

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1884

Corn is being sold for 30 cents a bushel.

Moser received 33 loads of lumber last week.

It is almost impossible to keep track of the improvements going on in town.

Wes Stever has put away the jack plane and hammer and now gives attention to his books at the Oberlin school.

W.C. McGonigal has been appointed deputy surveyor and his services are in active demand.

The family of Geo. A. Metcalf have now moved to town and occupy the building on Penn Avenue that Mr. Metcalf recently purchased and remodeled.

John Morrison is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Improvements are still being made at the Hitchcock House. The ladies waiting room has just been finished and now presents a tasty and home-like appearance.

There came near being a coal famine in town last week. If Moser ever lets his supply run down, he will probably receive summary justice at the hands of an infuriated mob.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1909

The roads are about as bad as ever seen here.

Lonnie Beers had the misfortune to break one of his knee caps quite badly in a scuffle Friday evening. It will lay him up for some time and may cause permanent lameness.

Our gasoline engine broke down this week after willingly turning the presses for over 11 years.

The Curry Brothers monument dealers bought the lot on Hall Street owned by H.D. Colvin and will at once proceed to make permanent improvements and will make this city a general distribution point for their work in northwest Kansas.

Norcatar Items: The Commercial Hotel has changed hands again. Dan McCarty is now proprietor; Mrs. Lide Conner is housekeeper and they have a colored cook from Phillipsburg.

Allison Items: Billie Brooks went to Norcatar Saturday and wrestled with Ed Brunk for one hour and 40 minutes without a fall.

Vallonia Items: Lewis Pierce has moved on the Silas Dooley place and will farm there next year.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1934

At last J. Pluvius, or whoever it is that answers our plea for rain, has descended to allow Decatur County and Northwest Kansas a generous rain which brings the total for the year at Oberlin up to 10.16 inches.

In their last stand on Smick field during the 1934 season the Decatur Red Devils won an easy victory Friday afternoon when they defeated

Hoxie High 19-0 using reserves much of the game. The Sheridan County team is in the cellar in league standing.

Mrs. Ruth Berger of southwest Oberlin, the second oldest resident of the city passed away last week. Had she lived to Dec. 30th she would have been 87 years old. Born in Ohio, she and her husband moved to western Kansas in May, 1879, taking a homestead six miles south of Oberlin in Center Township. Some of the earliest religious services held in this part of the country were held in their home and she has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for over 52 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Banta are the parents of a baby girl born Sunday, Nov. 18, who has been named Mary Eleanor.

Leslie Brown spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Bus Page, and other relatives. Leslie is in a CCC camp stationed in Minnesota and is being transferred to Leavenworth.

Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Benton, Hardy and Babbie left a week ago en route to California where they will spend the winter and visit with his mother, Mrs. Otis L. Benton. They rented their furnished home on West Washington Street to Mr. and Mrs. J.R. "Jake" Betts.

Traer: Funeral services are pending for Mrs. James Walton, 81.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1959

There is much for which to give thanks for at Thanksgiving 1959. Five years ago who would have predicted with any confidence (or with much supporting evidence) that 1959 would be a peacetime year.

A Thanksgiving assembly sponsored by the Hi-Y will be held Wednesday morning at the high school with the Rev. Walter Stoepelwerth of St. John's Lutheran Church delivering the message.

Wheat producers are preparing evidence to present at a meeting to be attended by Sen. Andy Schoepel, Congressman Wint Smith and other dignitaries at a meeting at Colby next week to protest the decrease of wheat allotments. Some 2,000 persons are expected to attend. Because Decatur County was one of the original summer fallow areas, wheat allotments have always been unjustly low according to statistics.

Coach Daryl Parker, in his first year as Decatur Community High School basketball coach, will open the season next week against Almena with 10 players; Larry Nelson, Roger Krizek, Norman Stanley, Jim Wesch, Harold Cochran, Dale Miller, Howard Kuhn, David Blickenstaff, David Nichols and Gary Zodrow. Parker succeeds Bob Rumble who accepted a coaching position at Stafford.

