

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1884

G.E. Cody of Altroy invested in a baby's high chair Saturday.

The Hitchcock House has been provided with a handsome new Crown organ and now they have music all the day.

In a mournful contemplation of the faded greatness of our woodpile we are forced to repeat Hiawatha's lament in the hope that it will stir up some of our delinquents to a realization of our needs. We quote as follows:

"Oh the cold and dreary winter; we shall go without a splinter; we shall sit, and shake and shiver, till we overturn our liver;" if you don't bring wood.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1909

The McCook football team that claimed the championship of southwestern Nebraska was decisively beaten by our high school boys last Saturday, the score being 39 to 6. Bliss, Street, Larrick and Stevenson did some fancy tackling.

R.D. Strain has bought the Grossniklaus building and is moving in his jewelry stock this week.

Bystrom & Engstrom have formed a partnership in the clothing business and are moving their stock this week to the Dale building across the street.

Jennings Items: The new bank is about completed and is the finest building in town.

Norcatur Items: Floyd Benton has severed his connections with the First National Bank, and has a position in a bank at Oberlin.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1934

In Decatur County's largest vote ever polled, Gov. Alf M. Landon received a total of 2,304 votes of the even 4,000 votes cast.

Election results: for Governor, Alf Landon; for 6th District Congressman, Frank Carlson, Concordia defeated Kathryn O'Laughlin McCarthy; Register of Deeds, Mattie Cleland defeated Clyde Stephens; Clayton Diehl won the spot now held by Billy Noone for state representative; Ralph McLaughlin won over J.E. Kulp for office of probate judge; Miss Aronson was re-elected as county superintendent of schools; Jern for his second term as county clerk; Frank Garver as sheriff. John Bremer, county attorney, and Dorothy McGee, clerk of the court, were unopposed.

Funeral services were held at the Federated Church for Oberlin's best-loved merchant, Edson S. Dean. Mr. Dean had taken a great interest in the congregation buying the former Episcopal Church building and refitting it.

He had been in the clothing store business in Oberlin since 1891 and in 1929 sold his interest in the Campbell-Dean store to his partner and erected a new building. In recent months a partnership was made with

Ralph Clark and the store will be renamed "Dean and Clark." Two popular and experienced clerks, Voyle Ridgway and Lemoin Landau will assist Mr. Clark.

Herndon: Funeral services were held at West St. John's Lutheran Church for Melvin Demmer, 19, who died of injuries in a car accident two miles south of Herndon. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Demmer, Logan Township, a sister, Lucille and a brother John.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Caster are the parents of a 10-pound baby boy and Mrs. Caster and baby are being cared for at the home of Mrs. Verna Plotts.

Lyle: Halloween was a happy time at Spring Branch school as the teacher, Miss Lois Eckhart, had games and treats for all. At the Lyle school, Miss Bailey gathered up her pupils and they played games before going down to Merritt Reeds for another playtime finishing up with a fine supper. Pupils having perfect attendance for the second month were Russell, Leon, Cloyd and Cloyce Railsback, Dale and Donna Wickham and Clyde, Dwight and Inez Chambers.

Sherman: Born Monday night, Oct. 29, a 7-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steinmetz. The little fellow has been christened Samuel Thomas.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1959

This is a pheasant season with the mostest. Henry Olson, owner of the Hotel Oberlin, said 80 hunters stayed at the hotel, an estimated 48 were placed in private residences and about 115 registered at local motels. Mrs. Iva Johnston reported she had cleaned 963 birds as of Tuesday evening.

Open house at Oberlin's newly-completed \$60,000 medical clinic will be Sunday. The structure includes an office and two examination rooms for each of four doctors. Co-owners Dr. C.N. "Chet" Nelson and Dr. James Coffman hope to add two doctors to the clinic staff as soon as possible. The clinic staff also includes Joe Pollara, laboratory technician; Mrs. Orville Rahe, receptionist; Mrs. Bob McLaughlin, bookkeeper and aide to Dr. Nelson; Mrs. Howard Saum, aide to Dr. Coffman, and Mrs. Leroy Muirhead, aide on Saturdays.

