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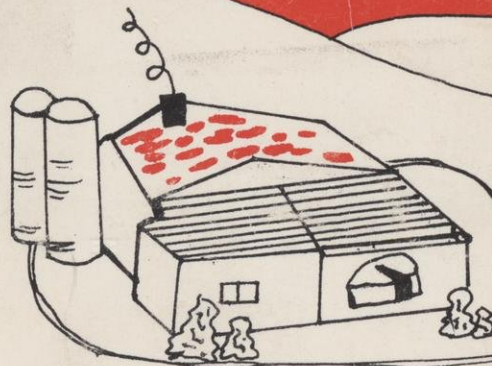
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Town of CASSEL CENTENNIAL



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FOREWORD

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1991 - brings us an opportunity to celebrate the 100th birthday of our town.

We wish to thank everyone who furnished pictures, items, and information used in the publication of this book. Without you this could not have been accomplished. We acknowledge the following references for assistance in compiling this summary;

“History of Marathon County” by Judge Louis Marchetti

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A special thank you to all who submitted entries for our cover design, to Toni Lang for all her advice and help, and to Mary Kay Lang, our typist, for her many hours of work.

This book was compiled with the best of our knowledge and ability, based on information we received. We apologize for any errors or omissions as they were purely unintentional.

It is our wish that this book of heritages and history of the Town of Cassel will be preserved so that it may serve as a reference to future generations, so they may be aware of the contributions of Cassel’s pioneers in the building of today’s environment.



*THE CASSEL CENTENNIAL, HISTORY COMMITTEE
Dianne Wilichowski, Dolores Bergs, Alvina Lensmire, Al King, Al (Buddy) Joswiak*



CASSEL CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Two Boards of Marathon
and Cassel met on the 19th day of
April 1892, and settled the the town
of Cassel according to Valuation received.
The sum of one hundred & seventy nine
\$179.⁰⁰ (and town of Marathon received
according to Valuation one hundred and
twenty five Dollars) 125.⁰⁰ (& further
that the town of Cassel pay on bridge
bond being (642.⁰⁰) according to
Valuation the sum of \$353.⁰⁰ three
hundred ^{thirty three} dollars as its share and town
Marathon according to Valuation the
sum of two hundred and eighty nine
Dollars \$289.⁰⁰ of said debt.

and that each town ^{pay} one halve
for copying the necessary records for
the use of town Cassel

also all Judgements with the town of
Marathon now holds held undivided by
both towns untill collected and then
to be divided according to the Valuation
of 1891.

also a certain piece of land held by
the town of Marathon Div. as follows
N.E. S.E. of the 30 Range Town (28 Range (5)
East shall be held by both towns
untill sold and then the proceeds to be
divided according to Valuation

and further agreed that the cemetery
stands to the surface and use of both towns
of Cassel & Marathon & be kept in
repair by both towns

and further agreed to Devote the

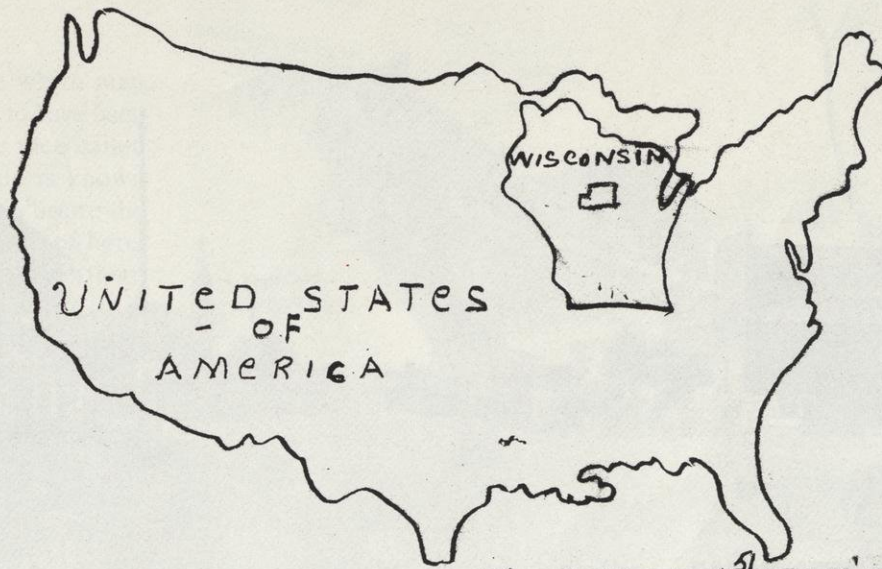
Rainge line road. Devoted as follows
commencing on the South end

The town Marathon keeps the first half
mile in repair town Cassel the next 1/2
so on to the Calby road. Thence town
Marathon keeps 120 Roads in repair & town
Cassel the last 120 roads in repair
and further agreed that town Marathon pays all indet-
need for town Cassel up to date, for jobs or otherwise

Sined and sealed this nineteenth (19th)
day of April 1892 by the supervisors
of the towns of Marathon & Cassel

John Werner
Frank Gordon
Renuald Schilling
Henry Vilhard
Joseph Blume
John Giesling

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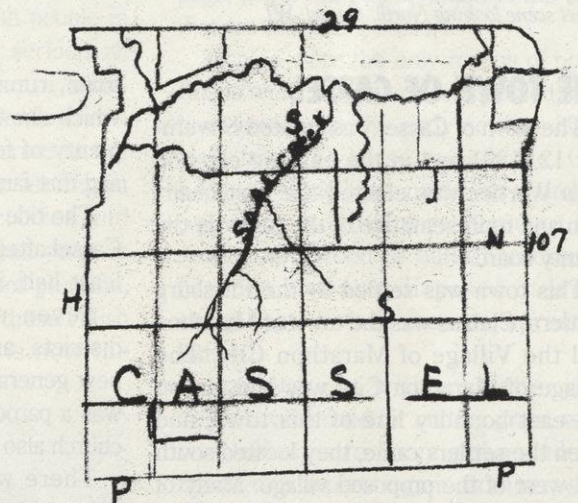
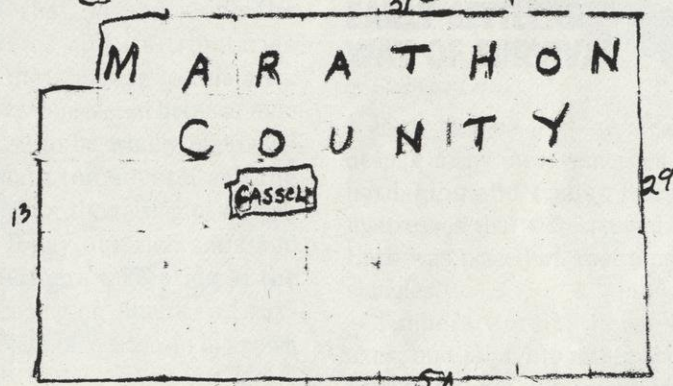


In the beginning
There is the land

In the development
There is labor

In the sharing
There is joy

A Celebration
of heritage



Cassel Wisconsin

1891

Century Town

1991

Cover Entry - Eleanore Lepak



Street scene looking North, Cassel, WI

THE TOWN OF CASSEL

The town of Cassel was created November 12, 1891 and in the ensuing election John Werner was elected the first chairman and representative of the town on the county board.

This town was settled by the Pittsburg Settlers' Club as was the town of Marathon and the Village of Marathon City. The Village of Marathon City was laid out on the east boundary line of this town, and when the settlers came, they located south and west of the proposed village. Many of the first settlers located in the present town of Cassel, if not more, than in the town of Marathon. One look at the plat of this town shows the names of Schilling, Lemmer, Heil, Osterbrink, Blume, Lang, Burger, Langenhahn, and others, who all belong to the pioneer class. When set off it was a part of the town of Marathon and numerically as strong as the old town.

The town lies between Marathon City on the east, and Edgar on the west, and Fenwood on the southwest, each village with a cheese factory or creamery, still there are three cheese factories in this

town, running the whole of the season, which shows that there is good stock and plenty of feed for the same in the town, and that farming is profitable.

The tide of immigration turned strong to Cassel after 1877. The newcomers were at least half, if not more, of the population.

Seven school houses, in as many districts, are conclusive evidence that a new generation was growing up and there was a parochial school and polish Catholic church also in the township.

There was one sawmill in the town doing custom sawing only, which was for the farmers' interest; it was owned by A. Bauman, but was later sold, the new owner operated the mill as before on the old place.

A tavern and dance hall were built by Theodore Lepak, a store by Martin Kalamajka and one later by Stanley Greta. A blacksmith shop was also operated on Lepak's corner. First owners of cars were Fred Pietrowsky and Balthasar Furger.

Florian Lemmer owned the first steam threshing engine but it was not a self-propelled unit, like the one operated by

Henry Heil and John Werner in 1889. Prior to the steam units, horsepower threshing units were operated by Peter Heil and one by John Kordus. These settlers raised rye and wheat for flour and oats for feed. The grains were taken to Rib Falls where a Baesman operated a waterpowered grist mill, or they would be ground by hand by means of a small hand mill.

Rural delivery in Cassel was inaugurated in 1901, with Joe Muschinski as the first rural mail carrier. He first delivered the mail by means of bicycle, later a motorcycle, then by horse and buggy or cutter.

"St. Paul Dispatch" was the first daily paper in the area giving a year's subscription and a free mail box for \$3.00. The county news was disseminated by two weekly papers from Wausau, the "Pilot" and "Herald".

Between 1900 and 1906 the Marathon Telephone Company was allowed to set poles and lines for Cassel.

Most of this history was taken from the "History of Marathon County", by Louis Marchetti, Wausau, WI. The book was published in 1913.

WISCONSIN IN THE BEGINNING

Many years before the white man came, Wisconsin is believed to have been inhabited by a prehistoric race called the Mound Builders. Little is known about what is now Wisconsin before the lumbermen and farmers set foot here. This area, along with the rest of Northern Wisconsin, was one great forest. It is known that fur companies were warned and led to believe that this was not an area where white men could exist or subsist, because of the remorseless Indians and savage beasts.

An act of Congress, establishing the "Territory of Wisconsin" was approved on April 20, 1836. It was twelve years later, May 29, 1848, that Wisconsin became a state; being the thirtieth state admitted to the Union.

Wisconsin was the property of the Indians before the white man. Older residents of Cassel tell how they used to see Indians camped out along the railroad tracks.

We can recall from history that Jean Nicolet was the first white man (French explorer) to reach Wisconsin in 1634. We are told the Indians made friendly visits to the white men and by 1848, the Indians had given up their last claim to this region.

Wisconsin was under:

French rule from 1670 to 1763 (93 years)
Great Britain from 1763 to 1794 (31 years)
Virginia from 1794 to 1800 (6 years)
Indiana from 1800 to 1809 (9 years)
Illinois from 1809 to 1818 (9 years)
Michigan from 1818 to 1836 (18 years)

The first white settlers in Marathon County were lumbermen. The majestic



white pine forest on and along the Wisconsin River and its tributaries attracted the first settlers to this area. Farming was not considered because men believed the soil to be wholly unproductive, the climate too severe, and the winters too long for the raising of agricultural crops. Today our rich soils and progressive farmers take pride in the making and keeping of "America's Dairyland", as the State of Wisconsin is known worldwide.

By 1870, many of the Polish people in Poland who had worked under serfdom all their lives heard of opportunities in America to become property and landowners. Polish emigrants began to arrive in the United States, many of them settling in Milwaukee working in factories and docks, but the 1870's were lean years in this country and work was not plentiful, so shortly thereafter, some of these Polish Emigrants settled in what is now the Town of Cassel.

EARLY SETTLERS WAY OF SURVIVAL

by Eleanore Lepak

Early settlers in these areas, survived despite many inconveniences and lots of hardships and trials. They slept on mattresses that were stuffed with straw. Bark was placed on roof tops instead of shingles.

Timbers were all hewn with broad axes, and joined together with wooden pegs, some can still be found in the barns that are still being utilized.

Horses were the only means of power. Roads were not always constructed to the homesteads, so the early settlers had to walk from the horse trails home. Grub hoes and stone boats made out of timbers, pulled by horses, were used to haul stones and wood to build homesteads. Manure was also disposed of with a stoneboat, before manure spreaders existed.

Hay was cut with a scythe, grain cradles were used for cutting grain, which was laid on barn floors and pounded or crushed to separate grain from straw and chafe. Later years threshmachines were invented for this job, the first ones were made of wood. Plows were also made of wood. Much field work was done by hand as loading hay and grain, or stacking clover and corn stalks in shocks.

Carpenter tools were also constructed of wood. Some beautiful furniture was put together and is still in use at present with these tools. Homemade glues and stains were also used.

Quilts and all clothing was sewn by hand. Embroidery, crocheting, needlepoint, tating were done by the ladies and





girls. Many of these linens are still around and very precious.

Everything was utilized, nothing was wasted. Sour dough was made and used to bake bread and kuchens and sweet rolls. All baking and cooking was done in an open fire place or hearth. Water had to be drawn out of deep wells, later wooden pumps were gotten.

Many stories were told of bears coming to the farms with the cows from the forest and pastures. Also bears would unlatch the barn doors and snatch the little pigs out of the barns. Foxes would kill the chickens and drag them to their nests.

WAYS OF KEEPING WELL FED AND HEALTHY IN 1900's

by *Eleanore Lepak*

Early settlers gathered many wild plants, herbs, and greens for food and medicinal values and cures from woods and fields such as; cress, sorrel, pepper grass, wild dandelions for salad greens.

For medicine use; Cow slips and mustard green leaves for tea, Wild geranium for diarrhea, Mullen for earache, Yarrow for cuts, Skunk and goose fat, rendered and used for cold massage. Hogs were slaughtered in winter. Hams and bacon were cured in salt brine, smoked and stored in barrels of salt for summer. Some of the meat was fried and packed in crocks and hot lard poured over to seal and keep air out to be enjoyed in summer, as freezers were not available yet. Beef was hung, wrapped in cloth, on the barn eaves, near the roof, to keep rodents and insects away in winter. Pieces of this meat was cut off as needed for a meal.

Much canning was done for preserving

of different vegetables and fruit in season, for the winter months as very few trips were made to the grocery store.

Partridge, rabbits, squirrels were plentiful in fall, and these were hunted down and used as meat. Very many delicious meals were enjoyed. Every food was either wild or organically grown, as no insecticides, pesticides or fertilizers were available yet.

LIFE IN THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF CASSEL

An interview with Mr. John Koppa, then 86 years old for the "Marathon City Centennial Booklet" gives us a look at what kind of hardships the early settlers had to endure.

John was four years old when his father, Stanley Koppa arrived in the settlement of Cassel. Stanley Koppa arrived in Milwaukee in 1873 from Poland. He got a job unloading sand at one of the docks. There were times when ships did not

come into port so there was no work. In 1875 Stanley Koppa decided to move into the Camping Country as the northern area was generally known at that time. After he bought tickets (train fare) for a family of seven he had \$25.00 in cash and a few personal belongings with which he arrived in Wausau, in November of 1875. There they hired a team of horses and a wagon which brought them near to their new home, but they had to walk about a mile further to a shanty about 12 by 16 feet on the back forty acres of the present homestead, which was built probably by the Rietbrock Logging Company from whom the 80 acres was purchased.

They had no food whatsoever so Stanley Koppa walked to Marathon City to get some provision. He got some peas from the Urban Family. During the winter of 1875-76 peas were eaten three times a day, the family consuming a total of nine bushels which kept them alive through the winter. Game was plentiful, but they had no gun, nor any money to purchase one.

In the summer of 1876, some crops and vegetables were grown. Mr. Koppa scythed hay for a farmer north of Marathon City that summer in payment for which he received a cow.





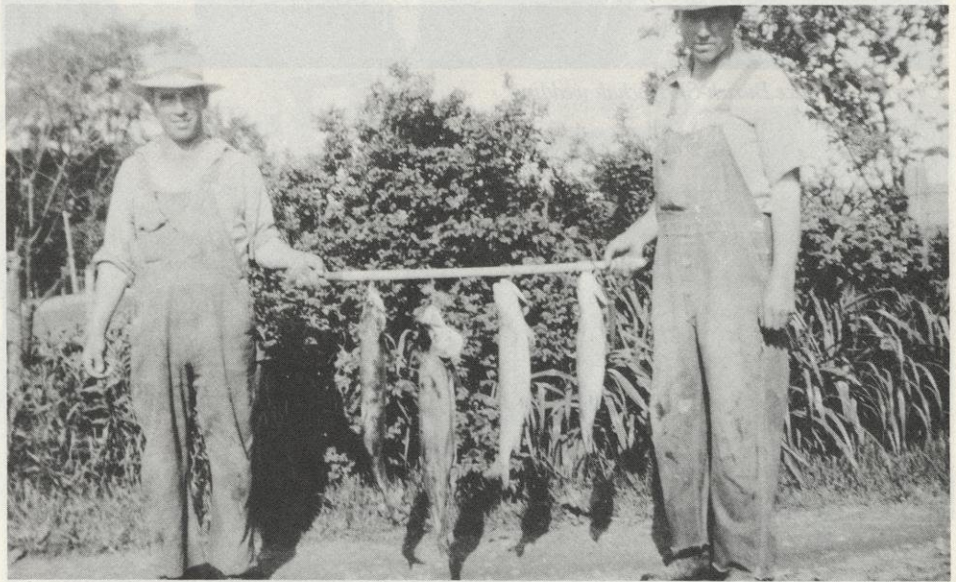
The Joseph Lewandowski Family



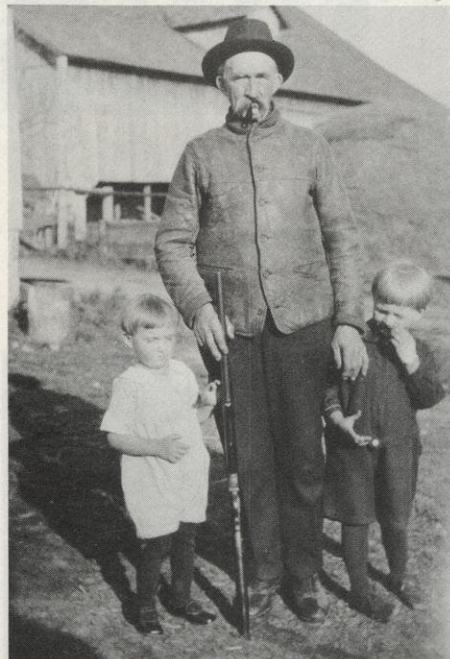
Anton Adamski, Sr., shocking grain bundles



Donald Adamski & Grandpa, celebrating birthday together



Bill Bedynek and Herb Hanke



Grandpa "Joe" Wilichowski



Moving a shed



Clarence & Janice Burish-Skrzypchak wedding



Martha Adamski with her mother



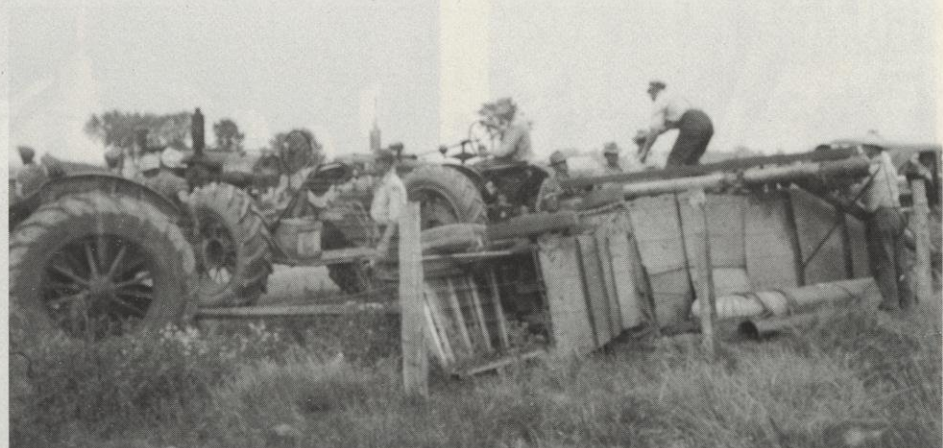
Sunday afternoon at Anton Adamski farm



Butchering day



Threshing at Anton Skrzypchak farm



Tipped over threshing machine



Cassel church picnic
Left to right; Martha Adamski, Mary
Jakubavski, Mr & Mrs. Stanley Jakubavski



Late 40's threshing crew



Pospyhalla farm threshing crew



Driver waiting for bride & groom at church

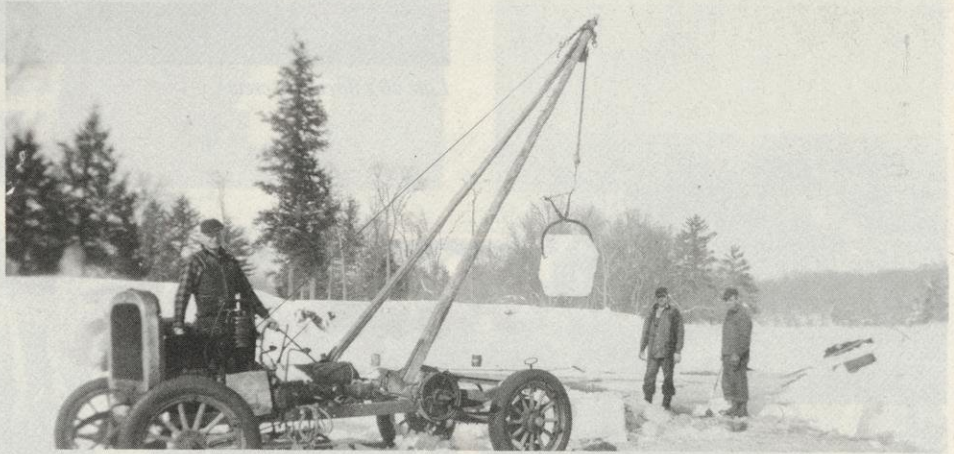


Ice making

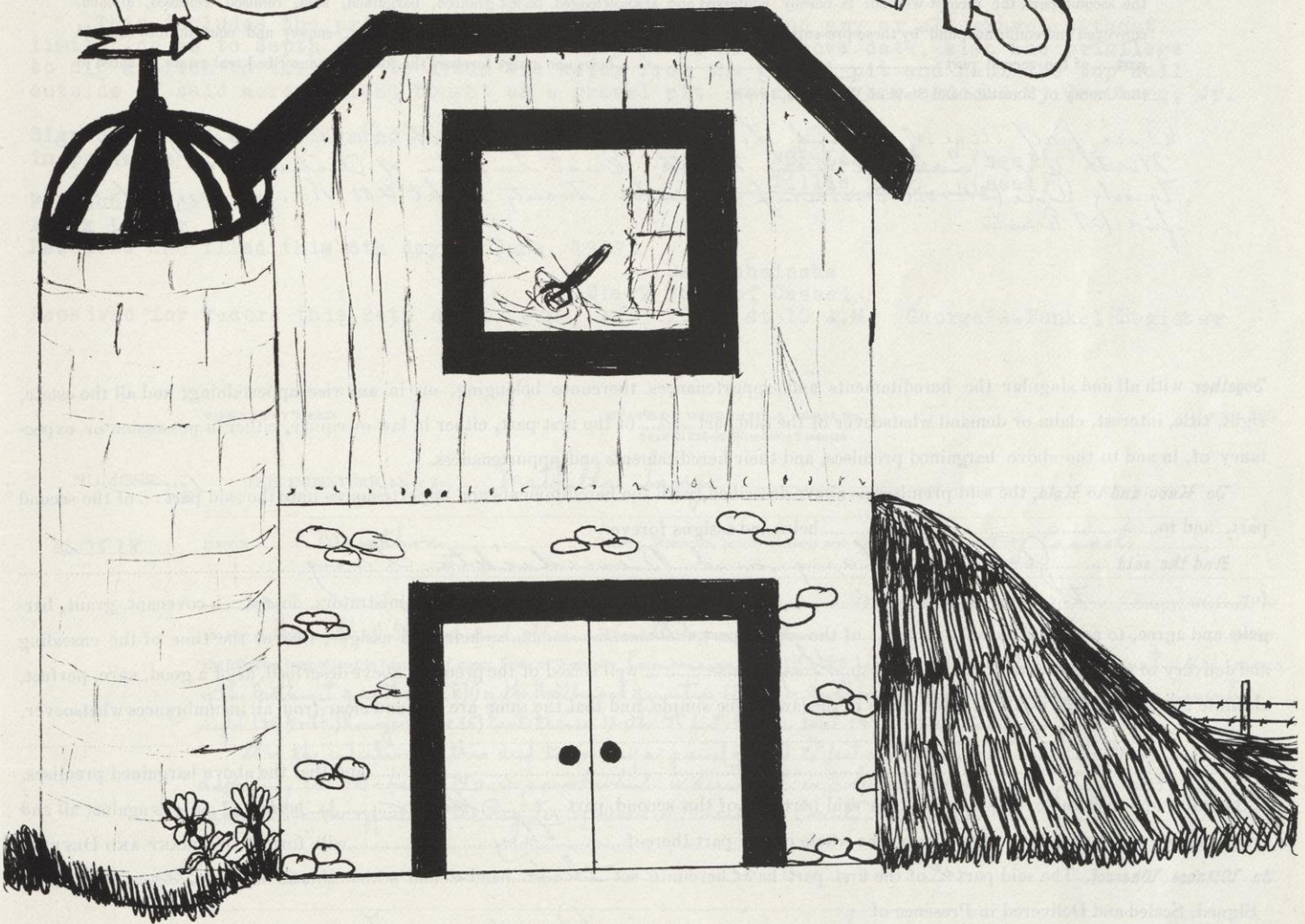


Cassel church picnic, early 30's

EARLY DAYS – ICE MAKING



100 YEARS



OF CASSEL

Cover Entry - Kelly Soczka

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This Indenture, Made this 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905), between Andrew Lang and Benedickta Lang his wife

of Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, part 125 of the first part, and The Town of Cassad of Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, part of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said part 125 of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars, to them in hand paid, by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm unto the said part of the second part heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Marathon and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

One half Acre of Land Located in the North East Corner of the North East Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section number Twenty One (21) in Township number Twenty eight (28) Range number five (5) East.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of the said part 125 of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises, and their hereditaments and appurtenances.

Do Have and to Hold, the said premises as above described, with the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the said part of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Andrew Lang and Benedickta Lang themselves heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said part of the second part their heirs and assigns, that at the time of the encasing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the premises above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatsoever,

and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part their heirs and assigns against all and every person or persons, lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof they will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND.

In Witness Whereof, The said part of the first part hereunto set their hands and seals this 23 day of Dec A. D. 1905

Signed, Scaled and Delivered in Presence of Wan Riffliman Jesse Riffliman Andrew Lang Benedickta Lang [SEAL]

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF MARATHON. Personally came before me, this 23 day of December A. D. 1905, the above named Andrew Lang and Benedickta Lang

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record at 11:10 o'clock A.M. Dec 27 A. D. 1905 W. N. Chelish Register. My Commission expires Jan 1 1906 Notary Public, Wis.

JUNE 4th, 1927

In and for the Consideration of the sum of Three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by us from the Town of Cassel, Marathon County, Wisconsin; We the undersigned Joe Lang Jr., and Tillie Lang, his wife, do hereby grant, give, let and lease to said Town of Cassel, about one acre of land, described as follows: Commencing nine rods West and 5 rods South of the Northeast corner Stone of Section twenty one, township twenty eight North, Range five East, begins by the Southeast corner post of the Marathon Co., gravel pit, thence South to the Southwest corner of the Town Hall ground; thence West forty rods, thence North to the Southwest corner of the Marathon County gravel pit; thence East forty rods to the place of beginning.

This includes the privileges to remove from said land any or all gravel without limitation as to depth for a period of Twenty years from above date, also the privilege to dig a ditch to the West to drain the water from the gravel pit and haul the top soil outside of said acre of land bought as a gravel pit where and how ordered by Joe Lang, Jr.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

JOE LANG Jr., (seal)
Tillie Lang (seal)

F.X.Schilling
Frank Lemmer

Received and filed this 6th day of June, 1927

Dan Scheinoha
Clerk Town of Cassel

Received for record this 24th day of June, A.D. 1927, at 10 A.M. George A. Runkel Register

WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF WISCONSIN - FORM No. 9
Section 235.16 Wisconsin Statutes

VOL. 306

NUMBER

THIS INDENTURE, Made by

Mathilda Lang

367518

grantor of Marathon

County, Wisconsin, hereby conveys and warrants to Town of Cassel

grantee of Marathon

County, Wisconsin, for

the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other valuable consideration Dollars,

the following tract of land in Marathon County, State of Wisconsin: Commencing 147.58 feet South of the Northeast (NE) corner of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty-eight (28) North, Range Five (5) East, thence North 75 feet, thence East 147.58 feet to beginning.

It is the intention of this deed to convey a parcel of land 75 feet wide lying directly South of and adjoining the one-half (1/2) acre parcel which is described in Volume 121 of Deeds, page 237, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

In Witness Whereof, the said grantor... hereunto set her hand... and seal... this 13th day of January, A.D., 1927.

SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENCE OF

A. H. Schneiders

P. L. Yassner

Mathilda Lang

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Marathon

County, ss.

Personally came before me, this 13th day of January, A.D., 1927.

the above named Mathilda Lang

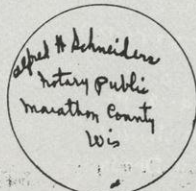
to me known to be the person... who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for record this 12 day of April

A.D. 1927, at 2:19 o'clock P.M.

Andrew Miller Register of Deeds.

Deputy



Alford H. Schneiders
Notary Public, Marathon County, Wisconsin

My commission expires Feb. 18, A.D., 1925

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WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, Made by Joint School District of the Town of Cassel and Town of Rib Falls, successors to School District No. 3 of the Town of Cassel, grantor of Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby conveys and warrants to Town of Cassel, grantee of Marathon County, Wisconsin, for the sum of One Dollar and other valuable consideration, the following tract of land in Marathon County, Wisconsin:

One-half acre of land on a square, without said public highway, on the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Twenty-two (22), Township Twenty-eight (28) North, Range Five (5) East.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said grantor has caused these presents to be signed by John H. Boehm, Director, and countersigned by Leo Wodinski, Treasurer, this 15th day of June, 1955.

Signed and Sealed
In Presence of:

Geo. E. Ritger
Geo. E. Ritger
A. H. Schneiders
A. H. Schneiders

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
TOWN OF CASSEL AND TOWN OF
RIB FALLS

John H. Boehm
John H. Boehm - Director

Countersigned:

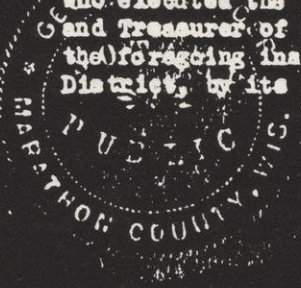
Leo Wodinski
Leo Wodinski - Treasurer

Edward Matthiae
Edward Matthiae, Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

Edward Matthiae, Clerk

Personally came before me this 15th day of June, 1955, John H. Boehm, Director, and Leo Wodinski, Treasurer, of Joint School District of Town of Cassel and Town of Rib Falls, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and to me known to be such Director, Clerk and Treasurer of said School District, and acknowledged that they executed the foregoing instrument as such officers as the deed of said Joint School District, by its authority.



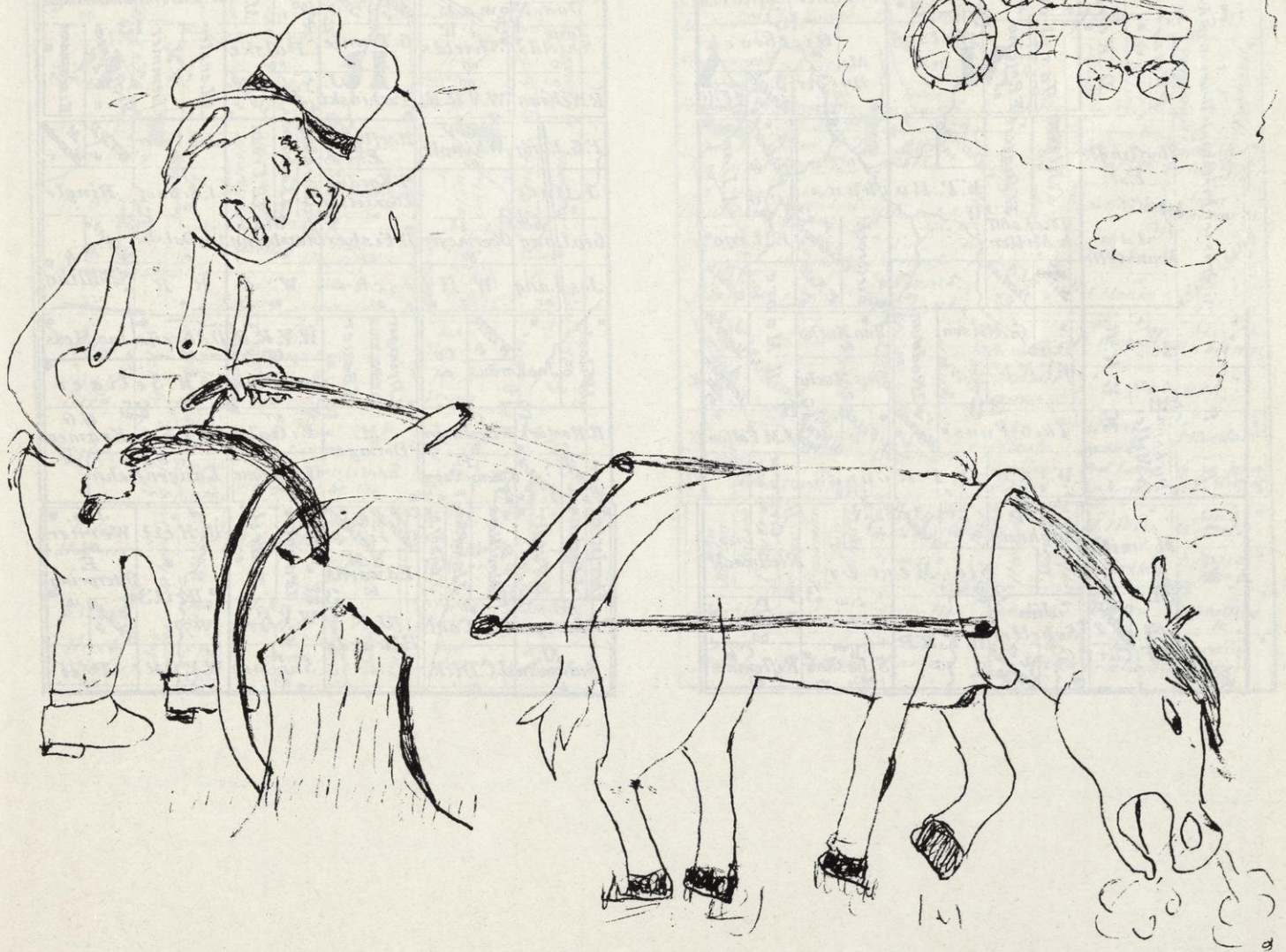
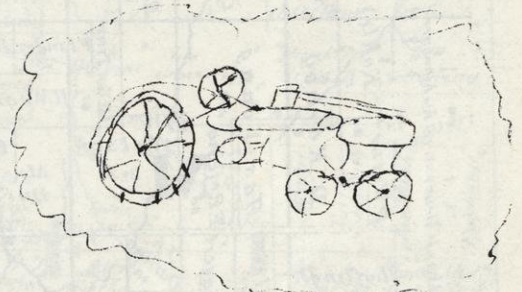
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George E. Ritger
Notary Public, Marathon County, Wis.
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My Commission Expires April 5, 1959.