Judith Ann Tacha, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Elmer Tacha, Jennings, and Gary Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vaughn, Dresden, were united in marriage at the Methodist Church in Jennings on Nov. 6. Rev. Wesley Davis read the double-ring ceremony at 4 p.m.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1984

Decatur County Historical Society members voted to submit a bid on the old Burlington depot which the Burlington Northern Railroad is offering for sale.

Dr. Richard May of Oberlin has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The degree was conferred at the annual convention and scientific assembly in Kansas City. Also attending the convention was Dr. Lynn Fogleman, Oberlin.

Willard and Jackie Frickey of LaCrosse have purchased Raye's IGA from her mother, Vi Kathka, and will take over the business in January having sold their IGA business in LaCrosse. Raye and Vi Brown opened their first grocery store in Oberlin in 1950.

They moved to the present site in 1957 and have enlarged the store since that time. Vi and her son, Kirk Brown, have been managing the

store since the death of Raye Brown in 1977.

The Wood Shed has undergone an extensive cleaning and restocking and has opened for business in downtown Oberlin at 156 South Penn. Owners and operators of the local business are Suzy Cumming, Danbury; Pamm Wonnsettler and Delayne May, Oberlin. In addition, Jim Dowling will continue to supply wood constructed items.

The Elwood brothers, Kyle and Danny, placed in the finals at the World Championship Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City last week. They are the sons of Neal and Norma Elwood.

Coach Dan Buchanan will open the 1984-85 basketball season when his team meets Hoxie on the home court Nov. 30. Assisting him will be Coach Chris Steimel. The girls basketball coach will be Duane Dordhorst who will be assisted by Robi Bellah.

Coach Tom Alstrom will begin his fourth year as head wrestling coach at Decatur Community High School with an impressive 6-2 record from last year and 11 returning lettermen. Assisting him will be Delbert Erickson.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another cloudy day!! (Monday) I'm not a very good cloudy day person. One or two days, then it is time for lots of sunshine, but, I don't always get what I want. Soooo, life goes on, and it's almost the end of another year. It seems like just yesterday that we were concerned with how the turning of the year 2000 would affect the world. We are still here and movin' on; not always in the best direction, but still movin' on. I hope you are movin' on in the direction of your choice, and enjoying every minute.

Stanley Hardware will be hosting a coffee hour during the Christmas opening on Friday between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please join them for coffee and conversation and see the nice assortment of home and Christmas items that Joe and the staff have to offer. Joe carries a lot of items to cover most all needs for the home, garden and yard.

The Light Parade will be gathering at the south end of town (the Co-op lot or the street north of the elevators, depending on the amount of grain trucks that might be coming in at that time) at 6 p.m. Friday with the parade to start at 6:30 p.m. A number of people have said they are bringing a float or entry, but we would like to have each entry fill out the registration and let us know what you want said by the

announcer during the parade. Please pick up a registration form from the Chamber office or from Gary Walter at The Bank.

Also on Friday, the Aquarius Club will be serving a soup supper in the west room of the new Golden Age Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Santa will be at the Golden Age Center following the parade.

I still have a few late registrations that will be coming in for the Holiday Craft Show for this Saturday. There is a wide variety of items listed from the exhibitors. I'm sure you can find some nice Christmas gifts for anyone on your list. The show will start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Lunch will be available for exhibitors and the public, which is offered by the Gateway staff for a reasonable fee.

We are working on the Santa Bucks and they will be available soon.

I have a large desk calendar on the first table here in the center room for anyone to write down their events that are coming up for the year 2010. This might help people to plan if they knew other dates of events that might be going on around the same time, and for me to get the information ready for the table tents that are put out for each quarter.

Have a great week and enjoy the Christmas opening this weekend!

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Winterfest 2009 will be held Friday. Kids movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall with Santa following. People should register for the drawing at the participating stores, which will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. They include 5-S Live-stock Equipment, Midway Café and Motel, Southwind, The Bank, Pauls Furniture, Koerperich Book-binders, Karls Store, G&T Guns, Selden Public Library and C-Bar. The Satisfiers will be in the Parish Hall. There may be a few other businesses that will set up a table in the parish hall. Hot dogs, chili dogs and hot chocolate will be served at the Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. or when we run out of food, compliments of the Selden Community Foundation and the Senior Citizens. The drawing will be at 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Please come and join in the fun.

