

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1887

Roller skating is being revived in this city. VanEpps, the photographer, is now located over the Opinion office.

Henry Herman has just completed a new residence in the east part of town.

Another Chinese laundry in town; Oberlin is fast assuming metropolitan airs.

The Oberlin Loan, Trust and Banking company now occupy quarters in their new building.

There will be a housewarming in the new M.E. parsonage this Thanksgiving evening.

The B. & M. folks were busy Sunday bringing in the wreck that occurred at Kanona Saturday.

R.A. Marks will occupy the building recently vacated by the Oberlin Loan, Trust and Banking Co.

The Orleans Branch was opened Sunday, Nov. 13 to Blakeman.

Colby is to have a steam flouring mill.

Rawlins County voters defeated the court house bond issue by 156 majority; in Norton County a similar issue was defeated by over 1000 majority.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1912

The Rockey restaurant was sold to J.H. and A. Fleming.

Ralston Brothers shipped a carload of sheep last week.

Guy Allen and family have moved to Kansas City where Mr. Allen has a job.

W.E. Wilson recently traded this farm west of the City to D.G. Campbell for the latter's residence in Oberlin and a quarter section in Olive Township.

In picking the best football players of the whole Missouri Valley our own Neil Rogers of the Washburn College team, is admitted to be the best guard playing on any of the teams this season.

J.L. Wilson, proprietor of the East

Side Meat Market, was stricken with paralysis and is in a serious condition.

The young people's class of the Baptist Sunday School taught by H.Q. Banta had a big time at the H.A. Griffith home Saturday evening. There is no better place in Oberlin to have a good time than at the home of Al and Vene Griffith.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1937

Not a single stone is being left unturned in the effort of local people to secure a reversal of the order received here Nov. 13 which would move the Oberlin CCC Camp and abandon work at Sappa State Park east of here.

Fire was discovered in the Bassettville school house 18 miles southwest of Oberlin about 11 o'clock Thursday night by Leonard Borthwick and Rea Simpson who were returning home from soliciting Farm Bureau members. They quickly summoned aid and were able to save all the school books, library, piano, desks and stove. The fire seemed to have started next to the flue in the west end of the building as the stove was cold as it had been cleaned of coal and ashes by the teacher, Miss Eulaine Erikson, before she left school for her home. The school building was 52 years old. School will continue in the Bert Feaster residence until further plans are made.

A special train on the B. & Q. Railroad will bring the Norton Bluejay team, band and fans to Oberlin for the annual Turkey Day football game to be held at 2:30 p.m. at Smick Field. A year ago the Bluejays administered a 32-7 trouncing to the Red Devils on the Norton gridiron. Tomorrow's game will be the 32nd meeting of these teams since 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stephens are the parents of a son born Nov. 12 and given the name of Donald Leland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolfe re-

turned Sunday night from a 10-day trip during which they traveled 3100 miles. In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, they visited a college friend of Wallace's at the University of Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. K.W. Coons, who is now an instructor at the University of Alabama and attended the Alabama-Georgia Tech football game at Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bosler announce the arrival of a baby girl on Nov. 15 who has been named Carol Anne.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1962

Paul Bryant, training officer for the Kansas Civil Defense division, will be the speaker at a county-wide CD meeting Tuesday evening at DCHS.

Don Secord has replaced Jim Crabb as manager of KOMC-TV, Oberlin and McCook. Larry and Linda Bremer of Oberlin and Arkie Moberly of St. Francis were injured and are hospitalized in Beloit as a result of two-car collision on the outskirts of Beloit Tuesday afternoon while en route home for the Thanksgiving holidays from Kansas State University.

The script in the DCHS junior class play called for Gary Young to stumble over a bucket Friday night. Gary "stumbled" over the bucket and booted it out into the audience. No injuries were reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stackhouse, Jennings, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jean, to Carl Wahlmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Wahlmeier of Jennings.

"How well will this season's DCHS basketball team fare? Coach Harold Raburn answers this question with one statement: "As DeMay goes, so will we."

Construction started last week on a 23x76 brick extension to the west side of Don's Super Market. Wayne Goltl is the contractor.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1987

Tammy Edwards, Decatur County Home Economist, is one of five young business and professional women chosen by Rotary International District 567 to take part in a group tour of Colombia, South

America in October and November of 1988. Other members chosen are Josie Taylor, Colby, television news director; Connie Neher, McPherson, second grade teacher; Sandy Cox, Clay Center, accountant; and Brenda Sheridan, Hays, social worker. Leader of the team will be Herschel Betts, Past District Governor. Alternate leader is Larry Steele, Tribune banker and farmer.

The Oberlin Jaycee Chapter was well represented at the recent mid-year convention and came home with a fistful of awards.