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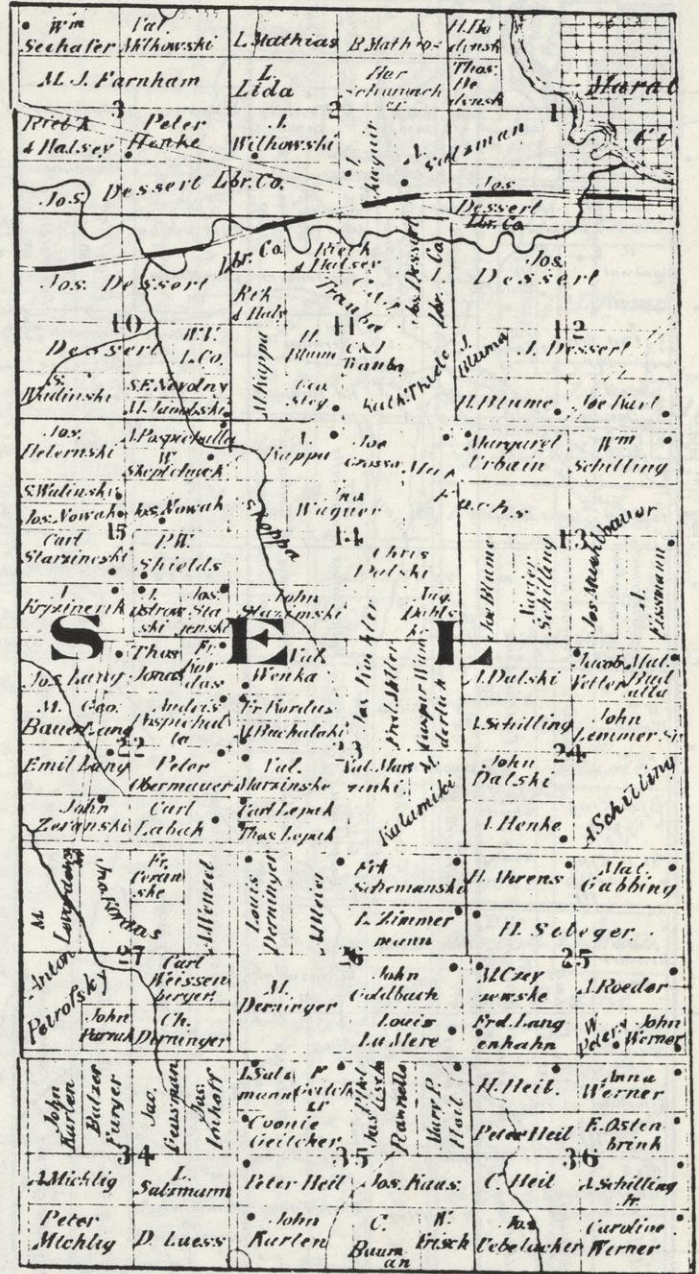
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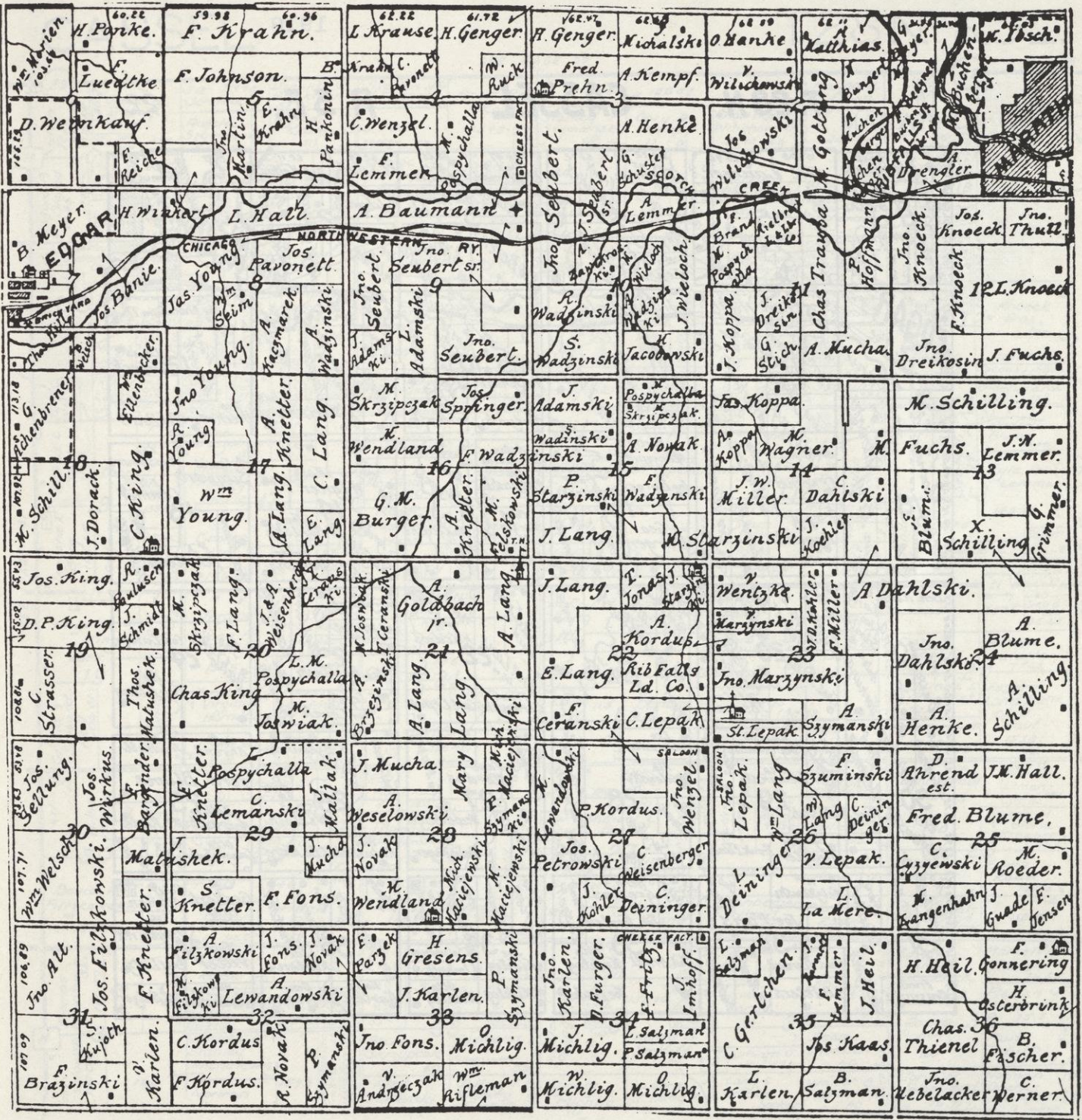
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1895 Plat Map



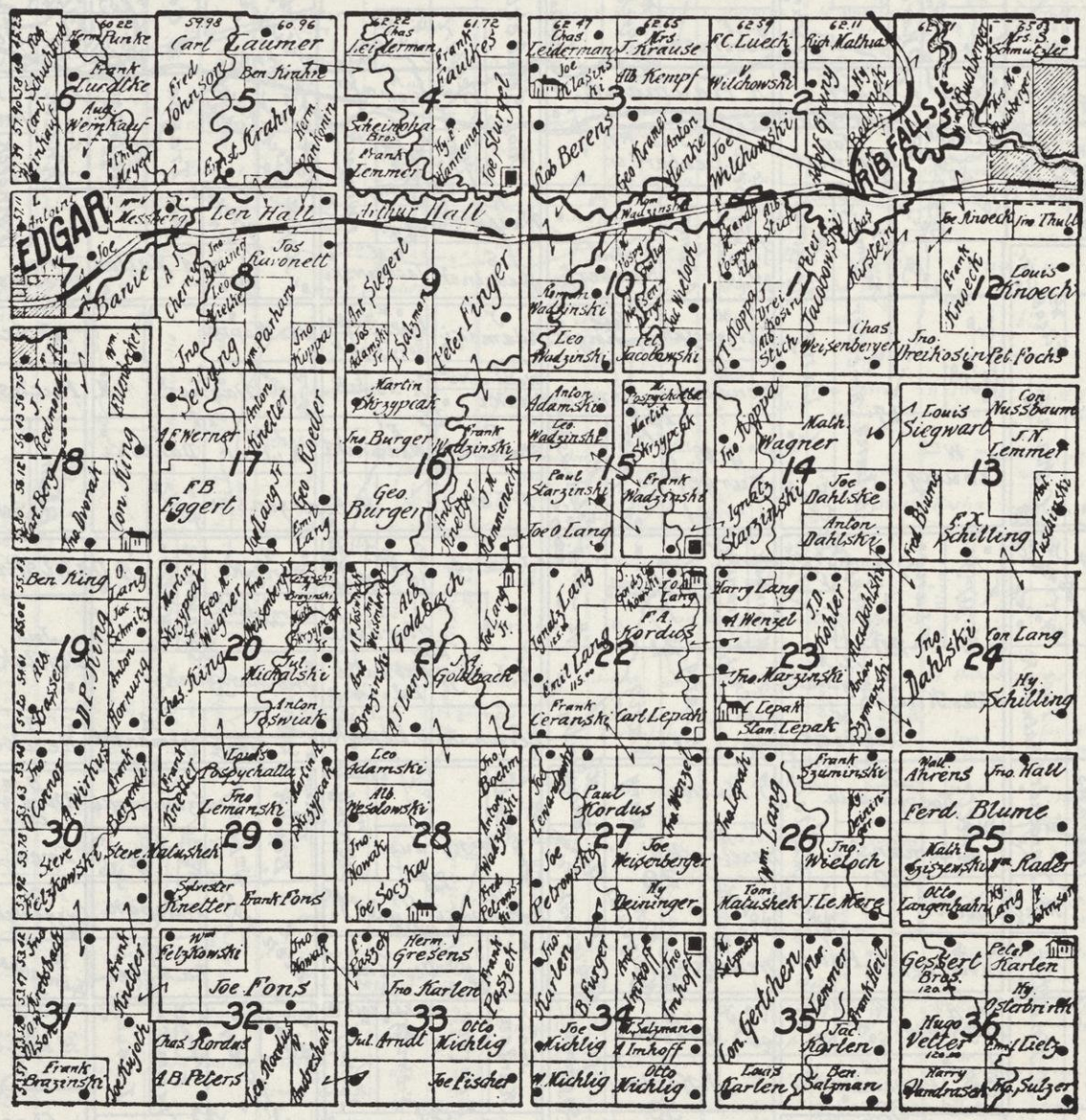
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1918 Plat Map

★ CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ★

TOWN OF
CASSEL

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T.S.

Cover Entry - Traci Schumacher

FROM THE CLERK'S RECORDS:

1892

Events of the first year (1892) from meetings in the town of Cassel by the Supervisors:

Fifteen road districts organized and road overseers appointed.

One hundred dollars paid to the Town of Cassel for Saloon License, Christ Schneider, in the Village of Edgar in said town of Cassel. Conditions and obligations were as follows; to maintain an orderly well regulated house, will permit no gambling with cards, dice, or any service or implement for purpose within his premises or any outhouse, yard or shed. Will not sell or give away any intoxicating liquor to any minor, or to persons intoxicated, or habitual drunkard: by the law of the State, Section fifteen hundred and sixty. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Herman Amhaus, J.B. Schnider, Wm Schmidt (Bonds Men) State Men Wm Koaghine, J. Duestine Jr. Witnessed by Supervisors John Werner, R. Schilling and Frank Kordus.

Dr. A. Kessner was paid \$50.00 for his service to John Surba and Valintine Nowitzki child.

Salaries paid for the past year (1892) to officers of Town of Cassel: Chairman - \$25.00, Supervisors - \$25.00, Clerk - \$35.00.

A safe was purchased for the clerks use, for \$60.00. Freight and delivery of the safe was \$10.00. On election days, polls were closed from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. and closed at 5:00 p.m. Votes were counted and delivered to the Court-house in Wausau.

1893

The annual meeting of the Town of Cassel was held April 4, 1893 in School District No. 3. A motion was made and seconded to raise the Town Fund to \$400.00. Poor tax to \$50.00, Road tax to \$1,000.00. Chairman fees raised to \$40.00. Clerk to \$70.00. Supervisors to \$25.00 and Assessor to \$40.00.

Unusual disbursement: John Fochs, grave digging for P. Peters, \$3.50. Frank Nolden for Coffin for P. Peters, \$21.50.

The treasury showed the following money received: \$2,812.24, paid out \$2,808.72 - leaving a balance of \$3.52.

1894

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cassel, was called to order by the Chairman, John Werner, at 9 a.m. All

members were present, and the following business was transacted.

On motion, a road petition presented to the board by Joseph Majewski, signed by 12 freeholders, for the opening of an old highway as follows; commencing at the southwest corner of section 23, and northwest corner of section 26, all in township 28, route 5, running due east 1/2 mile, or present corner of Highway S and Alpine Rd. (Mike Lepak's and Marlin Lepak's) corner was allowed. Joseph Majewski is to open up the above described road, possible for a team of horses to pass through, same width for wagon and sleigh, for the sum of \$2.50. It is further agreed with Theodore Labek (Lepak) occupant of said land through which the above described highway, shall pass. That the said Theodore Labak (Lepak) agrees to move back his fence on each side of the road, to the width of 3 rods 1-1/2 rods, leaving the highway to the width of 3 rods, for the sum of \$15.00. All of the above to be completed on or before January 1, 1895.

On a motion, a petition was presented to the board by Joseph Imhoff, with 6 signatures of the Town of Cassel, for the opening of a highway as follows; commencing at the northwest corner of section 35 and northeast corner 34 (Melvin Buetsch's and Louis Hack's) running south 1/2 mile was occupant of the lands through which said highway passes, Laurence Salzman, is to move his fence for 1/4 mile south of said corner, and from line, east 1-1/2 rods for the sum of \$15.00. Joseph Imhoff, to move his fence for the distance of 1/2 mile south of said corner, 1-1/2 rods west from said line, for the sum of \$20.00. All is to be completed on or before January 1, 1895.

April 2, 1895

New town officers were elected.

May 6, 1895

Charles Deininger was appointed Weed Commissioner, to serve on the south 1/2 side of said town. Albert Goldbach was appointed Weed Commissioner for the north 1/2 side of said town, Colby Road being the center line (present County Highway N).

May 28, 1895

All road petitions were looked over by the Town Board and an estimated cost to open roads was \$1,500.00. The estimate was to be presented at the County Board Meeting. Twenty dollars was paid to John

Starzinski and Joseph Lang for hauling stones. Twenty dollars per acre, for damages for laying out highway, to John Much and Peter Lasts. Th Theodore Fons was paid \$5.27 for delivering Brumberger to the hospital. Adam Mucha for cemetery job, \$29.00. Ritter and Duetch, (Brumberger burial) \$17.50.

April 6, 1895

Dr. Sauer for medical services for Brumberger, \$2.00. Dr. Sauer for medical services (welfare) for Albert Sommers, \$75.00. Town Hall rent, \$25.00.

April 11, 1896

Election of officers was established.

A pauper was given \$10.00 and asked to leave the town and not to ask for more support.

April 25, 1896

A resident borrowed \$65.00, ordered to pay 7% interest until said amount is paid back.

Dr. Sepp for services to welfare recipient, \$55.00.

A. Ritger and Company for road scrapers and dynamite, \$47.00.

April 6, 1897

New officers were elected.

May 17, 1897

The marking of sheep was registered with the Town Clerk. Markings were made on the ears. Sheep were allowed to roam the countryside.

One hundred and twenty-four dollars was paid to Kasmier Lemanski to build two stone and cement piers for the bridge on Colby Road (Highway N) at Burgers Creek.

Albert Goldbach for fill and approach on west side of said bridge, \$13.00.

Fifty dollars to Paul Kordus for filling the east side of bridge.

Nine dollars to George Burger to straighten creek about 4 rods.

April 9, 1898

Officers were elected.

An elderly couple were left with no means of support, due to their son's accident. He was committed to an insane asylum in Oshkosh. The town made arrangements with a storekeeper in Edgar, Phil Meyer, to give the couple, every 2 months, 1 sack of flour, \$3.00 worth of groceries and clothes, until further notice by the Town of Cassel Board.

More ear markings of sheep and cattle were registered with the Town Clerk.

April 4, 1899

(Annual Town Meeting) A raise of salary for the town officers as follows: Chairman - \$50.00; Supervisors - \$35.00; Clerk - \$70.00; Assessor - \$65.00. No increase of salary for Board of Review meetings, no out of town meetings, and no bills to be allowed for any town business whatsoever.

Officers elected.

Interest paid on borrowed money was 6%.

Auctioneers License issued. The said auctioneer paid \$1.00 to Town Treasurer. Any person could act as an auctioneer.

April 3, 1900

(Annual Meeting) Salaries to stay the same. Motion made and carried, that no cattle, pigs, horses, bulls, boars and rams are allowed to run on any highways.

Motion made and carried to hold town meetings in Lepak's Hall after the above date.

Officers elected.

July 10, 1900

Marathon Telephone Company was allowed by Town of Cassel Supervisors, to set up poles and lines on any town highway according to conditions in Section 1329 of revised statutes of the State of Wisconsin.

April 2, 1901

(Annual Meeting) Officers elected.

April 27, 1901

The Town Board agreed to allow road masters to act as Weed Commissioner of his own road district, and be paid \$2.00. Also a \$2.00 fee be paid to the road master to catch and pen up any bulls over 1 year old, and all pigs, rams and horses running loose on any public highway.

June 24, 1901

Assessor Sylvester Knetter resigns because of ill health. Wm Rifleman was appointed Assessor by the Town Board until election in 1902.

November 1, 1901

A woman was paid by the town \$1.50 a week, as welfare support, because her husband left her. The amount to be paid until the husband returns or another plan made by the Town Board.

November 15, 1901

Five dollars per month paid to a person for the support of a brother, until further action taken by the Town Board.

March 22, 1902

(Caucus Meeting) Salary of Chairman raised to \$100.00.

Supervisors - \$40.00; Clerk - \$80.00; Assessor - \$85.00.

April 1, 1902

(Annual Town Meeting) Officers elected.

A motion was made and passed that the Town Board shall buy Schoolhouse No. 3 for use as Town Hall, for a sum not to exceed \$300.00. Payment to be made for one dollar per year, until paid.

July 19, 1902

A special meeting was called by Chairman F.X. Schilling, whether the piers of Scotch Creek bridge must be repaired, or a new and longer bridge should be built on said piers. Chairman appointed a special committee of seven, to investigate said bridge and report to the Town Board. Appointed are as follows: Wm Rifleman, Chairman; Albert Goldbach, Theodore Wadinski, Joseph Michlig, Matthew Gooding, George Burger and Matt Wagner.

The committee went at once to said bridge and examined it and reported as follows: If the County is willing to pay half of the expense of a new bridge, 60 feet long, then this work should be forwarded at once. The Town Board authorized to levy \$900.00 for this purpose, otherwise to close the bridge until the spring of 1904.

September 1, 1902

A special meeting was held near Scotch Creek bridge at 10:00 a.m. to raise \$800.00 for the new bridge. A motion was made by Anton Bauman and seconded by Gustav Henke, that the town raise said money this year. It passed unanimously. A filling job for the bridge was let to Anton Bauman, being the lowest bidder, for \$85.00.

In the year of 1902, \$400.00 was paid to the Poor (Welfare).

April 7, 1903

(Annual Meeting) Officers were elected.

A motion was made and passed, that no cattle, horses, sheep, or pigs would be allowed to run on any highway after July 1, 1903.

Another motion passed, that two animal pounds were to be put in the Town of Cassel, one in the north, and one in the south. Each owner would pay a fine of .50 cents for every head of cattle, etc. Also 1/2 of said fine to be paid to the Town

Treasurer, the other 1/2 to the person who places said animals in the pound.

May 25, 1903

By a majority vote of the Town Board, they could not find suitable places for the town pounds to pen up stray stock. Matter was left over until next spring election. The Clerk was ordered to order wheel scrapers (graders) for town use.

July 6, 1903

Meeting at Labak's (Lepak Hall). The question of impounding animals was reconsidered. The two places for such purpose are Tony Bumanns (Section No. 9) in the north, and Theodore Fons (Section 29) in the south in the Town of Cassel. Clerk was ordered to get the By-laws printed and posted, to take effect and go into force August 15, 1903.

November 30, 1903

The Town of Cassel and Wien held a joint meeting for the purpose of dividing the rangeline. The meeting was held at the Edgar Creamery Monday, November 30, 1903. Present were the following: Wien Board Members - Henry Amelung, Gust F. Miller and Frank Grosskrautz. Cassel Board - F.X. Schilling and John Koppa.

April 5, 1904

At the annual meeting held in the Cassel Town Hall, officers were elected. Salaries stayed the same. The Weed Commissioners salary was established at \$35.00 per year.

March 5, 1905

The following contract was given by the under-signed Town Board, to Anton Buman to build up a stone wall or filling about 3 feet thick on the bottom, then sloping up to about 2 feet thick on the top, and 1 foot higher than the 60 foot bridge. Fill on both sides of a span for a distance of about 144 feet between the 2 bridges at Bumann and Company Mill across Scotch Creek. When said job is accepted by the Town Board, Mr. A. Buman is to receive from said Town of Cassel for said job \$50.00. Signed John Wenzel, Town Supervisor.

Another contract was given to John Schneck, to cut out logs, brush and burn all, and clear the width of 3 rods for a highway. No logs are to be thrown or hauled onto adjoining lands. When the job is completed and accepted, the Town will pay John Scheck \$35.00. Signed John Wenzel, Supervisor.

April 4, 1905

Officers elected for the Town of Cassel.

March 4, 1906

Edgar, Cassel, Emmet Telephone Company installed telephone poles and lines throughout the said Towns, streets and highways.

April 3, 1906

(Annual Meeting) Moved and carried to have 24 seats built in the Town Hall. Also to build a machine shed and out-house.

April 3, 1907

(Annual Meeting) Officers elected.

September 28, 1907

Contract issued to Fred Petrowski to re-shingle Town Hall for \$1.25 per thousand.

January 8, 1908

Mary Maciejewski registered with the Town Clerk as Mid-wife.

May 19, 1908

Town of Cassel Board granted permission to the Marathon City Telephone Company to construct lines on any highway in the said Town.

April 10, 1909

Officers Elected.

April 5, 1910

Officers Elected.

A contract was issued to Paul Kordus to scrub Town Hall floor, and to build a platform in front of Town Hall, according to specifications for \$2.95.

April 4, 1911

Officers elected.

A motion made and carried, that the Town Officers receive \$300.00 increase in salaries.

April 2, 1912

Officers elected and stayed the same.

Salary increase as follows: Town Treasurer - \$100.00; Clerk - \$90.00. Moved and seconded to leave other officers salaries as before.

April 1, 1913

Officers elected.

Clerk received a raise in salary to \$100.00.

April 7, 1914

Officers elected.

April 2, 1917

Officers elected.

April 6, 1920

Officers elected.

April 5, 1921

Officers elected.

Motions made and carried to pay \$60.00 for a man and team of horses for road work and \$50.00 extra for use of wagon. Labor by hand .35 cents per hour.

1937

Purchased Caterpillar, tractor and snowplow for \$9,000.00.

1944

Electric lights installed in Town Hall.

1945

Purchased patrol grader for \$8,000.00
\$0.50 an hour wage for hand labor on roadwork

\$1.25 an hour wage for tractor and man

\$0.25 an hour wage for team

Cassel store destroyed by fire December 24th.

1947

Taylor school converted to Town Hall. Town Hall made into a grader shed.

1952

Cement floor installed in grader shed.

1954

Town Board signed agreement with Leanard Reiche for Bus transportation to Marathon High School.

1955

Taylor School purchaed by the town for \$2,000.00.

1958

Town board moved to purchase a new snowplow truck.

1959

Motion made to sell old Clinton snowplow truck for \$1,000.00 or more.

1964

The wage rate for town employees was \$1.15 an hour.

1966

A motion made to change to evening meetings.

1967

Employees wage was increased to \$1.50 an hour.

1968

Motion made to replace 1944 Power Patrol Truck at a cost of \$29,500.00.

1969

New dump site obtained from Mike Nowak.

1971

Town employees wages raised to \$2.00 an hour

1975

Zoning power given to Town Board.

1976

Assessor appointed instead of elected. Resolution to designate town roads by name.

1977

Town ordinance 101 adopted. Obscenity law.

1978

Town Board went under the Social Security system.

1980

Building codes adopted. Labor raised to \$4.50 an hour

1983

Purchased 3 voting machines

1988

Landfill closed

1989

Abandoned Railroad Property sold in township. Purchased weed cutter and sanding truck.

1990

Wage rate for town employees raised to \$8.00 an hour.

Burning regulations require permits year round for any and all burning.

Committee appointed to select site and plan construction of a new municipal building.

Committee formed to plan Centennial celebration.

Recycling ordinance passed by Town Board to comply with county and state mandates. Elected office of constable eliminated.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

1892

Chairman; John Werner, Supervisors; Ronald Schilling, Frank Kordus, Clerk; Wm. Rifleman, Treasurer; Xavier Schilling, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; Charles Deininger, Constable; Matias Fochs.

1893

Chairman; John Werner, Supervisor; Joseph Uebelacker, Clerk; Wm. Rifleman, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; Charles Deininger, Constable; Matias Fochs.

1894

Chairman; John Werner, Supervisor; Mike Schoehenmaier, Clerk; Wm. Rifleman, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; Charlie Deininger, Constables; Joseph and Anton Dalsky.

1895

Chairman; Thoedore Fons, Supervisor; Erhart Lang and Joseph Majewski, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; F.S. Schilling, Assessor; Peter Lasos, Justice of the Peace; C.C. Barrett and Anton Dalsky, Constables; Anton Koppa and Joseph Imhoff, Joseph Imhoff was appointed Health Officer for said town for one year by Chairman T. Fons.

1896

Chairman; Thoedore Fons, Supervisor; Erhart Lang and Joseph Majewski, Clerk; Wm. Rifleman, Treasurer; Anton Koppa, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Constable; Frank Knetter.

1897

Chairman; Theodore Fons, Supervisor; Anton Dalsky, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; Anton Koppa, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; Anton Fisher, Constables; Anton Fisher and Matt Wagner.

1898

Chairman; John Heil, Supervisors: Matt Wagner and Martin Felzkowski, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; Joseph Karl, Justice of the Peace; Wm Rifleman, Constable; Frank Wadinski and Anton Fisher. The Town Board appointed C.C. Barrett, Birth and Death Commissioner, Joseph D. Kohler, Weed Commissioner, north 1/2 of said town, Frank Knetter, Weed Commis-

sioner, south 1/2 of said town and Joseph Imhoff, Health Officer.

1899

Chairman; Thoedore Fons, Supervisors; Martin Felzkowski and Frank Kordus, Clerk; John King, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; John Werner, Justice of the Peace; John Werner (2 year term) and John King (2 year term), Constables; John Wenzel and Frank Wadinski, Health Officer; Joseph Imhoff.

1900

Chairman; Theodore Fons, Supervisors; Martin Felzkowski and John Wenzel, Clerk; John King, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; Joe Uebelacker, Justice of the Peace; John Werner, and John King, Constables; John Wenzel and Frank Wadinski, Health Officer; Joseph Imhoff.

1901

Chairman; Thoedore Fons, Supervisor; Wm. Young, Clerk; John King, Treasurer; F.X. Schilling, Assessor; Sylvester Knetter, Justice of the Peace; John Werner and John King, Constable; Martin Kalamajka.

1902

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Joseph Imhoff and John Seubert, Clerk; John King, Treasurer; George Burger, Assessor; John Kordus, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling and Wm Rifleman, Constable; John Wenzel and Frank Wadinski, Health Officer; John Kordus.

1903

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; John Wenzel and John Koppa, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; Mike Maciejewski, Assessor; Joseph Uebelacker, Justice of the Peace; Frank Ceranski, Constables; Martin Kalamajka and John Wadinski.

1904

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; John Wenzel and John Koppa, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; Mike Maciejewski, Assessor; Joseph Uebelacker, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Wm Rifleman, (both for a two year term) Roman Wadinski, Peter W. Fochs (All for a one year term), Constables; Frank Wadinski and Joe Petrowski (both for a one year term) Weed Commissioner; Peter Fochs,

Health Officers; F.X. Schilling, President; Wm Riflemann, Secretary, John Kordus

Health Officer.

1905

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; A.J. Lang and Louis Pospychalla, Clerk; Wm Rifleman, Treasurer; Mike Maciejewski, Assessor; Albert Kolter, Justice of the Peace; Peter W. Fochs, and A.J. Lang, Constables; John Wenzel and Frank Wadinski.

1906

Same as 1905

1907

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Louis Pospychalla and Anton Wadzinski, Clerk; Joseph Martin, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Albert Kolter, Justice of the Peace; George Burger and Chas R.E. Wenzel, Constables; Mike Maciejewski and Frank Wadinski, Weed Commissioner; Mike Maciejewski, Health Officers; John Kordus and F.X. Schilling.

1908

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Louis Pospychalla and Anton Wadzinski, Clerk; Joseph Martin, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Albert Kolter, Justice of the Peace; Jacob Wielock, Constables; Mike Maciejewski and Frank Wadinski, Weed Commissioner; Mike Maciejewski, Health Officers; John Kordus and F.X. Schilling.

1909

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Anton Wadzinski and Matt Wagner, Clerk; Joseph Martin, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; Jacob Wielock, Constable; Conrad Lang, Weed Commissioner; Mike Maciejewski, Health Officers; John Kordus and F.X. Schilling.

1910

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisor; Matt Wagner, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; Jacob Wielock, Constable; Conrad Lang, Weed Commissioner; Mike Maciejewski, Health Officers; John Kordus and F.X. Schilling.

1911

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisor; Matt Wagner, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; Adam Majeski, Constable; Conrad Lang, Weed Commissioner; Mike Maciejewski, Health Officers; John Kordus and F.X. Schilling.

1912

Same as 1911

1913

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisor; John Dreikosen, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Joe Lang Jr., Justice of the Peace; Chas Lang, Constable; John Wenzel.

1914

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Joe Lange Jr., and J.N. Nowak, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Paul Kordus, Assessor; Anton Wadzinski, Justice of the Peace; Adam Majeski and Charles Lang, Constable; Frank A. Kordus and Frank Wadzinski.

1915

Same as 1914

1916

Same as 1914

1917

Chairman; F.X. Schilling (resigned 11/3/18 - A.F. Joswiak appointed), Supervisors; Paul Kordus and Joe Knoeck, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Joe Lang Jr., Assessor; A.F. Joswiak; Justice of the Peace; Stanley Gretz and F.X. Schilling, Constables; F.A. Kordus and John Weisenberger.

1918

Same as 1917

1919

Same as 1917

1920

Chairman; Anton Joswiak, Supervisors; Charles Kordus and Paul Kordus, Clerk; Stanley Gretz, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; Anton Wadzinski, Justice of the Peace; Leo Wadzinski, Constables; F.A. Kordus and Frank Wadzinski.

1921

Chairman; Anton Joswiak, Supervisors; J.D. Kohler and Chas Kordus, Clerk; F.X. Schilling, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; A.J. Lang, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Constables; F.W. Kordus and Frank Wadzinski.

1922

Chairman; Anton Joswiak, Supervisors; Chas Kordus and Joe Kohler, Clerk; F.X. Schilling, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; A.J. Lang, Justice of the Peace; Leo Wadzinski, Constables; Frank Wadzinski and F.W. Kordus

1923

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Joe D. Kohler and Anton Knetter, Clerk; Daniel Scheinoha, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; A.J. Lang, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Constables; Frank Wadzinski and Frank Kordus

1924

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Joe D. Kohler and Anton Knetter, Clerk; Daniel Scheinoha, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; Leo Wadzinski, Constables; John Weisenberger and Frank Wadzinski.

1925

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Anton Knetter and Frank Lemmer, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; Leo Wadzinski, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Constables; Frank Wadzinski and John Weisenberger, Health Board; F.Z. Schilling, Dan Scheinoha and Martin Jakubowski

1926

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Anton Knetter and Frank Lemmer, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; George M. Wagner, Constables; Frank Wadzinski and John Weisenberger, Weed Commissioner; Pete Jakubowski, Health Board; F.X. Schilling, Dan Scheinoha and Martin Jakubowski

1927

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Frank Lemmer and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Jacob Wielock, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling and Dan Scheinoha, Constables; Joseph Wielock, F.A. Kordus, John Weisenberger and Anton Adamski, Weed Commissioner; Peter Jakubowski, Health Officer; Martin Jakubowski

1928

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Frank Lemmer and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Anton Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; George M. Wagner, Constables; Joseph Petrowski, F.A. Kordus, Joseph Wadzinski and John Wiesenberger

1929

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Frank Lemmer and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Anton Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; F.X. Schilling, Constables; John Weisenberger, Peter Jakubowski, John Wielock and Anton Wenzel, Weed Commissioner; Peter Jakubowski, Health Board; F.X. Schilling, Chairman, Dan Scheinoha, Clerk, Joseph Petrowski, Health Officer.

1930

Chairman; Dan Scheinoha, Supervisors; Frank Lemmer and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Anton F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; George M. Wagner, Constables; Gilbert Knoeck, F.A. Kordus, Vincent Andreshak and John Weisenberger, Weed Commissioner; Anton Adamski, Health Board; Dan Scheinoha, Chairman, Anton Wenzel, Clerk, Joe Petrowski, Health Officer.

1931

Chairman; Dan Scheinoha, Supervisors; Frank Lemmer and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Anton F. Joswiak, Justice of Peace; Anton F. Joswiak, Constables; F.A. Kordus, John Koppa, John Weisenberger and Herman Skrzypchak, Weed Commissioner; Anton Adamski, Health Officer; Joseph Petrowski.

1932

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; John Weisenberger and Frank Wadzinski, Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; Anton F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; Anton F. Joswiak (2 years), Joe Ravonet (1 year) Constables; Joe Feltz, Anton Adamski, Cazimer Nowak, Herman Skrzypchak, Weed Commissioner; Anton Adamski, Health Officer; Joe Pietrowski.

1933

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Frank Wadzinski and John Weisenberger, Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; A.F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; George M. Wagner (2 years), Constables; Joe Feltz, Leo Knetter, Herman Skrzypchak, Adolph Koppa.

1933

Chairman; F.X. Schilling, Supervisors; Frank Wadzinski and John Weisenberger, Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; A.F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; A.F. Joswiak (2 years), Felix Jakubowski (1 year), Constables; Joe Feltz, Adolph Koppa, Anton Adamski, Edward Mathiea.

1935

Chairman: Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; John Weisenberger and Louis Pospyhala Jr., Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; George M. Wagner, Assessor; A.F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; George M. Wagner, Constables; Anton Adamski, John R. Dalsky, Joe Feltz, Ed Michlig.

1936

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; John Weisenberger and Louis Pospyhala Jr., Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; Adolph Koppa, Assessor; A.F. Joswiak, Justice of the Peace; Adolph Koppa, F.X. Schilling, Constables; Chas Weisenberger, Joe Feltz, Anton Adamski, Ed Michlig.

1937

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; John Weisenberger and Louis Pospyhals Jr., Clerk; Anton Wenzel, Treasurer; Adolph Koppa, Assessor; Anton Joswiak, Justice of Peace; George M. Wagner, Constables; Anton Adamski, Ed Michlig, Joe Feltz and M.J. Wagner.

1938

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; Louis Pospyhala Jr., John Weisenberger, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; Adolph Koppa, Assessor; Anton Joswiak

1939

Same as 1938

1940

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; Louis Pospyhala Jr., M.J. Wagner, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; Anton Wenzel, Assessor; Anton Joswiak

1941

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; Louis Pospyhala Jr., John Weisenberger, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; Adolph Wenzel, Assessor; Anton Joswiak

1942

Chairman; Leo Wadinski, Supervisors; Louis Pospyhals Jr., M.J. Wagner, Clerk; Dan Scheinoha, Treasurer; Anton Wenzel, Assessor; Anton Joswiak.

1943

Same as 1942

1944

Same as 1942

1945

Same as 1942

1946

Chairman; Louis Pospyhala Jr., Supervisors; M.J. Wagner, Leonard Lang, Clerk; Alois Soczka, Treasurer; Adolph Koppa, Assessor; Anton Joswiak.

1947

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla Jr., Supervisors; M.J. Wagner, John Weisenberger, Clerk; Alois Soczka, Treasurer; Anton Wenzel, Assessor; Anton Joswiak.

