

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1887

Various types of fever are prevalent over the county, and our physicians are all busy.

Prairie fires brightly illumine the landscape.

W.D. Street is the proud possessor of a brand new top buggy.

W.A. Burnett is building a residence on his farm just west of town.

Editor Hannigan of the Rawlins County Democrat is down with typhoid fever.

Unemployed carpenters are scarce in Oberlin; not enough to supply the demand.

Clark & Son are making arrangements to build a business house adjoining J.H. Lathrop's new building.

E.N. Fitch has purchased W. A. Burnett's business lot on Hall Street and will shortly erect a building thereon.

J.E. Plotts has been appointed Democratic Central Committeeman for Liberty Township.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1912

Everything Democratic — Woodrow Wilson will have 415 electoral votes. Entire county Democratic ticket is elected: J.M. Shuey, representative; C.J. Raymond, county clerk; T.M. Anderson, county treasurer; Frank Votapka, register of deeds; J.F. Peters, county attorney; S.B. Weir, probate judge; C.W. Bainter, sheriff; T.B. Wolfe, superintendent of public instruction; E.W. Coldren, county surveyor; O.E. Furman, clerk of district court and Finnis Penn and W.P. Noone, county commissioners.

A5-inch snow the night of Oc. 31st starts winter off in good shape.

The DCHS football team returned from Franklin, Nebr. Saturday on the noon train after having beaten

the Franklin Academy team 21-6.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Steele is recovering from a serious attack of appendicitis.

Jennings Items: Irvin Rickel and Neta Feeley were married Wednesday of last week.

Norcatur Items: Charley Eckhart and Lizzie Rochow slipped away to Oberlin Wednesday of last week and were married.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1937

Next Thursday when the nation observes the 19th anniversary of the close of the World War it will be a quiet day in Oberlin with the closing of most businesses. It is the day of the annual meeting of the Atwood and Oberlin football teams and this year will be an afternoon game in Atwood. The Red Devils outplayed the Goodland Cowboys last week to win 13-0 for the second league win for coach Alex Francis

Hospital News: Little Robert Henningson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henningson, is recovering from fractures received in an accident at his home; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McKenna of Jennings are the parents of a baby daughter born by Caesarian birth Friday.

Mrs. C.L. Frickey left last week for Maywood, Illinois, where her grandchildren, Charles and Carolyn Hinkle, ages 7 and 2, are recovering from infantile paralysis.

Local Rotarians and visitors listened intently to Rev. Wickstrom of the Oberlin Federated Church, a keen student of international affairs, who spoke about the world's leading dictators - Hitler of Germany, Mussolini of Italy and Stalin of Russia at the club's Tuesday noon meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hamilton this week completed the transaction with the Reserve Building & Loan which makes them the owners of

the fine seven-room house on North Cass on which work was recently finished.

Floyd Lee Lotker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker, is in his second year at St. John's Military Academy in Salina where he assists in the quartermasters' department and is head of the bugle corps.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1962

Cheryl Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bryan, rural Oberlin, was crowned football queen for 1962 at DCHS last Friday. She was escorted by Lee Martin.

Congressman Bob Dole will arrive in Oberlin Monday in a brief visit to each of the 58 counties in the Big First District before the Tuesday election.

Those from Oberlin attending the Kansas State Bowling workshop at Oakley on Saturday were the Mmes. Dale Brunk, Lowell Wennihan, Lemoin Landau, Wynn Horney, Kenneth Schmoker, Charles Vavroch, James Vavroch and Mary Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meitl will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house in Leoville on Nov. 6.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. George Ruzicka, girl, Georganne, 10-27-62, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1987

More than 7,000 persons flocked to Russell last Monday to hear Kansas Senator Bob Dole announce his candidacy for the presidency officially. He was introduced by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum with whom he now serves in the U.S. Senate.

Ideal conditions are expected for the opening weekend of pheasant season and a good number of hunters are expected despite the fact that hunting will be spotty in the

northwest part of the state and bird cover is heavy.

Jim and Marion Dunn will be honored with an open house on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Cookson Hills dining room for their many years of service to Cookson Hills and the community. They will be moving to Missouri to make their home.

Elmer Kathka has announced the sale of Oberlin Insurance Agency to Mara Machart. Ms. Machart, who has been an agent for the past eight years and manager for two years, stated that the present employees, Jeanette Miller, Rick Diebert and Jack Metcalf, will continue on the staff.

Shelli Fortin will resume work Nov. 18 as a cosmetologist with Esther Rathbun at the Kut & Kurl Beauty Shop located at 311 North Wilson Street.

