

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1884

Amer Burnett now occupies a position in Colby & Hunt's store. Bliss left the lights burning in his shop all night Tuesday. He was so tickled over the election of Cleveland that he forgot to blow them out.

A change has been made in the land firm of Keyes & Campbell, Mr. Campbell having sold his interest to Mr. John Emahizer. It will hereafter read Keyes & Emahizer.

Richard Heaton is fencing in a pasture of 800 acres in the vicinity of Vallonia.

Stephen Mills of Decatur County, Iowa, has arrived at this place and entered into a partnership with John Tracy in the blacksmith business.

C.C. Reynolds has severed his connection with the firm of Bertram & Doom and is going into the land business on his own hook.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1909

Norcatut Items: Geo. Holben and son have opened up a meat market in the photo gallery.

Jennings Items: Over 30 telephone poles were broken off by the sleet between Jennings and Allison last week.

Kanona Items: Eck Hitchcock has started a flour and feed store in the old butcher shop.

Clerk of the Court L.M. Deupree moved this week to the Colvin residence on Rodehaver Avenue.

F.W. Sturmer is the new proprietor of the O.K. Hotel.

Atwood is to have a hospital and sanitarium.

Ray Hitchcock will soon be back from his stay in the hospital. It was a bad case of appendicitis but Ray came thru the operation in good shape.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1934

Oberlin is the host city today to the Group Eight Bankers of the Kansas Bankers Association with more than 250 bankers and wives expected to attend. The business sessions and dinner will be served in the Masonic Temple with over 300 reservations for the meal to be served by the Federated Ladies Aid. The morning session will be called to order by Elwood Brooks. Between sessions the DCHS Band will parade from the high school to the Temple and present a concert for the visiting bankers and their wives.

More than 1,500 spectators watched the Armistice Day football game at Smick Field Monday afternoon with Decatur High winning 20-6. Prior to the game the parade to the field was led by the Atwood Drum and Bugle Corps followed by the DCHS and Atwood bands.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. John Muirhead, Keith and Joyce Dee motored to Oberlin Monday afternoon to see the football game.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fisher, 5 miles northwest of Oberlin.

The J.R. Betts family has moved from Norcatut into the H.O. Benton property on West Washington Street and are nicely located. Mr. Betts is the cashier at the Decatur County National Bank. They have three children and local people are glad to welcome the family.

Dresden: Dr. Funk reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ritter Thursday night and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. W.W. McDanel Saturday morning.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1959

An estimated 350 persons attended the annual Decatur County 4-H achievement banquet and award ceremony which was held at the Legion hall and the 4-H building.

Strategic Air Command B-47 and B-52 jet bombers will begin flying low-level missions at an altitude of about 1,000 feet over Oberlin in the next few weeks. Neither bomber will fly faster than the speed of sound, so local residents will not hear sonic booms according to General Power, SAC commander-in-chief.

Lyle: Large crowds of pheasant hunters ate at the Lyle Church dining room both Saturday and Sunday. They cleared over \$400.

The Armistice Day football game with the Oakley Plainsmen ended in a scoreless deadlock to allow Oberlin to finish in sixth place in the NWKL with a 1-5-1 mark. Seven seniors played their final high school game: Wayne Frickey, Harold Cochran, Bill Sater, John Schwab, Larry Nelson, Roger Krizek and Don Macfee. Final league standings show Colby undefeated followed by St. Francis with a 6-1 record and Goodland, 5-2.

Sharon Kay Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Vernon, and Eldon Evert Parde, son of Mrs. Albert Parde, McCook, were united in marriage Nov. 1 at the Assembly of God Church in McCook.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Fredrickson, son, Brad Dee, Nov. 12, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson, daughter, Darla Jeanne, Nov. 16, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Ketterl, Hemdon, daughter, Colleen Marie, Nov. 5, 1959.

OES News: Faculty members who have been absent because of mumps are Mrs. Dale Oshima and Mrs. Fern Moore.

A brick veneer home located at 203 North Marks has been com-

pleted in recent months for Mr. and Mrs. Dick Leake.