1951

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Carl Wilichowski, John Weisenberger,

Clerk; Alois Soczka, Treasurer; Anton T. Wenzel, Assessor; Anton F. Joswiak

1952

Same as 1951

1956

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Carl Wilichowski, John Weisenberger, Clerk; Alois Soczka, Treasurer; Anton T. Wenzel, Assessor; Alfred L. Joswiak

1957

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; John Weisenberger, Carl Wilichowski,

Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Anton T Wenzel, Assessor; Ralph Kaiser

1958

Same as 1957

1959

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Hugo Seubert Jr., Clarence Adamski, Clerk; Prosper E. Koppa, Treasurer; Anton T. Wenzel, Assessor; Ralph Kaiser

1960

Same as 1959

1961

Same as 1959

1962

Same as 1959

1963

Same as 1959

1964

Same as 1959

1965-1966

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Hugo Seubert Jr., Clarence Adamski, Clerk; Prosper E. Koppa, Treasurer; Anton T. Wenzel, Assessor; Kenneth Lepak

1966-1967

Same as 1965-1966

1967-1968

Same as 1965-1966

1969-1970

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Clarence Adamski, Louis Andreshak, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Anton Wenzel, Assessor; Verlyn Ross

1971-1972

Chairman; Louis Pospychalla, Supervisors; Louis Andreshak, Felix Adamski, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Ken Lepak, Assessor; Verlyn Ross

1973-1974

Chairman; Clarence Adamski, Supervisors; Walter Wadzinski, Louis Andreshak, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Ken Lepak, Assessor; Verlyn Ross

1975-1976

Chairman; Clarence Adamski, Supervisors; Walter Wadzinski, Louis Andreshak, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Ken Lepak, Assessor; John Wesolowski

1977-1978

Chairman; Clarence Adamski, Supervisors; Hugo Seubert Jr., Louis Andreshak, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Sandra Lepak

1979-1980

Same as 1977-1978

1981-1982

Chairman; Hugo Seubert Jr., Supervisors; Louis Andreshak, Jake Hornung, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Mary Kay Adamski

1983-1984

Same as 1981-1982

1985-1986

Chairman; Hugo Seubert Jr., Supervisors; Louis Andreshak, Jake Hornung, Clerk; Prosper Koppa, Treasurer; Antoinette (Toni) Lang (also appointed Clerk in August 1985), Constable; Lloyd Lang

1987-1988

Chairman; Hugo Seubert Jr., Supervisors; Dean Adamski, LeRoy Lang, Clerk; Toni Lang, Treasurer; Michael Huebsch, Constable; Lloyd Lang

1989-1990

Chairman; Hugo Seubert Jr., Supervisors; LeRoy Lang, Jake Hornung, Clerk; Toni Lang, Treasurer; Michael Huebsch, Constable; Lloyd Lang

1991

Chairman; Hugo Seubert Jr., Supervisor; Jake Hornung, Ruffin Wilichowski, Clerk; Toni Lang, Treasurer; Alfred Joswiak



"1991" Cassel Road Crew - Toby Karlen, Gilbert Lang, Joe Nowak

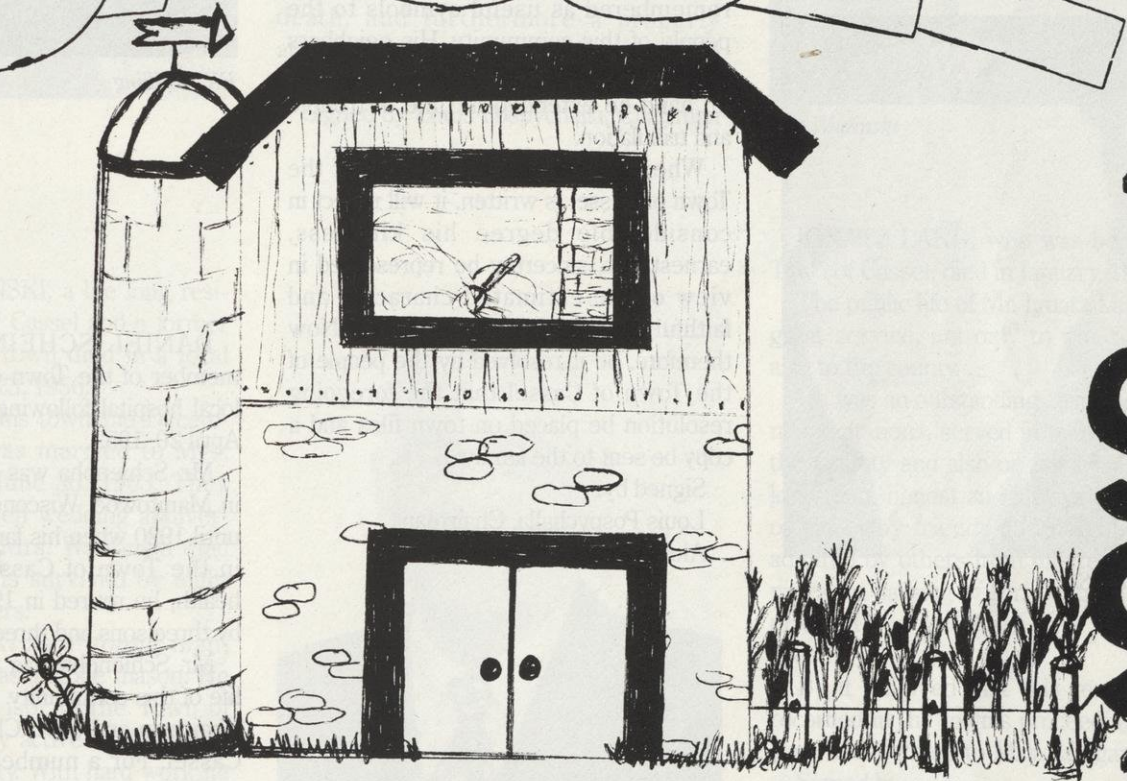
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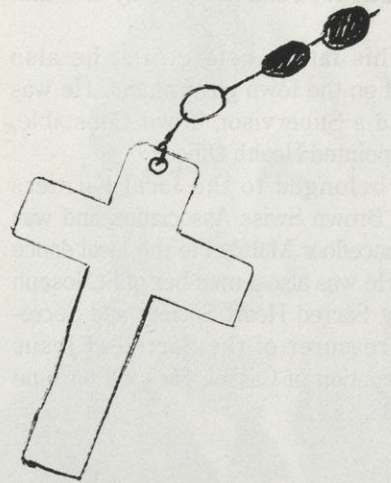
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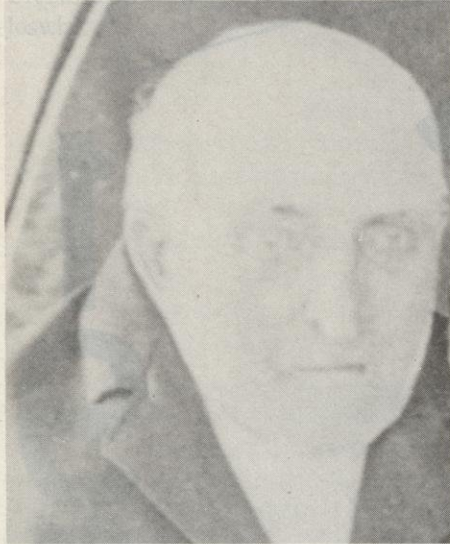
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Cover Entry - Kelly Soczka

MEMORIALS

FRANK KORDUS, SR. immigrated to the United States of America in 1866 from Prussia, where he was born in 1847, making him 19 years old. He married to Constance Wawziniekowski in Prussia; together they had a family of 10 children. They came to Marathon County in 1882 and resided in the Town of Marathon as it was known at that time. He was one of the appointed Supervisors that signed the document forming the Town of Cassel in November 1981. He died in 1917.



Frank Kordus Sr

FRANK A KORDUS was two years old when his parents moved to Marathon County from Michigan. He married Anna Paszek in 1904 and had a family of 8 children.

As his father before him, he also served on the town government. He was elected a Supervisor, Town Constable, and appointed Health Officer.

He belonged to the local Farmers Union Brown Swiss Association and was the Dancefloor Marshal at the local dance halls. He was also a member of St. Joseph Society, Sacred Heart Society and Secretary/Treasurer of the Sacred of Jesus Congregation of Cassel. He died on June 15, 1933.

EX. SCHILLING, a life long resident of Marathon County and a prominent farmer of the Town of Cassel, who was critically injured on Highway 51, near the village of Rothschild, died on the 29th day of March 1949.

Mr. Schilling was born April 26, 1868 in the Town of Cassel. He was chairman of this town 31 years, served as town Treasurer and town Clerk. He also was assembly man from the first district of Marathon one term.

The work of EX. Schilling has been completed, but his services will long be remembered as useful symbols to the people of this community. His neighbors and friends will remember the kind helpful hand he extended in time of trouble and tribulation.

When the records of progress of the Town of Cassel is written, it will reflect in considerable degree his kindness, earnestness, sincerity he represented in view of the estimated character and faithful performance of his duties. Now therefore, be it resolved by the people of the Town of Cassel that the foregoing resolution be placed on town files and a copy be sent to the family.

Signed by:

Louis Pospychalla, Chairman

Alois Soczka, Town Clerk



EX. Schilling

DANIEL SCHEINOHHA, a former member of the Town of Cassel, died at a local hospital following a lingering illness April 20, 1952.

Mr. Schienoha was born July 21, 1889 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he lived until 1920 when his family moved to farm in the Town of Cassel. Due to failing health, he retired in 1946, he is survived by three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Schienoha was active in the public life of this community. He served as town Chairman and town Clerk of the Town of Cassel. For a number of years he was secretary of the Cassel Garden Cheese Factory.

With hard work he weathered hardships and struggles of his undertakings. He was very generous and unselfish and his name will long linger in the memories of his many friends and associates.

Be it resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the family of Mrs. Felix Wieloch.

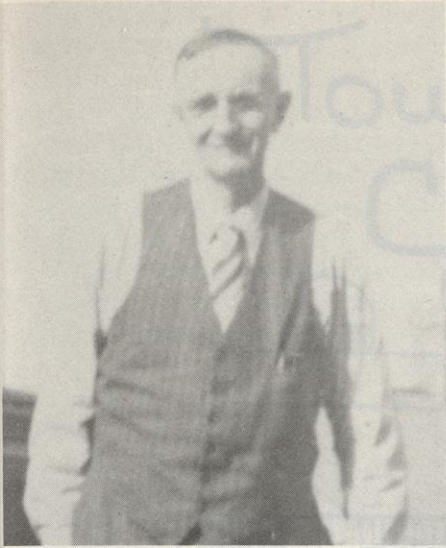
Signed by:

Louis Pospychalla, Chairman

Alois Soczka, Town Clerk



Frank A. Kordus



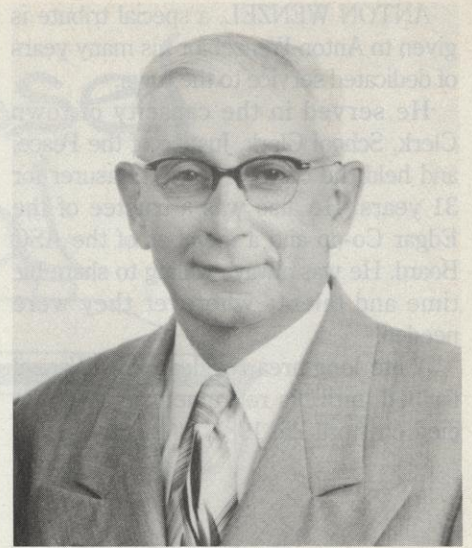
Dan Scheinoha

LEO WADINSKI, former Chairman, Treasurer and School Board member of Town of Cassel also served on the Marathon County Board of supervisors, County Park Board, Sanitation Board, Chairman of County Soil Conservation and also director of the Stettin Fire Insurance.

He was always kind and considerate of others, gave generously of his time to the community and public offices.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Cassel record its profound respect and sense of Leo Wadzinski death, and furthermore a properly attested copy be sent to the wife of Leo Wadzinski.

Signed by Louis Pospychalla, Chairman



Leo Wadzinski

FRANK WADZINSKI, a life long resident of the Town of Cassel and a former supervisor for the town died in a local hospital September 23, 1956.

He was born in this township December 3, 1876 and was married to Mrs. Jennie Marzynski June 30, 1903. They observed their golden wedding anniversary in June 1953. Mrs. Wadzinski died May 13, 1955. He is survived by eight sons and six daughters.

Frank Wadzinski as a young man, farmed and worked as a stone mason. He served as a supervisor in the Town of Cassel and was very active in the public life of this community. With hard work he weathered the hardships and struggles of his undertakings. He was generous and unselfish and his name will long linger in the memories of his many friends and associates.

Be it resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the family of Frank Wadzinski.

Signed by:
Louis Pospychalla, Chairman
Alois Soczka, Clerk



Frank Wadzinski

IGNATZ LANG, who was born in the Town of Cassel, died in January, 1961.

The public life of Mr. Ignatz Lang was a great service, not only to this town, but also to the county.

He was an outstanding farmer, received many citations, served in many offices on the County and also on the local level. A kind man, honest and always considerate of his many friends and neighbors, and admired by others from different communities. In passing of Mr. Lang, the people of the Town of Cassel have lost a true friend.

Be it resolved that this resolution be recorded in the town's proceedings, and a copy of it be sent to Mrs. Margaret Lang.

Signed by:
Louis Pospychalla, Chairman
Prosper E Koppa, Clerk



Ignatz Lang

ANTON WENZEL, a special tribute is given to Anton Wenzel for his many years of dedicated service to the town.

He served in the capacity of town Clerk, School Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and held the office of town Treasurer for 31 years. He also was a trustee of the Edgar Co-op and a member of the ASC Board. He was always willing to share his time and talents wherever they were needed.

A life long area resident, Mr. Wenzel farmed until his retirement in 1962. he died on April 25, 1981, at the age of 84.



Anton Wenzel

LOUIS POSPYCHALLA, a farmer in the Town of Cassel, served on the Cassel Town Board from 1945 to 1965. He was Chairman for 28 years and Supervisor for 10 years. He also served as president of Pine Valley Co-op Cheese Factory in Cassel. He and his wife Hedwig raised five children.



Louis Pospychalla

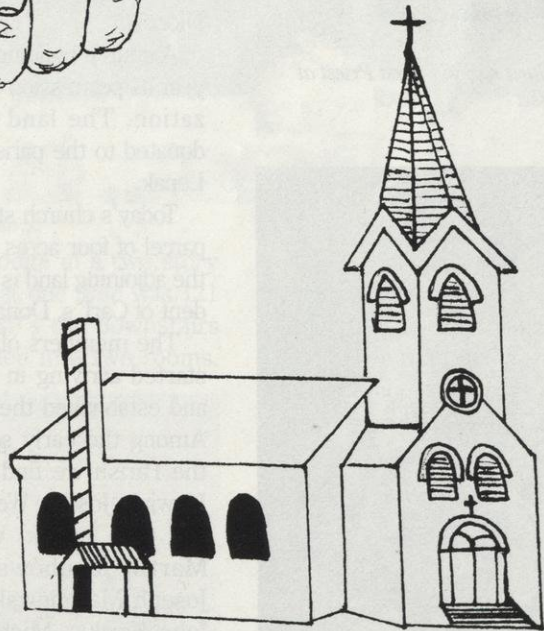
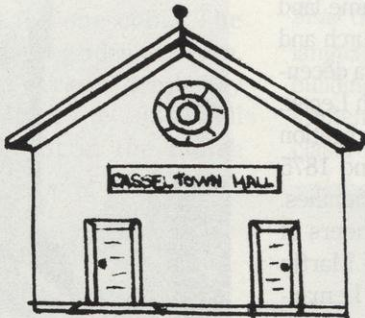
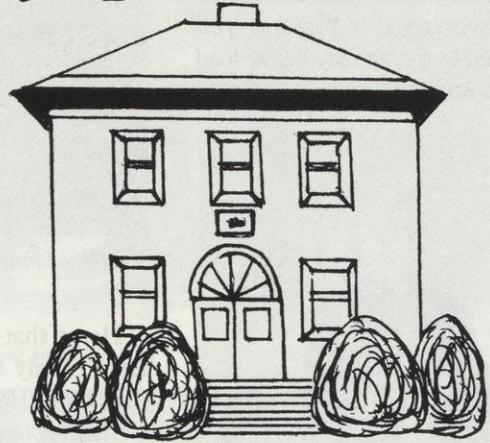
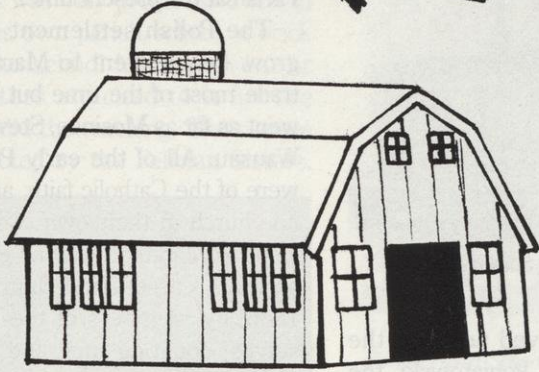


Dolores C. Marzynski

DOLORES MARZYNSKI (7/23/24 - 2/16/91)

Dolores Marzynski died as the result of a car accident on February 16, 1991. Dolores and her husband Dominic were dairy and ginseng farmers on her parents' century farm. In addition to her many activities outside the Town of Cassel and as part of the Sacred Heart Church in Cassel, at the time of her death she was very actively involved in the preparations for the Town of Cassel Centennial. Also at the time of her death she was a poll worker for elections. Dolores's presence and her many contributions to the Town of Cassel will be greatly missed.

Town of Cassel Centennial



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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

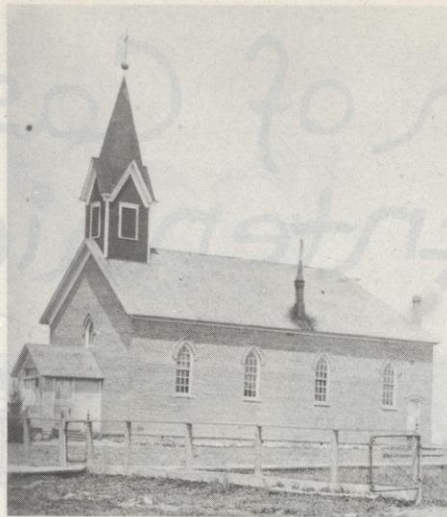
In 1886 the 30 families, primarily of Polish origin, who had settled in the town of Cassel, were finally granted consent by the most Rev. Kilian Casper Flasch, Bishop of La Crosse Diocese, the right of organization of the Parish of Sacred Heart. Too small to have a resident pastor as yet, they were added to the already heavy load carried by Rev. Andrew Gara.



Rev. Fr. Andres Gara - 1886 - First Priest at Sacred Heart Cassel



Carl and Frances Lepak



First Wood Frame Church - Sacred Heart of Jesus

He at that time served not only the Holy Family Church at Poniatowski, the mission of Holy Trinity in Poniatowski, a German congregation of about 20 families, the Holy Redeemer Church at Athens, also German, counting some 65 families and now also the mission of Sacred Heart of Cassel. In the horse and buggy days of the 1880's the young padre certainly had his work cut out for him with two nationalities to take care of in four churches, but he seems to have done a splendid job of it. He was very active and also influential in the early history of the La Crosse Diocese.

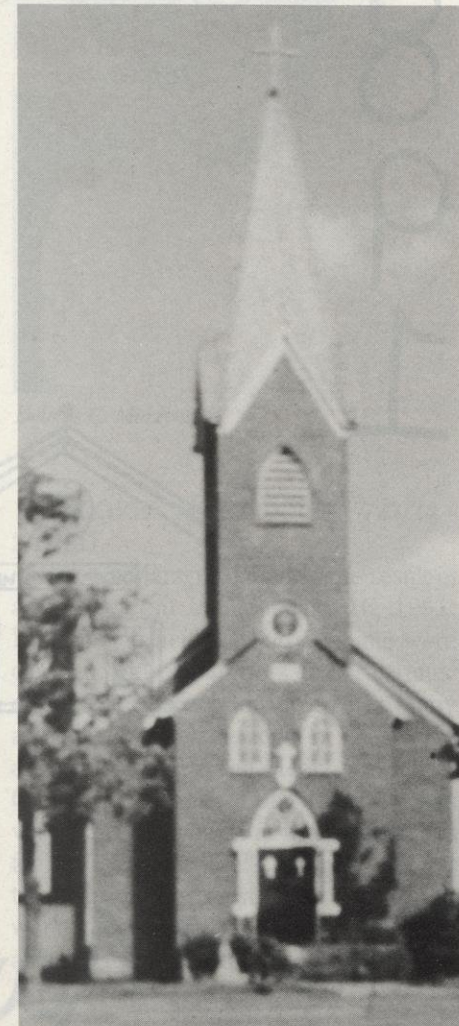
A church building was erected the same year as permission was granted for organization. The land for that church was donated to the parish by Carl and Frances Lepak.

Today's church stands on the same land parcel of four acres as the first church and the adjoining land is still owned by a descendant of Carl's, Donald and Deborah Lepak.

The members of the new congregation started arriving in the area around 1875 and established their homes and families. Among the early settlers, or pioneers of the Parish we find the names of Martin Joswiak, Joseph Wenzel, Michael Lemanski, Carl Lepak, Valentine Marzynski, Martin Jakubowski, Stanley Koppa, Joseph Maciejewski, Albert Szymanski, John Kordus, Michael Wentland, Joseph Brzezinski, John Paszek, Sr., Martin Glabas, Joseph Adamski, Joseph Tuszynski, John Starzynski, Andrew Pospychalla, Martin Lewandowski, Valentine Nowitski, Sylvester Knetter, John Ceranski, Theodore Fons, Martin Skrzypchak, Valentine Wenska, Stanley Wadzinski,

Joseph Budzinski, John Cichon, Joseph Nowak, John Soczka, Joe Muschinski, Mike Rodman, John Cerba, Matthew Michalski, Martin Wilichowski, Theodore Lepak and possibly others that were not in any records. Of the above listed names after a hundred years we still have about twenty of the family names still in the Parish at the present time.

The Polish settlement continued to grow. People went to Marathon City to trade most of the time but at times they went as far as Mosinee, Stevens Point and Wausau. All of the early Polish settlers were of the Catholic faith, and if they had no church in their own community they went to Marathon City or Poniatowski to services. Cassel's first church was built in 1886, by members of the Parish themselves, donating time and materials, as well as labor to get their own church building. That first wooden structure was replaced in 1905 with a brick one, then remodeled again in 1908. This parish was very proud of their house of worship and worked to maintain it.



Church remodeled in 1908

The first wedding in the new church was that of Frances Adamski and Carl Lepak on January 18, 1887, while the first baptism was that of Sophie Joswiak on May 5, 1887. The parish rectory was built in 1902 and remodeled in 1949.

The first resident pastor was Father Theophilus Wojak, 1902. The little congregation was very progressive and in 1910 built its own parish school, a brick building. The school had a convent or living quarters attached to it for the Sisters that did the teaching. The classes were conducted by the Felician Sisters.



Father Theophilus Wojak

The Felician Sisters started teaching at Sacred Heart, Cassel in 1911, with two teaching Sisters and one cook. The Sisters also had a small garden and barn, which housed some chickens donated by the parishoners. Until the 1930's, all subjects were taught in the Polish



Sacred Heart School and Convent Built in 1910



Sister Gracelia, Elrita, Doris

language. This was done in a two story building. Enrollment at one time was 121 students. In the 1940's the downstairs classroom was divided into two rooms.

The school also had a chapel in the convent adjoining the lower grade classroom in which daily mass was said during the winter months. Being a two story structure both the upper and lower classrooms were the same size. Annual school activities were held at the corner Dance Hall which was quite well known in the central area of Marathon County. This dance hall was owned by Stanley Lepak who donated its use for these occasions. The annual school activity was the school program put on by the children of the parish which always ended up with the Graduation of the members of the Eighth grade. In 1970, the school was closed for lack of teaching Sisters and the drive for consolidation of small schools. In 1969, a new church was built with a formal dedication being held on June 5, 1970.



Sacred Heart Cassel Interior 1910



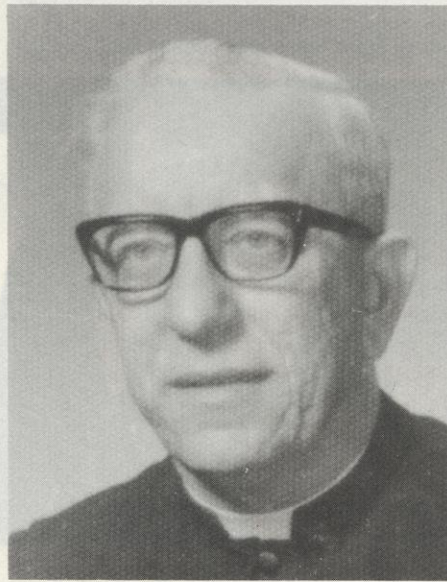
Sacred Heart Church, built in 1969 a steel structure 80 x 80



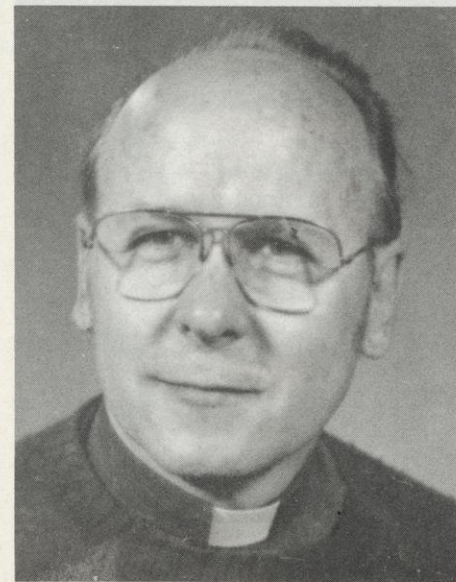
Fr. Pius Pulvermacher OFM Cap.

Sacred Heart Church - In 1986 on Sunday, June 8, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish celebrated 100 years. For the centennial celebration a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was concelebrated by Bishop John Paul and former priests, Fr. Thadeus Szczerbicki and Fr. Joseph Rafacz. Father Pius Pulvermacher, the resident priest, assisted them.

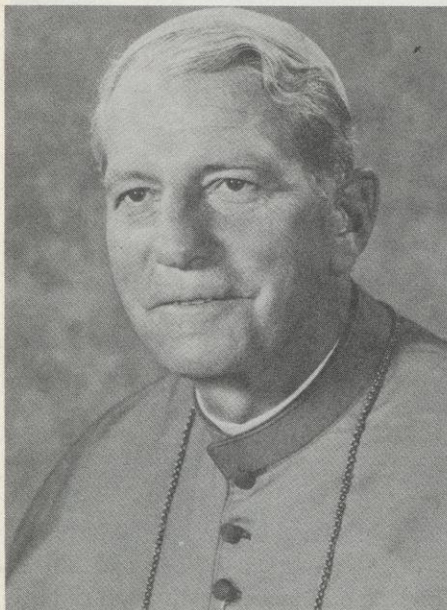
A parish dinner and social followed. On Sunday, October 5, another Mass, dinner, and social was held for former and current parishioners. A memorial book was constructed of pictures and stories of all past priests and nuns serving the parish. Also special events of buildings, weddings, births from old to young, and a directory of the parish members were included. The centennial committee was in charge of the book and the special events.



Rev. Fr. Thadeus Szczerbicki



Rev. Fr. Joseph Rafacz



His Excellency, The Most Reverend John J. Paul



Left to right, Back row: Alfred Joswiak, Eleanore Lepak, Stanley Szymanski, Front row: Clara Lepak, Dolores Bergs - Centennial Committee 1986



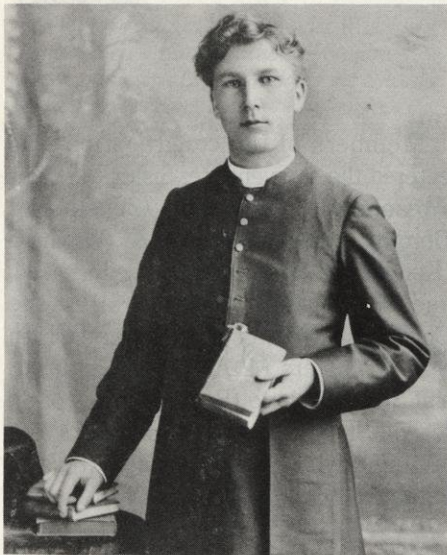
Communion class of 1906



First Cooks, Leona Lewandowski, Cecelia Ceranski



Hot Lunch Cooks, Eulalia Lemanski, Mary Wadzinski



Joseph Ceranski - Ordained June 1898



Sisters Doris, Elrita, Gracelia



Peter Kurzyka - Ordained 1897



1st Choir - 1906

Back Row: Caroline Lepak, Mary Fons, Katherine Jakubowski, Martha Venski, Mary Busko, 3rd Row: Mrs. Anton Wentland, Susan Ceranski, Rose Szymanski, Anna Adamski, Anna Skrzyphchak, Leokadia Marzynski, 2nd Row: Carl Lepak, Father Rajski, Teofil Ceranski, 1st Row: Mary Pospychalla, Pauline Wesolowski, Anna Sadovitch, Hattie Koppa, Mary Chezewski, Margaret Kordus

Daughters of the Parish



Sister M. Eligia Wesolowski



Sister M. Sophia Zemski



Sister Bertland Koppa



Sister Paulette Bergs



Sister LaVerne Wilichowski

Members of the congregation who entered the Convent are: Sister M. Eligia (Wesolowski), M. Sophia (Zemski), M. Dorothy (Zemski) deceased, M. Virginella (Koppa), M. Eulogia (Koppa) deceased, and M. Bertland (Koppa), all of the Chicago Province of St. Felix the Felician Sisters. Sisters M. Agnesita (Ceranski) and Sister Paulette (Bergs), Sisters of St. Joseph Stevens Point and Sister LaVern (Wilichowski), Fransiscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (La Crosse).

Graduates of Sacred Heart School 1939 - Edward Nowak, Reynold Feltz, Larry Rossi, Fabian Kordus, Alfred Joswiak, Wallace Szymanski, Joe Zemski

Josephine Michalewicz, Elizabeth Wilichowski, Elenore Wesolowski, Father Kluczikowski, Dolores Kordus, Genevieve Adamski, Julie Lepak





First Holy Communion 1963 - Bottom row: Timothy Bergs, Glenn Knetter, Julie Litzer, Mark Nowak, John Soczka, Middle row: Sharon Fons, Joan Joswiak, John Michalewicz, Michael Nowitzke, Mark Andraska, Marsha Andreshak & Nancy Soczka

Top row: Servers: Henry Soczka, Terry Andreshak, Father Sigismund Lengowski, David Joswiak, Timothy Andreshak

Class of 1950

Bottom row: Martin Wieloch, Alice Wadzinski, Paulette Bergs, Karen Michalski, Sandra Brezinski, Joseph Lepak, Middle row: Sylvester Wera, Frances Fons, Stanley Wesolowski, Glenice Andraska, Thomas Milbeck, Top row: Barbara Starzinski, Jackie Szymanski, Duane Karlen, Stephen Knetter. Paster: Father Sigismund Lengowski

Back row: Doris Skrzyrchak, Paul Michlig, Dale Kurtzweil, Ron Lepak, Frank Lemmer, Michael Lemmer, Rick Michalewicz, Chris Szymanski, Jeanne Fischer, Front row: Jim Fons, Terri Skrzyrchak, Rosalyn Stencil, Rennia Wesolowski, Joe Lepak, Jerry Schneeberger

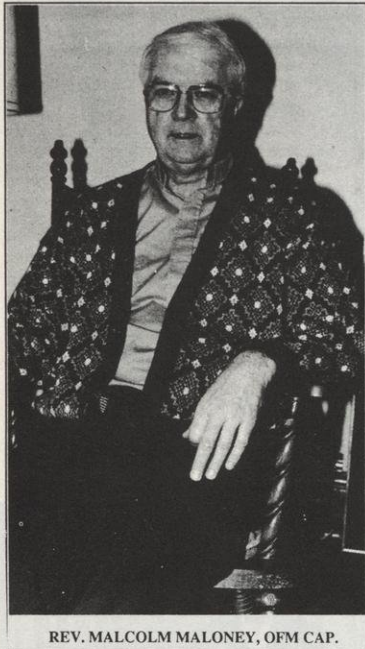


11th - 12th Grade, 1986

Back Row; Doris Skrzyrchak, Paul Michlig, Dale Kurtzweil, Ron Lepak, Frank Lemmer, Michael Lemmer, Rick Michalewicz, Chris Szymanski, Jeanne Fischer

Front Row; Jim Fons, Terri Skrzyrchak, Rosalyn Stencil, Rennia Wesolowski, Joe Lepak, Scott Nowak

New priest in Marathon discovers rural living



REV. MALCOLM MALONEY, OFM CAP.

Father Malcolm Maloney, the new Capuchin priest staying at St. Mary's rectory in Marathon, sent back a snapshot of a diamond-shaped yellow yield sign with the picture of a dairy cow on it back to his friends in highly urban Detroit.

The photograph was positive proof that Father Malcolm, himself a novice to rural living, had finally arrived in America's Dairyland.

What natives in Marathon take for granted about rural life, Father Malcolm is learning new.

"I feel just like a kid up here," he said, "I am learning things every day that are brand new."

After a discussion with Father Malcolm about his past assignments, however, you'd say that there was very little that the priest had not seen.

Father Malcolm served as chaplain at Michigan's maximum security prison in Marquette for several years. He also served inner city parishes in Saginaw and Midland, Mich. One of his saddest assignments was to be a priest in the Ploetown section of Detroit when General Motors purchased a neighborhood, displacing 450 people, and tore down two Catholic Churches to build a Cadillac plant.

Father Malcolm also has served as a hospital chaplain in Southfield.

The minister joins two other Capuchin priests, Revs. Gerald Pehler and Larry Abler, in pastoring to congregations at St. Mary's in Marathon, Sacred Heart in Cassel, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Halder.

Father Malcolm, who came to Marathon after New Year's, is no stranger to the local area.

He studied theology at St. Anthony's seminary in Marathon and was ordained in St. Mary's Church in 1955.

"It sort of feels like coming home," said Father Malcolm on his return to Marathon.

Father Malcolm said that he is getting to appreciate Wisconsin small town living and appreciating its nuances.

"I was in the hardware store getting a key made to the rectory," he said, "Everyone in the store was a parishioner. When I was handed the key, everyone applauded. They don't do that in Detroit."



CAPUCHINS: Fathers Larry Abler and Jerry Pehler, OFM Cap., are serving three parishes in Marathon County. (Photo by Patrick Slattery)

There are six Capuchin provinces in the United States. The St. Joseph Province, which covers eight Upper Midwestern states, has about 250 members.

Historically the province has concentrated on working with the poor.

"Our order has always responded to the needs of the church," said Father Abler. "Since an expanded pastoral need exists in this area, we came forward to offer our services."

The Capuchins say that so far the new situation has worked out well sacramentally. Two weekend Masses are offered at both Halder and Cassel, and three at Marathon.

A bottleneck at this point, they note, may be too many conflicting night meetings. Both of the smaller parishes have pastoral and finance councils, while Marathon has the complete parish structure, consisting of the two councils and four standing committees.

The two Capuchins live together in the Marathon rectory. Group living is the norm for members of a religious community, they said.

In January, added Father Abler, they expect a third Capuchin to join them. He is Father Malcolm Maloney, who formerly was in hospital ministry in Detroit, and is now in a theology program at Notre Dame.

New Capuchins in town Order has served in area since 1918

By Patrick Slattery
Times Review Staff

MARATHON - Last summer a new team of Capuchin priests came here to take on expanded pastoral duties.

Over the past decade, two diocesan parishes in Marathon County have had Capuchin pastors - St. Mary's in Marathon and Sacred Heart in Cassel. Recently a third parish joined them, St. Patrick's in Halder.

So far all has gone smoothly, according to Fathers Larry Abler and Jerry Pehler, OFM Cap., the two priests who jointly are serving this trio of parishes.

These parishes already are flourishing faith communities, they said. Their goal as new pastors, they added, is to provide the best pastoral services possible to help their parishioners further deepen their faith lives.

Each of these neighboring parishes has a distinct identity in this heavily Catholic rural region west of Wausau.

St. Mary's in Marathon, the largest by far of the three with 840 households, was founded by Germans. They built their stately, twin-spired church atop a village high point, sanguinely overlooking the community. The parish school, with 332 students, is the third largest Catholic elementary school in the diocese.

Five miles east is Sacred Heart. Founded by Poles, this parish has a proud identity. They built a new church in 1970, the same year their school closed.

Irish-founded St. Patrick's is nestled in an idyllic setting just off Highway 153, about 10 miles south of Marathon. The Halder and Cassel parishes both have about 150 households.

The Capuchins have had a local presence since they opened a seminary on Marathon's outskirts in 1918. The seminary closed in 1970, but the facility has continued as St. Anthony Retreat Center. At present there are five Capuchins on staff.

St. Mary's in Marathon was served by La Crosse diocesan priests until a Capuchin, Father Campion Baer, was assigned as pastor in 1979. He served until 1984, and was followed by another Capuchin, Father David Funk.

An entire turnover in leadership took place earlier this year.

Father Funk left Marathon for a sabbatical trip to Europe, and will continue his studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Father Pius Pulvermacher, who was pastor of Cassel and resided at the parish's rectory for 13 years, is now in Madison at San Damiano Friary.

And St. Patrick's former pastor, Father George Nelson, a diocesan priest, died last January.

In addition St. Mary's school principal for the past decade, Sister Catherine Kaiser, FSPA, left at the end of the last school year and is now studying in the Holy Land.

Father Abler was ordained a Capuchin in 1964. He grew up on a farm near St. Cloud in Wisconsin's "Holy Land," a solidly Catholic region east of Lake Winnebago. Mt. Calvary, the Capuchin's St. Joseph Provincial headquarters, is also in Holy Land country.

The new pastor has spent most of his priesthood in black inner city or Native American parishes. He was in Montana for 13 years, and for the last three years worked with Ojibwas near Baraga, Mich.

An Arcadia native, Father Pehler entered the community following high school. He was a brother for 20 years before being ordained in 1988. He spent many of those years caring for infirm members of his religious community.

Two years in the early 1980s in parish ministry at a Capuchin-run parish in Huntington, Ind. helped him realize his call to the priesthood. He was ordained at age 38 after four years of study at Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wis.. The seminary specializes in training older seminarians.

Father Pehler spent two years at St. Joseph's Parish in Appleton, Wis., before coming to Marathon.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, wanting to install Christian values and instruct their children in the Catholic faith, built its own school in 1910. It was a two-story building, constructed of brick, with a chapel and living quarters for the nuns attached to it. The bottom floor classroom was for grades 1 thru 4, while the upper level held classes for grades 5 thru 8. It was staffed by the Felician Sisters, usually two sisters for teaching and one as a cook and house-keeper. In later years as the parish grew, another sister was hired for teaching.