Soon a large brick and frame structure — once the finest home in all of Northwest Kansas, and subsequently the Benton Memorial Hospital and the Oberlin Clinic will be razed. The Benton home was constructed in 1909 and was the family home until 1921 when Mr. Benton was deceased and for several years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bancher and children, Mrs. Bancher being the daughter of the Bentons. The Bancher family moved to Denver in 1929 and the

house was vacant until 1930 when Mrs. Maude Benton learned that Dr. Frank Brewster, widely known physician and surgeon of Holdrege, Neb., might be interested in opening a hospital in Oberlin. In 1931 Dr. F. Wayne Brewster, a son of Dr. Frank, moved to Oberlin and became the resident physician and surgeon with Dr. Frank flying here. Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Nelson moved here from Seattle, Washington, in March of 1936 and became associated with the Brewsters in the hospital.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosier, Selden, daughter, Fern Marie, Nov. 8, 1959.

Chauncey Dewey, prominent Kansas businessman and rancher whose political and private life was a colorful part of Kansas history, died at the Mayo Clinic at age of 82. Surviving relatives include the widow of the home northwest of Brewster, two sons and a daughter who live on the large Dewey ranch holdings in Sherman, Rawlins and Cheyenne counties. In 1903, during an argument on the Dewey ranch, three of the Berry brothers were killed. The Dewey-Berry trial was conducted at Norton by an Oberlin judge, the late A.C.T. Geiger.

Courthouse News: Gary Vaughn, Dresden, and Judy Tacha, were issued a marriage license on Nov. 5.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1984

Decatur County voters went to the polls in record numbers as part of the Reagan landslide with 2,240 votes cast.

In local contests, incumbent

Ralph Unger was re-elected as second district commissioner defeating Marvin May; John Bremer was elected magistrate judge over Ardith Luedders and Ken Badsky defeated incumbent Bob McLaughlin for sheriff.

Dick Kjelland, administrator of Good Samaritan Center, submitted his resignation to the Decatur County commissioners. He has accepted a position as administrator of an Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society facility in Daytona Beach, Fla.

New Arrivals: Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin, son, Bryan Tucker, Oct. 27, 1984; Bill and Carol Wessell, Dresden, daughter, Cecilia Ann, Oct. 30, 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sebaugh, Norcatur, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Robert Lough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lough of Louisville. The couple plan a Nov. 24 wedding at the United Methodist Church in Norcatur.

Dora Beers, who will observe her 100th birthday on Nov. 13, and Flora Reeves, who will be 101 on Nov. 8, will be honored on Sunday with an open house at the Long Term Care Unit of Decatur County Hospital.

The Decatur Community High School gridders wound up the season with a 3-7 record after winning their final game 29-8 over the Hoxie Indians. Seniors are Dennis Macfee, Darrin Kaempfe, Trevor Urban, Jay Ketterl, Trent Townsend, Evan Wilson, Kevin Soderlund and Scott Gawith.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Glenva Nichols who was a long-time employee of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. Besides being a neighbor as I was growing up, she was very willing to help me in starting my new position in this office. Please remember her family this week as they grieve their loss. The Chamber office will be closing at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Business-To-Business Tour is planned for this Sunday, Nov. 15, beginning at 4 p.m. Persons going on the tour will gather at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center. A list of businesses will be available at that time. Soups, snacks, and desserts will be available in the big room at the BEE Building following the tour at approximately 6 p.m. A donation of \$5 is asked for the meal. Reservations need to be in the Chamber office, 475-3441, by Thursday, Nov. 12, to make sure there is adequate food prepared. If there are any businesses that haven't been contacted that would like to

be included in the tour, please call the Chamber office to be put on the list.

Also remember the Light Parade coming up on Friday, Nov. 27. The theme chosen for this year is "Christmas Country Style." Mrs. Elwood's third grade class at the Oberlin elementary school chose the theme. Entry forms and other suggestions are available in the Chamber office.

The coming weekend will be a busy one out on the roads with the fall harvest still going on and the hunting season beginning. I hope everyone remembers to use caution and respect while driving and hunting to keep everyone safe.

Hunters: Who is going to win that "Longest Tail Feather Contest"? The contest runs from Saturday, Nov. 14, to Monday, Nov. 23, at closing time at Dale's Fish 'n' Fun. Gift certificates will be presented to the winner from Dale's and the Oberlin Business Alliance.

Stay safe and have a fun week and weekend.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The Lyle bazaar will be held in the Lyle Community Building at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15, followed by a lunch. Everybody come, buy, eat and have fun.

The World Series is being played. In our old country school we played baseball more than any game and I always enjoyed playing.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen had supper in Arapahoe, Neb., and met Helen Helm and her daughter, Ceanne and Marty Rinehart. Kathy was at her home and was

at the dinner at Lyle on Sunday.