On Nov. 19, at Senior Citizens,

Anna Albers won high, Ralph Weiss took second, Bob Wessel got low and Betty James had the most Queens. Other members present included Janet Kruse, Jeanie Spreser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Alfred Albers, Pat Wessel, Gail Mumm, Shirley Emigh, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Ann Hazlit and Marilyn Meyer.

The Selden Public Library will be having a Book Giveaway from now through Dec. 24. Anyone wanting to look over the selection may do so during regular hours; Monday and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., or Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Nov. 27 - Dan Juenemann, Stephanie Juenemann, Janice Kruse, Carol Shaw, Kane Washington. Nov. 28 - Ruth Bainter, Bud Rogers, Lola

Wessel, Katrena Murphy. Nov. 29 - Jessica Koerperich. Nov. 30 - Angela Wessel, Carl and Cheryl Ochs. Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann. Dec. 2 - Francis Porsch, Pam Washington. Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller.

E-Waste Disposal - At some point our county landfill will discontinue taking E-Waste (electronics). In an effort to assist everyone in getting used to disposing of E-Waste in a different fashion other than throwing out with the trash, the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization will be in Selden on from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the city building to accept any E-Waste that citizens of Selden have to dispose of.

E-Waste items consists of desktop and laptop computers, CRT and LCD Monitors, computer accessories and parts, printers, scanners, copy machines, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, answer-

ing machines, pagers, microwave ovens, televisions (CRT & LCD), DVD and VCR players, satellite receivers (No dishes, stereos), radios (any type), tape recorders, iPods and MP3 players, speakers, calculators and adding machines, handheld and console game systems, game cartridges, toner and Inkjet cartridges and rechargeable batteries.

They will not accept items unless someone is there to hand them over, so that means you may not leave these items at the city building several days in advance. We are hoping to have this service a couple of times a year so store your items until the recycling people can be in Selden. Do not throw these items in with regular trash or leave at the dumpsters. Mark your calendar for 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

First of all, the Lyle Church thanks everyone who braved the weather on Sunday to attend the Lyle Bazaar. It had rained some, snowed some and mixed the two earlier in the day, but by early afternoon had calmed down, so we went ahead with it. We had a good crowd and a good time. When it was time to go home, the weather was really "whopping it up." We were pleased for the Norcatar people and others who came and helped to make a good sale. Also, thanks to Duane McEwen for a good auction. June Jolly bought the large quilt.

Bob Cousins, District Superintendent of the Hays District, visited at the Community Building on Tuesday afternoon and served Communion to ones who were there. He praises the church for the quilts that are sent to the needy. Norton had a good parade on Veterans Day. The Red Hat Ladies were invited to ride in it and several "Chatty Hatters" participated. Aubrey High and her great-grandmother, Veda Wood, watched from the street and she picked up her share of candy tossed by the floats.

Wednesday evening was the

date for the annual Liberty-Star Club Thanksgiving supper. The traditional turkey, dressing and all the trimmings were served. Joyce Price has decided to join the club. She and her husband, Virgil, were guests at the supper.

As if that was not enough feasting in one week, several Lyle people partook of the pheasant supper at Norcatar Saturday evening. This supper is aimed at giving the pheasant hunters that come to this area a good meal and a place to relax and visit. People from surrounding communities also come to enjoy the

meal and fellowship.

Cathy Anthony ate dinner with her husband, Gary, in McCook on Sunday. He continues to improve.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday at Cedar Living Center. We all have much to be thankful for. We would especially like to thank everyone in the community who helps us out through the year, including volunteers, clubs who host parties for us or provide entertainment, those who make donations, and those who just stop in to visit from time to time. We are so grateful for the generosity of our friends and neighbors in Decatur County. We would like to wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, Mary Votapka, and Delores Wheeler.

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

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Dale Butler won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. The craft group worked on Thanksgiving decorations on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Chocolate cake was served on Wednesday afternoon after crafts. The cake was donated to the residents by Judith and Stephen LaBash.

The children from the KICK group at St. John's Lutheran Church gave a musical program before supper on Wednesday. They played bells and sang.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon.