Mass was held every morning in the school chapel before classes began. In those early years, fasting from midnight was required to receive Holy Communion, so those children who participated in receiving the Eucharist, had to bring their own breakfast as well as lunch to school. In the last years a hot lunch program was established.

Polish language was taught, and Polish readers were used till about 1937, when it was discontinued. At the end of every school year a big program was presented with every class participating in a play or skit. It closed with graduation ceremonies when the graduates received their diplomas.

The school was closed in 1970, due to the shortage of teaching nuns. The living quarters are occupied, but the rest of the building is standing empty.



Class of 1944

Back row; Clifford Lang, Alvina Adamski, Phyllis Novitzke, Norbert Lepak, Joe Marzynski, Alvina Wenzel, Richard Imhoff, Front row; Valeria Skrzyrchak, Father Szymchak, Evelyn Boehm

PIERCE SCHOOL

Land was purchased from Conrad King, located in the SE1/4 of Section 18, Range 5 East in the Town of Cassel on June 8, 1901, for the purpose of erecting a school house. At the meeting of the local residents, it was decided to build a brick schoolhouse. School was to be started by November 1 of that year and to hire a female teacher if possible. Each family had to buy their own textbooks that first year. A Miss Elmere Gervais was hired as the first teacher, but apparently she quit before the school year was over, as John



Reunion class of 1929

Stanley Szymanski, Eleanor Lepak, Lottie Burger, Emily Murkowski, Henry Koppa

King had to substitute for the last 3 months. Her salary was \$38.00 a month. In later years when a male teacher was hired, his salary was \$45.00 a month, then when a female teacher was hired her salary went back to \$38.00 a month, so that is why a female teacher was usually sought after.

In the first years, school was held for only 7 months of the year, until 1917 when it was changed to 9 months of the year.

Names of the teachers in subsequent years are; Anna Bradley, Nicholas Miller, Angelina Sloan, Helen Bowe, Vigil Bowe, Helen Resop, Beth Means, Helen McEwen, Adela Meyer, Marcella King, Florence Wirkus, Adeline Schroeder.

The last year the school was in operation was in 1945, and the salary of the teacher at that time was up to \$80.00 a month.



Class of 1925

Back Row; Leonard Wiesenberger, Rudy Lang, Ervin Adamski, Billy Eggert, Wilbur Paul, Milton Kirchman (teacher). Second Row; Viola Adamski, Angeline Sellung, Angeline Hornung, Mary Bargander, Clara Adamski, John Skrypchak. Front Row; Winifred Hornung, David Adamski, Clarence King, Clara King, Mary Weisenberger, Theresa Bargander, Dorothy Lang

DAISY DELL SCHOOL

For the residents living in the northern part of the township, a school was built amid a field of wild daisies, thus the name, Daisy Dell. The exact date of the building and some of its first teachers are not known. About the year, 1921, Mrs. Lillian (John) Lensmire started teaching school there for her neighborhood children. Lillian had an infant son at home at the time which she left with a sitter, and every noon she had to return home to breast feed him, then walk back to school to continue with her classes.

Some of the teachers after her were a Miss Sellung, Benedict Wilson, Geraldine McDonald, Frank Szymanski, Ray Lepak, Virginia Wadinski, Johanna Michlig, Adeline Hunstock, Joan Wirkus, Janice Michlig, Mrs. Loskot, and Gertrude Karlen. In 1963 the school closed its doors when it was consolidated with the Marathon School District.

It was not easy being a teacher in a one room school house with children in all eight grades to teach. Besides teaching, a teacher also had to keep the wood furnace going and keep the schoolroom clean with the help of her pupils.

Joan Wirkus recalls one winter in early November, we were hit with a blizzard and the roads became impassable, so all the children and Joan, their teacher, had to spend the night in school. With the help of close neighbors who provided them with meals and some blankets, they were able to endure it. Joan says they sang songs and told stories and covered up with their coats. It was just like camping out. The children, no doubt, enjoyed this adventure.



Virginia (Wadinski) Paszek, Teacher at Daisy Dell



Daisy Dell School 1963-64

Back Row; Teacher, Gertrude Karlen, D. Bauman, T. Hessey, G. Baumann, R. Ross, Krueger, R. Hanke, R. Gavitt, D. Dallman, G. Baumann, M. Krueger, Front Row; J. Schaur, J. Baumann, R. Matthiae, D. Baumann, K. Ross, S. Baumann, F. Hanke, Kneeling; M. Matthiae, F. Ross

BUCHANAN SCHOOL JT. DISTRICT NO. 2

This school was a joint district between the Towns of Cassel and Marathon. It was located on the corner of 107 and Four Mile Road, on the land which belongs to Toby Karlen. His father, Peter, was a former school clerk, and thus he preserved the records for posterity.

According to the ledger, this school dates back to 1860. the first years budget was \$355.00 and that included the building of the schoolhouse for \$200.00. School was in session for only 6 months of the year, from October till April. Peter Zimmerman was hired as the first teacher for \$75.00 for the school term.

In 1891, a new schoolhouse, woodshed, and outhouse was constructed for \$345.00. John Lemmer got the old school building. In 1901 the length of the school term was increased to 8 months of the year. German was taught, as much as allowed by law, for 3/4 hour each day. By the year 1931, a teacher received \$95.00 a month wage. The last recorded meeting of the district is dated in 1931, and so it is presumed that is when the school closed. The building was moved to Wausau in 1946 and used as a temporary church for the Holy Name Congregation.



First Row; George Vetter, Moose Hughes, Ed Ricks, Adeling Ahrens, Helen Lang, Evelyn Sulzer, George Heil, Second Row; Norman Schoenrock, Helen Hughes, Marcel Karlen, Rose Heil, Wallace Sulzer, Henry Langenhan, Back Row; Herbert Rader, Lillian Sulzer, Laura Ahrens, Marian Sulzer, Norbert Schoenrock, Walter Heil



Old School House - Bucanhin School Jt. District No. 2

TAYLOR SCHOOL

What was our Town Hall, located on the corner of Highways "S" & "N", was the former Taylor School building. The school closed in 1939. Many of the children went to the parochial school at Sacred Heart then, while a few went to Marathon. Alex Szymanski was the schools last teacher. Other teachers throughout the years were, Quirrin Lensmire, Ernest Pilz, Isadore Lepak and Frank Joswiak.



Taylor School 1924-25 Frank Joswiak, teacher



Taylor School pupils - Edward Pospychalla and Emily Wadinski are two identified pupils

FILLMORE SCHOOL 1931-1933

(by Joanna (Soczka) Michlig)

Fillmore School was my home district school. This gave me a great pleasure to teach in the same school I attended as a young girl and graduated from the 8th grade.

All eight grades were taught with 10 minute classes for primary grades and 15 minutes in upper grades. The largest class consisted of six children.



Pupils of Fillmore School

In the Fall, the fire was built by the teacher in a pot belly stove with a protective jacket around it. Since I was living at home, having only about 1/4 mile to school, my brother started the fire for me. The room was nice and warm before the children arrived. The children carried the wood from the wood shed, the last recess for the next day. The children carried their own lunch in a pail and placed it behind the stove on a shelf. Later when it got cold, it kept the lunch nice and warm.

Water was hauled from the neighbor because the school well tested as unsafe. The water was poured in a large bubbler that stood on a table with a wash bowl and a soap dispenser next to it.

When fire was in the stove, a pail of water was put on top of the stove to keep the air moist in the room.

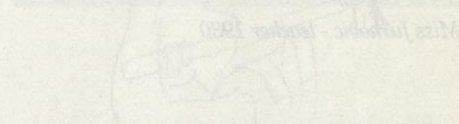
We had a large playground here. In the Fall and Spring, the older children (boys as well as girls) played baseball while the younger children played games such as Ring Around the Rosy, Drop the Handkerchief or Tag. We had no playground equipment. In the Winter we usually stayed in.

The children got enough fresh air walking to and from school, so the played games inside when it rained or was very cold.

The teachers were required to teach basic skills in all subjects. The subjects taught were; Math, Reading, Geography, History, Science, Health, Language and Spelling. Some Art and Singing especially around Christmas and Easter.

A county supervisor visited the school at least once a year observing classes taught by the teacher and the children working at their seats. This report was sent to the District Clerk.

Christmas Program was a time to get together with the parents. They had a chance to watch their children act in plays and hear some recite poems. At last the Santa Claus came and distributed the gifts the children exchanged and gave each one a small box of candy. This was the only time the parents visited the school.



1933 graduates of Fillmore School - R. Imhoff, D. Fischer, A. Imhoff, R. Karlen



1925 graduates of Fillmore School - A. Soczka, Clara & Joe Fons, C. Schneider



Fillmore School 1931-32 Joanna (Soczka) Michlig teacher



Miss Jurkovic - teacher 1930



Picnic at Fillmore School



Fillmore School 1931-32 Joanna (Soczka) Michlig teacher

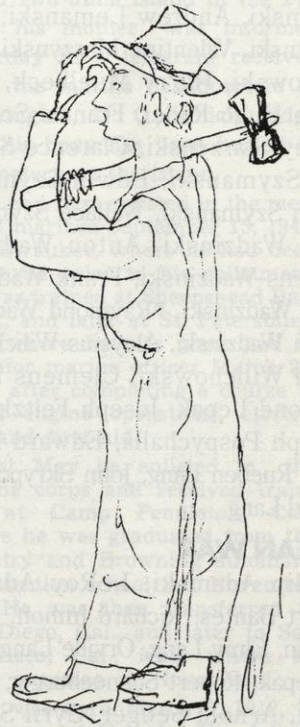
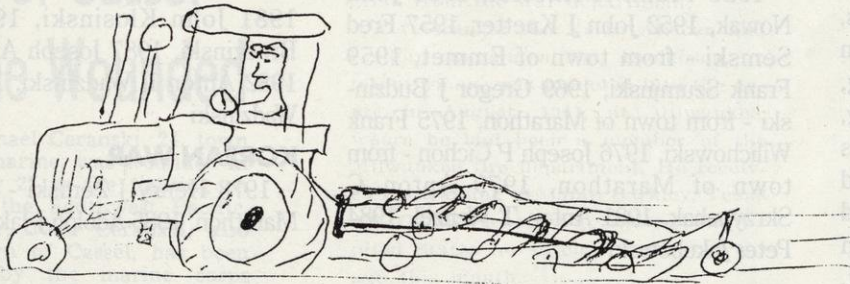
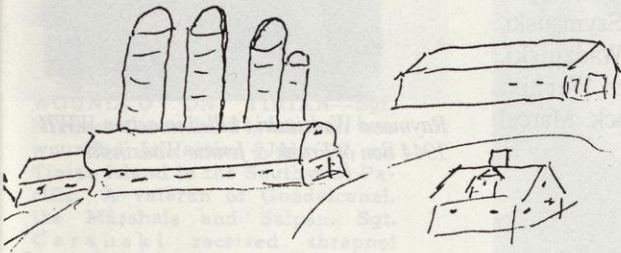


Frank Joswiak - teacher

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VETERANS FROM THE TOWN OF CASSEL

WORLD WAR I

Gregor J Budzinski, Joseph P Cichon, John R Dalsky, Alex B Dalsky, John M Dalsky, Joe Greismer, Peter Jakubowski, Frank Knetter, John Knetter, Lawrence Kordus, *Paul F Kordus, Harry Lang, Phillip G. Lang, John Nowak, Joseph Pospychalla, Alex Pospychalla, George Seliger, Anton Skrzypchak, Joseph Stencil, Frank Szuminski, Anton T Wenzel, August Wilichowski, Frank Wilichowski, *Joseph Wilichowski, Frank Zemski

WORLD WAR II

Anton Adamski, Victor Adamski, Alex Andreshak, Clarence Berens, Lamont Berens, Adam Brzezinski, Anselm Ceranski, Michael Ceranski, Myron Cramer, Philip Dalsky, Harvey Drengler, *Alois Dreikosen, Gerald Dreikosen, Alfred Gruny, Anton Hornung Jr., Maurice Hughes, Anton Imhoff, Alfred Joswiak, John Joswiak, Joseph Karlen, Norton Kempf, John Klosinski, Joseph Klosinski, David Knoeck, Gilbert Knoeck, Alfred Kohler, Richard Kohler, George Kordus, Valerian Kordus, Adam Krause, Anton Krause, Arthur Lang, *Alex O Lang, Erhart Lang, Harold Lang, Leo Lang, Isadore Lepak, Lawrence Lepak, Alois Lemanski, Andrew Lemanski, David Marzynski, Valentine Marzynski, David Murkowski, Harry Muelbeck, Erwin Rader, Hugo Rader, Francis Schilling, Stanley Starzynski, Clarence Sturgul, Alex Szymanski, Edwin Szymanski, Joseph Szymanski, Wallace Szymanski, Adam Wadzinski, Anton Wadzinski, Clemens Wadzinski, Frank Wadzinski, Harry Wadzinski, *Raymond Wadzinski, Adolph Wadzinski, Aloysius Wilichowski, Alfred Wilichowski, Clemens Lepak, Raymond Lepak, Joseph Feltzkowski, *Adolph Pospychalla, Edward Pospychalla, Rueben Lang, John Skrypchak Jr., Richard Lang

KOREAN WAR

Philip Adamski, LeRoy Adamski, Wilbert Bantes, Richard Imhoff, Ronald Kirstein, Elroy Lang, Orville Lang, Leonard Lepak, Robert Schneeberger, Myron Lepak, Arnold Seliger, Cyril Seliger, Melvin Seliger, John Szuminski, Anthony Trawickie, Marvin Wadzinski, Clarence Wenzel, Joe Wesolowski, Arthur Wilichowski, Henry Zemski

VIETNAM WAR

Donald Adamski, David Ceranski, Steve Burger, Fidelis Ceranski, Arnold Heil, Dennis Heil, James Heil, Richard Heil, Donald Imhoff, Henry Imhoff Jr., Mike Joswiak, David Karlen, Gerald Karlen, John Kirstein, Jerome Koppa, Landelin Koppa, David Huebsch, Michael Huebsch, Tom Huebsch, Arthur Lang, Gary Lang, Derrell Lang, Kenneth Lang, Leonard Lang, Charles Lemmer, Ralph Lemmer, Robert Lemmer, Joseph Lepak, Leander Lepak, Marlin Lepak, James Lemanski, Thomas Milbeck, George Pesanka, Thomas Pesanka, Ronald Rajek, Kenneth Schuster, Terrance Szymanski, George Wadzinski, Jeffrey Wadzinski, Robert Wadzinski, Clarence Werner, David Wielock, Dennis Wielock, Marcel Wielock, Martin Wielock

[*Denotes Killed in Action]

VETERANS BURIED IN SACRED HEART OF JESUS CEMETARY - CASSEL

WORLD WAR I

1925 Frank A Knetter, 1931 John Nowak, 1952 John J Knetter, 1957 Fred Semski - from town of Emmet, 1959 Frank Szuminski, 1969 Gregor J Budzinski - from town of Marathon, 1975 Frank Wilichowski, 1976 Joseph P Cichon - from town of Marathon, 1979 Anton C Skrzypchak, 1981 Anton T Wenzel, 1984 Peter Jakubowski



*Adolph Pospychalla - killed in action WWII 1944
Son of Louis & Anna Pospychalla*



*Raymond Wadzinski - killed in action WWII
1944 Son of Frank & Jennie Wadzinski*

WORLD WAR II

1944 Adolph R Pospychalla - killed in action Aseatic area, 1944 Raymond A Wadzinski - killed in action France, 1966 Victor E Adamski, 1966 Isadore S Lepak, 1981 John Klosinski, 1981 Adam L Brzezinski, 1987 Joseph A Feltzkowski, 1982 Anton L Wadzinski, 1988 Adam E Wadzinski

KOREAN WAR

1973 Henry J Zemski - from town of Marathon, 1986 Adolph J Jakubowski

DAVID F WIELOCK - Dave served in the US Army from April 1965 -April 1967. He was at Nha Trang, Viet Nam, for one year (March 1966 - April 1967) as a military policeman.

EDWARD POSPYCHALLA - April 26, 1943 - I was drafted in military services at Fort Sheridan. After my basic training at Camp Grant, IL, I was assigned to 5th armored division at Pine Camp New York. We stayed there till February 10, 1944 then sailed to England, Camp Chisedon. On July 23, 1944 I went to France. In combat we traveled to Normandy, Northern France, Ardennis and Rhineland and Central Europe. The war ended, we received decorations and citations also one silver star. Received an honorable discharge October 19, 1945, as corporal T/5 at Fort Sheridan, IL. Signed - Edward Pospychalla



**Local Soldier
Killed In Italy**

*March 10,
1944*



Sgt. Alois Dreikosen, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dreikosen, Marathon, was killed in action in Italy April 5, his parents have been notified in a telegram from the war department.

A veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns, Sgt. Dreikosen, an infantryman, was inducted into the army in August, 1941, at Milwaukee, where he had been a member of the Milwaukee fire department. He received his training at Camp Barkley, Texas and Camp Pickett, Va., and left the United States for foreign service a year ago this month.

The Marathon soldier was born in that Village June 7, 1919, and lived there until he went to Milwaukee about four years ago. He attended school in Marathon and was a graduate of the Marathon high school.

Surviving are his parents; four brothers, Norbert Dreikosen, Marathon, Rudolph Dreikosen, Wauwatosa, CCM Gregory Dreikosen, who is stationed in California with the Seabees, and Corp. Gerald Dreikosen, who is stationed at Ft. Logan, Colo., and two sisters, Mrs. Norbert Lang, Plymouth, Mich., and Mrs. Ervin Krebsbach, Edgar.

Solemn Memorial Mass was held for him Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Frederick Forster officiating.



KILLED ON IWO JIMA—Pvt. Alex O. Lang, 27, son of Mrs. Mathilda Lang, town of Cassel, who was killed in action February 27 on Iwo Jima, is shown above. His body was buried on the island.

Pvt. Alex Lang Killed in Action

Pvt. Alex O. Lang, 27, son of Mrs. Mathilda Lang, town of Cassel, was killed in action February 27 on Iwo Jima island in the Pacific, his mother was informed Saturday in a telegram received from the marine headquarters in Washington, D. C., which added that his body has been buried in a cemetery on the island.

He had first enlisted in the merchant marines September 15, 1943, in Milwaukee, where he had been employed prior to his enlistment. He was trained at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., and later at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he was graduated as a junior marine officer March 25, 1944, after completing a course in diesel engine operations, electricity and first aid.

Last May he enlisted in the marine corps and received training at Camp Pendleton, Cal., where he was graduated from the infantry and Browning automatic rifle section school last November 10. He was then transferred to San Diego, Cal., and later to San Francisco, Cal., from where he went overseas in November.

He was born March 6, 1917, in the town of Cassel. His father, Joseph Lang, died 10 years ago. Surviving are his mother; three brothers, Arthur, Philip and Lawrence, and three sisters, Adeline, Marion and Dorla, all at home.

WOUNDED ON TINIAN—Sgt. Michael Ceranski, 24, (above), was wounded in action July 27 on Tinian island in the Southwest Pacific. A veteran of Guadalcanal, the Marshals and Saipan, Sgt. Ceranski received shrapnel wounds to his right arm and shoulder. Before he enlisted five years ago he lived in the town of Cassel.

Town of Cassel Marine Wounded

Sgt. Michael Ceranski, 24, town of Cassel marine, was wounded in action July 27 in the fighting on Tinian in the Southwest Pacific, his brother, John Ceranski, also of the town of Cassel, has been informed by the marine corps commandant in Washington, D. C., and by a letter from his brother.

According to the letter, Sgt. Ceranski sustained wounds in the right arm and shoulder and was recovering at a base hospital in New Caledonia. The letter was written August 22.

In a letter written July 16 to his sister, Miss Agnes Ceranski, Milwaukee, the town of Cassel marine stated he had seen action on Tinian for 23 days up to that time.

A veteran of fighting on Guadalcanal, the Marshall islands, Saipan and Tinian, Sgt. Ceranski enlisted in September, 1939, in Chicago. He received his training at San Diego, Cal., and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941.



Mary Wilichowski in France

MARY LIDA WILICHOWSKI GOLD STAR MOTHER - by: Dianne Wilichowski. Never before in this nation's history had so many of our young men been killed on foreign soil.

On March 2, 1929, Congress authorized a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe for mothers and widows to visit the graves of their sons and husbands. The pilgrimages were planned in the hope that these women would find a comforting peace of mind to ease the burden that they must carry forever.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to arrange for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries."

The pilgrimages were made over a period of time from May 1, 1930 to October 31, 1933, at the expense of the United States Government.

Of the 17,389 eligible to make the pilgrimage, 8,658 did so in 1930, 1,766 in 1931 and 118 in 1932. The average age of mothers was slightly more than 60, many were much older. The oldest mother to make the trip was 92, the youngest

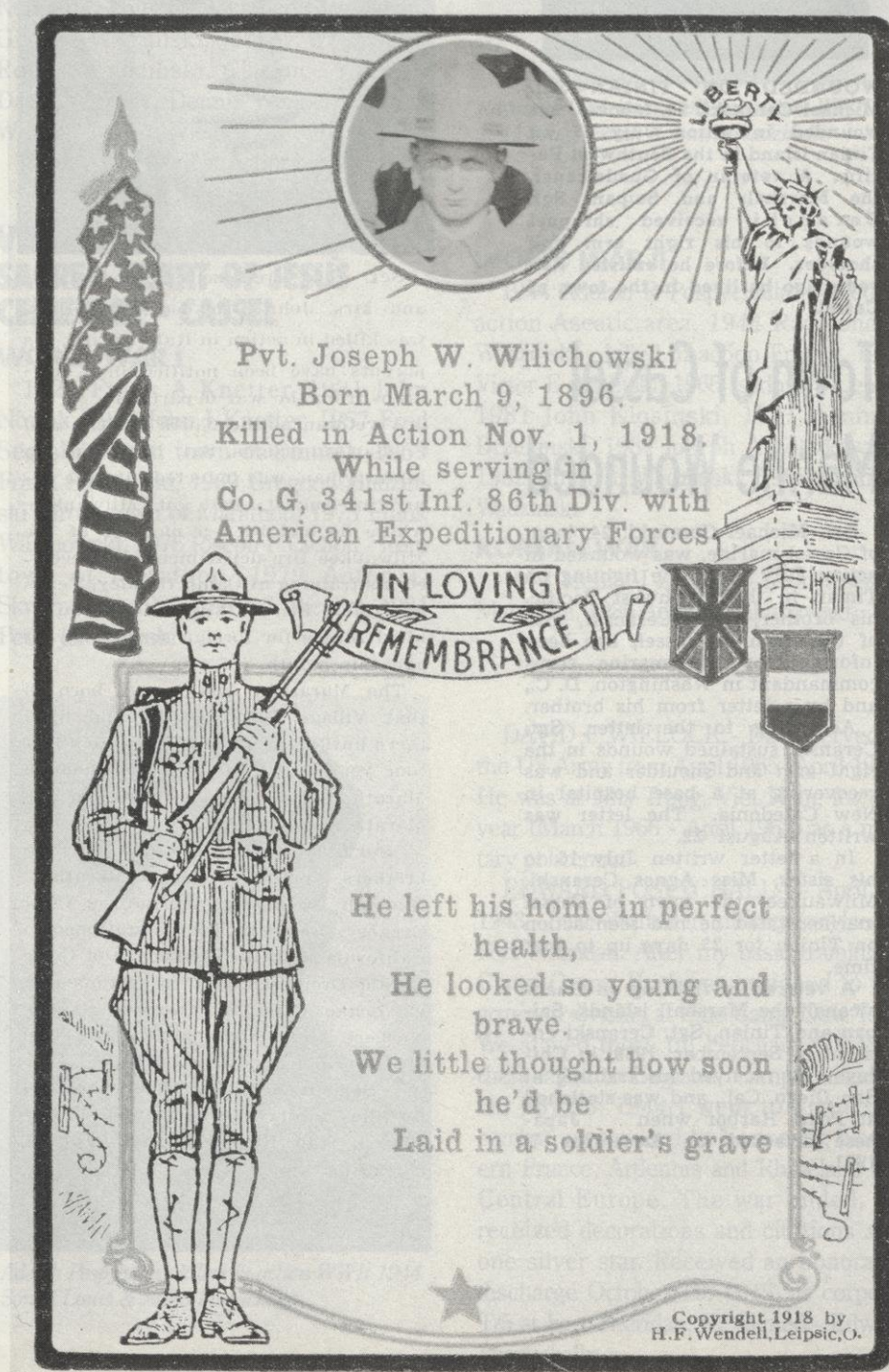
widow was 27.

Mary Lida Wilichowski, one of these Gold Star Mothers left on May 9, 1931 on the five week trip that took her by train and ship to France to her son, Joseph's grave.

The mothers were shown sights in France and had a very pleasant trip. Also all the mothers were presented a gold medallion as a memento of their trip.

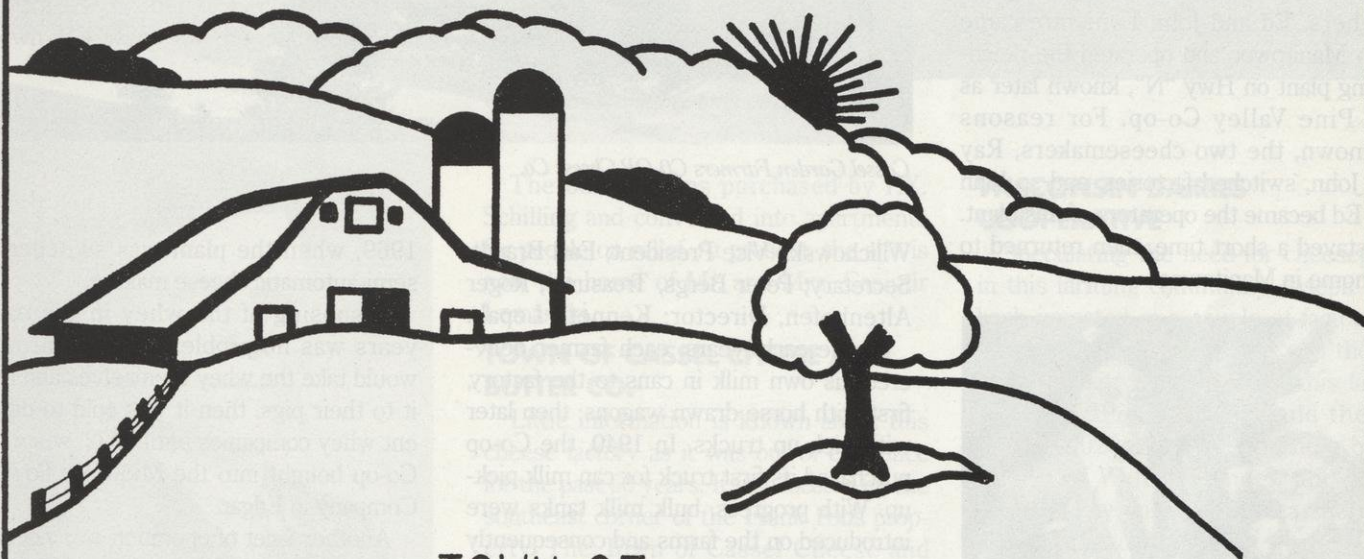
While doing research on the Gold Star Mothers, I found an article in "The Nation" magazine, July 23, 1930 referring to the treatment of black Gold Star Mothers. "Their black sons die as white men

die..." yet black mothers had to travel in segregated groups and were not allowed to visit their sons's graves as white mothers were. Consequently, many of the black mothers chose not to go. The article continued, "Ten years after the Armistice...we who gave and who are colored, are insulted by the implication that we are not fit persons to travel with other bereaved ones." Now 60 years later, I wonder if we have yet learned. If we haven't, how many more Gold Star Mothers must there be?

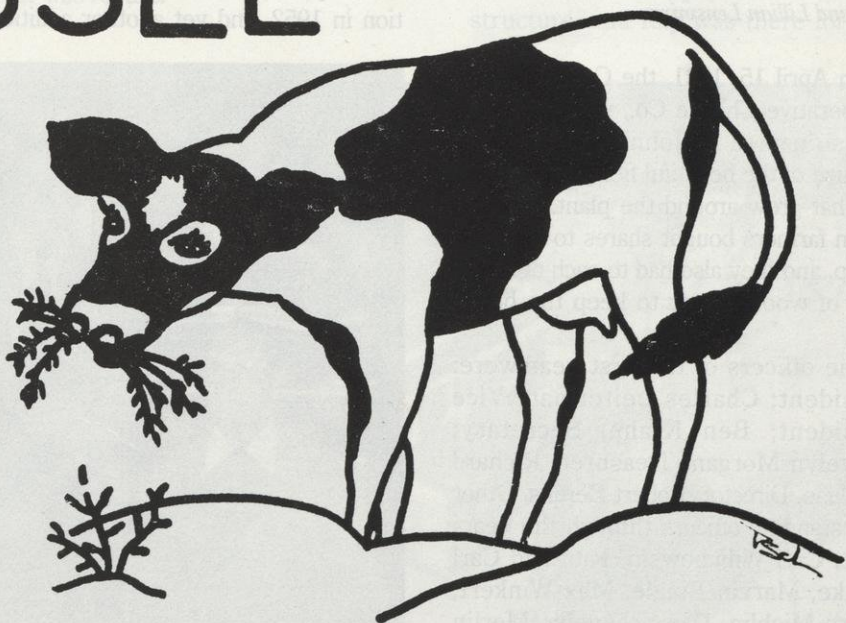




CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



TOWN OF CASSEL



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CHEESE FACTORIES

CASSEL GARDEN FARMERS CO-OP CHEESE CO.

The original cheese factory was built in 1910, by John Seubert, an investor in real estate. He installed Anton Schuster, a Swiss immigrant, trained in the making of Cheddar, Brick, and Swiss cheese. He operated the factory for several years until he suffered a fatal attack of appendicitis. He was replaced by Wendall Kobbs for a short time, and then was succeeded by Albert Pagel. In 1919, Ray Wadzinski became the cheesemaker here, while two brothers, Ed and John Lensmire came from Manitowoc and operated the neighboring plant on Hwy "N", known later as the Pine Valley Co-op. For reasons unknown, the two cheesemakers, Ray and John, switched factories, and so John and Ed became the operators of this plant. Ed stayed a short time, then returned to his home in Manitowoc.



Cassel Garden Farmers CO-OP Cheese Co.

Wilichowski, Vice President; Earl Brandt, Secretary; Peter Bergs, Treasurer; Roger Altenhofen, Director; Kenneth Lepak.

In the early years, each farmer delivered his own milk in cans to the factory, first with horse drawn wagons, then later with pick-up trucks. In 1940, the Co-op purchased its first truck for can milk pick-up. With progress, bulk milk tanks were introduced on the farms and consequently bulk trucks were put into operation in 1967. Today, 4 bulk trucks are in daily use.

As the Co-op grew and increased in production, so did the need for expansion. A new plant was built and put into operation in 1952, and yet another addition in

1969, when the plant was switched to semi-automatic cheese making.

Disposing of the whey in the early years was no problem, as the farmers would take the whey themselves and feed it to their pigs. then it was sold to different whey companies until 1972, when the Co-op bought into the Midwhey Powder Company in Edgar.

Another facet of operation was needed, and that was the marketing of cheese. Therefore, in 1974 the co-op together with four other cheese manufacturers, formed the West Marker Co-op, located in Mosinee to market their product.

John Lensmire was the manager and



John and Lillian Lensmire

On April 15, 1921, the Cassel Garden Cooperative Cheese Co., was formed. It was so named by John's wife, Lillian, because of the beautiful field of wild flowers that grew around the plant. Twenty-seven farmers bought shares to start the Co-op, and they also had to each deliver a cord of wood a year to keep the boiler fired.

The officers of the first year were: President; Charles Leiterman, Vice President; Ben Krahn, Secretary; Llewelyn Morgan, Treasurer; Richard Matthiae, Director; Robert Berens. Other long standing officers through the years were, Carl Wilichowski, Paul and Carl Lemke, Marvin Ringle, Max Winkert, Henry Michlig, Dan Schenoha, Merlin Paul and Norbert Bergs, who still serves in the capacity as a hired bookkeeper. Present officers are: President; Charles



Calvin Lensmire, Kenneth Lepak, Charles Wilichowski, Peter Bergs, Earl Brandt, Roger Altenhofen, Norbert Bergs

cheesemaker from the Co-op's beginning till his retirement in 1969, at which time it was taken over by his two sons, Calvin and John, who were both employed there all their lives. They are operating the plant to this day with an assistant, Wayne Hall and ten other employees.

Cassel Garden Co-op is the only cheese factory still operating in the town of Cassel, thanks to its many faithful and loyal patrons.

MAYFLOWER CHEESE CO.

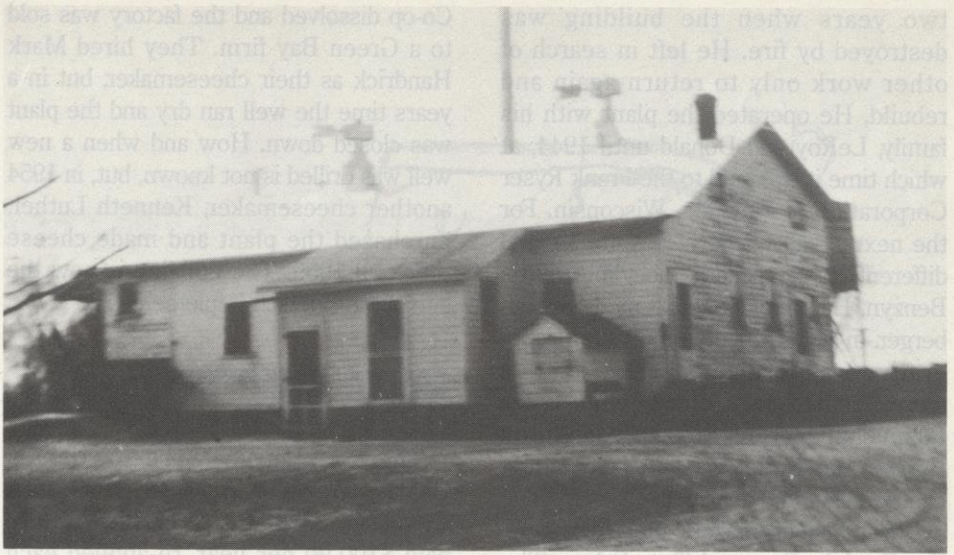
In December, 1914, Herbert Kufahl leased land from Anthony Dalski, the southeast corner of Section 14 in the town of Cassel, for the sole purpose of



William Rusch, cheesemaker

erecting a creamery. He started the operation in May, 1915. Five years later he bought the place for \$50.00. He was the cheesemaker there for 11 years.

In September, 1926 a small group of Cassel farmers purchased the property and formed a Co-op known as the Mayflower Cheese Co. The four stockholders were, F.X. Schilling, William Lang, John Koppa and Ignatz Lang. The cheesemaker was William Rusch, and he had a production of 10,000 pounds of milk a day. The cheese was sold to the Cheese Production Federation of Wausau. The factory closed its operation in November 1929 when the milk was sold to the Marathon Creamery in Marathon.



Original cheese factory, built in 1910

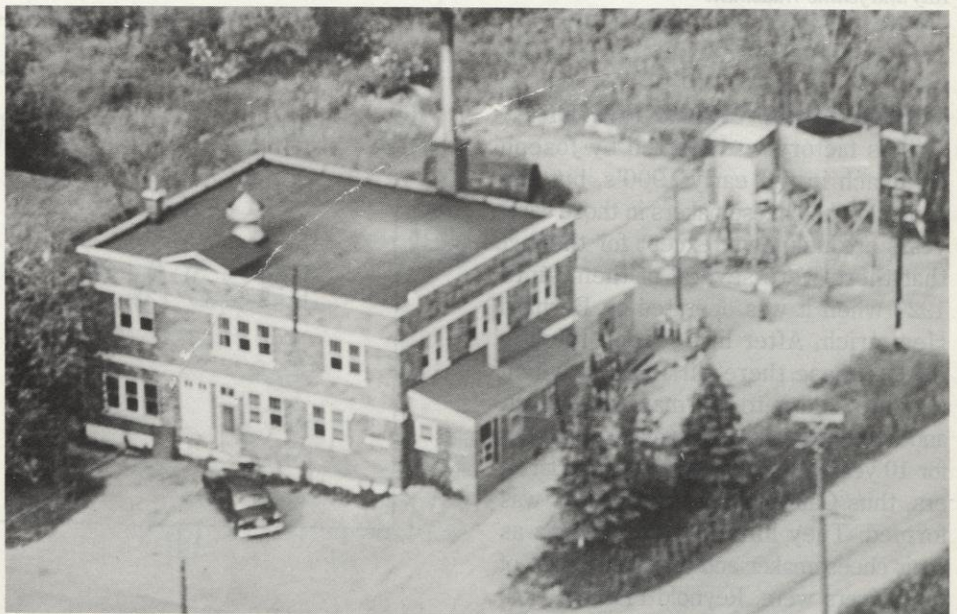
The building was purchased by F.X. Schilling and converted into apartments for people on relief. At present, the site is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Lemanski.