Weatherman Snider of Radio Station KXXX, Colby, presented a plaque and a gold 40-year-service pin from the Weather Bureau to Ned Coldren, Oberlin's weather observed at a recent Oberlin Rotary meeting.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1984

With the fall harvest 90 percent complete, farmers have been giving more attention to the newly planted wheat crop that is emerging in most parts of the county. Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel said he had been getting numerous calls about problems with cheat and downy brome. Some fields have nothing else in them and should be plowed under; other fields will need to be sprayed, he added.

Dick Kelly, Kansas Fish & Game protector, said few birds were found and few hunters seen. Hunters averaged about one bird each.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lintner have purchased Campbell's Draperies from Bill and Ann Ooton. Native Kansans, the Oootons and their two children, Kris and Karen, moved to Oberlin in 1967, where Bill had been working with Roy Campbell. The Oootons will continue helping with the business until Jan. 1, when they plan to move to Sarasota, Fla., to be near Mrs. Ooton's parents.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter took Margaret "Toots" Magers and Joyce Sumner to Good Samaritan in Oberlin on Monday to play pinochle with the residents.

Although Gary Anthony is in McCook now, we feel that he is "home." One of the first people they ran into was Teresa Wood, who had gone to Hillcrest to visit a friend. She was thrilled to see him and had to call me right away.

Keith Powell of Tillamook, Ore., came to Earnest and Donna Huff's home and is helping with the fall harvest; sunflowers and corn. He brought oysters from Oregon, and on Wednesday, Toots Magers joined them for a delicious meal of oysters in the shell. David Huff was at Earnest's Friday to Sunday. He is now working in Syracuse. Their grandson, Richard Huff and daughter, Keely, of Hill City also visited from Friday to Sunday.

Allen Powell visited Toots Magers on Thursday. Later in the day, Martha Scrivner's daughter, Sherri Abernathy and her son, Andy, and

The Oberlin Centennial Committee has opened a store in the building at 160 S. Penn., formerly the Deli House. The Oberlin Commercial Club will also have Santa's workshop at that location.

New Arrival: Debra and Edgar Poe, Oakley, daughter, Diane Michelle, Nov. 8, 1984.

Funeral services were held for Sina (Jorgensen) Lohofener, 91, who moved to Liberty Township in Decatur County in 1907. She was married to Oscar Lohofener on Nov. 24, 1910, and they celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary in 1983.

Rexford: Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 24 at the IOOF Hall.

Named to the all-NWKL volleyball team from Decatur Community High School were Laurie O'Toole, sophomore; Renell Erickson, senior; and Robyn Russell, junior. Two DCHS gridders were selected for the all-league football team: Scott Gawith, offense and defense, and Dennis Macfee, defense. Coaches Earl Barber and Jim Keller attended the league meeting.

Oberlin Postmaster Gary Miller has announced that Steve Nelson has been added to the staff as a part-time carrier. Presently Dick Buhler and Gary Zodrow are the city carriers.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are gearing up for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Reservations have been arriving daily. Anyone still needing to make reservations or needing additional information about the dinner may call us at 475-2276.

We are in need of some jigsaw puzzles. We have several residents working on puzzles in the dining room and we are out of new ones to try. If you have any gently used puzzles that we could have, please give us a call or drop them off at Cedar Living Center. We need puzzles with 300-500 pieces (nothing bigger than 500, please).

Edna Mott treated residents, staff, and guests to ice cream sundaes on Monday afternoon in honor of her birthday. Several staff members assisted with making the sundaes.

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

Mary Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Dale Butler won the blackout game.

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

Zola Brown, Dale Butler, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna

Kent, Edna Mott, Marie Thomas, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka joined Charlotte Kurtz for game night on Tuesday.

The craft group worked on Thanksgiving decorations Wednesday afternoon.

Wilma May, Ira Kolsky, Elsie Goodnight and Mary Votapka played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. Snacks were served following games on Thursday afternoon in the dining room.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. The Royal Neighbors held a meeting on the patio on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Carolyn and Jim Plotts, Deanna Sumner, Norcatut; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Mary Rath., St. Francis; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Clayton, Chase, Isabelle Erickson, Tecumseh.