"Fiddler on the Roof" with Aaron Lauber playing the lead as Tevye will be presented at the DCHS auditorium on Nov. 13 and 14.

The Oberlin girls volleyball team returned from the State 3-A tournament at Halstead with a fourth place finish. Seniors on the squad which is coached by Pat Dorshorst are Kristy Unger, Barb Juenemann, Bridgette Ostmeyer and Kayla Unger.

In the last game of District 14 football playoffs the Hoxie Indians pulled out a 20-15 win on their home field.

Seniors Tracie Rome and Darren Horn led the Red Devil cross-county team to a fourth place finish at the 3-A State meet held at Wamego. Coach Dick Ahlberg felt they had a successful year with the squad size going from 12 runners in 1986 to 18 this fall and being able to field a girls team for the first time.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

It seems like fall just got here, but with the chill in the air lately, I've been thinking about winter. The cold weather and the busy holiday season will be on us before we know it, so make what preparations you can now.

One of the most important pre-winter steps at Decatur Health Systems is getting ready for flu season. Nurse Melanie Scott has been busy making sure everyone on the hospital staff who can take the flu vaccine has gotten their shot.

That's a good idea for everyone, though, and not just for people in health care. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that everyone over six months should get the flu vaccine. It can be administered either through a shot or through a nasal spray, and it's particularly important to get one if you, someone you live with, or someone you care for has a high risk of complications from the flu.

Who's at risk? Pregnant women, young children and infants, the elderly and people with health conditions that would weaken their ability to fight the flu.

However, if you have an allergy to chicken eggs or a history of a reaction to flu vaccine, you should not get this vaccine. Let the rest of us help cover you with our vaccines.

Flu season usually peaks in January or February, but the illness can occur as late as May. Early immunization is the most effective, but it is not too late to get the vaccine in December, January or beyond.

We're well prepared here, with two physicians, medical director Dr. Rosin and Dr. Hooper, and two nurse practitioners, Lynnetta Ward and Tricia Carney, ready to see patients. While we are looking to add another midlevel provider and another physician, the staff at the Family Practice Clinic is ready for the onset of cold and flu season.

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Norcatur Senior Citizens will be playing pinochle at 1 p.m., Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building.

A crowd of almost 70 attended the second annual Halloween Weenie Roast held last Sunday at the Norcatur Fire Station. Besides all the good food several children wore their costumes. Winners of the drawing were Anita Montgomery, Judy Jackson, Rea Magers and Mindy Braun.

Happy anniversary to Greg and Yvonne Sumner, Oct. 31; Pastor Ed and Linda Woods, Nov. 4.

Charlotte Meints reports that reading the "Old Soldier's Diary" printed in the Norcatur News has helped make Bill O'Reilly's book, "Killing Lincoln" much more interesting.

Babe Hawkins made a ginger-

bread house for the children attending Story Time at the library. All children are invited to the Library at 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

Book Potpourri will be Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the library.

On Oct. 26, Veda Woods, Betsy Jakowski and Jodi Lyon attended the yearly luncheon given by *The Oberlin Herald* for the country correspondents and employees. It was held at the LandMark Inn. Everyone attending received a kitchen towel and pot holder.

Saturday, Dec. 15, has been set as the date for the annual Norcatur Christmas Drawing. If you would like to donate to the drawing, roasts, hams and turkeys are \$15 each. Checks may be made to "Norcatur Drawing."

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Greta Wendelin and Igor Perel were married Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, attended by close family. Following the wedding, 60 friends and relatives enjoyed a dinner and dance at the Overland Park Marriott. Among relatives attending were Greta's mother, Joanne Wendelin, Rory Wendelin, Wayne Larson, Brad Larson and Kathy Almqvist of Oberlin; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Pat and Elvera Wendelin, Kris and Farah Erickson, Christian and Anna, Lindsborg; and Igor's parents, Fima and Reta Perel, Overland Park. Also attending was close friend, Jess Elwood, Kansas City. Ethnic food and Russian music was enjoyed by all.

Rhonda May and Elizabeth Nedland flew to Wellesley, Mass., where they visited Wellesley College Oct. 25 - 26. Oct. 27 - 28, they visited Rhonda's cousin, Evan Davis, in Cambridge, Mass., and toured his lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Rhonda and Elizabeth returned home Oct. 29. Evan is the grandson of Lois (May) Behrmann.