TOWN OF CASSEL CHEESE AND BUTTER CO.

Little information is known about this cheese factory as it was out of existence for the past 60 years. It was located on the southeast corner of the Frank Fons property. The Town of Cassel Cheese and Butter Co. was formed in 1919, with Frank Fons as its president and Joseph Fons as the secretary. Unfortunately, a fire destroyed the building in 1930, and it never was rebuilt.

WISCONSIN DAIRIES COOPERATIVE

Speculating the need for cheeseplants in this farming community, Joseph Goldbach invested in a couple of factories in Cassel. The year was 1912 and the first cheesemaker he installed in this factory was Leo Bleser. It was sold then, in March, 1920 to two young men by the names of Walter Zbinden and Xaviar Hodel. They only had it for a short time as in August of that year it was purchased by two young brothers from Manitowoc, John and Ed Lensmire. In April 1921, John traded factories with Ray Wadzinski, who was operating what is now the Cassel Garden Co-op. This was a wooden structure, and Ray was there for about



Wisconsin Dairies Cooperative

two years when the building was destroyed by fire. He left in search of other work only to return again and rebuild. He operated the plant with his family, LeRoy and Donald until 1944, at which time it was sold to the Frank Ryser Corporation of Mayville, Wisconsin. For the next seven years there were several different cheesemakers, including Myron Benzyn, Hank Voltz and Leanard Weisenberger. In May 1951 the Pine Valley Cooperative was formed. Charter officers were, Ignatz Lang, John Boehm, Louis Pospychalla, Alois Soxzka and Anton Burger. Alex Karlen was hired as the first cheesemaker and manager.

Several cheesemakers after Alex were, Jim Burish, Don and Tom Fahey. The Wisconsin Dairies bought out the Co-op in 1984 and operated the plant for 6 years. In August of 1990 they closed the operation in Cassel and moved to Milan.



Ray and Jennie Wadzinski

CASSEL CO-OP CHEESE FACTORY

This factory was started by Joseph Goldbach in the early 1900's, but the names of the cheesemakers in those early years are unknown, except for the fact that there were several of them, until 1921 when it was operated by Bernard Hemmrich. After him Joseph Michlig made cheese there till 1933, at which time he sold it to Herman Marquardt, another cheesemaker. Herman operated it for 10 years, then it was sold to the farmers, thus Cassel Co-op Cheese Co. was formed. They hired Arthur Masanz as their cheesemaker and manager. Some of the officers were, Reynold Fischer, Alois Imhoff and John D. Boehm. In 1948 the

Co-op dissolved and the factory was sold to a Green Bay firm. They hired Mark Handrick as their cheesemaker, but in a years time the well ran dry and the plant was closed down. How and when a new well was drilled is not known, but, in 1954 another cheesemaker, Kenneth Luther, purchased the plant and made cheese there till 1959. The building is now the site of the Buetsch Implement Co.

SALOON LICENSES (1899 - 1920)

Theodore Lepak - April 15, 1899 & Charles Wenzel - April 19, 1899. Paid \$16.00 for 3 months, re-applied in July, paid \$100.00 per year, re-applied each year until 1903.

1903 - 1905 - Joseph Kordus, W.F. Ceranski, Charles Wenzel

1905 - 1906 - Theo Lepak, Theodore H Best

1907 - 1908 - Alois Buman, John Wenzel, Stanley Lepak

1909 - Adam Maciejewski

1911 - 1912 - Wm. Rucks, Stanley Lepak

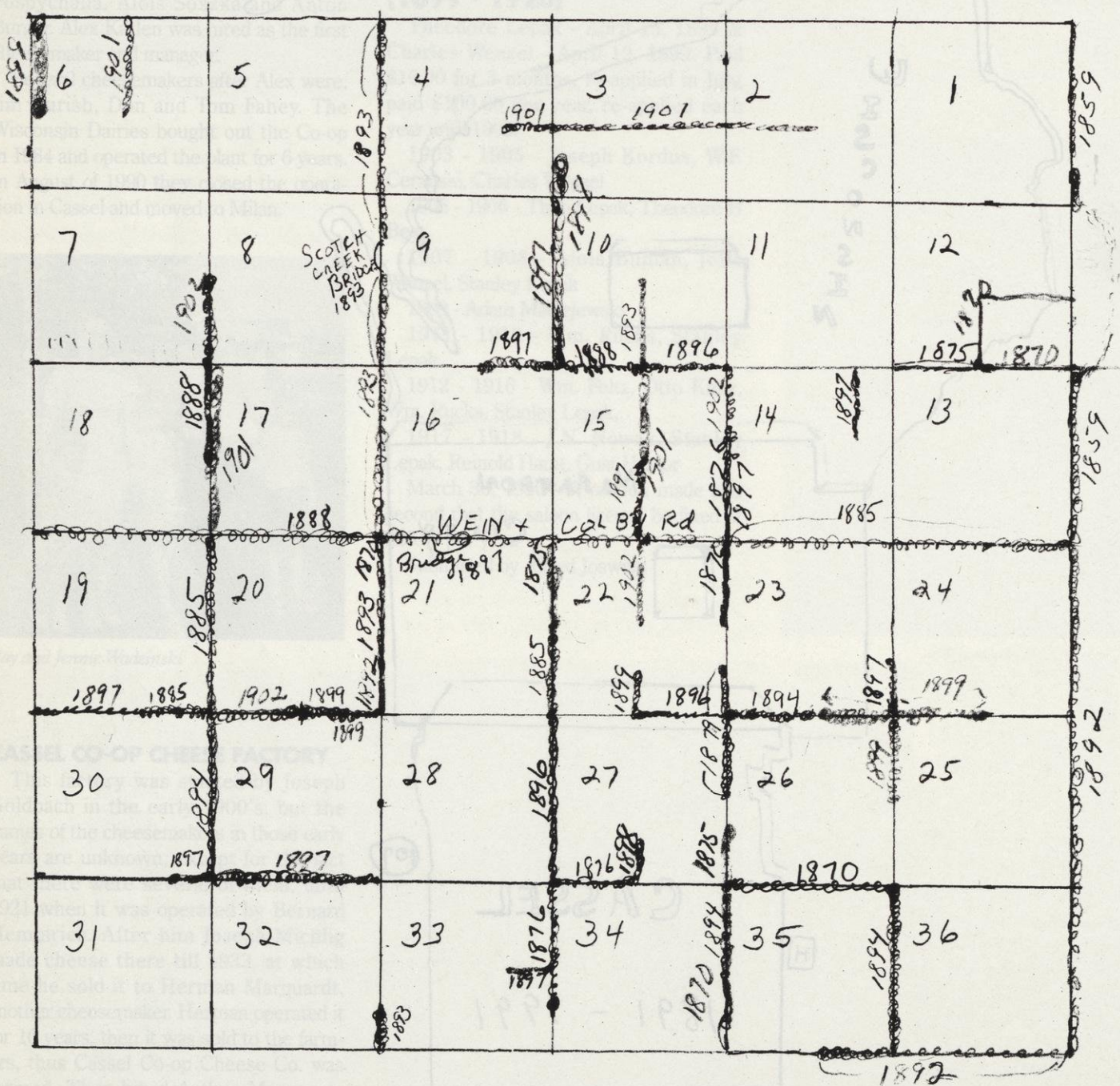
1912 - 1916 - Wm. Feltz, Otto Kunz, Wm. Rucks, Stanley Lepak,

1917 - 1918 - J.N. Nowak, Stanley Lepak, Reinold Hamt, Gust Hanlor

March 30, 1920 - A motion made and second that the saloon license be fixed at \$25.00 per year.

Submitted by Alfred Joswiak

Plat of roads from 1859 to 1902



ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads and Bridges of Town of Cassel provided for by Town Boards action from 1892 to 1902.

April 19, 1892 - Range line road divided between Town of Marathon and Town of Cassel as follows: Commencing on South end Town of Marathon keeps the first 1/2 mile in repair and Town of Cassel the next 1/2 mile and so on to Colby Road.

August 8, 1892 - Cassel Town Board met with the board of the Town of Emmet to decide on laying out of highway on the town line commencing on the N.E. corner of section 32 T 28, R 5 E running running due west 1-1/2 miles

August 20, 1892 - Cassel and Emmet town boards met with notification given to all owners of land along highway running due W from the N.E. corner of Sec 32

T 28, R 5 E for 2 miles paying all owners \$2.50 per acres. Road to be 4 rods wide

November 12, 1892 - Town board met to determine to lay out highway in town commencing at the SW corner or Sec 21 to run 1/3 mile N and be 3 rods wide. Contract made with Martin Joswiak to move his fence on his land 1-1/2 rods E and further to clear all timber to center of rod and for such work he is to receive the sum of \$5.00. Such work to be complete by December 1, 1894.

March 11, 1893 - Chalres Rifleman was awarded damages for right of way on W side of S1/2 of SW1/4 of Sec 23 of \$5.00

May 17, 1893 - On motion a petition for a highway by 7 freeholders commencing at the NE corner of Sec 5 and NW corner of Sec 4 running S to the Wein Road was allowed

July 5, 1893 - Special town meeting for the purpose of building a bridge across Scotch Creek with money borrowed from a state fund. Vote was 16 to 0 in favor.

June 1, 1893 - town board voted to lay out highway commencing at the NE corner of Sec 5 and the NW corner of Sec 4 running S to the Wean road being 3 rods wide

November 1, 1893 - Town board ordered a highway to be laid out commencing at the SE corner of N1/2 of SE1/4 Sec 20 thence running N on Sec line between Sec 20 & 21 - 2.4 mile to NE corner of Sec 20 to the width of 3 rods

October 6, 1893 - Town board voted to borrow \$350.00 from Edward Sauer for

the purpose of building a bridge across Scotch creek and to be paid back by 6th day of July 1896 at 8% interest

November 13, 1893 - Orders for payment on bridge (Scotch creek) Milwaukee Bridge Company - \$1,000.00; Mueller, Ritger & Seubert for cement - \$150.00; John Seubert, bridge job - \$150.00, miscellaneous labor - \$22.00

December 16, 1893 - Miscellaneous labor on Scotch creek bridge \$23.00; Material bridge - \$50.72

September 17, 1894 - Commencing at the SW corner of Sec 21 running N 1 mile laid out to a width of 3 rods

July 5, 1893 - Commencing at the quarter post on the NW corner of NE quarter of Sec 15 running 1/2 mile N to center of Sec 10 laid out to a width of 3 rods

June 9, 1894 - Commencing at the SE corner of Sec 30 and SW corner of Sec 29 running N 1 mile between Sec 29 & 30 and laid out to the width of 3 rods. Damages to be paid are \$5.00 an acre for row land and \$15.00 an acre for cleared land

July 10, 1894 - Commencing at the NW corner of Sec 36 & NE corner of Sec 35 running S 1 mile to town line between Sec 35 & 36 laid out to the width of 3 rods. Damages awarded Mary Heil 1/2 mile long and 1-1/2 rods wide \$23.00, Henry Heil \$15.00, Conrad Heil \$15.00, Jos Uebelocher \$15.00, Jos Kaas \$15.00

October 13, 1894 - Commencing at the SW corner of Sec 23 and NW corner of Sec 26 running due E 1/2 mile was allowed & Joseph Majewski is to open up above described road passable for team and wagon or sleigh for the sum of \$2.50. Also, Theo Sabak agrees to move back his fence each side of the line to a width of 1-1/2 rods total 3 rods for the sum of \$15.00.

Commencing at the NW corner of Sec 35 and the NE corner of Sec 34 running S 1/2 mile was allowed Lawrence Salzman \$15.00 E and Joe Imhoff \$20.00 W to move their lines 1-1/2 rods.

On petition of 29 voters to discontinue a road running through Sec 14 was allowed and road to be posted on each end to abandon by April 1, 1895

October 22, 1894 - Received of Town of Cassel \$7.00 in full payment for a right of way taken from E side of SE of SE1/4 of Sec 30 - Lawrence Domkowski

March 6, 1895 - Mathias Fochs to clear land to E on S1/2 of NW1/4 of Sec 13 1-1/2 rods and when completed to receive \$15.00

June 29, 1895 - Commencing on the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of SW1/4 of Sec 32 running due W 1/4 mile to Sec line of Sec 31 & 32 John Scheller paid \$13.50 for 1-1/2 rods by 1/4 mile on S side of line. Martin Filtzkowski \$9.00 for 1-1/4 rods by 1/4 mile on N side of line

July 16, 1896 - Commencing at the NW corner of Sec 30 running S 2 milesto town line of T 27 & 28. Awards to Elizabeth Welsch of NW NW Sec 30 \$15.00, Koneg Bros Sw NW Sec 30 \$5.00. Rest of 2 miles awards were for \$1.00 each NW SW & SW SW Sec 30 \$1.00 each for NW NW, SW NW, NW SW, SW SW of Sec 31

August 28, 1896 - Beginning at the 1/4 stake on S line between Sec 22 & 27 running E 1/2 mile to the SE corner of Sec 22. Awards to Frank Ceranski \$10.00, A Wenzel \$5.25, Carl Lepak \$10.50.

August 28, 1896 - Beginning at the NE corner of Sec 33 or NW corner Sec. 34 running North on line between Sec. 27 & 28 one mile to NE corner of Sec. 28.

August 28, 1896 - Beginning at the NE corner of Sec. 15 and the SE corner of Sec. 10 running due west 1/2 and Sec. 15.

March 30, 1897 - Beginning at 1/4 post on Section line between Sec. 33 and Sec. 34 running due west on 1/4 line and 1/4 mile.

May 11, 1897 - Beginning on the East end of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 15 abandonment was granted to the West. Open a highway starting from 1/4 post on Section line between Sec. 15 and 22 running due North on 1/4 line into Sec. 15 1/2 mile, also a highway commencing on Section corners of Secs. 30, 31, 32, & 29 running west on Section line between Secs. 30 & 31 for 1/4 mile.

June 5, 1897 - Contract with Kasmeir Laminski to build 2 stone and cement piers according to contract for the sum of \$124.00. To Albert Goldbach to do a filling or a approachment on West end of bridge on Colby Road at Burger Creek according to contract for the sum of \$13.00. To Paul Kordus to do a filling and approachment on East end of bridge on Colby Road at Burger Creek according to contract for the sum of \$50.00. To Geo Burger to straighten creek about 4 rods at Burger place on Colby Road according to contract for the sum of \$9.00. To S.H. Clark to build 2 stone & cement piers according to contract for the sum of \$77.00. To St. Novolney to do a filling or approachment unto bridge according to contract for the sum of \$49.00. To Frank Knetter to turn-

pike & to do a filling for approachment to bridge according to contract for the sum of \$40.00. To Fr Knetter to straighten creek for the sum of \$2.00. To Charlie Wenzel to do a filling and build a bridge according to contract for the sum of \$29.00.

It was agreed and settled with Anton Henke occupant of the SW1/4 of SW1/4 of Sec 24, T 28, R 5 E for right of way for highway on W side of above described land for the sum of \$15.00 (release signed)

It was agreed and settled with Martin Calimika occupant of the SE1/4 of SE1/4 of Sec 23, T28, R5E for right of way for highway on E side of the above described land for the sum of \$15.00 (release signed)

Job let to A Henke and Calimika to ditch about 10 rods and make a track 1/4 mile between their land for \$20.00 (each \$10.00) according to the order of the board.

Job let to Mathias Wagner to build a bridge across a creek in on said Mathias Wagner's road in Sec 14 for the sum of \$34.00, to be paid for off taxes of 1897.

June 16, 1897 - It is hereby agreed and understood between the Town of Cassel and Mathias Wagner of said town that a certain strip of land 1 and 80/100 acres situated on the line between the NW1/4 and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Sec 14 in said Town of Cassel has hereby been leased to the Town of Cassel for a public highway for 99 years for all reasons whatsoever for the sum of \$1.00 to him in kind paid.

September 20, 1897 - A road commencing at the SW corner of Sec 10 running straight N on line between Sec 9 & 10 in said Town of Cassel, said highway being laid out to the width of 3 rods and riteway settled for as follows:

To St Wadinski for W side of Sec SW SW Sec 10 - \$5.00

To Ron Wadinski for W side of NW SW of Sec 10 - \$5.00

Awarded for W side of NW1/4 - 1/2 mile - \$2.00

Settled with John Seubert on E side of Sec 9 - 1 mile - \$1.00

A road commencing at the NW corner of Sec 15, T28, R5E running straight W 1/2 mile on line between Sec 9 & 16 to 1/4 post. Also one 1/4 mile W from NE corner of Sec 31 in said town on line between Sec 30 & 31. Said right of ways was settled for as follows: Said highway laid out to the width of 3 rods.

To Theodore Fons for S side of S1/2 of SE1/4 of Sec 29 - \$15.00

To Sylvester Knetter for S side of S1/2

of SW1/4 of Sec 29 - \$15.00

To Martin Filtskowski for N side of N1/2 of NW1/2 Sec 32 - \$15.00

To Theodore Fons for N side of NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Sec 32 - \$7.50

Awarded Joe Nowak for N side of NE1/4 of NE1/4 of Sec 32 - \$15.00

To Frank Knetter for S side of SE1/4 of SE1/4 of Sec 30 - \$7.50

To Frank Knetter for N side of NE1/4 of NE1/4 of Sec 31 - \$7.50

The above is all paid and releases signed for same

July 9, 1898 - Commencing from the railroad track between Sec 9 & 10 in said town running N on section line to the Marathon City and Edgar road was duly laid out. Riteway settled and paid for as follows:

To Frank Krause on E side of Sec 4 - \$10.00

To John Seubert from railroad track NW side of Sec 4 & 10 - \$15.00

December 16, 1898 - Commencing at 1/4 post on section line between Sec 27 & 34 running N 1/4 mile. Settled for riteway and settled as follows:

To John Koller occupant of SE1/4 of SW1/4 Sec 27 - \$15.00

To Charles Deininger occupant of SW1/4 of SE1/4 Sec 27 - \$15.00

March 17, 1899 - Commencing at 1/4 post on the S side of Sec 6 thence running N on 1/4 line 120 rods and that Town of Cassel take charge and keep in repair the balance of said road up to the town line between Town of Cassel and Town of Rib Falls.

July 13, 1899 - On above date the town board gave out a job for building piers for a bridge according to time set by notice and lowest bidder took job and gave bonds which are filed in Town Clerks office. The bridge is located between Sec 3 & 4 T28, R5E

June 16, 1899 - Commencing on section corners No. 4, 5 and 8, 9 running from said corner S1/2 mile to middle of Sec 8 & 9

July 8, 1899 - Commencing on the SE corner of SW1/4 of Sec 23 at the 1/4 stake between Sec 23 and 26 thence running due E for one mile to the middle of sections 24 & 25.

Commencing on the corner between sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 thence running S to said N eight post between Sec 25 & 26.

Commencing between Sec 27 and 22 running on the 1/4 line N 1/4 mile.

Commencing at the eight post between Sec 29 and 20 running W 1/4 mile to the 1/4 post between Sec 20 & 29

June 24, 1901 - Commencing at the center post of Sec 6 thence running N 1/2 mile on the quarter line of Sec 6 to the town line. Town board settled with Frank Sudtke for riteway for \$10.00

June 29, 1901 - Commencing at the center post between Sec 3 & 4 thence running E one mile on the 1/4 line to the center post of Sec 2 & 3. The town board settled for riteways land for above road located on -

John Seubert 1/2 mile - \$7.50

Peter Henke 1/2 mile - \$25.00

Sebastian Hoesle 1/2 mile - \$1.00

Adam Mucha 1/2 mile - \$15.00

Commencing at the center post between Sec 3 & 4 thence running W 1/4 mile on the 1/4 line eight post of Sec 4, settled with John Duerstein 1/4 mile - \$3.00

September 10, 1901 - Commencing at sections corners 17, 18, 19 & 20 thence running one mile due N between Sec 17 & 18 to Sec 7 & 8. Damages were awarded and paid as follows:

Conrad King 3/4 mile - \$40.00

Anton King 1/4 mile - \$10.00

Albert Young 1/4 mile - \$10.00

Rebecca Young 1/4 mile - \$20.00

Wm Young 1/2 mile - \$25.00

A highway beginning at the S end of the 1/4 line of Sec 15 thence running one mile N on the quarter line of Sec 15. Damages awarded and paid as follows:

Theodore Wadinski 1/4 mile - \$12.50

Paul Starzinski 1/4 mile - \$14.00

Adam Nowak 1/4 mile - \$12.50

Joseph Adamski 1/4 mile - \$12.50

St Wadinski 1/8 mile - \$6.25

Andrew Pospychala 1/8 mile - \$6.25

Martin Skrypchak 1/8 mile - \$6.25

JB Nowak 1/8 mile - \$6.25

Valentine Wilikowski 1/2 mile on 1/4 line of Sec 2 - \$30.00

Joseph Wilichowski 1/2 mile on 1/4 line of Sec 2 - \$25.00

Ludwig Bredow 1/4 mile on 1/4 line of Sec 6 - \$10.00

John Starzinski 1/2 mile - \$25.00

Joseph Adamski 1/2 mile - \$7.25

St Wadinski 1/2 mile - \$8.00

John Werner 3/4 mile - \$37.50

Joseph Ueberlacker 1/2 mile - \$25.00

May 10, 1902 - A highway beginning at the quarter post between Sec 22 and 15 thence running S on 1/4 line of Sec 22 1/2 mile to center post of Sec 22. Said high-

WASH OUT-G-W TRACKS 3/4 MILE LONG
 FLOODED GAR WIS J-E 1914
 PHOTO BY F. SOBERT



Wash out of C & NW tracks 3/4 mile long near Edgar - 1914

way was laid out to the width of three rods and riteway settled and paid for as follows:

- Joseph Lang 1/4 mile - 14.00
- Emil Lang 1/4 mile - \$10.00
- John Gardzikowski 1/4 mile - \$25.00
- Sophia Juchalski 1/4 mile - \$15.00

September 22, 1902 - A road beginning where Sec 10, 11, 14 & 15 meet thence running 1 mile due S between Sec 14 & 15. Damages were awarded as follows:

- John Koppa, Anton Koppa, Julia Koppa and Theodore Wadinski, Adam Nowak - all 1/4 mile at \$9.00. Martin Skrypchak, Andrew Pospychalla - 1/8 mile at \$4.50.

A road beginning at the center post between Sec 20 and 29 thence running a 1/2 mile W on section line to the place where Sec 20, 29, 19 & 30 meet. Damages were awarded as follows:

- Charles King 1/2 mile - \$45.00 also clean & log up road and brush.

- Frank Knetter and Louis Pospychalla 1/4 mile - \$22.50 also clean log up road and brush.

A road beginning where Sec 10, 11 14 & 15 meet, thence running 1 mile due S between Sec 14 & 15. Damages were awarded as follows:

- John Koppa, Anton Koppa, Julia Koppa, Theodore Wadzinski, Adam Nowak, all 1/4 mile - \$9.00. Martin Skrypchak, Andrew Pospychalla 1/8 mile - \$4.50

A road beginning at the center post between Sec 20 & 29 thence running a 1/2 mile W on Sec line to the place where said Sec 20, 29, 19 & 30 meet. Damages

were awarded as follows:

- Charles King 1/2 mile - \$45.00 also clean and log up road & brush

- Frank Knetter and Louis Pospychalla 1/4 mile - \$22.50 also clean and log up road & brush.

A road beginning at a place where Sec 7, 8 17 & 18 meet, thence running 1/2 mile N on section line between Sec 7 & 8 to the center post of said sections 7 & 8. Damages awarded as follow:

- Anton King and Albert Young 1/4 mile - \$10.00

- Joe Banie 1/4 mile - \$5.00
- John Springer 1/4 mile - \$1.00

Submitted by Alfred Joswiak



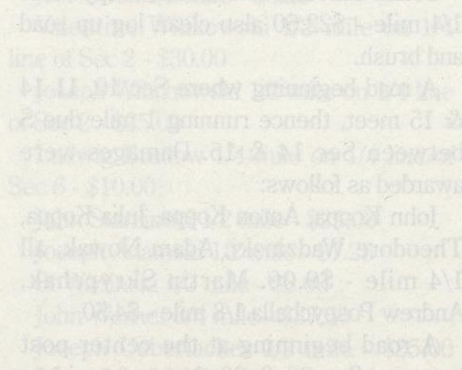
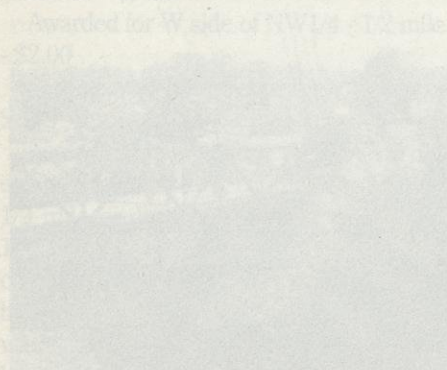
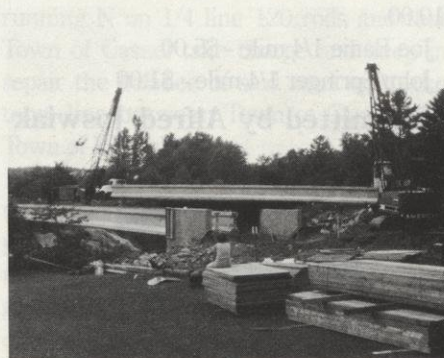
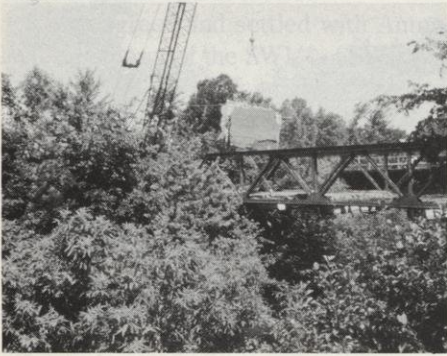
Railroad Bridge-courtesy of John A. Koppa

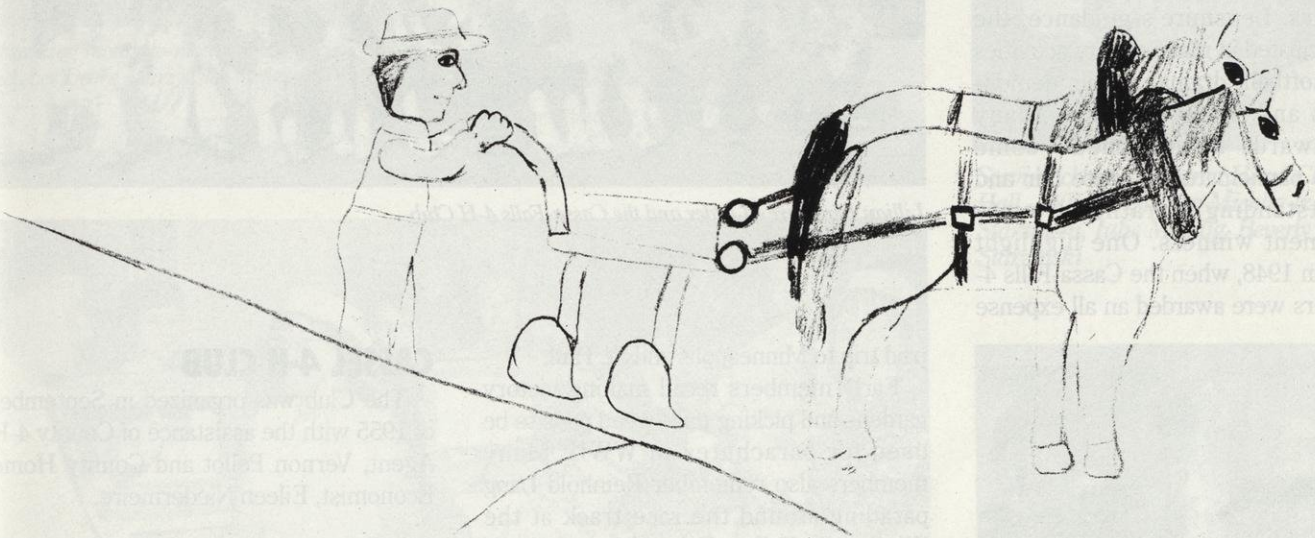
**SUMMER OF 1985 -
 Out with the old - in with the new -
 BRIDGE - Scotch Creek Road**



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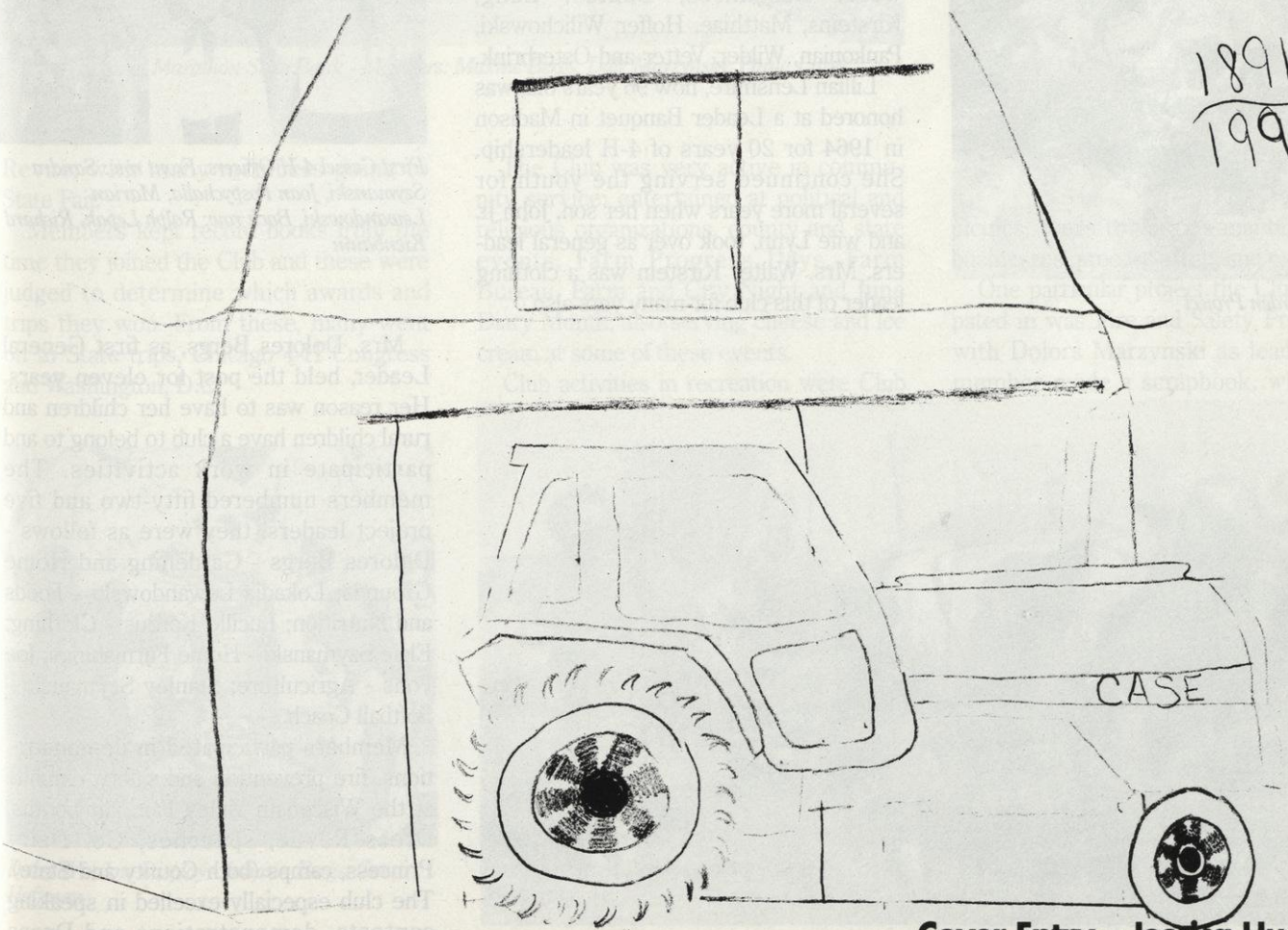
**"Construction of new bridge, Scotch Creek Road - 1985"
known locally as the "Pyan Bridge".**





THE TOWN OF CASSEL

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CASSA-FALLS 4-H CLUB

In the late 1930's, a 4-H group known as Cassa-Falls 4-H, was organized in the town of Cassel. C.J. McAleavy, Marathon County Agent, talked to Warren Lensmire, a recent college graduate, to form a youth group in Cassel. Warren's mother, Lillian, took over as leader around 1944. Under Mrs. Lensmire's guidance, the club participated in many county activities such as softball, drama, music, demonstrations and fire prevention. Many county awards were earned - some members participated at state fair and were outstanding Marathon County Achievement winners. One highlight occurred in 1948, when the Cassa-Falls 4-H members were awarded an all expense



Lillian Lensmire - Leader and the Cassa-Falls 4-H Club



Victory Garden Project

paid trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Early members recall making victory gardens and picking milk-weed pods to be used for parachutes in WWII. Many members also remember Reinhold Lang parading around the race track at the Wisconsin Valley Fair with a team of Holstein heifers.

Some families involved in this 4-H club were, Lensmires, Bantes, Lang, Kirsteins, Matthiae, Hoffer, Wilichowski, Pankonian, Wilder, Vetter and Osterbrink.

Lillian Lensmire, now 96 years old, was honored at a Leader Banquet in Madison in 1964 for 20 years of 4-H leadership. She continued serving the youth for several more years when her son, John Jr. and wife Lynn, took over as general leaders. Mrs. Walter Kirstein was a clothing leader of this club for many years also.

CASSEL 4-H CLUB

The Club was organized in September of 1955 with the assistance of County 4-H Agent, Vernon Pellot and County Home Economist, Eileen Niedermeire.



First Cassel 4-H Officers, Front row: Sandra Szymanski, Joan Pospychalla, Marian Lewandowski, Back row: Ralph Lepak, Richard Kienbaum



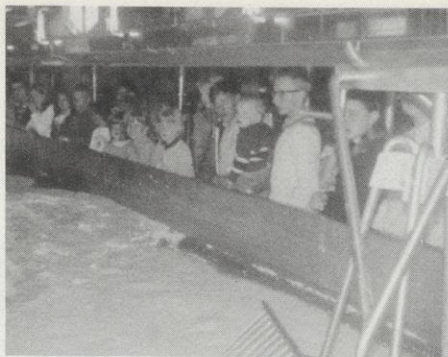
Reinie Lang, Winifred and Lillian Lensmire with heifer team.

Mrs. Dolores Bergs, as first General Leader, held the post for eleven years. Her reason was to have her children and rural children have a club to belong to and participate in work activities. The members numbered fifty-two and five project leaders. they were as follows - Dolores Bergs - Gardening and Home Grounds; Lokadia Lewandowski - Foods and Nutrition; Lucille Kordus - Clothing; Elsie Szymanski - Home Furnishings; Joe Fons - Agriculture; Stanley Szymanski - Softball Coach.

Members participated in demonstrations, fire prevention and safety, exhibits at the Wisconsin Valley Fair, fair booths, Dress Revue, speeches, Co. Dairy Princess, camps (both County and State). The club especially excelled in speaking contests, demonstrations and Dress



Practicing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation - member Debra Marzynski - safety project



Members touring Cassel Garden Cheese Factory



Serving cheese at Sacred Heart Church Hall - Billy Bergs, Leo Michlig Jr., Betty Starzinski, Julie Michlig, Beverly Starzinski



Serving cheese at Marathon State Bank - Members: Maxine Bergs, Dale Marzynski, Paula Litzer



Serving cheese at Farm Bureau Banquet - Julie Michlig, Diane Hoffman, Carmen Lang

Revue, with many members going to State Fair.

Members kept record books from the time they joined the Club and these were judged to determine which awards and trips they won. From these, many went on to State trips, Chicago 4-H Congress and Washington, D.C.

The Club was very active in community service; entertained at political and religious organizations, county and state events, Farm Progress Days, Farm Bureau, Farm and City Night and June Dairy Month, also serving cheese and ice cream at some of these events.

Club activities in recreation were Club

picnics, tours to various manufacturers, businesses, process plants and parks.

One particular project the Club participated in was Fire and Safety Prevention, with Dolors Marzynski as leader. Each member made a scrapbook, which was



Dairy Window Display - Juliann Bergs, Sue Hoffman



Fire Prevention Demonstration - Dale Marzynski



Softball Team - Back row: David Wielock, Ralph Lepak, Norbert Bergs, Donald Imhoff, Robert Wadzinski, Front row: LaVern Stencil, George Burger, LeRoy Lang, Kenneth Wadzinski

judged by the Wausau Fire Department on the County level, during Fire Prevention Week. Cassel 4-H Club received special honors with money awards. At one time as a result of their activities in the field of fire prevention, the Club won a trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

June Dairy Month was observed with window displays and serving cheese at banks and stores, also, serving ice cream on the streets and at Senior Citizens meals.

Boys Softball team won trophies for the years of 1958 and 1959, under the leadership of Norbert Bergs.