Gary Anthony came through kidney surgery well on Wednesday and should be back in this area soon. He will be on dialysis in McCook.

June Jolly and Margaret "Toots" Magers played cards at Norton Sunday evening. June is still having pain, but feeling well enough to get out.

I saw the doctor on Monday. No bones broken in my fall, then I doped in at Cedar Living Center where Chatty Hatters were having a

party and entertaining the residents. Rose Bainter was singing when I came in and I was sorry to have missed most of it.

Dewayne Jackson preached at Lyle Sunday. We were happy to have part of his family, Inez, Forrest, Iris and her son, attend.

Virgil and Joyce Price were able to be with us for the Lyle dinner. We had missed them since Virgil had his shoulder surgery. Kathy Van Meter was back and doing well. She drove, but no lifting yet. We

also were glad to have Charlie and Judy Easton come in. Good group, including Toots Magers, and Joyce and Larry Sumner.

While I was at Lyle, Carol Moye and Kylie stopped by my home. Carol said Kylie cried because "Grandma wasn't home." Sorry, Kylie. She's such a sweetie.

Remember: The Lyle Bazaar is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. Lunch will follow.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Geneva Day services will be held during the 11 a.m. morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Roy Bauer Jr., 77, of Pawnee Rock, who died Oct. 10, at his home in rural Pawnee County, and Wesley Benda, 89, of Oberlin, who died Oct. 24 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Mr. Bauer was the father of Mary Holle.

Among relatives and friends from a distance who attended funeral services for Mr. Benda were Bob and Connie Smith, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nekoma; Beverly Messerly and Anna, Sublette; Kary Smith, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Laura Austin, Florissant, Missouri; David and Stacy Pike, Mitchell and

Marshall, Colorado Springs; Drew and Ginny Pike, Japan; Joel and Abby Krause and Gracelyn, Princeton, Texas; Nathan Maresch, Salina; Jenna Maresch, Hays; Brandon and Sarah White, Olathe; Kurt Olson, Paul Messerly and Tim Maresch, Manhattan; David and Ida Marie Erikson, Green Valley, Arizona; Dolores Benda and Don Benda, Atwood; Ron Wenger, Dayton, Tennessee; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Kirby Pike, Ashland; Mike Shaughnessy, McPherson; Walden and Ruth Peterson, Lindsay; and Gene and Terri Ochs, Sublette.

Sally Olson accompanied Mary Lou Olson to Kearney, Neb., on Wednesday, where Mary Lou had a medical checkup after undergoing knee replacement surgery on Oct. 5.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Monday afternoon the dining room was filled with ghosts and goblins when the third grade students from Oberlin Elementary School visited. The students were dressed in their Halloween finest. They sang Halloween songs and recited poems. Each child received a bag of treats before boarding the bus to go back to school. A Halloween visit from the third graders is a long-time tradition and one we look forward to every year.

We still had time for a few games of penny cards on Monday afternoon. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper.

Aleen VanVleet won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Agnes Pruitt and Zola Brown.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon the weather was so nice we canceled our plans to play games and went outside instead. There was a big crowd sitting outside soaking up the sunshine.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon.

Friday afternoon the baking group made a really big batch of chocolate chip cookies. There were plenty to share all around the building.

The Lions Club hosted the November birthday party in the dining room on Saturday afternoon. The group served cake and coffee and led a sing-along time. Those being honored with birthdays received a gift. They included Dale Butler, Cammie Wickham, Edna Mott, and Donna Kent.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Linda Bosler, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Rita E. Cherolt, Loveland, Colo.; Gregg and Andrea Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; George Sayer, Lexington, Neb.; Glenn and Tonya Sayer family, Gothenburg, Neb.

Eunice Richards, Kaylene Thomas, Jill Reichert, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Connie Olson, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Frank Black, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Jack Benton, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Marian Dempewolf, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Mary and Lonnie McEvoy, Janelle Walter, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, and came to him. Luke 10:33-34

We were privileged to have Julie Berndt come from the Good Samaritan Society's National Campus in Sioux Falls, S.D. to coach and encourage us in our STop Along the Road (STAR) Ministry. We have had STAR in place for many years under the direction of Linda Hollowell. It refers to the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the importance of our taking the time to stop for others in need who we encounter along life's journey. This ministry was initially designed for staff members, but it has become increasingly clear that the residents provide a rich and compassionate ministry to the staff and each other. It is a perfect opportunity for staff and residents to partner together to reach out to our Good Sam family and also the community of Oberlin.