Clarice Leake and Louise Leake returned home recently from a 23-day vacation trip to Australia and New Zealand.

New Arrivals: Mark and Peggy Williams, Lawrence, announce the adoption of a son, Jeffrey Bendon, born Nov. 24, 1987.

Funeral services were held at the Dresden United Methodist Church for Jennie Ruth Muirhead, 89, who died Nov. 28. She was born in Herndon, the daughter of J.W. and Emma Reta (Dimmick) Jennings and taught school in Rawlins County and later in both Jennings and Dresden. The Rev. Dick Near officiated and interment was in the Dresden Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, John H. Muirhead of the home; a son, Keith and wife Helen, Dresden; a daughter, Joyce and husband Chris Christensen, Casper, Wyo.; a sister, Ethel Robson of Woodlyn, Pa; and four granddaughters, Mignon, Michelle, Tamala and Tefani and one grandson, Kevin.

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held Nov. 24 at Oberlin American Legion for Oberlin Boy Scouts and their families. Scoutmaster Jim Plotts was assisted by Luke Pearce, Matthew Machart and Paul Kitzke in lighting the candle which represents the Spirit of Scouting. Assisting with the presentation of awards were Robert Groneweg and Jim Chamberlin, assistant Scoutmasters.

A Jennings High School senior, Blake Vacura, leaves this week for the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Vacura, Jennings.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Brent Finley and Steve Parker, Joplin, Mo.; Brandon Wagoner, Granby, Mo.; and Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, were Nov. 17 weekend visitors at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw. The men came especially to go hunting. Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton, were Saturday evening visitors.

Ruth Chance's family's early Christmas gathering was held at the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, Santa will arrive at the Jennings Community Hall to visit with children and to hand out treats. There will be drawing following Santa's visit. If you have a gift you would like to donate for the drawing, you may bring it that day. Please, mark it for a child, 10 and under or as an adult gift.

Russell Cressler, Bison, visited with his parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Thanksgiving evening. He and Mary Kinser were noon guests of Dave and Janet Meitl, rural Dresden.

Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Saturday for their early family Christmas gathering included Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Oberlin; Adam Wahlmeier, Norton; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Zach and Katie Golemboski, Lexy and Lenzy, Colby; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan; Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley,

Strasburg, Colo.; Brandon and Rosa Wagoner, Noah and Naomi, Granby, Mo.; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Aaron and Tara Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; and Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion. The same group attended the open house in Selden honoring Ramona's brother, Francis Porsch, for his 80th birthday.

This is the complete list of the out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the John Keenan funeral: Ruth Schillig and Dave Shearer, Kortney, Drake and Kaitana, Almena; Jeana Cozad and Pat Pomeroy and Shane, Norton; Janel Dilling, Goodland; Jim and Letitia Keenan, Oakley; Jana and Frank Sklansky, Stockton; Michelle and Tony Dorenkamp and family, Hoxie; Carlin and Pat Smith and family, Topeka; Nicole Keenan, Denver; Phil Vigo, Sylvia, Tom Ferriter, Longmont, Colo.; Darci Roberts, Lincoln, Neb.; Doug Harris, Bazine; Deb Ayers, Dodge City; Rick Keenan, Norton; Shannon Harris, Angie Harris, Colby; Lila Jennings, Clayton; Wayne and Linda Bosler, Herndon; George and Elaine Casey, Toronto; Ken and Joan Schilowsky, Phillipsburg; Elaine Shearer, Bryan and LeeAnn Shearer, Nikki Kinderknecht, Deb and Danny Field, Almena; Christina Eagleburger, Norton; Bob Kelly, Oakley; 31 employees of Beaver Valley Supply, Atwood.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

sponsored celebration. The Belles of St. Mary's will entertain with Christmas songs.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portsch spent Thanksgiving with family and friends in Stockton. Dean and Deb celebrated their 20th anniversary by spending the weekend in Topeka with Scot and Denise Murchie.

The Hutfles Thanksgiving family gathering was held at the Atwood Senior Center with the following attending: Randy and Adam Sattler; Rob Sattler; Barbara Ann Szwesztis; Shirley Williams; Brian, Mary

and Collin Clark; Ron and Cindy Sattler; Eric Sattler; Karen Focke; Janice and Jayme Sattler; Bob and Julie Hafner; Caitlyn and Allison Foxhoven; Chase, Dana, Payton, Paycie and Parker Juenemann and John and Ardythe Cederberg. The family enjoyed the potluck, guessing games, bingo and cookie walk while giving thanks.

Ben, Mariah and Clara Grafel of Herndon and Sarah and Rachel Grafel of Sterling, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Kyle and Cindi Grafel.

