapka, Connie Miller, Shelli Fortin, Lyle Gamblin, Mariam Fisher, Pat Fringer, Marilyn Gamblin, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, John and Diane Bremer, Roberta Johnson, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Joining Ron and Cindy Sattler at their farm home for Thanksgiving dinner were Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson; Rob Sattler, Oakley; John and Ardythe Cederberg, Oberlin; Jake Sattler, Herndon; Eric Sattler, Janice and Jayme Sattler, Brian, Mary, and Collin Clark, and Buford Clark, all of Atwood; and Kate Clark, Hays.

After dinner coffee guests were Joe, Shannon, Keleigh, Noah, Abrahm, Matthew and Anna Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Chase, Dana and Peyton Juenemann, and Rodney Rippe, Hays. Instead of the traditional football game, a foosball tournament was held.

The winners were Katelyn, Keleigh and Noah. Some of the party-goers went pheasant hunting in the neighboring milo field after feeding cattle.

Alan Hartner and Gina Lopez, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; and Michelle Hartner and Pat Solko were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Kent and Chris Wood.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Julie and Bob Hafner were the Joe Hafner family, Scottsbluff, Neb. Cindy Sattler, and Dana and Peyton Juenemann visited Friday morning.

Francis, Darlene and Jeremy Wahrman spent Thanksgiving Day with her brothers, sisters, and mother, Mrs. Laura Eby, in McCook, Neb..

Kent and Chris Wood attended the Veterans benefit at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building Saturday evening in Herndon.

Thanksgiving and weekend guests of Chuck and Eileen Unger were Jeff and Marilyn Unger, Colby; Clarissa Unger, Lawrence; Kent, Peg, Amy and Alli Been, Indianola, Neb.; Tom, Bev and Matt Zipfel, South Lake, Texas; Pam Anderson, Oberlin; Karen Unger, Aurora, Colo.; Rob, Valerie and Andrew Rogers, Shawnee; and Nic Rogers, Manhattan.

Rosanna Stoney enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with her grandson, Dan and Myra Stoney and family in McCook. Weekend guests of Rosanna were cousins, Leo and Ida Nadeau, of Soldier.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin were Janice Sattler, Atwood; Eileen Unger, Herndon; Karen Unger, Aurora, Colo.; and Valerie Rogers, Shawnee. Carol Kompus, and Julie and Bob Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with Edie Pettera and Wilma Bobinmyer.

John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb.; Tony Kleidosty, Riverdale, Neb.; and Nick Kleidosty, Elm Creek, Neb., are spending a few days in Herndon visiting family and friends.

Sharon Ecker left Thanksgiving morning for Hays to spend time with Troy and Brandi Ecker and Bart Ecker. She returned home on Saturday.

Dave and Krystal Hutfles traveled to El Dorado to spend Thanksgiving with her mother, Ann Thompson.

Guests for Thanksgiving dinner at the J.R. and Phyllis Grafel home were Juston, Ashley, Jaylin and Adalie Grafel, Glasco; and Floyd and Norma Fischer, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Carla Marintzer celebrated Thanksgiving in Oberlin with Marlin and Dana Marintzer.

Thanksgiving week visitors of Theresa and Richard Rippe were Brenda and Aaron Schilde, Minneola; and Rodney Rippe of Hays. Tim and Alicia and Wyatt Rippe joined the family on Friday. Kevin, Megan and girls spent a few days with her family in Lyons.

Julie's Memory Joggers
The Herndon Courant

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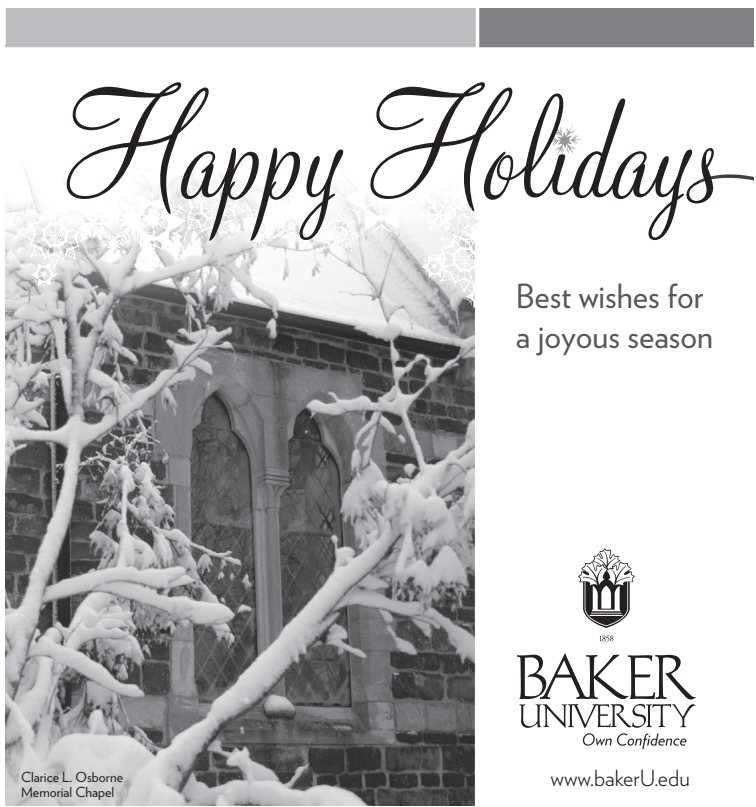
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