The early Club entertained themselves with Halloween and Christmas parties, costume contests, caroling, sleigh rides



Marathon Fun Days Parade Centennial 1976 - Juliann Bergs, Carter Litzer



Club Play - Suzette and Maxine Bergs

and summer family picnics.

Other early leaders were Dominic and Dolores Marzynski, Eleanore Lepak, Shirley Ernst, Agnes Starzynski, Donald and Nancy Litzer. Nancy Litzer also served as General Leader for eighteen years.

Other special events were, Plays, Marathon Fun Days Parade and Halloween Parties.

In 1985, at the 4-H Leaders Banquet, Dolores Bergs was honored for 35 years of leadership in 4-H club work. Dolores



Halloween Party - Albert and Pam Buetsch, Suzette Bergs, Dale Marzynski, Roxann Bergs, Alvina Starzynski, Yvonne Lang



Marathon Fun Days Parade - Nancy Litzer - Leader, Julie and Pam Litzer, Chet Hoffman, Donald Litzer Jr. and Sr.

Marzynski was honored for 25 years. Dolores also in 1986 received the Top 4-H County Leader for that year.

Diane Leist took over as General Leader in 1983. By that time, a large number of members from the township and city of Marathon had joined the club. For that reason, the members changed the club name from Cassel to Casa-Mara which kept part of the old name CASsel and reflected the new membership from Marathon.

The club has continued to grow with members from Wausau, Rib Mountain, Rothschild, and Schofield. As of January, 1990 there are 62 members and 16 adult project leaders.



Cassel 4-H Leaders - Celebrating in 1985 - Dolores Marzynski - 25 years, Dolores Bergs - 35 years

Over the years, members have been involved with various Community services such as providing lunch for Leaders Federation meetings, working at the Recycling Center, distributing dairy products for June Dairy Month, sponsoring a petting zoo, cleaning up the Park and the Town Hall, baking cupcakes for the Nutrition Center, doing a mailing for the Wisconsin Heart Association, serving lunch for Marathon Forage Days and a Bike-a-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis.

Some of the fun activities include 4-H Camps, Halloween parties, bake sales, Christmas caroling, bowling, swimming, roller skating, ice skating, sleigh ride and a trip to Noah's Ark and the Baraboo Circus

In past years, the Dairy project was very strong. Currently, members are expanding into horses, demonstrations, poultry, music and drama. Because of the larger enrollment, Patti Heil joined Diane Leist as Co-Leader. Dolores Marzynski



Dolores Marzynski receiving Top 4-H County Leader Award

still works actively with the Club as Exploring Leader and at the Wisconsin Valley Fair as an Exploring Volunteer.

MARZYNSKI GETS TOP 4-H COUNTY LEADER AWARD. Dolores Marzynski, a leader for a total of 26 years in the Cassel 4-H Club and now in the Casa-mara Raiders Club, recently received the C.J. McCleavy Award, the top award a leader can achieve. The awards were given at the Marathon County 4-H Awards Banquet which was held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5, at the Rib River Ballroom.

Mrs. Marzynski has been involved with the gardening, home furnishings and awards 4-H projects. Her three children, Dale, Diane and Debra were active in 4-H, receiving many awards.

Since their graduations, she has been active as an Explorer Leader, helping at the Wisconsin Valley Fair and in the Plat Book Ad Campaign.

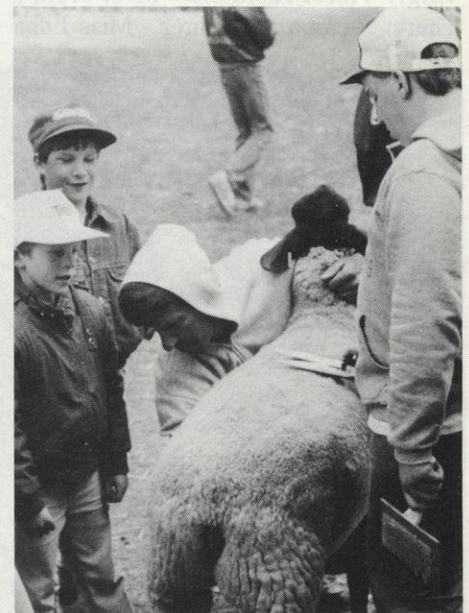
CASSEL ROCKETS 4-H

This year the Cassel Rockets 4-H will celebrate their thirty year anniversary, as it was organized in February of 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Schulz were the first general leaders, with Donald King elected the first club president and the club having seventeen members.

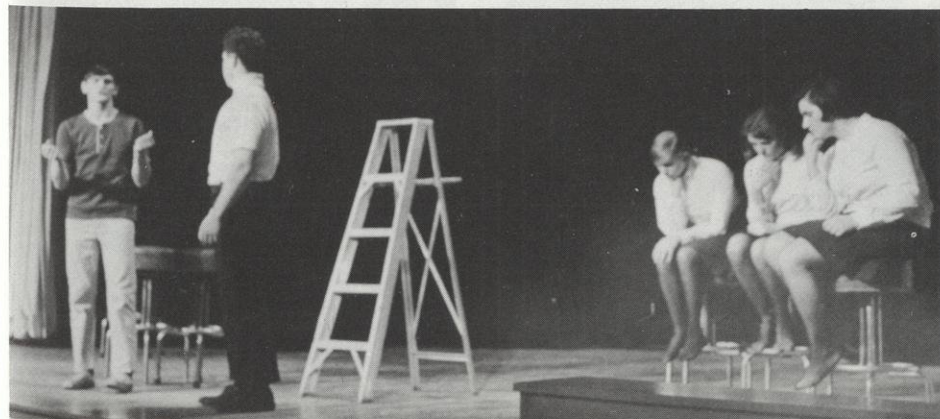
In 1964, Mrs. Al King became general leader. In addition to exhibiting at the Wisconsin Valley Fair and the Athens fair, interest in the club turned to competing in the county drama festival. In 1965 Mrs. Herman Schulz directed their first play, "Genius, Jr." In 1965, Don King directed the play, "Gammer Gurton's Needle," and the Club went on to receive their first blue rating. This was the year the club also won its first County softball championship, defeating the Texas Ramblers, with Ed Heil hitting a grand slam homerun. The team was coached by Mr. Al King.

In 1966, Mrs. Al King directed the club in county music competition, doing a Hawaiian Dance and singing some Mary Poppins songs, receiving a blue rating. Mrs. King also directed the drama presentation of "The Dummy."

As the years went by, the club emphasis continued with sports, under the leadership of Dave Guralski in softball, and Ed Heil in basketball and volleyball. They continued to win many championship



Club member Brent Heil demonstrating trimming of sheep with the help of project leader Ed Heil. Other club members shown include Tracey and Gail Szymanski, Amber Heil, Michelle King, Mark Heil, Jeremy Lewis, Jarod Lamberg and Heather Heil. Also present is leader Kim Ninabuck.



CASSEL ROCKETS 4-H
Canterbury Tales - In 1967 the play "Canterbury Tales", directed by Don King won a blue rating in state competition. Cast members were Ron King, William Schulz, Jeanne King, Joyce Heil and Kathy King

trophies. Other club activities included bake sales, June dairy month promotions, painting mailboxes, fair booths, Edgar homecoming float, camping trips and trips to Valley Fair and Great America.

In 1973 Ed Heil became the general leader, and was voted the county board president for the year 1980. The current leader of the club is Ken Heil, who took over the leadership of the club from his brother Ed in 1989.

The club has grown this year to its largest membership, having 58 members. Last year's president was Chad Kaiser, and this year the president is Jody Lewis. Other officers include Gail Szymanski as Vice President, Jerelyn Stencil as Secretary, David Kaiser as treasurer and Brent Heil as Sports Coordinator.

RIB RIVER HOMEMAKERS CLUB - 1939-1990

On February 14, 1989, Rib River Homemakers celebrated its 50th year of service to the towns of Cassel and Rib Falls.

In 1939 the club was organized at the Paul Lemke home. Miss Merle Ramer, County Home Demonstration agent was present to outline the Homemaker's program and assisted with the election of officers.

The first president was Mrs. William Voigt; Vice President - Mrs. Henry Thurs; Secretary/Treasurer - Miss Edna



Starting left - standing: Esther Seubert, Mildred Ruplinger, Anne Kramer. Starting left - sitting: Fran Cooley, Ruth Matthiae, - 50th Anniversary

Lemke; and News Reporter - Mrs. Herbert Hanke. The first eight members were: Mrs. Henry Bedynek, Mrs. William Bedynek, Mrs. Ray Bungert, Mrs. George Cramer, Mrs. Adolph Gruny, Mrs. Paul Lemke, Mrs. Edward Matthiae and Mrs. Albert Radant.

The objectives and goals of the club were demonstrated by the womens involvement by the lessons taught; such as: bread baking, coldpack canning, madeover clothes, sausage making, invalid cookery, dress making, sewing of all types, making of hats, refinishing furniture, demonstration, use and cleaning of sewing machines, quilt patterns, making of hand lotion, floor covering, rugs, candle making, farm safety, wrapping of gifts with wallpaper, first aid, stain removal, how to patch overalls, crocheting, hot dishes, accessories, window treatment, decora-



Bread Baking Demonstration Taught by Ruth Matthiae and Adeline Lemke



Rib River Homemakers 25th Anniversary June, 1964

tive stitches, patching and darning, pressure cooker use, pudding making, making of collars, voting methods, making of patterns, sewing from floursacks, salads. The club ladies also learned how to sand



Picnic at Rib River Ballroom

Back row - starting left: Henrietta Volm, Margret Wilichowski, Marie Blume, Bernice Krause, Middle row - starting left: Adeline Lemke, Evelyn Buchberger, Elenore Vogedes, Evangeline Hanke, Front row - starting left: Mrs. George Zweck, Anna Bungert, Mrs. George Cramer, Ruth Matthiae, Mrs. Wm Voigt



Wheel Chair Donation Clockwise: Henrietta Volm, Bernice Krause, Marie Blume

floors and woodwork, make accessory out of lumber for closets and cupboards. The club also collected pennies for friendship for International Friends. The homemakers have also always pushed for recycling long before it became popular.

As time passed and the focus of projects changed, so did the membership. The peak membership in the late 40's was 21 women. Today the club has 5 regular members including one charter member - Ruth Matthiae. Our present officers are: Ruth Matthiae - President, Esther Seubert - Vice President, Ann Kramer - Secretary, Frann Cooley - Treasurer, Mildred Ruplinger - Housing, Energy & Environmental, Ruth Matthiae - Safety, Ann Kramer - Family Health & Nutrition, Esther Seubert - International & Citizenship, Frann Cooley - Public Relations, Ann Kramer - Cultural Arts.

Our group is looking for young and old members so this part of Cassel history does not have to die out.

CASSEL PROGRESS CLUB

Organized on June 28, 1934 by Edith Bangham of Madison and Mrs. Henry Hannemann. First president was Miss Ida Werner. There were 14 members at the beginning. At the 25th anniversary the members included: Mrs. John Lensmire, Mrs. Margaret Buetsch, Mrs. Leo Wadinski, Mrs. Herman Hannemann, Mrs. Joe



Cassel Progress Homemakers - Top row: Mrs. Tony Joswiak, Mrs. Joe Bantes, Mrs. Alvin Werner, Mrs. Art Hall, Back row: Mrs. Leo Wadinski, Mrs. John Lensmire Sr., Mrs. Herman Hannemann, Mrs. Robert Berens, Mrs. Margaret Buetsch

Bantes, Mrs. Anton Joswiak, Mrs. Robert Berens, Mrs. Alvin Werner, Mrs. Agatha Hall, Mrs. Ralph Fernstermaker and Mrs. Pruitt.

Interesting features:

1938-Purchased a can sealer

1939-Each member made a quilt block and a quilt was raffled at a dance given by the club, netting the sum of \$84.00.

1949-Three of the members gave hearing tests to 84 children at the Cassel Parochial School.

1950-Had only 7 members in the Club

and all were grandmothers.

1951-The only club in the Edgar District who took part in the Legion Homecoming. They had a baseball stunt, a kitchen band and folk dance.

1954-Had a stunt entitled "The Country Doctor" at the Marathon Stunt Night.

1957-Some members helped make a float and rode in the parade for the Marathon Centennial.

1958-Gave demonstrations at the Wisconsin Valley Fair. All members enjoyed attending County Day.

BASEBALL IN CASSEL

Probably the most influential promoter of baseball in the Town of Cassel was Ray Lemmer. In an interview with Ray, now 84 years of age he recalled how he and George Simonson attended several games of the Chicago Cubs and White Sox. His interest in baseball intensified after seeing how the game was played. He read books on how the game is to be played with instructions for each position. Ray as a youngster played with any team that would give him an opportunity to swing the bat.

In the late 1920's the sod of a hay field on the William Lang farm was scraped off, a back stop erected and a baseball diamond came into being. Through the efforts of Ray Lemmer a baseball team was organized called the "Cassel Giants," which consisted of Tony Burger, Herman Haneman, Phil and Ed Goldbach, Frank and Conrad Gertschen, Rudy and Norbert Dreikosen, William Osterbrink, and others.



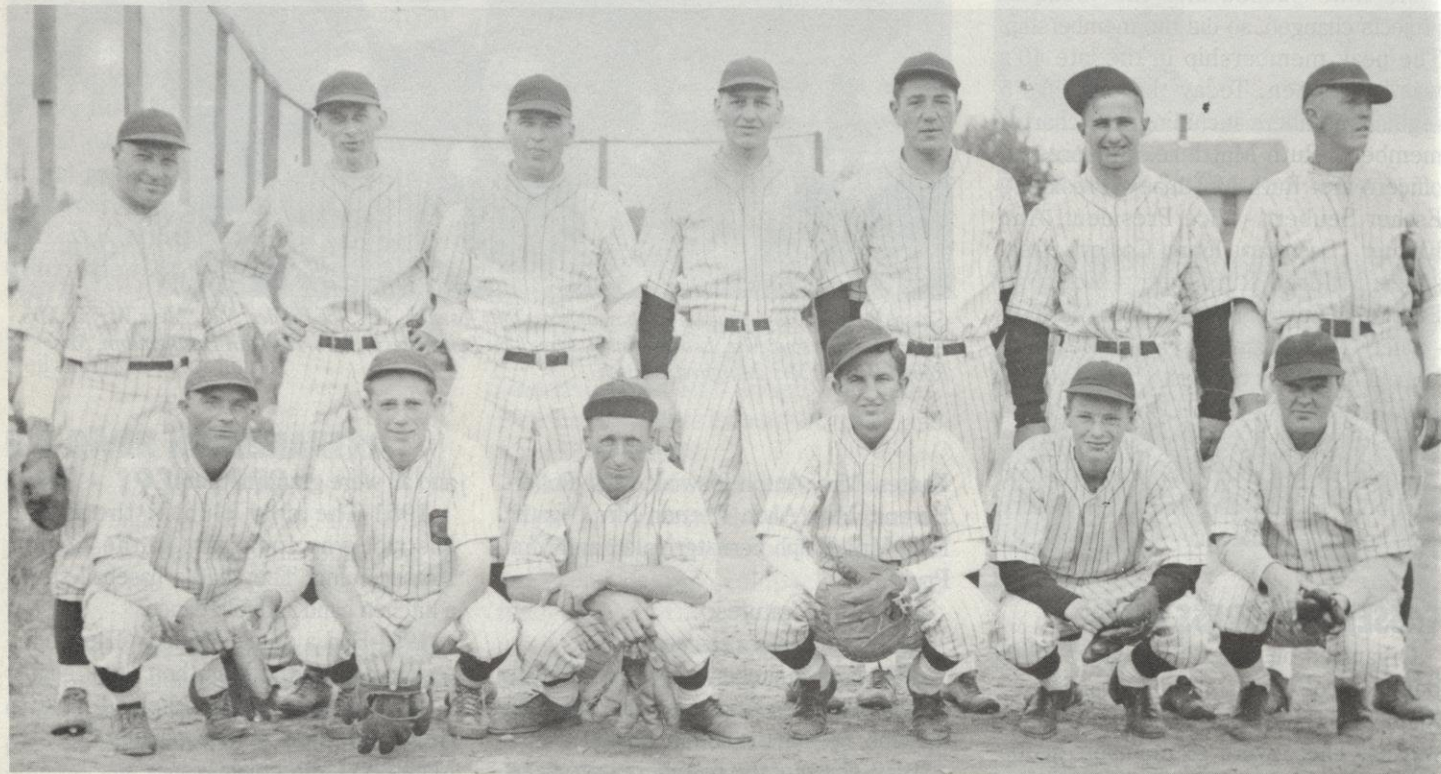
Play "Quack Doctor" (l to r) Mrs. Joswiak, Mrs. Lensmire, Mrs. Hanneman, Mrs. Berens, Mrs. Wadinski, Mrs. Bantes, Mrs. Buetsch

In the early 30's a new baseball diamond was developed on the pasture of John Marzynski, Hwy S, North of the Cassel Church. Some younger players were added to the roster and baseball became the Sunday afternoon family

entertainment. Some of the teams competing against the Cassel Giants were Athens, Halder, Edgar, Fenwood, Marathon and the Fromm Bros. Foxes. The Fromm's Team was the class of the league with shiny black uniforms with

silver lettering and a silver fox monogram on each uniform. Their mascot was a trained silver fox on a leash which traveled with and was present at all the games.

In its humble beginning baseball was



Front row: (l to r) Howard Wilcott, Erhardt Lang, Ray Lemmer, James Eck, Fred Tuschinski and Earl King, Back row: (l to r) Harry Miller, Dr. Winand Ritger, Francis Roman, Arnold Murr, Walter Lang, Clarence Lemmer, John Drengler



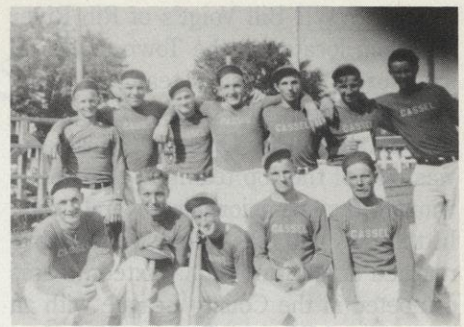
Front Row: (l to r) Ray Lemmer, Ed - Frank - Joe Szymanski, Erhardt Lang and Urban Krebsbach, bat boy - Ray Szymanski, Back row: (l to r) Ed Gertschen - umpire, Leo Lang, Walter Lang, Alex Szymanski, Tony Krause, Louis and Walter Lang, Stanley and Tony Szymanski and Fr. Kluczykowski



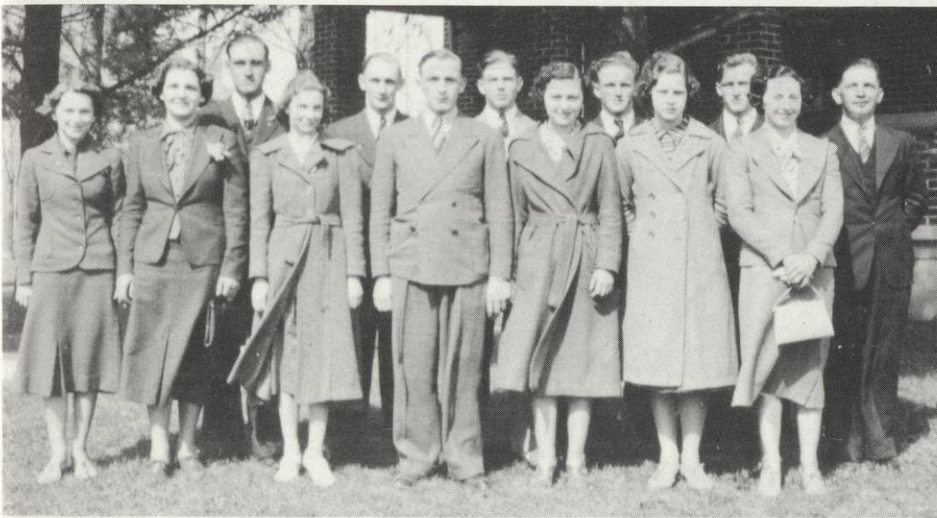
Early 30's - Cassel Baseball Team



1937 Cassel Baseball Club



1938 Cassel CYO - Softball Team



First Cassel Youth Organization - (l to r) Emily Wadzinski Murkowski, Eleonore Wadzinski Lepak, Valerian Kordus, Clara Skrzypchak Alquest, Frank Wadzinski, Raymond Wadzinski, Joe Szymanski, Virginia Wadzinski Paszch, Frank Szymanski, Irene Wenzel Andreschak, Stanley Szymanski, Alvina Wadzinski, Alois Soczka

early 1930's. A Cassel CYO Team played fast pitch softball on the ball diamond by the Sacred Heart School in Cassel. It was during this time about 1935 that several of the Cassel players joined Marathon and continued play in the County League playing their games on the Marathon City diamond.

After several years of softball interest in baseball came back. Bob Lepak offered the land to expand the softball diamond to a baseball diamond. The fences were moved back and new infield developed and a team was organized largely through the efforts of Fr. Max Kluczykowski, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Cassel. This team played for Cassel in the County League until WWII when most of the players went to serve their country.

played in overalls, cow platters had to be cleaned off the field, and balls and bats were provided by the players. After a baseball seam would rip, fish line would be used to sew the baseball cover over and over again until the horsehide cover was worn out. The first set of uniforms for the Cassel team was purchased by one of Albert Goldbach's daughters who worked in Chicago where she obtained the uniforms at a reasonable price, of course the players had to reimburse her for the uniforms.

The popular "Louisville Slugger" baseball bat was available for purchase but was expensive especially in those days when money was scarce. Mr. John R. Dalske, a mechanic, built a wooden lathe and started to cure ash and hickory wood from which he turned out baseball bats by the dozen and sold them to the team at affordable prices. Szymanski's with all the boys playing softball and baseball also built a lathe and turned out their own softball and baseball bats.

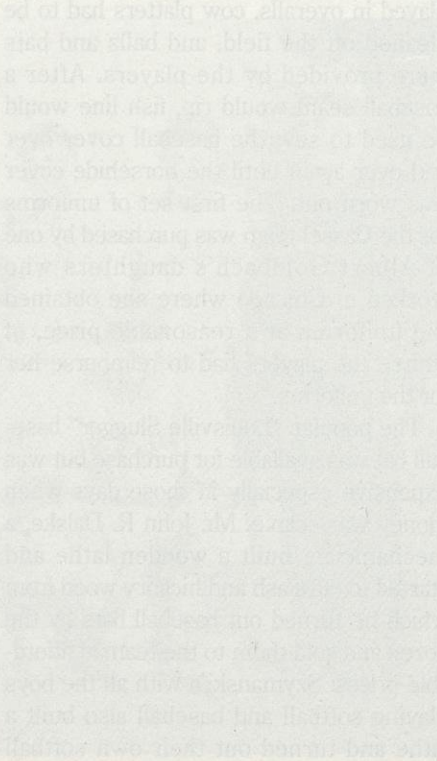
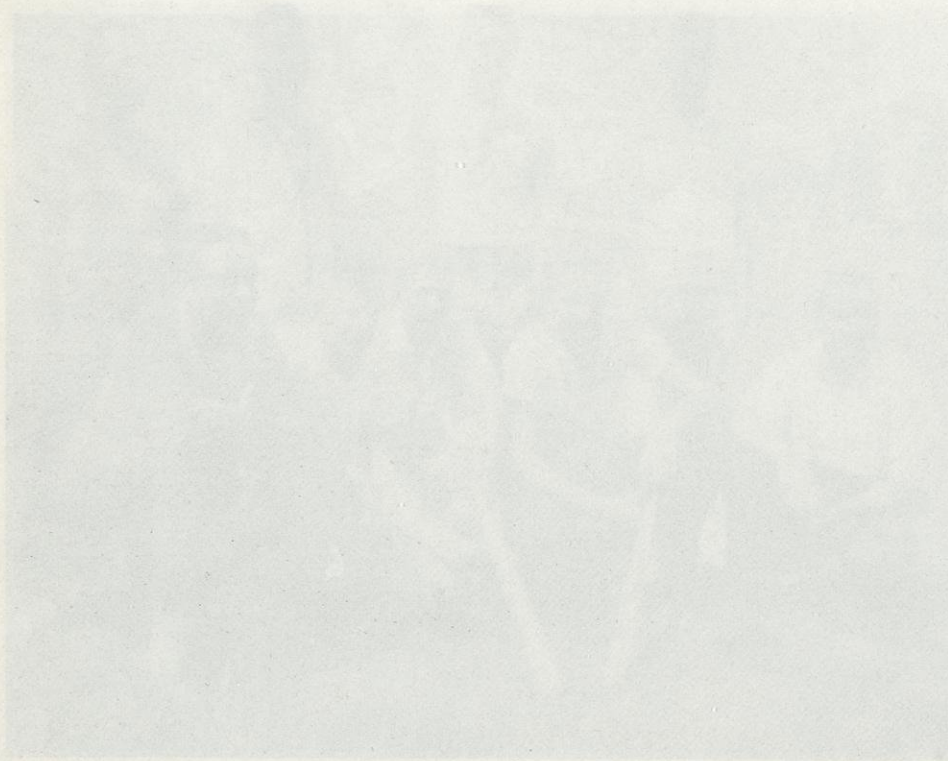
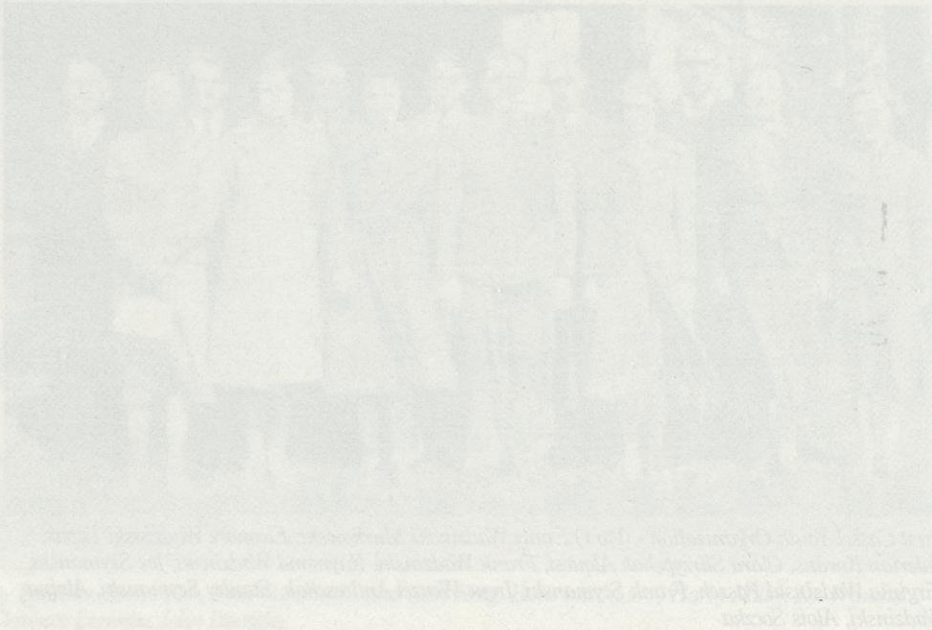
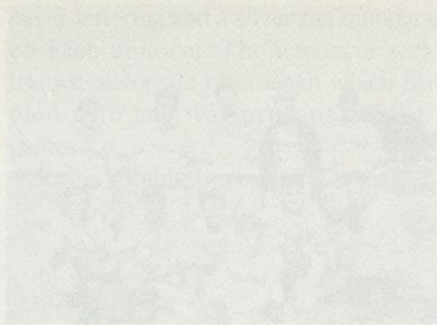
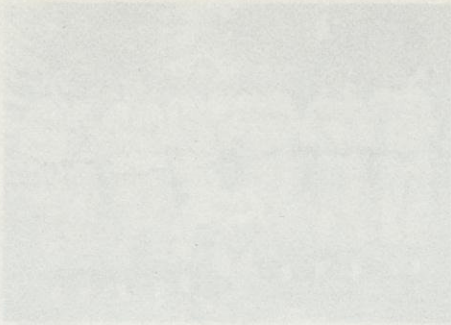


Cassel Soft Ball Team - 1959 - Front row: Norbert Bergs, Lavern Stencil, George Burger, LeRoy Lang, Kenneth Wadzinski, Back row: David Wielock, Ralph Lepak, Donald Imhoff, Robert Wadzinski

CYO Softball became popular in the

After WWII Bill Voigt's of Rib River Ballroom located in the Town of Cassel sponsored the baseball team for many years playing in the County League on the Marathon City Diamond. This team was one of the top teams in the league winning the championship several years. In the 40's and 50's interest in baseball reached an all time high. Sixteen teams competed in the County League with an Eastern and Western Division, but when the old timers began to retire from baseball the younger generation never followed up and interest began to wither and finally went out of existence. The affluent society of the 1970's and years following with the automobile, boats, cottages and the involved society didn't have time for a leisure Sunday afternoon baseball game so the teams and leagues in the area disbanded.

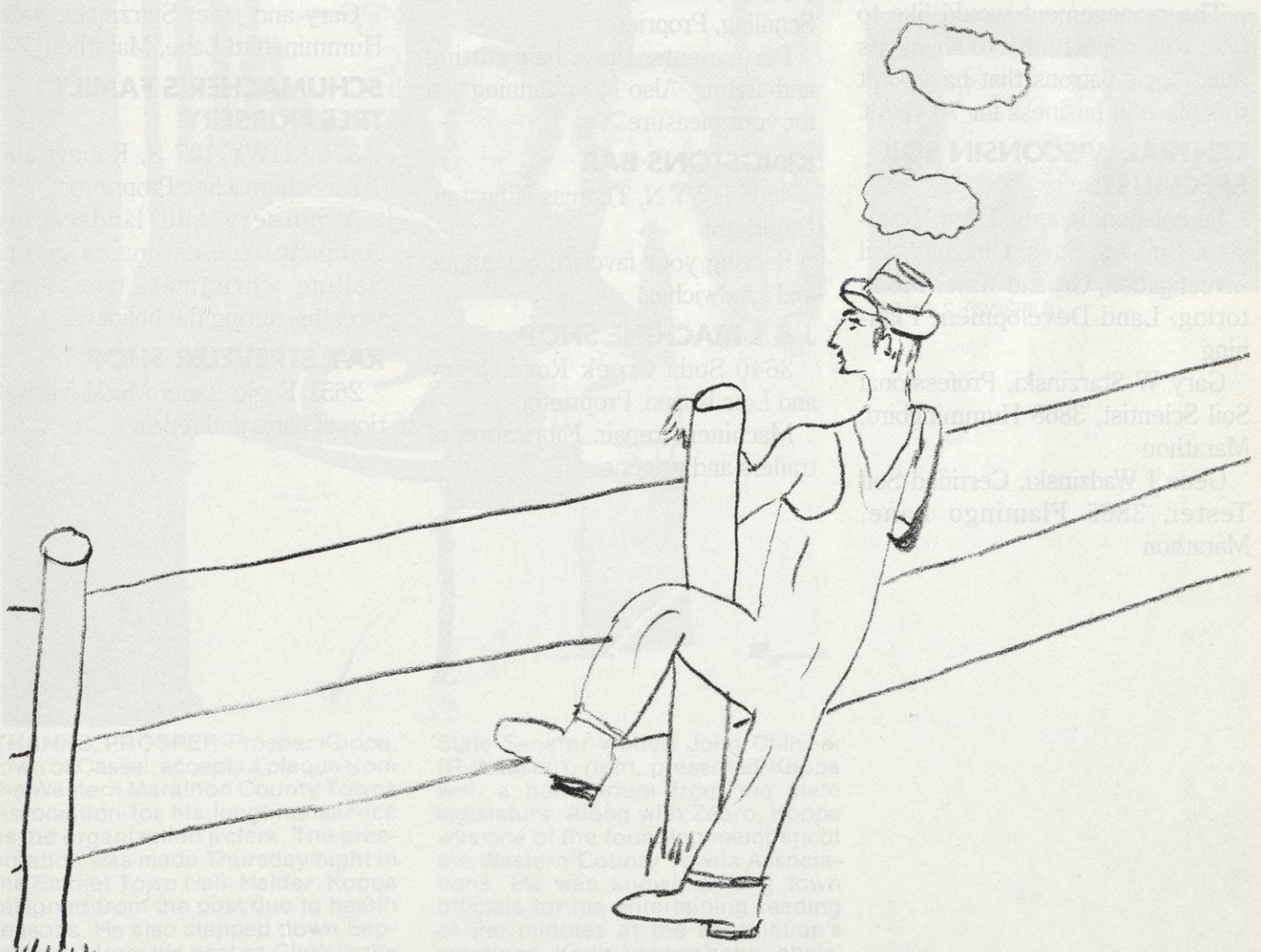
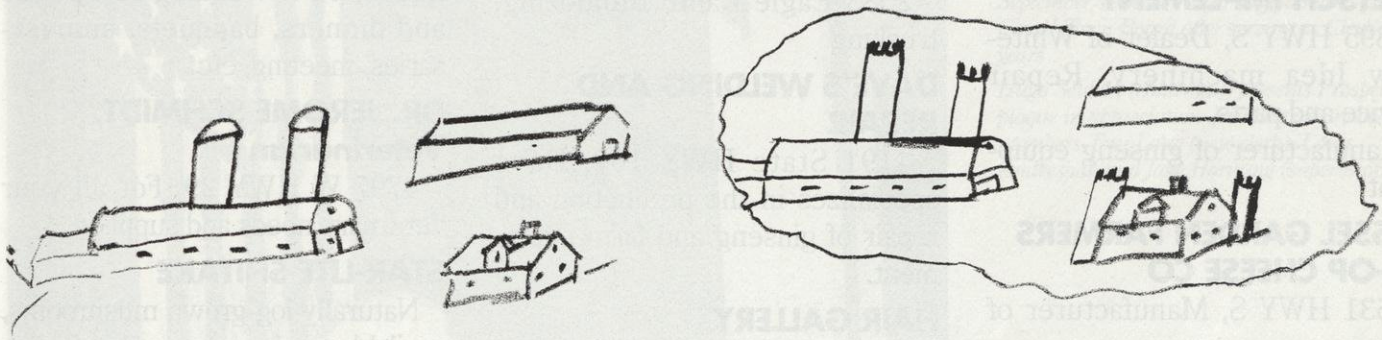
In the 1990's it looks like the slow pitch softball played week nights and little league baseball which have become popular in the last decade will continue into the next century.



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TOWN of CASSEL

1991



"Where one's farm is his Cassel"

Cover Entry - Stan Szymanski

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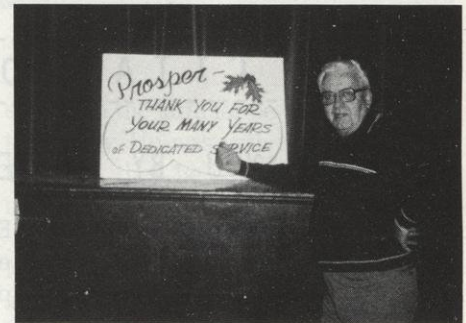
RAY STREVELER SHOP

2651 Eagle Lane, Metal fabrica-
tion of parts and repair.



September 1986 - Prosper Koppa retires from Cassel Town Board after serving as Clerk for 28 years

Hugo Seubert (chairman) presents Prosper with plaque in appreciation. Looking on are board members-Toni Lang (new clerk), Louis Andreshak and Jake Hornung (supervisors)



THANKS, PROSPER

THANKS, PROSPER-Prosper Koppa, town of Cassel, accepts a plaque from the Western Marathon County Towns Association for his longtime service as the organization's clerk. The presentation was made Thursday night in the Emmet Town Hall, Halder. Koppa resigned from the post due to health reasons. He also stepped down September 1 from his post as Clerk in the town of Cassel, which he held for 28 years. Frank Zebro, president of the Western County Towns Association, center, made the presentation. Later,

State Senator Waltert John Chilsen, (R-Wausau), right, presented Koppa with a honorarium from the state legislature. Along with Zebro, Koppa was one of the founding members of the Western County Towns Associations. He was known among town officials for his entertaining reading of the minutes at the association's meetings. Keith Langenhahn, chairman of the town of Marathon, was selected to replace Koppa. In the town of Cassel, Toni Lang is the new town clerk. Staff Photo.

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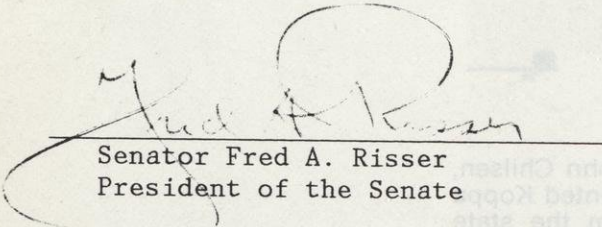
WHEREAS, Prosper E. Koppa stepped down as Clerk of Cassel Township in Marathon County on September 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Prosper Koppa's dedicated service to the citizens of Cassel spanned 28 1/2 years; and


WHEREAS, Prosper Koppa has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Unit of the Marathon County Towns and Villages Association since 1970, a job he is relinquishing October 24, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Prosper Koppa is well-known at the Association's meetings for his inimitable presentation of the minutes of the previous meeting; now, therefore,

The Members of the Wisconsin Legislature, on the motion of REPRESENTATIVES KASTEN, VAN GORDEN, ROBINSON and OURADA and SENATORS CHILSEN, ROSHELL and KINCAID under Joint Rule 7, commend Prosper E. Koppa for his many years of local government service, and further wish Prosper a happy and well-deserved retirement.