This past week Staff STAR members hosted a Halloween party for Social Hour. Walt and Betty May's granddaughter, Erin May, provided some games. The Spook Parade of approximately 100 little goblins wound its way through the hallways then they headed South for Trunk-or-Treating downtown. The residents' love sitting in their doorways to greet the spooky little ones.

The resident STAR members, headed by Amy Rehm and Edla Olson, meet every Thursday evening to pray for needs that have been made known throughout the week. A box is located in the staff lounge for requests.

A note pad found in resident Edla Olson's room (used with permission) reads: "Thanks, Wonderful Girls, for caring so much for these

people in this place. God Bless You! Please sign your name for a Keepsake." Certified nurse aides who signed were Marissa Baker, Danielle Grafel, Ashli Samson, Brittney Scott, Karlie Black and Alicia Bergling.

These are small examples of what goes on every day making this a wonderful environment to live, work and love!

All of these people could qualify as Visitor STAR members, each one touching lives as they STop Along the Road of their busy schedule: Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Madison, Charles and Julie Shindler (Cawker City) and Tami Cook (Norcatur) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) for **Glenn Martin**. Barbara and Darell Young (Colby) and Lisa Eccles (Arcadia, Okla.) for **Earl Brown**. Chris Dempewolf (Norcatur) visited **R.D. Thornton** and **Helen Derby**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Chelsey Hackney and Dan Schissler for **Violet Schissler**. Margaret Fikan (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Sharon Slabagge, Norm and Karen Bryan (Tennessee) for **Opal Bryan**. Delores Depperschmidt and Jody Betts for **Helen Derby**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Doris Marintzer** and **Hubert Mumm**. Mary Betts and Dianne Bremer for **Alice May**. Cheri Kastens for **Pooch Portschy**, **Hubert Mumm** and **Loren Escher**. **Hubert Mumm** had more visitors, Mert and Frank McEvoy, Delores Raile (Hoxie), Eleanor and Anogene Rogers (Selden). Mert and Frank McEvoy for **Earl Brown**, **Lucy Schissler** and **Edla Olson**. Pete and Eileen Portschy for **Pooch Portschy**.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Several from Jennings attended the United Methodist Charge Conference held in Oberlin Sunday afternoon.

Word was received here that Rev. Glenn Krebs of Wakeeney, had gall bladder surgery last week. We pray he will recover quickly.

Pat Hall is feeling better. She had some health problems after having a stent put in. Violet Foster will go to Texas next week. She is to have eye surgery again.

Dorothy Jones has been entertaining the shingles for several weeks now. Shingles are a painful thing to have and we wish her well.

The City Council met Thursday evening with four council members present. Mark Carter was absent. Several items were discussed. We will put a valve and fire plug at the water tower. Right now there

is a gate at the bottom of the tower which has to be opened to drain the tower. Maguire Iron will be contacted to do this work. Trees were trimmed at the City Park. Tin will be purchased for the roof of the restrooms. Trimming of trees hanging over into the streets was discussed. Norton Correctional will be contacted to see if we might get the men to do this for us. They have done a lot of work in the past for us. Santa's arrival in Jennings will be on Saturday, Dec. 12. Lions Club and council work together on this.

Water meters will be read on Nov. 20, weather permitting.

Reminders: Hunters Breakfast will be served at the Masonic Hall from 6 to 9 a.m. on Saturday. The Hunter's Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Winterfest 2009 will be held Friday, Nov. 27. Stores in Selden will be open from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A kids movie will be at the Parish Hall 6 p.m. with Santa following the movie. A drawing will be at 8 p.m. Chili Dogs and Hot Dogs will be served at the Community for a freewill donation to help with cost of food and Santa. Please try to feed kids before the movie.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Nov. 13 - Isaac Broeckelam, Jonathan Broeckelman, John Wessel, Jesse Colson. Nov. 14 - Wayne Sulzman, Danny Rogers. Nov. 15 - Dennis Bruggeman, Cindy Stevenson. Nov. 16 - Karla Wessel, Tom Bruggeman. Nov. 17 - Lawrence Juenemann, Melvin Moss, Jaren Adelman. Nov. 18 - Ellis Walker. Nov. 19 - Janice Kruse, Whitnee Ashley.