There was a big crowd at the penny card game played on Friday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game. A group of residents also met for games on Friday night.

The annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner was held in the dining room on Sunday. The dietary department provided the turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, and dressing. The guests and staff members brought the salads, vegetables, and desserts. Residents only needed to bring their appetites. Staff members and volunteers spent the morning setting up the tables and chairs. It took a little rearranging to make room for about 90 guests, plus residents and staff. The tables were overflowing with mountains of delicious food. Even the weather cooperated with making the day a great success.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Rodney and Janice O'Hare, Norcatar; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Susan Orr, Colby; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Wayne and Sandy Orr, Rosalia, Kan.; Shelly Scott and Hannah Parson, Wichita; Michael Sattler, McCook; Elizabeth and Pat Cooley, Kearney, Neb.; Mary and Jack Morse, Beaver City, Neb.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Allison Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.; Mike and Rich Noble, Colorado Springs; Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.

Lyle Gamblin, Marian Dempe-wolf, Opal Huntley, Connie Olson, Eunice Richards, Max and Veanna Carman, Catherine Neal, Elwood May, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

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

This week's focus was, of course, Thanksgiving. The dining room was set with centerpieces of golden cornucopias and pretty autumn leaves.

On Tuesday, Betty May turned back the pages of history and read to us about the faith of the Pilgrims, their devotion to God that gave them the vision and courage to journey to America. We learned of the hardships and illness they endured and yet they never ceased thanking God. We heard about God's providential care and Squanto, the Indian that befriended them. The recounting of the first Thanksgiving gave way to a time of meaningful discussion, each resident giving testimony to God's working in their life and then stating what they are thankful for. It was agreed that the older one becomes the more they have to give thanks for. These are the precious times with your loved ones that I encourage you to cultivate. What pillars of love and wisdom they are. Their love and steadfast faith is such an inspiration.

This week seemed to get progressively busier — mostly celebrating birthdays! Walter May celebrated his special day on Tuesday with a piano serenade by his granddaughter Erin May and a very special guest, his brother Wilbur May.

On Thursday night, the Monday Evening Club hosted a wonderful Harvest Dance to honor all the November birthdays. Walter May, R.D. Thornton, Leo Mooty, Leone Porsch and Helen Derby were the honorees. Michael Melbauer was the featured entertainer. He is highly favored and sang to a full house. Everybody was singing and dancing and having a grand ol' time, especially Marie McChesney!

Leone Porsch celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family on Saturday. All three of her daughters, Julia Otter, Hays; Connie Bryan and husband Joel, Scott City; and Lorraine Ackerman and husband Gerald, Columbus, Mont., traveled fair distances to make her day extra special!

On Sunday, Helen Derby also celebrated her 90th birthday. She, too, had friends and family in to wish her well!

Our routine activities are our structure, bringing 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 other added splashes that added color to our days.

Art class where Betty May, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Evelyn Olson and Alice Bobbitt made pretty Thanksgiving scenes using the Pointillism technique.

Wednesday began 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, Penny Fringer, Rachele Lytle and Dorothy Alstrom pamper the ladies with a manicure. The St. John's KICK Bell Choir performed, and in the evening Bingo night was hosted by Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler.

The Aquarius Club treated everyone to a yummy Social Hour on Thursday when homemade cookies were served up!

On Friday, Amy Rehm and Betty and Walt May got all gussied up to go to the high school to see "South Pacific." Whew! What a week!

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

Weekly visitors included Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh and Donna Kelley for **Opal Bryan**. Dale and Francie Miller for **Faye Miller**. Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) Vicky and Bud Mumm (Gem) Jim Rogers (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Eunice Richards and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Phyllis and Wayne Zwickle for **Lora Zwickle**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Cheri Kastens (Herndon) for **Pooch Portschy**. **Loren Escher**, **Hubert Mumm**, **Edla Olson**, **Violet Schissler**, **Louise Pollnow** and **Helen Derby**. Vicky and Bud Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Trevor and Roberta (Dresden) for **Helen Derby**. John Paulson for **R.D. Thornton**, **Dorothy Pryor** and **Lora Zwickle**.

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