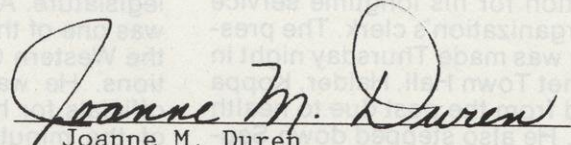


Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate



Representative Thomas A. Loftus
Speaker of the Assembly

October 17, 1985
Date



Joanne M. Duren
Assembly Chief Clerk

FAMILY HISTORIES

ADAMSKI CENTURY FARM

The farm which we, Clarence and Mary Adamski are living on now is quite old. The records show that in the year of 1857, it was owned by Olan Dunn, which he received from United States.

He received the land from the United States government, in the pursuance Act of Congress approved March 3, 1855, titled, "Act in Addition to Certain Acts granting Bounty Land to Certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in Military Service of United States." Olan F. Dunn was from Kragive, Norway, Europe. I'm not sure but the way I understand it that he just owned the land, he did not have any buildings on it.

The records also show that October 1, 1872, Olan F. Dunn sold the property to B. Ringle for \$200.00. B. Ringle owned the land until September 19, 1876, and sold it for \$250.00 to Joseph and Magdalene Adamski, who were my Grandmother and my Granddad. I do not know if any kind of buildings were on the farm or not, but I do know it was a beginning of the Adamski Era on the location.

Joseph and Magdelene immigrated to the United States in 1873, according to the 1880 census. They came from the area that was called Prussia. Poland did not exist as a country at that time. They had a family of 12 children, but they were not all born in the United States.

The family left this area. Only a few remain here. Some went to Michigan, and to the West and settled in the State of Washington.



Anton and Martha Adamski and family

My grandparents had many hardships; to clear land, to feed the few cattle that they had. They also were the charter members when the township was formed, 100 years ago. The transportation was walk, or ride on horse and wagon. My Dad did mention that once in a while Indians did come to the house and Grandma would give some bread or something to eat, and they would leave.

My Dad was born in 1892, that started the 2nd generation on the farm. Around 1910, they build a barn that is still standing today on the farm. My dad, Anton,

stayed on the farm for he was the baby of the family. He was with them until May 12, 1917, then he bought the farm from my Grandparents.

He also was married that same year to Martha Jakubowski, on May 29. They had a family of four sons, Victor, Anton Jr., Edwin (Dean) and Clarence.

Grandma and Grandpa lived on the farm, but they had separate quarters in the house. They lived there until Grandma died in 1929. In March of 1931 disaster came to the farm with a chimney fire that burned the house down. My dad



Joseph Adamski



Magdalene Adamski



Anton and Martha Adamski

built the house that we are living in today.

In 1936 my Dad bought more land. He bought forty acres to give him a little more land to work. In 1942, he bought another eighty acres and that made the farm 200 acres, which still is the present size.

In 1941, which was time of war, Victor and Anton were drafted into the Army, and remained in the service until 1945. I was in the Army in the early 1950's for two years and came back to farm in 1957 and I am still here today.



Victor Adamski, 1942

In 1959, I was elected to serve as town supervisor, and served in that capacity for 12 years. I also served as chairman for 8 years.

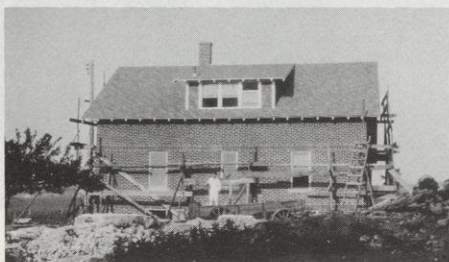
In 1961, my brother Edwin (Dean) died; in 1966, Victor died, and in 1970, my mother died. In 1973, I expanded the barn which is still standing at present time.



Anton Adamski Jr., 1942



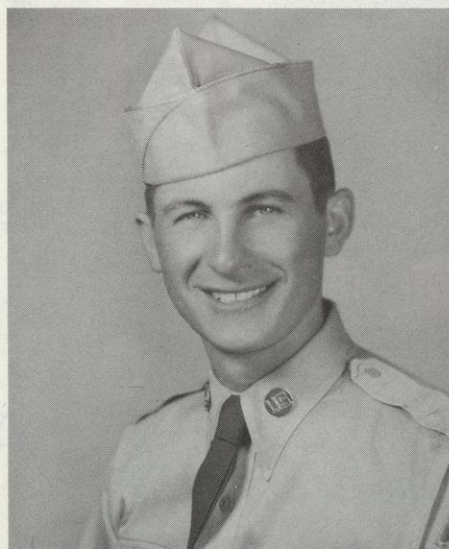
Adamski farm



House being built in 1931

In 1973, I married Mary Adamski and we had three sons, Donald, Dean and Delos. They are at present in the ginseng business, which we started in the year of 1977. In 1968, Donald went into the service in the Vietnam war. He served for 2 years. Delos was in the Army Reserve in the 1980's at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In December of 1979, Anton Adamski died which ended the second generation on the farm.



Clarence Adamski 1950's



Clarence and Mary Adamski



Adamski house



Adamski barn

DELOS AND LAURA ADAMSKI

Married May 5, 1984, at Sacred Heart Church. Subsequently they had three children; Delos Jr., born in 1984, Holly born in 1987 and Eric born in 1990. In 1988 they built a house on the corner of CTH "S" and Soda Creek Road. The corner lot was a part of Clarence and Mary Adamski's farm.



Delos, Laura, D.J., Holly

DEAN AND MARY KAY ADAMSKI

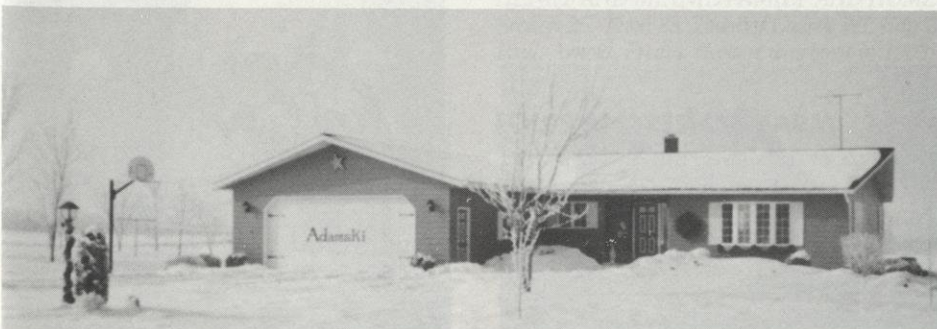
4021 Flamingo Lane, Marathon

In May of 1978 Dean and Mary Kay (Fischer) were married and moved a mobile home south of the existing farm house of Clarence and Mary Adamski. In March of 1983, 1.5 acres of land was purchased. A new home was built in July of 1984 behind the mobile home and later the mobile home has moved out.

Dean is in partnership with his family in the ginseng business since 1977 on the



Adamski mobile home



Dean Adamski home today



4040 Soda Creek Road, Marathon, Delos Adamski home

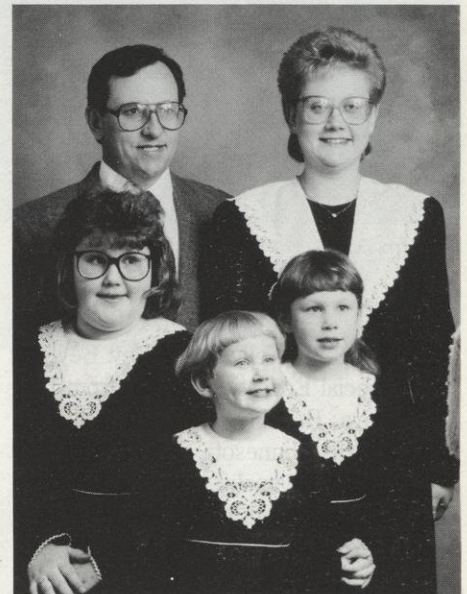


Eric

homestead farm. In addition to the ginseng, Dean and his brother Don in 1989 started raising Bison for butchering



Adamski bison



Dean Adamski family

meat and also breeding stock.

The Adamski's have three daughters, Jill Ann born in 1979, Amy Mary in 1982 and Becky Louise in 1984.

FELIX ADAMSKI FAMILY

Felix was born and raised in the Town of Cassel, graduated Sacred Heart School and a graduate of the Edgar High School. He is past Town of Cassel Supervisor-past ASC Committee Town of Cassel-past Treasurer & Trustee of the Pine Valley Co-op Cheese Factory-past Secretary and Bookkeeper of the Pine Valley Co-op Cheese Factory. Felix married Agnes Schueller of Edgar and they have six children: Allan, Beverly, Catherine, Darlene, Evelyn, and Frederick. Felix and Agnes have been dairy and ginseng farming since 1955. The farm has been in the family since 1913.

Allan (Mary) Adamski: two children, Beth Ann, and Katie Lynn. Allen has an Accounting degree from UW Whitewater. He is employed by Research Products Corporation as a Vice-Controller, Madison, Wisconsin.



Felix and Agnes Adamski family

Beverly (Dennis) Simms: three children, Benjamin, Kelly and Jeffrey. Beverly has a Special Education degree from UW Eau Claire. Beverly and Dennis live in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Catherine Adamski: single, Computer Science degree from UW Whitewater and Masters degree Dartmouth University.

Catherine teaches at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Darlene (Tony) Kramer: one child Heidi. She has a Community Health degree from UW La Crosse. She is an Executive Director, American Cancer Society, Eau Claire, WI.

Evelyn (Dave) Deininger: Evelyn has a Para-Legal degree from Eau Claire, Wisconsin Technical Institute. She is employed by Outagamie County-Appleton as an assistant in the energy department branch of Social Services.

Frederick Adamski: Drafting degree Eau Claire Technical Institute. He is employed as a draftsman at Wedgcor-Denver, Colorado.

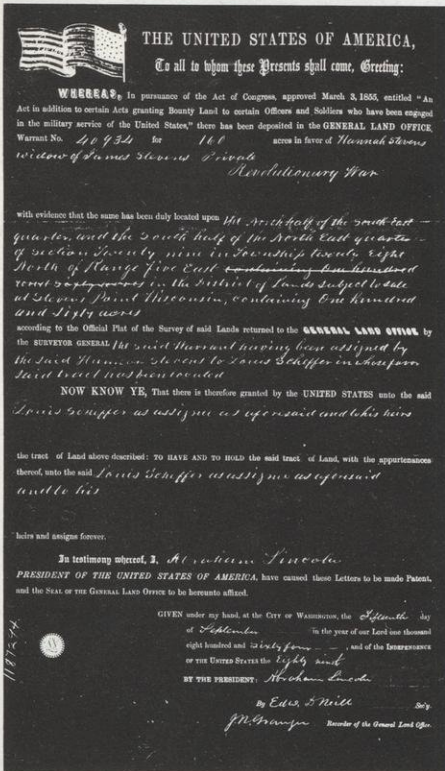
1863. Walter Ahrens purchased this farm (from Henry Ahrens his father) on June 20, 1923.

Henry and Elizabeth purchased this same farm in July of 1957. Henry and Liz had 5 sons and 1 daughter. Roger, employed at Marathon Cheese and his wife Janet employed at Jordan & Associates have 2 children. Kenny employed at Marathon Cheese along with his wife Kathy have one daughter. Nancy employed at Marathon Cheese and married to Dennis Fink who is a truck driver for Sun Dog Trucking have 3 children. Mark employed at Marathon Cheese and his wife Kathy employed at Marriott have 2 children. Brian employed at Menzner Lumber and his wife Ann who works at Employers. Leon is employed at Menzner Lumber.

Henry and Elizabeth are dairy farming, raising ginseng and Henry drives bus for Marathon Bus Service.



Henry and Elizabeth Ahrens



Original land grant which is part of the Felix Adamski present farm. Issued to Hannah Stevens widow of James Stevens-Private of the Revolutionary War. Dated September 15, 1864. By Abraham Lincoln.

HENRY AND ELIZABETH AHRENS
3117 Alpine Road, Marathon. From an abstract of Farm State Lands this land was purchased from the state of Wisconsin on July 20, 1863 by Dettlef Ahrens and a patent was issued to him on July 20,



Henry Ahrens house in 1941



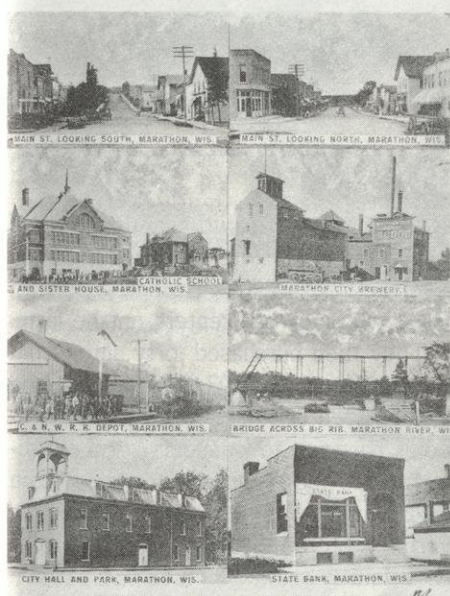
Henry Ahrens farm in 1941



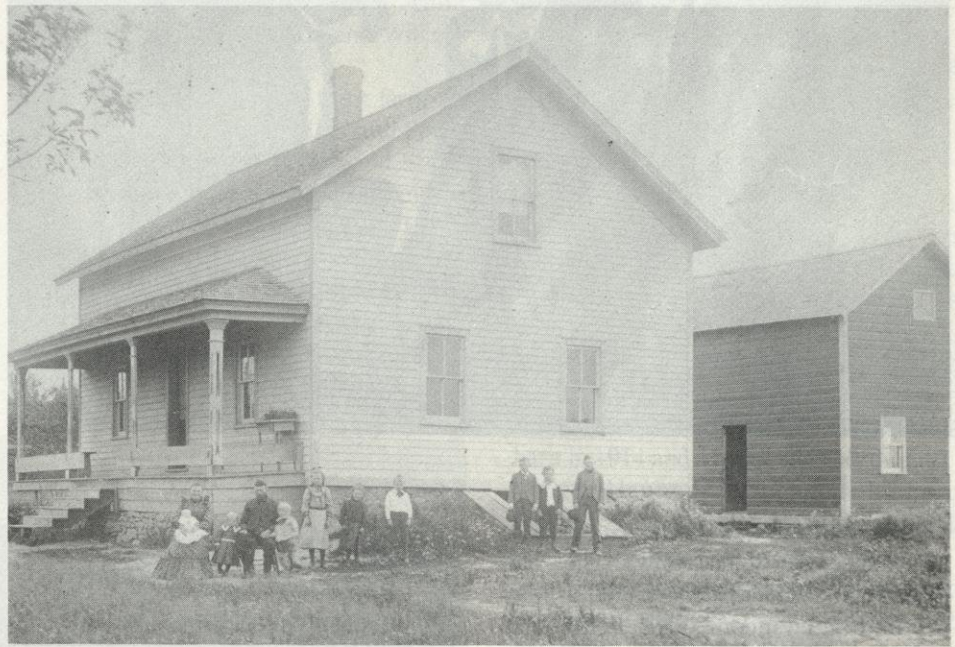
Walter & Frances Ahrens and Henry & Elizabeth Ahrens, June 19, 1954



Henry Ahrens family



SCENES AT MARATHON, WIS. Mon.
 Franco. My mother died a week or so to Wed. can
 him yesterday he arrived then. Please
 send me the photographs of the milk
 which tells about policy & doing &



HENRY AND MINNIE FAMILY AND HOMESTEAD
 Section 25, Town 28, Town of Cassel, WI, June 30, 1902. Albert, Walter, Edward, Elsie, Louis, Lorina,
 Paul, Arnold, Fredia. (Robert was born in 1903)



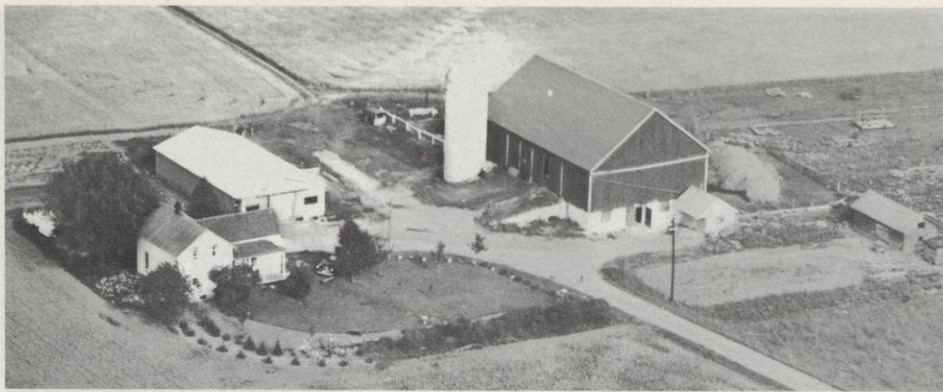
Walter and Frances Ahrens

LOUIS ANDRESHAK FARM

The Louis Andreshak farm on 2574 Cardinal Lane was formally purchased by his Grandfather and Grandmother, Andrew & Maggie Andreshak in the 1800's. Andrew died in 1909.

Vincent and Mary Andreshak then purchased the farm from his mother,

Maggie Andreshak Wsyalaski on February 26, 1915. They then moved from the back forty to the present location and built a new barn and a house. They were the parents of eight children. Joseph (deceased), Theresa Lang, Wausau; Louis, Cassel; Katherine Matushak, Oconomowoc; Alex (deceased), Clara



Louis Andreshak Farm in 1948



Vincent Andreshak Family



Louis Andreshak Family



Louis Andreshak Farm in 1975

They are the proud grandparents of fourteen grandchildren. Louis and Cindy sold the farm to Alex Swiderski in July, 1948, who now has renters on the farm.

They then purchased forty acres from Prosper Koppa on 4103 Cardinal Lane and built a three bedroom ranch style home. Louis has been town supervisor for eighteen years and is currently on the church financial board. He has also been on the Parish advisory board of Sacred Heart Cassel many years.

Cindy is presently employed at Hack's Diner Inc., Marathon and is presently Treasure of the P.C.C.W. of Sacred Heart. She has also served on the Advisory board of the Church.

Opicha, Milwaukee; Hattie Gertschen, Milwaukee and Philip, Aniwa. They had sixteen grandchildren. Mary died in May of 1943 and Vincent on December 1, 1959.

Louis then purchased the farm from his father on January 28, 1944. He married Lucinda Powers on November 9, 1946. Their marriage was blessed with eight children. Vernon (Joann) Munster, Indiana; Kay Schara (Marvin) Marathon; Terrance Andreshak, Milwaukee; Timothy (Patricia) Edgar; Debra Fischer (Norman) Marathon; Marsha (Henry Jr.) Imhoff Marathon); Judith (deceased) and Todd (Patti) Andreshak, Edgar.



New home on Cardinal Lane



Henry and Mary Bedynek Farm around 1920



Henry and Mary's 50th Wedding Anniversary



Walter Hilmerhausen and Bill Bedynek



Bill and Stella Bedynek 50th Anniversary

HENRY AND MARY BEDYNEK FARM

(submitted by Shirley Schilling)

Henry Stumm Bedynek came to America from Anglesdorf, Germany in 1866 at the age of two. In Marathon, on February 17, 1890, he married Mary Sanders Hack. They had six children, Mary Morman, Katie Fischer Weisenberger, Anna Bungert, Hilda Olenek, Joe and William Bedynek.

They purchased part of their farm on February 11, 1920 from Les and Anna Duerrstein, selling it to Bill and Stella (Wilichowski) Bedynek in 1949 and to Shirley (Bedynek) Schilling in 1977. Russell and Sandy Schilling bought a part of it in 1989 where they now reside.

Bill Bedynek was road boss for the township for many years and he also played the drums for many weddings and



Bill and Stella, June, 1920

dances having had the Silver Rythm Band with Herbert Hanke, Ray and Fred Wiesman from 1933 to 1940. Stella was also a charter member of the Rib River Homemakers Club.

LEN AND JUDY BERG FARM

Len and Judy Berg farm was first in the family name on April 20, 1913. Martin and Mary Berg purchased it from Michael and Gertrude Schill. The Bergs moved from Ashford, WI with their four children; Oscar, Ray, Alfred and Johanna. The farm was mostly timberland at that time and some of the wood was used to construct a barn in 1914 and a house in 1918.

Otto Hannemann headed the barn building crew and John and Leonard Hall built the house.

In 1946 Alfred purchased the farm and operated it until 1971 when his son Len bought it.

The house built in 1918 still stands but the barn along with all the other buildings



Bedynek farm - Early 1950's



Len Berg farm 1983

on the farm were destroyed in a windstorm on April 27, 1984. The storm occurred at 4:26 A.M. but since it was relatively dark at the time, the nickname Fly-by-Night Farm was born. The official name is Mound Rose Farm.

While the clean-up and rebuilding were taking place the cows were housed at the Felix and Agnes Adamski Farm. Most of the construction took place between June 1 and 7 as the barn was being built by Marvin Holbach and crew plus lots of friends and neighbors.

We're glad our ancestors decided to settle in the town of Cassel. It has lots of good folks!

NORBERT AND DOLORES BERGS FARM

On August 9, 1956 Louis Scheffer purchased 40 acres from the United States in the Township 28, Range 5E, South 1/2 N.E. section 22, several years later, 80 acres in section 23. According to the records in the United States Land Office, it was in that name for 8 years, then Marathon County owned it until it was sold to the Wisconsin Valley Railroad Company. They in turn sold it to the Wisconsin Valley Land Company.

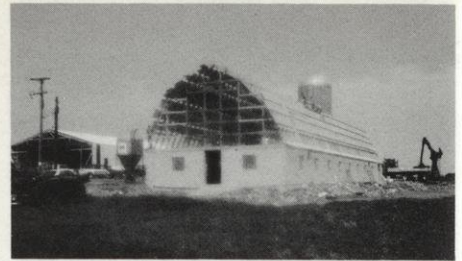


Frank and Constance Kordus In 1909

Frank Kordus Sr. and his wife Constance bought the farm from Sophia Tuckalski. Frank and Constance had 11 children, William, John, Leo, Anton, Joe, Matthias, Paul, Valentine, Mary, Anna and Magdalena. July 17, 1909 Frank Kordus sold the farm of 120 acres to his son Anton. After 4 years, in 1913, it was sold



Len & Judy Berg barn - windstorm damage April 27, 1984



Rebuilding Len & Judy Berg barn June 1984



Len & Judy Berg new barn - June 1984

to Frank and Anna (Paszek) Kordus. A hip roof barn 98 x 38 was built in 1920. 1926 electricity was installed in barn and house. At the same time a water system was installed in the house with a separate system in the barn. The water was pumped into a wooden tank for the cattle.

When farms were passed on to one of the children in the early 1800 and 1900, Besides cash value, livelihood for the parents had to be given by the son or daughter, such as food, wood for cooking

and heating, a house, a barn to house one cow, one horse, and ten chickens, and a well not more than 10 rods from the house. Other responsibilities included to furnish a doctor when needed, reserve one pew in church, provide a good christian burial, and to pay the rest of the children a certain sum of money.

Frank Koruds and his wife Anna had 8 children, their eldest Elinore died at 1-1/2 years of age, during the scarlet fever epidemic. Together they farmed 120 acres



(l to r) Back row: Gerald, Frank, Loretta, Anna, Lucille, Donald, Fabian, Dolores, Virginia



(l to r) Virginia, Fabian, Anna, Donald, Dolores

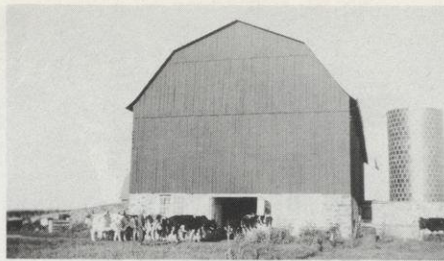
until his death in 1933. Anna continued to farm until 1944.

In the eleven years, improvements on the farm were made. They cleared more land, bought a team of horses and one tractor, added a water system in the house and barn on one well, and put asbestos siding on the house.

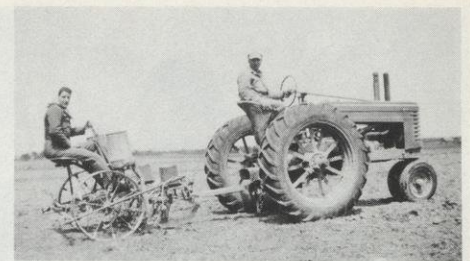
Norbert Bergs purchased the farm in the fall of 1944. He married Dolores Kordus on September 27, 1944.

There was 65 acres of tillable land with more clearing increasing it to 90 acres. In 1952 the first milkhouse was built including a pig and chicken barn. In 1957 they built a house of 32 x 44. In 1962 on November 1st Norbert and Dolores bought 120 acres of the John Marzynski farm which adjoined directly south of the 40 acres that the farm buildings were on. With the increase of land and a herd of 30 to 50 cows additional modern equipment was purchased. An addition to the barn of 36 feet was built in 1963 the milkhouse was rebuilt adding a bulk tank. A pole shed was built in 1979 of 44 x 96. One Harvestor silo of 20 x 80 and a loafing barn was built in 1983. Together Norbert and Dolores raised ten children on the farm.

In 1988, Peter assumed the operation of the farm. Since then he has remodeled the barn and milkhouse.



Barn and Silo in 1944



Dolores and Norbert - corn planter converted from horse to tractor operation



Back row: (l to r) Frank, Timothy, Mark, Dolores, Norbert, Peter, William, Front row: (l to r) Maxine, Suzette, Sr. Paulette, Roxann, JuliAnn



The farmstead as it was in 1983



Alphonse Blume farm

BLUME FARMS, INC.

The story of Blume Farms, Inc., in the Town of Cassel began in the spring of 1945. That spring, Alphonse Blume and his wife, Dolores, bought 160 acres of land in section 12 and settled on it. They ran a dairy operation and grew the usual crops found on a dairy farm; alfalfa, corn and oats. Most of the early years some canning peas were also grown until the canning companies no longer operated in the area.

During the course of the years the family grew to four sons and three daughters. In September of 1966 the oldest son,



Alphonse Blum family



farm before tornado



farm after tornado



ginseng garden



threshing straw



ginseng garden damage



3 year old ginseng

Andrew, bought 80 acres of land next to the home farm located in section 13. This was the former John Knoeck Farm. In 1972 Andrew married Nancy Sczrypchak

and settled on this farm. In 1974 the two farms were combined and became Blume Farms, Inc.

In the fall of 1959 the first ginseng



ginseng in dryer



Andy Blume family

were planted by the Blume`s. According to A.S.C.S. aerial photos, there were 2.9 acres of ginseng in the Town of Cassel in 1960, most of which were located on the Blume farm.

On August 31, 1977 a tornado struck the farm of Andrew and Nancy. There were no injuries, but the storm heavily damaged the house, barn and the out buildings. Five and one half acres of ginseng gardens were also completely destroyed. Through the generous help of many friends and neighbors everything was back in order by the following spring.

Through the years the ginseng and dairy operation on the farm have expanded to their present size. Blume Farms, Inc., is presently owned and operated by Andrew and Nancy Blume and family.

LAWRENCE BOEHM FAMILY

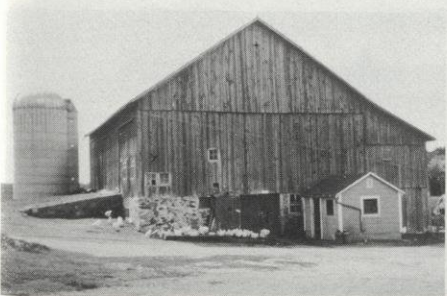
4124 Alpine Road, Marathon, Section 21 and 28. On September 15, 1857, Isaac Sweetzer purchased 160 acres of land from the United States. Isaac Sweetzer, his wife, Elizabeth S. Sweetzer and their three children, Isaac Homer Sweetzer, Frank Eliot Sweetzer, and Ida Elizabeth Sweetzer resided in Boston, Massachusetts.

Upon Isaac Sweetzers death in August of 1887, the land was left to his wife and three children, later to be divided and sold to various people in different parcels of land from 1890-1920.

In October of 1920, the original home-stead, Section 21, 40 acres was purchased



Boehm farm house - 1962



Barn on Boehm farm - 1962



Lawrence Boehm family

by John D. Boehm and his wife Elizabeth, from Alphons Ruplinger and another 40 acres, Section 28, from Andrew Lang.

John D. Boehm and his wife farmed this land and in March of 1929, his son John H. Boehm and his wife Pauline, and their 6 month old daughter Rose, moved onto the farm with his parents. They lived together for a short time and then John D. Boehm and his wife Elizabeth, moved off the farm. John D. Boehm and his wife, (Grandparents of Lawrence Boehm) continued to own the land until August 14, 1930. He then sold the farm to his son, John H. Boehm and his wife, Pauline.

John and Pauline had six children, Rose, Evelyn, Clarence, Ervin, Lawrence and Loretta.

In 1932, the original home was destroyed by fire. The home was rebuilt on the same site as the old home and in later years had several additions added.

John and Pauline farmed 80 acres he purchased from his Dad and John also started the Boehm Insurance Agency in 1938 which is still continued by his son, Lawrence and Lawrence's son Michael.

In 1950 an additional 40 acres of land was purchased in Section 28 from Andrew Lang, and again in 1964 an additional 38



Boehm farm 1986

acres was purchased from the Leona Lewandowski estate, which brings the present farm acreage to 158 acres.

In January of 1963, John's son Lawrence and his wife JoAnn purchased the farm from his Dad and continued to farm. Besides running a farming operation, Lawrence also started to raise ginseng in 1976 and continues, along with his two sons.

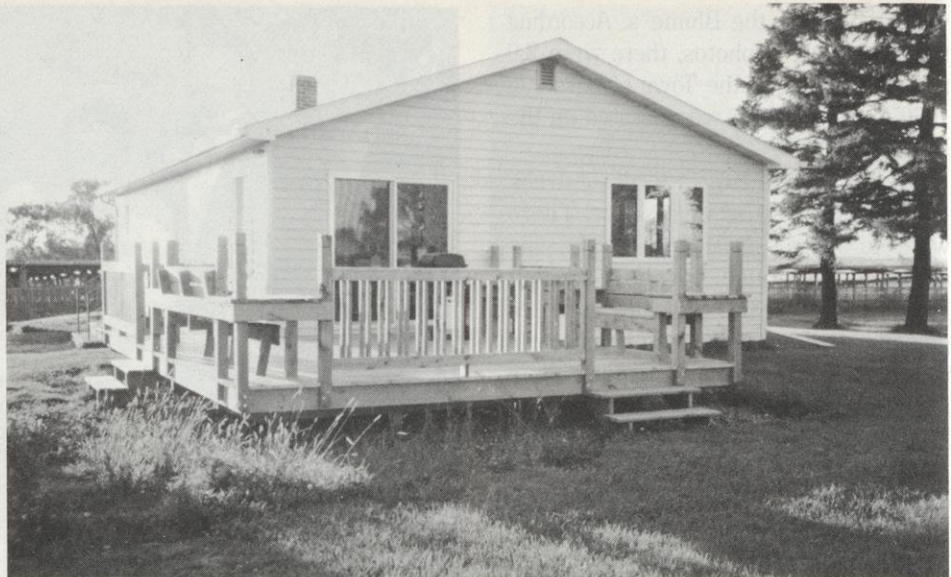
Lawrence and JoAnn had three children, Michael, Lisa and Patrick. In 1983, Lawrence's son Patrick, decided to join his parents in farming and began milking cows. In 1984 a 60 foot addition was added on to the west end of the old barn. Then again in 1990, another 20 foot addition was added on to the east end of the old barn to house heifers.

Today, JoAnn, Lawrence and their son Patrick, reside on the farm and continue to raise ginseng and dairy farm.

MICHAEL AND SALLY BOEHM

3971 Alpine Road, Marathon. Michael purchased his farm in January of 1985 from Buska Realty. Previous owners were Edwin and Lucy Kordus - and then later the Wayne Kampmeier family. The farm is being used primarily for raising ginseng. Michael is associated with his father Lawrence, at Boehm Insurance Agency in Edgar. He married Sally (Osterbrink) in August of 1989.

In May of 1988 most of the buildings and the shang gardens were destroyed by a tornado.



Michael Boehm residence in October of 1987



Drying shed and garage built in 1987, destroyed in May 1988 tornado and rebuilt identically in August of 1988



Barn built in 1920 - Destroyed in May 1988 tornado



Michael and Sally Boehm



Shed built in October of 1988 to replace barn



Tornado damage



part of barn in ginseng garden



drying shed wall and roof in ginseng garden

Tornado damage Boehm farm 1988



ginseng garden with parts of drying shed in it



tearing down barn



constructing new material for covering ginseng gardens

TERRY AND DAWN BORCHARDT

Purchased a 2-1/2 acre lot on Highway S, town of Cassel, in June of 1988. They built their first new home and moved in on October of that same year. Since Terry is employed at U.P.S. of Wausau and Dawn at the Marshfield Clinic, this area is

centrally located for commuting. Terry and Dawn are just starting their family with the new arrival of a baby girl Caitlin on November 21, 1990. The township of Cassel is quite familiar to Dawn as her grandfather, the late John F Lensmire, made cheese at Cassel Garden Cheese Factory. Dawn's mother, Joan Lensmire Wirkus also taught at Daisy Dell School for 7 years.

BUETSCH FARM

The Buetsch's took over the farm in 1920. The first Buetsch who owned the farm was Ferdinand and his wife Lousia.



Albert and Margaret's wedding



Terry and Dawn Borchardt - 5th Wedding Anniversary



Margaret Buetsch with Melvin, Lester, Delores and Lorraine



Borchardt residence

Lousia died in 1922. The farm then passed to Alfred Buetsch who took care of his father until his death in 1928. Albert and his wife Margaret (Wagner) continued to farm. Albert also hauled milk for the farmers with a 38 model truck to the Marathon White House Cheese Factory until the time of his death at the age of 41 of a heart attack, leaving his wife Margaret and four children. At that time Melvin was 8, Lester age 5, Delores age 4 and Lorraine was 2. Margaret and the family continued to operate the farm. Margaret died in 1979 and the farm was left to Lester. Lester operated the farm until 1985 when he died.

**MELVIN BUETSCH -
BUETSCH IMPLEMENT INC.**

2895 CTH "S", Marathon. Melvin was born in 1924 and raised on a farm, which is currently 3057 CTH "S". In 1944 Melvin started a implement business at this location. Initially, it was "used machinery" and "repairing" until 1953 when the "Oliver Franchise" was added.

On February 1, 1960, Melvin moved his business a 1/2 mile south to it's present day location. Originally, this local was the "Cassel Cheese Factory".

To date, Melvin tills 80 acres of land in addition to his implement business, which has grown to 63 different lines of equipment, including the manufacturing of Ginseng Implements.

Melvin was married to Loretta Newman in 1952 and they have 6 children (Albert, Linda, Mary, Cathy, Diane and Warren) who have an active role in the implement business.



Melvin Buetsch 1st place of business



Buetsch Implement Inc.



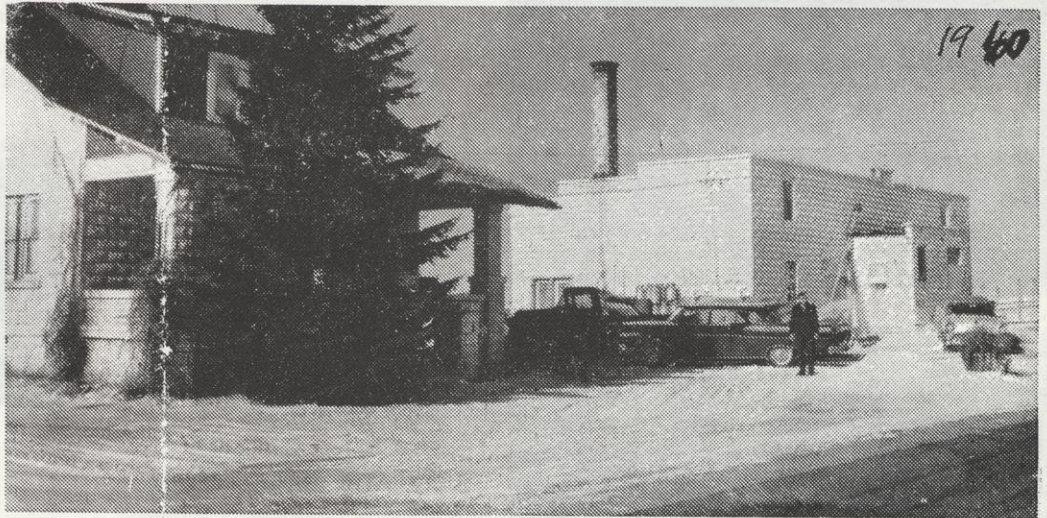
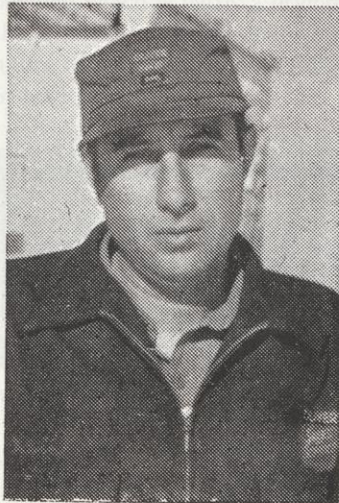
Foreign Exchange Students touring Buetsch Implement 1985



GETS AWARD — Melvin Buetsch, second from right, owner of the Buetsch Implement Co., town of Cassel, received the Oliver Hi-10 Award as one of the 10 outstanding Oliver dealers in this section

of the country. The presentation was made recently by Calvin Peterson, Unity, second from left, territorial manager for the Oliver Farm Equipment Co. in the office of the Buetsch Co.