Funeral services were held Thursday for Kim Tomasch, 65, St. Joseph, Mo., formerly of Manhattan. His family received friends at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan before attending graveside services at the Sunset Cemetery, also in Manhattan. Kim died Oct 24 in Vicksburg, Miss., of an unexpected illness while traveling with his brother, Bret, enjoying his-

torical sites of the Gulf Coast. He is survived by his brothers, Bret of St. Joseph and Lyn (Linda) of Olathe, and nieces Lisa (Larry) Sonstagen and Lori (Dwayne) Smith and their families, Olathe. Joining the above family for Kim's funeral service was John Bremer of Oberlin.

Roland and Pam May, Lee and Jane Gilliam, and Jason and Gwen Fortin traveled together to Meade on Friday, to watch Oberlin play in the Regional high school football game.

Sophia Elizabeth Richards, infant daughter of Curtis and Jessica Richards, was honored Saturday afternoon with a baby shower at St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall. Hostesses were Pam May, Susan May and Denise Abbey.

Ralph and Norma Unger traveled to Salina where Ralph attended the Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League convention on Friday and again Saturday morning before leaving for Manhattan where they attended the Kansas State/Oklahoma State football game Saturday evening. Joining them at the game were the Butch Rittmann, Robert Gorrell, and Ryan Unger families.

The Decatur Community High School varsity volleyball team ended its season in October with a record of 26-10. The Lady Devils were the Gove County Classic Champs and runner-up in the Northwest Kansas League tournament. Lady Devil Cassidy Shields was named as a player on one of the League's All-League Volleyball Teams.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Invitations have been mailed out for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner which will be held at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18. If you would like to receive an invitation to the dinner please call us at Cedar Living Center and leave your name and address. Anyone may attend the dinner, but reservations are required.

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

Lois Lamb was the lucky winner of both the first bingo and the black-out game on Tuesday afternoon. Other players included Audra Duncan, Juanita Eckhart, Irene Fringer, Wanda and Vern Heller, Helen Helm, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Several residents met before supper on Tuesday afternoon to work on preparing Halloween treat bags for Wednesday.

Thanks to lots of community support, we had a fun day on Wednesday. The third grade students from Oberlin Elementary made their annual visit to Cedar Living Center all decked out in their Halloween finest. The children recited poems and sang Halloween songs. Mrs. Wahlmeier and Mrs. Tally did a great job of preparing the students.

We enjoyed visits from several trick-or-treaters throughout the late afternoon and early evening. The residents so enjoy the children and even the adults in their costumes. The residents and staff would like to thank everyone who made the effort to stop by. We were so appreciative of the many donations of candy that we received for the occasion.

After the excitement of the holiday, life returned to normal on Thursday. Several residents met in the afternoon for a game of dice. Refreshments were served following the game.

Connie Miller turned on the bread machines on Friday afternoon. The smell of bread baking always attracts a crowd. Of course it was served warm from the oven on Friday afternoon along with butter and jelly.

Recent visitors: Natasha Sloan, Kernersville, N.C.; Barry and Donna Gregory, Gale Weidner, Hastings, Neb.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Delpha and Anna Sis, Atwood; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Marilyn Gamblin, Wendy, Wyatt and Gage Scott, Mary McEvoy, Sherri Shuler, Walt Pennell, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Yet another week of beautiful weather in Rexford! With the opening weekend of pheasant season coming, I'm sure some of the hunters are wishing for snow, but it doesn't look like they will get it. Whether or not you are a pheasant hunter, plan to come out to the Lions Club Hunters Dinner at noon on Saturday. The dinner will be served at the Lions Hall on Main Street. There is a fee for the dinner, but it is well worth it.

Shepherd's Staff hosted the Country Quilters again this weekend. Eighteen ladies hauled in their machines and material on Thursday afternoon and left Sunday afternoon with many completed projects.

Area 4-Hers and their families attended the annual 4-H banquet on Friday night. It was held at the 4-H building in Colby, and youth from Gem and Rexford were recognized for their achievements over the past year.

The Colby Gideon Camp met at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday evening. They enjoyed dinner and a tour of the Historic Philip Houston House in addition to their meeting.

That's it for news this week. Please feel free to call 687-2076 or email griffithsgang@gmail.com with important events or celebrations. I'd love to include your news. Have a great week.

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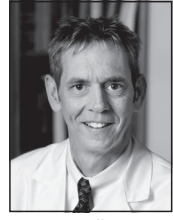
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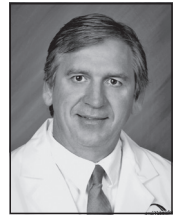
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