Lois Lamb, Phyllis McCarty, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Nadean Stoney, Connie Olson, Connie Miller, Audra Duncan, Max and Veanna Carman, Cecil M. Hess, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

There are Heroes among us! Alan Addleman, Loren Escher, Walter May, Glenn Martin, Pooch Portschy and R.D. Thornton are all Veterans who proudly served their country. Shirley Hayward, Leona Helmkamp, Mary Lemman, Betty May, Dorothy Pryor, Amy Rehm and Lucy Schissler are all wives of Veterans. We wanted to honor them this week by centering our activities on history, patriotism and prayer.

World War I fighting officially ended at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918, — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month! So Wednesday, we concentrated our efforts on a Veterans Day program that began at 9:30 a.m. with singing! Marilyn Horn, pianist, and Anita Hirsch led us in patriotic praise to our Lord. Lisa Paulson then gave a short program, highlighting the contribution of one particular resident, Glenn Martin.

Mr. Martin enlisted in Co. B, 137th Infantry, Kansas National Guard, Emporia, in September 1938 and was mobilized for active duty on Dec. 23, 1940. In February, he transferred to the Army Air Force, completed Bombardier Training and was commissioned on March 27, 1943. After completing navigation training he was awarded Navigation Wings in Hondo, Texas. Glenn served as Lead Navigator Ninth Air Force European Theatre and flew 56 missions in a B-26 medium bombardment group.

He was the recipient of the French Croix de Guerre with Palm by President of the French Provisional Government, dated Sept. 17, 1946. He was also awarded an Air Medal with 12 bronze clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and two overseas bars. Campaign participations were Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Air Force Offensive in Europe. He separated from service in December 1945.

The culmination of our celebration ended on the front porch. The chilly weather didn't hinder us from lining the porch with bundled, enthusiastic, flag waving spectators as we watched the impressive Veterans Day Parade that started promptly at 11 a.m. with our very own Walter May riding on the trailer! Our thanks to Col. Gary Allen and the American Legion for including us!

Other notable happenings this week included: Amy Rehm was

honored to present the Rock-A-Thon proceeds to the Decatur County Ministerial Association. A check for \$1,616.50 was received by Melanie Anderson for the Decatur County Food Pantry. What a joy to give back to our wonderful community.

The Golden Ringers are back! Twelve ladies are learning new choreography to be performed at our next family potluck and the Lighting of the Tree ceremony on Dec. Friday, Dec. 4.

The First Hand Friends came and are always so excited to read. They improve in their reading skills each time they come, and their reading pals really notice!

Our Prayer Team met on Thursday evening, led by Amy Rehm and Edla Olson. They had a record turn-out; Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Betty and Walter May, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson and Eva Bryan. At the end of the prayer time, Edla broke out into singing and the others joined her for an impromptu hymn sing!

On Saturday, Corrine Walker, a dietary employee, volunteered her time to help the ladies make book marks. Helen Derby assisted her as Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch and Amy Rehm worked on their creations.

Another good week put to rest, but another to look forward to! Mark your calendars. The Monday Evening Club will be hosting a Harvest Dance this Thursday night at 7 p.m. Put on your dancing shoes and plan to join us!

Visitors this week were Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Brian and Pam Simonson for **Opal Bryan**. Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. Erin and Susan May for **Walt and Betty May**. Ralph Crimm (Atwood) and Mert and Frank McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintz**. Sharon Slabaugh for the Oberlin United Methodist Church for **Opal Bryan, Eva Bryan, Shirley Hayward and Edla Olson**. Delores Depperschmidt, Roberta Schilling (Dresden) and Dick Thornberg (Loveland, Colo.) for **Helen Derby**.

Remember "In Christ's Love Everyone is Someone."