Caitlyn and Allison Foxhoven,

Parker, Colo., attended the Thanksgiving potluck with family on Thursday. The Dave Foxhoven family came Saturday for the funeral of Joan Noble and all returned home Saturday afternoon so they could travel to Wynot, Neb., for the funeral of Terry Foxhoven, brother of Dave.

David Sattler, Norton, and Dan, Gigi, Jackie and Kale Sattler, McCook, spent Thanksgiving with Tom and Myra Sattler. All returned home on Friday after everyone had a good time. They enjoyed turkey for thanksgiving dinner.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are anxious to get started on the holiday decorating this week. Many of the decorations will be in place by the end of this week. We are still scheduling special events during the holiday season. Please contact us if you would like to share your time or talents at Cedar Living Center.

The past week went by with a flurry of activities and Thanksgiving visitors. The week got off to a fun start with bowling on Monday afternoon in the dining room. Myrna Jones arrived before supper on Monday and she decided that we could officially begin singing the Christmas favorites. We sang everything from "Silent Night" to "Jingle Bell Rock."

The bingo players had a great time on Tuesday afternoon. Audra Duncan won the first bingo and Lois Lamb won the blackout game. Other players included Juanita Eckhart, Irene Fringer, Vern and Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka. Mike Helm, Ila Ray and Caroline Jacobs assisted.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler gave the monthly Communion service Tuesday afternoon on the patio.

The dietary department and the activity department joined forces at noon on Wednesday to host a pizza party. This delicious menu of pizza and a salad bar was selected by the Resident's Council at their last meeting. Council members have a great time each month selecting one special menu.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon for some Thanksgiving trivia and funny turkey stories from the Butterball Turkey Talk Line. We even came up with a few amusing stories of our own turkey

mishaps. Former Cedar Living Center employee, Tara Votapka, entertained residents with a social hour on Friday afternoon.

Our first holiday concert of the season was held just before supper on Friday evening. Cappella Nova, the brass quartet which includes our own Joanne Wendelin, performed for the residents. This talented group also entertained at Wheat Ridge Terrace before showing off their talent for the Christmas opening downtown.

Staff members volunteered their time at the benefit soup supper hosted by Cedar Living Center at the Golden Age Center on Friday evening. The event was such a big success that the soup ran out early. We are always grateful for the generous support of our Oberlin community.

Saturday and Sunday morning the nursing staff hosted the social hour for the residents. The staff brought in cake left over from our benefit supper on Friday evening to serve along with the coffee. Reports are that there was a big attendance both days.

Recent visitors: Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Rebecca Fringer and family, Brandon, Sarah and Bailey Wolf, John Rinehart, Colby; Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Martin, Ellen and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Timothy, Deb, Matthew and Mike Helm, Norcatur;

Oberlin: Carol Kompus, Stephani Hawkins, Carol Allen, Robert Fringer, Sherri Shuler.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Nov. 23, Nathan Spresser, Calvin Ochs, Janelle Lobato, Alfred and Anna Albers; Nov. 24, Jordan Rogers; Nov. 25, Dustin Juenemann, Dick and Betty Pauls, Troy Stanton, Mackenzie Carman; Nov. 26, Robert Koerperich, Rick and Dori Pauls; Nov. 27, Dan Juenemann, Janice Kruse, Kane Washington, Heath and Samantha Schulte; Nov. 28, Ruth Bainter, Bud Rogers, Lola Wessel, Amy Wessel; Nov. 29, Jessica Koerperich; Nov. 30, Carl and Cheryl Ochs; Dec. 1, Mark Juenemann, Mike and Jackie Neff; Dec. 2, Ad-

die Wessel, Francis Porsch, Pam Washington; Dec. 2, Tammy Miller; Dec. 3, Brian and Linda Schroer; Dec. 4, Rion Hazelhorst; Dec. 5, Steve Finnesy, Mike Weins, Nicole Schiltz; Dec. 6, Dave Mitchell.

School Calendar: Nov. 28, high school scholarships tests; Nov. 29, junior high basketball in Rexford with Palco; Nov. 30, high school basketball in Rexford with Western Plains; Dec. 3, high school Scholars Bowl in Colby; Dec. 4, high school basketball, Castle Rock Tournament.

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

June Forbes is the proud grandmother of a little girl, Piper Grace Forbes, born to James and Jennifer Forbes on Oct. 24, in Fayetteville, N.C. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. Ethan thinks his little sister is pretty sweet.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dean A. Railsback, who died Nov. 12, at the Norton County Hospital. He was a graduate of Norcatur High School.

Happy Birthday to Brian Cook, Nov. 23; Dale Goss, Kaley Daniels, Nov. 24; Debby Ward, Nov. 28. Happy Anniversary to Lance and Mindy Braun, Nov. 25; and James and Charlotte Plotts, Nov. 27.

Senior Citizens met Nov. 16 at the Educational Building to play pitch with 17 present. Winners were Joyce Price, Rea Magers and Phyllis Yeater. The next meeting will be a covered dish dinner at noon on Friday (Nov. 30) with cards to follow. Bring a dish and have lunch with us.

The Norcatur Clinic is open every other Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the City Building. Call 785) 475-2015 to schedule an appointment or walk-ins are welcome. The outreach clinic will be closed during December.

The Norcatur Christmas drawing will be held on Dec. 15. Donations are due by Nov. 30, which include \$15 per roast, ham, turkey or hamburger.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luota of Cedar Bluffs were recent brunch guests of Rea and Dee Magers, followed by Scrabble. The fun day didn't end too well as Rea took a tumble and ended up getting a black eye. Their nephew, Rod Vifian, and his wife Laura, Golden, Colo., spent last Sunday with them. They were on their way to Minden, Neb., to go through the museum. Charlie and Judy Eaton were evening callers.

Story Time is held at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Norcatur Library. All children are welcome.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It's finally beginning to seem like winter will be coming soon! I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday, and that you were able to spend it with family or friends.

DeAnn, Darla, Darrel and Delores Dible took a group of kids from Rexford and Selden to Denver on Friday. They spent all day at the Operation Christmas Child packing center, getting boxes ready to head on their way to children in countries such as Mexico and the Philippines. The Rexford Community Church had contributed over 100 boxes to this effort.

The pheasant hunters in the area have still been finding birds, so we're glad about that. Shepherd's Staff hosted a group from the Baxter Springs area this weekend, and they all enjoyed their time in Rexford.

Shepherd's Staff will be holding

their Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 8. This is a chance for Shepherd's Staff to share in the Christmas season, and everyone from Rexford is invited. There will be soup and cookies, and the event will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There is no charge for this event, but donations will be accepted. The event will also serve as a farewell to Tim and Gwen Griffiths.

Rexford News needs a new correspondent! Next Monday will be my last week to report news. If you would like to help keep the community aware of happenings in Rexford, please contact *The Oberlin Herald*, 475-2206.

That's the news for this week. If you have something you'd like to see included, please contact me at 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Mike and Erin Kittson of Browning, Mont., on the birth of their daughter, Julianna Belle, who was born Nov. 20.

She weighed 6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has a brother, Noah, 4. Grandparents are Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Achilles, and James and Juanita Kittson, Browning, Mont. Daisy Schmidt is her maternal great-grandmother.

Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry, Eli, Maggie and Will, and Kevin and Mary Holle were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Georgia Bauer of Pawnee Rock.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent Thanksgiving with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica in Frederick, Colo. Additional guests were Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa., and Nate Kelley and friend, Mandi and her son Payton, Topeka. Nate, Mandi and Payton were Friday overnight guests at the Dick Kelley home.

Dinner guests on Thursday of Joe and Vicki Schmidt and Tanner were Chuck and Tobina Norris, Josie and Kent, Ellsworth, and Daisy Schmidt. Evening visitors were Irene Vap, Atwood; and Kevin and Teresa Vap, Grady and Maggie, Overland Park.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, Bill, Bob and Beth spent Thanksgiving week with Mrs. Reuther's mother, Diane Howsare, and her brother, Tim and Tammy Howsare, in North Judson, Ind.

Thanksgiving dinner guests on Saturday of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and Jimmy, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Gavin, Jena and Jillian, Kearney,

Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addy and Hayden, McCook; and Dale Allacher, Herndon.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Eulaine Benda at her home in Oberlin were Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Joel and Abby Krause, Gracelyn and Judah, McKinney, Texas; Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Kurt Olson, Glendale, Ariz.; Mary Olson, Colby; and Mark and Barbara Olson and Spencer Rose, Hoxie.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther attended a family potluck dinner in Atwood on Thursday. Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will, Sophie and Josie were Saturday dinner guests at the J.R. Ginther home. J.R. and Carrol Ginther met Roger and Mary Bennett of McCook for dinner on Sunday at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe were Samantha Anderson, Lindsborg, and Gary Anderson. Elden and Detta Anderson were unable to attend due to influenza.

Rex Olson, Sam and Abbie of Boulder, Colo., were weekend guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. They were all Thanksgiving supper guests on Friday of Mark and Barbara Olson of Hoxie. Others present were Kurt Olson, Glendale, Ariz.; Rachelle Scott, Hays; Mary Olson, Colby; and Spencer Rose, Hoxie.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Herndon Covenant Church.

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