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Karen Larson left Friday, Oct. 30, for Council Bluffs, Iowa, to make the acquaintance of her new grandson, Carson Nis Wickersham. He was born Oct. 28, weighed 9 1/2 pounds and was 21 inches long. Carson is the son of Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, has an older brother, Calvin, and is the great-grandson of Zane and Gladys Geis of Oberlin. Karen returned home on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Jaron Tate competed in the Beach2Battleship Triathlon 2009 17 hour, 140.6 mile swimming, biking, and running competition held Nov. 7 in Wilmington, N.C. This consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run. Jaron finished in 12 hours, 56 minutes and placed 225th out of 387 in the overall men Beach2Battleship iron distance triathlon. Jaron of Hot Springs, Ark., is a former Biggest

Losers contestant, is the son of John and Edith Tate, and grandson of Lois Carlson.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Nov. 8 after spending five days visiting their son and family, Phil and Karen Shields, Justin and Anna, at Salisbury, Md. While there, they enjoyed watching Justin, a high school senior, play in high school soccer Quarter and Semifinals in which his team won both competitions, and Anna, a seventh grader, compete in the Opening Gun swim meet.

Connie Olson attended a Lutheran Women's Missionary League Christian Life Retreat at the Airport Hilton in Wichita Friday and Saturday. The theme of the retreat was "In the Potter's Hand" with guest speaker Annetta Dellinger. She returned home Saturday evening.

Elmer Waterman, Bonaire, Ga.;

friend Dave Casselman, and Edwin Waterman, Sedgwick, were in Oberlin over the weekend for the opening of pheasant season. Elmer and Dave were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of Ron Bryan, and Ed was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest of Karen and David Eskew. Elmer, Ed, Dave, Melvin Waterman, Scott and Kristi Waterman, David and Courtlyn, Ryan and Karen Nichols and Levi, and Heather Waterman, Alexandria, Corbin, and Kaden were Friday and Saturday evening dinner guests at the Eskew home.

Additional Saturday evening dinner guests at the Eskew home were Dale and Lenora Soderlund. The hunters left for home on Sunday with Elmer traveling to Timken where his wife had been visiting family and friends.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Hunter and Elizabeth hosted a supper at their home Saturday evening

in honor of Walter May's 86th birthday, which is Nov. 17. Guests were Walter and Betty May, Robert and Sally May, Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and Richard May, Lawrence.

Janice and Greg Cundiff were Sunday noon dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May at an area restaurant to celebrate Janice's birthday.

Stan Olson, Hays, was a weekend guest of his parents, Jerry and Connie Olson, for the opening weekend of pheasant season.

Jessica Bremer, Topeka, was a weekend guest of her parents, John and Dianne Bremer. Saturday afternoon they celebrated Jessica's 20th birthday and enjoyed homemade birthday cake with Alice May, Jody Betts, Helen Derby and Kristen Bremer, Colby.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Herndon Covenant Church. Hostesses are Detta Anderson and Norma Anderson. Members are to bring their thank banks.

Sister Helene Gutchewsky of St. Louis, Mo., came last week and will visit her brother and family, Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, until the end of the month.

Elden and Detta Anderson visited over the weekend with their grandson and family, Nick and Stephanie Anderson and Bryan, in Lawrence.

Sally Olson underwent throat surgery on Thursday at the hospital in Salina. She is recuperating sat-

isfactorily at the home of Bob and Annette Frenzl.

Steve and Arian Arnold had lunch with Larry Jones of Cambridge, Neb., on Friday.

Margaret McEvoy spent last week in Grinnell caring for her grandchildren, Ethan, Jordyn and Spencer Beckman, while their mother, Dawn Beckman, was ill. The grandchildren spent the weekend with Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Kyle and Ben Grafel told of their mission trip to Alaska, and Mariah Jones and David Noren shared about their mission trip with Teens for Christ for Geneva Day services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Assistance with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Red Barn. In October, Waddell & Reed representatives were at the Red Barn and offered assistance in comparing Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans for those individuals on Medicare or soon becoming eligible for Medicare. There were many who took advantage of this free service and found it very helpful. On Thursday, they will offer this assistance, plus help with the enrollment process.

A clothing drive, sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club, continues

through the month of November. Drop-off locations will be at Jokers Country Store, the Red Barn, Rexford High School and the Elementary School at Selden. On Saturday, Dec. 5, items can be seen and will be distributed at the Rexford Community Building.

Red Barn weekly activities: Monday - Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday - Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Thursday - Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m.; Friday - Koffee Klatch, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Every second Saturday of the month: Bingo for the 50+ crowd.

Until next time, make your week memorable.



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