At the left is Leslie Kohl, and at the right Alex Stanowski, key employees of the Buetsch Implement Co. who gave big "assists" in making the securing of the award possible.



IMPLEMENT CO. MOVES—The Buetsch Implement Co., town of Cassel, will be moving the new machinery operation to a new site—the former Cassel Cheese

Factory, a half-mile South of the present location, by Feb. 1st. The used farm machinery operation will remain at the present site. The upper photo shows the

present lay-out of the Buetsch Implement Co. The right, lower photo shows the site of the new location for the Oliver agency which is in the process of being

remodeled and added to. At the lower left is Melvin Buetsch, owner or the implement company. See story in another column.

Press photo

Buetsch Implement Co. to Move to New Location Feb. 1

Melvin Buetsch, who operates the Buetsch Implement Co. in the town of Cassel, recently purchased the former Cassel Cheese Factory from Kenneth Luther, and is busy remodeling it into a headquarters for the Implement Company. The new location is one-half mile South of his present location on County Trunk "S".

Melvin has announced that he expects to have the first stages of the remodeling of the former cheese factory completed by Feb. 1st so that he can move the Oliver Agency to that site. Later this spring he will build a 40-foot addition on the West side of the building. As soon as the weather permits Buetsch plans to gravel a 10-acre plot West and South of the building to be used as a sales lot for his new Oliver equipment.

He will also install a horse-shoe design driveway through the sales lot.

Buetsch plans to retain the present site of the Buetsch Implement Co. for a used farm machinery sales lot. Les Kohl and Arwin Buchberger will handle the used farm machinery lot; while Buetsch and Alex Stankowski will operate from the new location handling new Oliver equipment.

Buetsch has been in the farm implement business for the past 10 years. Following graduation from the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture machine course he travelled for a farm machinery company in the mid-West. When that company was absorbed by a larger one he became the Oliver dealer in this area.

BUETSCH IMPLEMENT INC. HANDLES THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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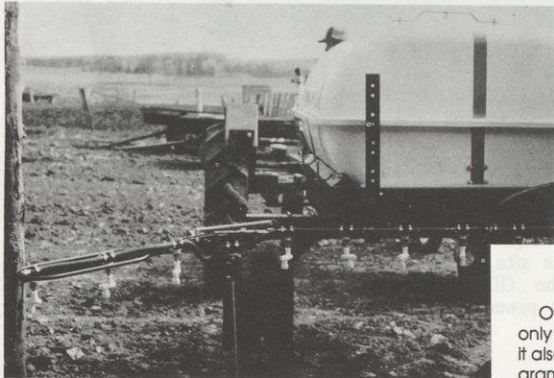
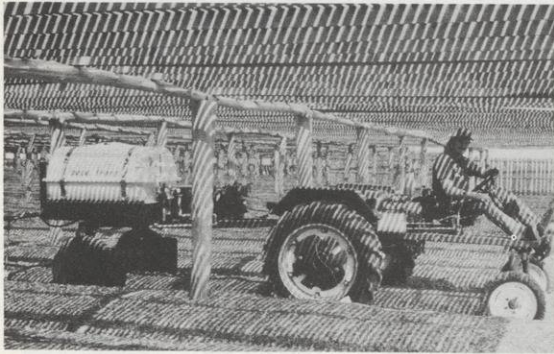
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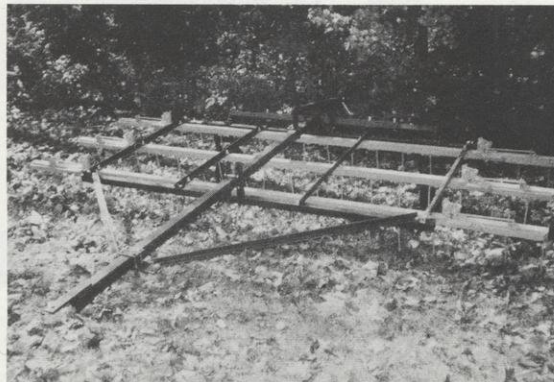
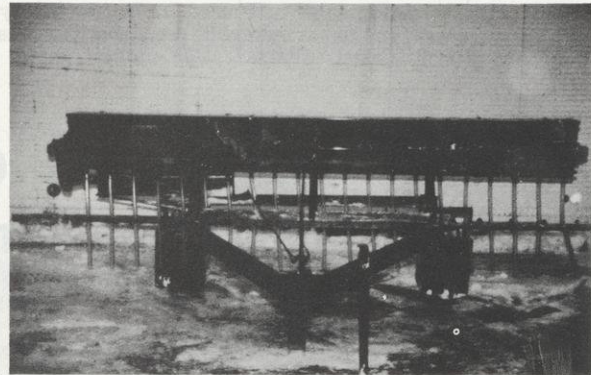


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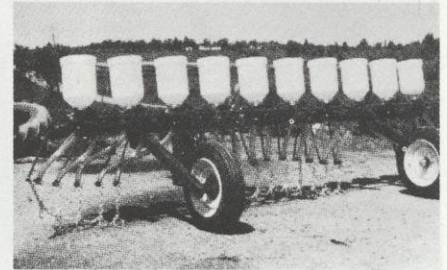
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BRIAN AND JUDY CARR

Brian and Judy were married September 25, 1982. In January of 1984 they purchased land from Judy's father Henry Lang Jr. Their well was dug in February and their house was started in July. During this time they lived in Marathon City. The house was completed in October and they moved into the new house with their little baby boy Kyle who was 6 months old. Along with Kyle are two more boys, Kody and Garrett. Brian works at Kraft Foods in Wausau and they also grow shang with Judy's parents. Judy enjoys staying home and raising the boys.

In July of 1990 they built a new pole building which is partly a drying shed for the ginseng. They are hoping in the future to make their home a little bigger by buying more land.



machine shed - fall of 1990

EDWARD AND ALVINA FONS FARM

The West 1/2 of SW1/4 of Section 21 T28 R5N. Originally this was part of a tract of land deeded to Wisconsin Central Railroad Company by the U.S. Congress action May 5, 1864. A warranty deed for a consideration of \$400.00 dated March 12, 1897 was issued to Thomas Brzezinski and Anna Brzezinski, his wife. A warranty deed was issued for a consideration of \$5.00 dated May 3, 1904, to Anthony Brzezinski and to deliver to issuers Thomas & Anna Brzezinski for the rest of their natural lives the following yearly:

30 bushels of potatoes, 3 barrels wheat flour, 2 barrels rye flour, 300 lbs. fresh pork, 30 lbs. sugar, 12 lbs. coffee, 12 lbs. coffee essence, 12 lbs. dry apples, 12 lbs. prunes, 25 lbs. oatmeal, 30 dozen eggs, 5 dozen herring, 1/2 barrels salt, 12 gallons kerosene oil and \$20.00 cash. Also a good milk cow and feed pasture, firewood split fine that they may need and 5 spring chickens each fall and the privilege to use water from any well, spring or creek on the premises.



Brian and Judy Carr home

Wisconsin Valley Trust Company acquired said property on Sheriff Deed for \$4700.00 dated September 30, 1932. Land deeded by land contract to Edward Fons April 6, 1942.

The E1/2 of the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 21, T28 R5N. Area is forty acres.

U.S.A. to Winslow P Burkans, Private, New York Militia, War of 1812, Act of Congress approved March 3, 1855. Winslow P Burkans died November 7, 1885 and by probate of will was deeded to Rachel A Burkans his wife.

Rachel A Burkans to Charles W Harger issued timber deed dated February 22, 1886 for \$4700.00. Timber to be removed within 3 years.

Charles W Harger issued Timber deed to Frank Fellows and Robert Freeman dated July 26, 1886, for value received. Rachel A Burkans issued warranty deed to Marshfield Land Company dated November 15, 1892.

Marshfield Land Company issued warranty deed to Patrick J O'Brien dated October 17, 1892.

Patrick J O'Brien and wife Margaret issued warranty deed to Michael Roach and wife Catherine dated July 24, 1895.

Michael Roach and wife Catherine issued warranty deed to John Ostrowski and wife Anastazyia issued warranty deed to Martin Joswiak and wife Josephine dated January 28, 1905 for W1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 21.

Martin Joswiak and wife Josephine issued warranty deed to Andrew Katchmerek and wife Mary for E1/2 of W1/2 of

NW1/4 of Section 21, dated October 27, 1906.

Andrew Katchmerek and wife Mary issued warranty deed to Theophilus W Ceranski and wife Susan for E1/2 of W1/2 of NW1/4 Section 21 dated April 8, 1908.

Theophilus W Ceranski and wife Susan issued warranty deed to John Weisenberger and Frank Lang dated December 12, 1914.

Frank Lang and Mary his wife in their individual rights issued warranty deed to John Weisenberger and his wife Eleanore dated November 29, 1957.

Leonard Weisenberger was issued clear title from estate of John and Eleanora Weisenberger dated December 26, 1962.

Edward and Alvina Fons his wife acquired E1/2 of W1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 21 T28 R5E sometime after December 26, 1962 from Leonard Weisenberger.

FONS FAMILY

(part of over a hundred years of "Town of Cassel History")

Theodore Fons was a resident of what is Town of Cassel in the 1800's. On September 22, 1883 Theodore purchased 120 acres of land Section 29-28-5 E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4. This started the present estate. He purchased this land for \$480.00 from Wisconsin Valley Railroad Company. This land remained in the family for more than 100 years. Theodore owned 2 other parcels of land but sold them.

Theodore was the second town Chairman of Town of Cassel. Theodore and

Elizabeth had 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. Their son John also owned farms in the town of Cassel. John was a carpenter and built the steeple on the original Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cassel. Theodore and Elizabeth lived in a log house and had a log barn. In 1900 they built the barn that is on the farm today. Later Frank Sr. cemented the barn and installed stanchions and water system. The present house was built in 1901.

Frank Fons Sr., acquired this farm from his father Theodore in 1907. Frank Sr. purchased additional land, making the farm 180 acres. Frank Sr. and his wife Mary had 9 living children, 5 boys and 4 girls. Both Frank and Mary were born in Town of Cassel.

Frank Sr. was mainly a dairy farmer, but also raised sheep, hogs, chickens, geese, ducks etc. In the early 1900's Frank owned a Fordson tractor to do his farm work and owned one of the first Model T car. He always had horses also for farm work and logging. He did logging to clear land for cultivation, also for added income when needed. Frank Sr., with several other farmers own a Thresh-machine Company. He was the Treasurer of the Company.

Frank Sr. was very active in the community. He was a School Board member for Fillmore Grade School. He took over the office of Treasurer for the Fillmore School when his father Theodore died. Theodore was the treasurer for many years until his death. Frank Sr. held this office for many years



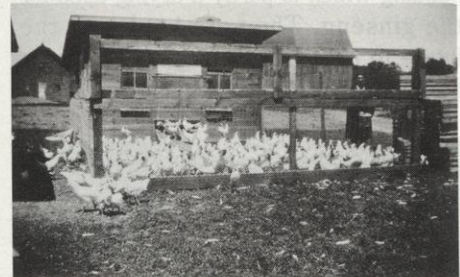
Fons Farm 1989



Mary Fons 90th birthday

until he retired. Then the schools were consolidated. Fillmore School was later torn down.

Frank Sr., donated a parcel of land on the Southeast corner of his farm for a Cheese Factory Co-op. Frank Sr., was the treasurer for this organization until in



Frank Fons farm raising chickens

later years the factory burned and was never re-built. A Pea Canning Company put a Pea Vinner on this spot some years later. It was in production for many years.

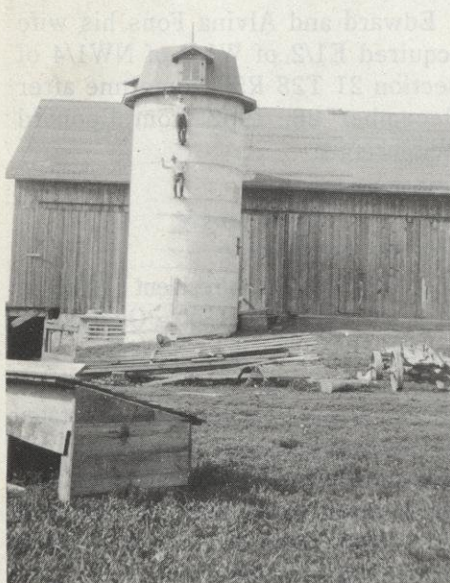
When the oldest of Frank's children attended High School in 1925, they had to get to Edgar High School 5 miles away by horse and buggy, and horse and sleigh in the winter. By the time the younger ones attended high school they drove in a Ford Model A. Frank's 3 sons and a daughter also owned farms in Town of Cassel.

The farm passed on to Frank Fons Jr. in 1951 when Frank Sr. died. Frank Jr. married in 1954. Frank and Rita, his wife, have 10 children, 6 girls and 4 boys. Frank Jr's children are the 4th generation working the farm. His 13 grandchildren are the 5th generation.

Eugene is married to Angie. They have 1 child named Michael and Brandon from a previous marriage. Eugene is a sergeant in the Air Force and is stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

Nancy married Richard Barbetti July, 1975. Nancy has 1 child Kerry. Nancy is a registered nurse at the Burn Center in Minnesota and lives in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Sharon was married to Gerald Olson July, 1976. They have 2 children, Christopher and Nathaniel. Sharon is a manager



Barn and silo at Frank Fons farm, Joe and Ed on silo



Frank Fons cutting hay

for Wausau Insurance and lives in Wausau.

Joyce was married to Daniel Fischer on February 10, 1979. They have 2 children, Shannon and Danielle. Joyce is a head meat wrapper at County market and is attending NTC part time. Joyce and family live in Schofield.

Kathy was married to Rick Anderson in October of 1979. Kathy is pursuing a degree into becoming a pharmacist. Kathy and Rick live in Hamburg.

Laurie was married to Rick Junion. Laurie has 3 children, Jennifer, Jordan and Sidney. Laurie is a meat wrapper at 29 Super Market and lives in Mosinee.

Patrick lives at home in Edgar. He has 1 child named Justin. Patrick works for Wick Homes in Marshfield and also is in dairy and ginseng farming.

Shelly is married to Patrick Bredrick. They have 2 children, Lance and Shelinia. Shelly works for an Army Commescary in Germany where her husband is stationed.

Roger lives in Madison. He is attending the University of Madison where he is in his 1st year of Med School. He plans on becoming a Family Practitioner.

Robin lives at home in Edgar. She is attending NTC where she is pursuing a degree in being a machinist.

JOSEPH AND MARY FELTZ FARM

(owned by Reynold Feltz)

On May 10, 1929, Joseph and Mary Feltz purchased a 40 acre farm from Joseph Lang Jr. Part of the agreement was that Joseph Lang Jr. could use the 10 acres

that was plowed to plant and harvest peas for the 1929 season. In 1948 they purchased an additional 40 acres bordering the south side of their farm Jake Schmitz. The farm was then sold to their son, Reynold in 1954 the present owner. The farm is located on the corner of Hwy N and Bluebird.

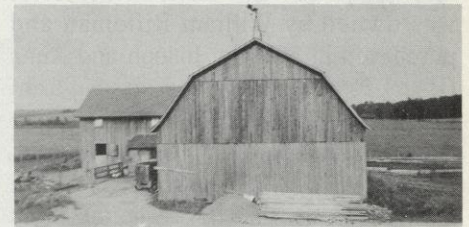
Joseph Feltz married Mary Sadowicz in 1915. Joseph not only worked as a farmer but also as a carpenter and a lumberman. When winter came to the farm he would travel to Ontonagon, Michigan (a lumber town in the Upper Peninsula on Lake Superior) where he would work cutting timber until spring. Joseph and Mary had five children, Walter, Raymond, Reynold, Leonard and Dorothy. Joseph and Mary farmed until they retired. The farm was sold to their son, Reynold in 1954. Joe and Mary continued to live there. Mary died on September 5, 1956 and was buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetary in Cassel. Joe continued to live on the farm after the death of his wife. Joseph died on July 19, 1983 and is also buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetary.

Walter, the oldest son married Florence Knetter Paszek in 1951. They have eight children, Geraldine, Marlene, Judy and Lyle Paszek and Toni Jean, Francine, Robert and Mary Feltz. Walter served in the Army for four years during World War II. After the war he came home and worked in the Construction business.

Raymond married Eula Hazen in 1947. They have four children, Luana, Patricia,



Joe Feltz House



Joe Feltz Barn

Margaret and Richard. Raymond also served in the Army for three years during World War II. Ray lived in Wausau after he was married and worked as a Carpenter following in his father's footsteps. Raymond passed away in March of 1990.

Reynold the current owner of the farm also served in the Army for two years during World War II. He worked in Milwaukee and retired from the Pabst Brewing Company. Reynold never married and he currently lives in Wausau.

Leonard married Eleanor Kriedler in 1946. They have five children, Gordon, Sharon, Kenneth, Thomas and Michael. Leanoard lives in Wausau and worked for Minnesota Mining Company until his retirement.



(l to r) Front row: Mary, Dorothy, Joe, Leonard, Back row: Reynold, Raymond, Walter



Joe and Mary Feltz - Wedding

Dorothy, the youngest member of the family and the only girl, married Loy Boehm in 1947. They have four children, Shirley, Duane, Dale and Dennis. Loy and Dorothy lived on a farm in the Town of Emmet until they retired and moved off the farm to a new home in the area.

FISCHER FARM

The Jeffrey and Tammy Fischer farm is located at 2583 Eagle Lane, Section 33. It was owned by William Rifleman and purchased in 1912 by Joseph and Anna (Baur) Fischer. They had six children: Mrs. Maurice (Lorraine) Clark (deceased) Halder, Miss Margaret Fischer, Wausau, Raynold Fischer, Fenwood, Norman Fischer (deceased), Mrs. Philip (Dolores) Knauf, Marathon, and Joseph Fischer Jr., Edgar. Joseph Sr., and Anna Fischer farmed until his death in 1935. Anna continued to farm with her sons until 1947 when her son Joseph Jr., married Virginia Beyel and they purchased the farm from her. Anna lived with Joseph and Virginia until her death in 1968 at age 90.

Joseph and Virginia's marriage was blessed with five sons; Norman of Marathon, Daniel, Edgar, Kenneth of Stratford, Jeffrey, who owns and operates the farm and Joseph III, Edgar.

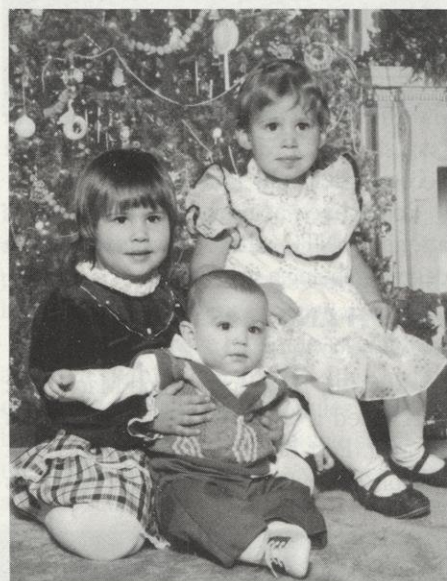
Jeffrey was employed by A.B.S. Breeders Service for one year prior to taking over the farm on August 1, 1983. He married Tammy Bargender on November 2, 1984 and now have three children: Casey Lynn, Jamie Lee and Jesse Joseph. Tammy has been employed by Wausau Insurance for the past 10 years.



Front row: (l to r) Kenneth, Daniel, Back row: (l to r) Virginia, Joseph Jr., Jeffrey, Norman and Joseph III



Jeff and Tammy



Children of Jeff and Tammy - Casey Lynn, Jamie Lee and Jesse Joseph

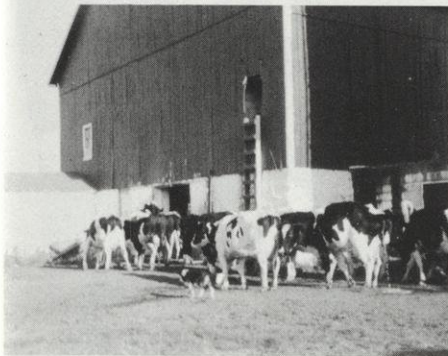


Joseph Sr., and Anna married in 1907



Jeff Fischer farm

Aside from farming, Jeff enjoys playing softball and he and his wife both enjoy snowmobiling, bowling, fishing, camping and hunting. Jeff's father enjoys helping out on the farm and an occasional fishing trip. His mother Virginia, keeps busy as a C.C.D. teacher at Sacred Heart Church and also with her own craft shop in their home.



Jeff's cattle going in for milking



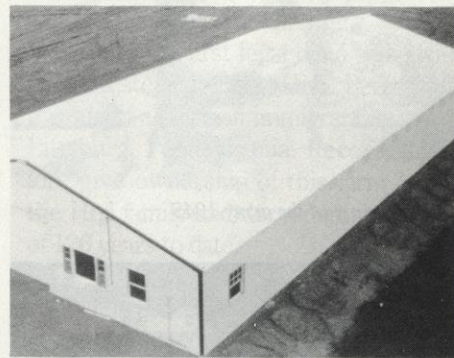
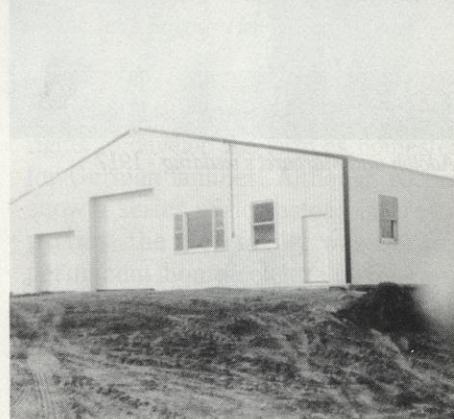
new house built in 1980

ADOLPH AND MILDRED GRUNY

3947 Owl Lane, Marathon. Adolph bought the former Matt (Fleck) Wagner farm in 1964 from Alois Schuster. He married Mildred (Karlen) Lang on August 8, 1969. She had 5 children from a previous marriage to Raymond Lang (deceased). Larry, married to Paulette Kaiser, live on the Lang home farm on Fairview Road in the Town of Emmet. Rosalie, married Tony Michlig. They live on Cedar Hedge Road, Town of Emmet. Joann Bauman, lives at Hustisford, WI, Norma Jean Fricke lives in Yankton, South Dakota and Diane lives in Frazier, Pennsylvania. We have 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. We built a new home in 1980 and a new machine shed in 1981.



Adolph and Mildred Gruny



new machine shed 1981



Adolph Jr - 1948

ADOLPH AND MARGARET GRUNY

Adolph "Boos" Gruny was born in Zurich, Switzerland on May 4, 1892. He was in an orphanage and at age seven a young couple named "Grunys" bought him to the United States. They settled in Medford, Wisconsin where Adolph completed several years of grammar school. Soon after, he went out to work in lumber camps as a "Cook". Adolph had 3 half brothers in Germany and a niece who he corresponded with quite faithfully, now Cora continues to do so.

Margaret Gottung (his wife) was born June 12, 1892 in the Town of Cassel. She had a twin sister Teresa. There were seven children (all now deceased). Her mother Anna died at age 47 and Margaret was only 10 years old. She too, completed only several years of grammar school. She baked bread at age 10 and helped on the farm and often spent an evening at the spinning wheel and spun wool.

Adolph met Margaret in Cassel and they were married on April 17, 1917 and lived together with her father Mathias on

his farm and continued farming after her father died in 1923, at the age of 72.

They had four children; Alfred, who was killed in a car accident on May 2, 1947 at the young age of 29.



Adolph and Margaret's wedding - 1917



Alfred Gruny in the army 1945



Adolph's two daughters - Ludmilla and Cora



Adolph and Margaret Gruny family - Ludmilla, Alfred, Cora and Adolph Jr

He had served in World War II. Ludmilla is married to Ben Mallak and live in Illinois. They have four children and 2 grandchildren. Cora is married to Louis Gianoli - now retired Sheriff and lives in Wausau. They have 2 daughters, Sandra and Linda and 4 grandchildren.

Adolph Jr is married to Mildred Lang and live on a farm in the Town of Cassel.



Christmas crib in 1960's that won the Record Herald award



Adolph and Margaret Gruny in August, 1969 and the age of 78

Aldolp Sr loved to play baseball and umpire games, also played the violin and his favorite song was "Redwing", he also enjoyed playing cards and checkers. In the mid 1940's they sold the farm to Bill Bedynek and moved to Marathon City where Adolph worked parttime at the Marathon Brewery as a night watchman. He enjoyed making outdoor grotto shrines and bird baths and picked the stones down by the creek and river for the shrines. His home was decorated at Christmas with hundreds of lights and he won the Record Herald award one year for his efforts.

Margaret died at age 79, November 10, 1971. Adolph died at age 89, January 28, 1981. He never had the opportunity to return to Switzerland where he was born.



Adolph Gruny with 2 grandsons, Andy and Nathan - 1980



1931 - cooking maple syrup with the girls, Ludmilla & Cora Gruny

GERALD AND CAROL HARGRAVES

Operated since 1972, Gerald and Carol Hargraves operate Cassel View Dairy Farms. Previously owned and operated by Stanely Leona Starzinski. Besides dairy cows, ginseng was added in 1985. Jerry and Carol have three children, Jeff, Jill and Chrissy.



Hargraves farm

HENRY HEIL SR.

Born May 3, 1791, in Germany, came to Pittsburgh, PA on the ship Jno. Holland on August 8, 1845. He arrived with his wife Anna Maria (Mary) and his 7 children. They lived in a house on the corner of Pike and Chestnut. Peter at the age of 22, bought land through the Committee of the Pittsburgh German Homestead Society of Allegheny County, PA. Peter and his brother Constantine purchased the land in the Township 28, Range 5 east, sections 35 and 36, on sept. 23, 1857. This is in the Town of Cassel. Henry Heil Sr. then brought his wife to be with his sons in

1858, leaving his other children in Pittsburgh. Henry died a year later, June 14, 1859 and is buried in Marathon City. Peter cleared the land while Constantine went to serve in the Civil War, enlisting Sept. 22, 1864, to serve as a saddler in K Company of the 17th Infantry Regiment. He returned to Stevens Point, married Charlotte Kohlmeyer and had a horse and harness business there with his family.

Peter married Elizabeth Kohlmeyer in 1852, having 9 children and died July 17, 1896. Descendants live on the homestead today.

In Cassel, the group that came from Naters, Switzerland, included Lawrence Salzmann, Joseph Imhoff, Butzaer Furger, Joseph Imhoff, Sr. in 1876. Later in 1877, Peter, Mary, and Morris Michlig, Conrad Gertschen, and John Karlen came over from Switzerland. They landed in Philadelphia, 1876 in the spring and took the train to Pittsburgh and Wisconsin. They joined the settlers in sections 36 and 37.

This information is furnished from the Heil, Salzmann, Furger, Imhoff, Michlig, Karlen genealogy compiled by Elaine Heil-Stark.

FRANK AND ANN HEIL

3327 Four Mile Road, Marathon, reside at the East half of the Northeast quarter of section #35 East, in the County of Marathon, State of Wisconsin.

On August 12, 1856 the United States granted 80 acres to initial development for a farm property. In 1857 the Pittsburg



Hargraves home



Hargraves farm



Frank and Margaret Heil - October 19, 1909

German Homestead Society was given rights to develop the farm as homestead for German families. Although records show a series of homestead interested parties, the Heil family was the first permanent homesteaders of this farm land. In addition, the Wisconsin Valley Land Company - the railroad, was in possession of land rights to this land, and a total of 200,000 acres of Marathon County property for railroad expansion, which never did come through,

In 1868 the first legal deed was issued to homesteader Peter Heil. Peter being the son of a German immigrant, was from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Records therefore give ownership of this farm land to the Heil family and decendents for a total of 126 years to date.

In 1950, when Frank Sr. and Margaret Heil had passed away, Frank Heil Jr., the current owner of the farm began farming. In 1953 he married Ann Stieber, who had grown up on a farm near Marathon, and they began their life together. They have raised nine children and still live on the Heil homestead first established in 1856.

The Heils have changed with the times. In 1978 Frank first began planting ginseng crops as a supplement to the dairy operation and has continued in ginseng production since then. The dairy operation remains intact and the two have kept the farm constantly changing and growing.

Today, David farms along with his Dad, and has been doing so for the last five

years. David will be the 5th generation of the Heil's. The WI Valley Fair honored the farm as a Century Farm last year.

The Heil farm is a reminder of the honored and deep seeded roots that family can represent. Hard working and honest people taking care of the same land, year after year, down through generations from Father to Son. As much as the farm had kept up with the times, and changes have come to it, there are some constant reminders of the first Heil families and their lives. Even today, dates on the farm mark the years past. The milk house dated 1909 when that well was dug, the house cornerstone dated 1917 and the barn corner dated 1923. Pictures and family memories chart the many lives this farm has nurtured and the people it has touched.



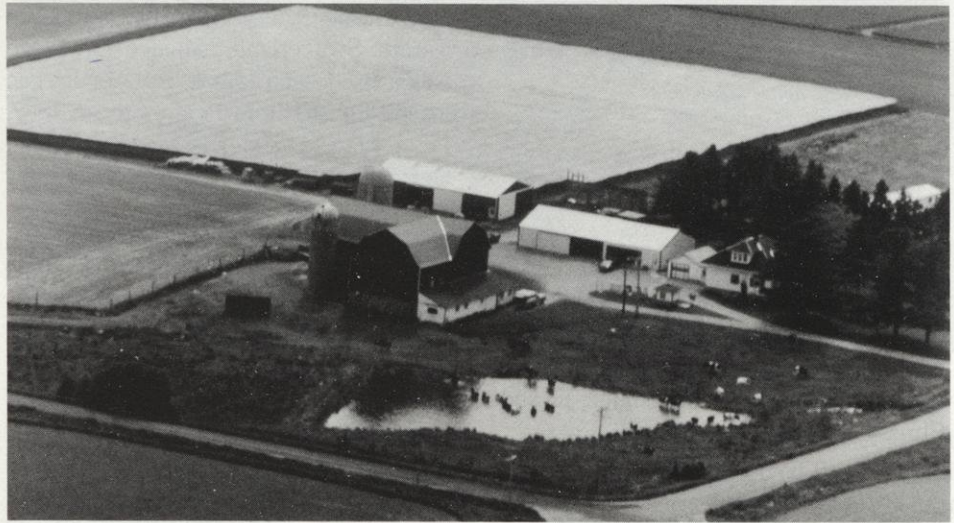
Frank Heil September, 1940



Frank Heil September, 1946



Frank and Ann Heil



Frank Heil Farm

THE HORNING FAMILY

Anthony Conrad Hornung was born June 24, 1883 in Marathon, WI. He moved to Edgar, the Town of Cassel, in 1918 and started farming the 80 acres of land. He married Balbena Wirkus on October 22, 1913 at St. John's Church, Edgar, WI.

As a farmer, Anton raised Holstein cattle, chester white hogs, leghorn chick-

ens, horses, ducks and sheep. In 1929, he purchased another 80 acres of land from Anton Newman. The land was three miles from the farm and was called "the other 80." This land was used for crops after being cleared and also for grazing land for the heifers. Besides farming, Anton also worked as a mason.

Anton and Balbena had eight children: Eleanor, Marcella, Angeline, Winifred, Anton, Jacob, Virginia and Elizabeth.

Anton died on August 30, 1956 and Balbena May 10, 1966.

Jacob took over the farm in 1947.

Jacob was born July 26, 1923 in Edgar, WI., and married Virginia Goldbach (born 6-27-27 in Marathon, WI) on June 3, 1947 at St. Mary's Church, Marathon, WI. Jake and Ginny own and operate the Hornung Homestead at 3347 Bluebird Lane, Edgar.

When they were first married, they lived on the farm with Jake's folks. Anthony and Balbena built a home in Edgar and moved there in 1948. In 1956, Jake and Ginny bought the farm from them. They raised pigs, chickens, dairy cows, sheep, geese and also had two

horses - Nellie and Dewey. In 1971, they added "the other 80" to their farm from Clarence and Loretta Karlen. The purchase included a barn and several sheds. In June 1982, Jake formed a partnership with his son, Paul. At that same time, Jake purchased the house across the road from Ed Boisen in which Paul lives.

Jake is past president of the Edgar Coop, past president of the Edgar School Board and present Town of Cassel supervisor.

Jake and Ginny have six children and 11 grand-children.

Sandra Jean was born 3-19-49 in Edgar, WI and married John Jacques on 8-30-71. They have two children: Thomas and Robert. Sandy is an RN at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay, WI. John is an attorney as Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brown County. They reside in Green Bay, WI.

Charles Jacob was born 5-21-50 in Edgar, WI and married Cathy Strong on 5-27-72. They have three children: Jessica, Amanda and Stephanie. Chuck is Manufacturing System Supervisor dealing with



Anthony Hornung Family 1940

computers at Giddings and Lewis in Fond du Lac, WI. Cathy is a hair dresser and works at Hills in Fond du Lac as Assistant Manager. They reside in Van Dyne, WI.

Barbara Ann was born 12-26-63 in Edgar, WI. She married Dan Parlier on 8-14-76. They have three children: Dana, Rachel and Lynsey. Barb is an Assistant Supervisor at Marathon Cheese Corp. Dan is a Physical Education instructor, wrestling coach and baseball coach at Edgar Public School. He is also a golf instructor and part-time bartender. They reside in Marathon, WI.

Donna Kay was born 9-7-59 in Edgar, WI. She married Marv Schlais on 4-14-78. They have two children: Jennifer and Terese. Donna is a computer machine operator at Marathon Cheese Corp. and Marv is a leadman/power assembler (builds blowers and ventilating equipment). They reside in Marathon.

Paul Anthony was born 1-3-61 in Edgar, WI. Paul is a farmer in partnership with his father and has 2 boys, Bradley and David. Paul and his sons reside in the house across the road from Jake. Jane Marie was born 6-30-63 in Edgar, WI. She married Samuel Hilgemann. They live in DePere with their 3 children, Tyler, Brice and Allie.

MICHAEL AND JOYCE HUEBSCH

In September of 1969, Michael Huebsch a life long resident of the Town of Cassel -



The Hormung family – Chuck, Paul, Barb, Donna, Jane, Sandy, Virginia and Jake

married Joyce Knetter. After finishing his time in the Army in May of 1971 we purchased a big old farm house and a small plot of land located in the heart of Cassel from Lloyd Lang. We added a new roof, a modern furnace and plumbing. After a lot of scrubbing, patching, and painting we were ready to call it “home” (the first floor at least)!

In May of 1972, we were blessed with our first child Michael Anthony. In August

of 1973 we were blessed with Jerome Brian. Sensing some sort of pattern starting we scrubbed, patched and painted the upstairs of our “big old farm house”. In July 1974, Matthew Charles was born. In August 1975, Margaret Helen joined our family. In November of 1976 Jacqueline Diane was born (obediently before Deer Hunting season)! In December of 1977 Jessica Elaine arrived just four days after Santa.

Our “big old house” didn’t seem so big anymore. We took extra time and care in fixing up the final upstairs room. Within a year or so we were blessed with Mark Francis born in January of 1982.

It has been interesting watching the children of the neighborhood grow up and establish homes of their own over the past 20 years and we have enjoyed being surrounded by such warm and friendly neighbors.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY CASSEL!



The Michael and Joyce Huebsch family



Huebsch house

IRVIN HUEBSCH FARM

Irvin and Helen Huebsch bought this farm from Anton Wenzel in 1963. They moved here on Memorial day 1963 and have been farming ever since.

Their family members are: David, Pat, Michael, Joanne, Tom, Fred, Roseann, Allen, Jeanne, Mary Jo, Julie and Kathy.



The Irvin Huebsch Farm



Irvin Huebsch family - (not present, David & Tom)

THE JOSWIAK FAMILY HISTORY

Martin Joswiak was born in Poland in 1866. He came to the USA with a sister in the early 1880's. Josephine Wenzel was born in Poland to Anton Wenzel and Katherine Maliezewski in 1864. She came to the USA with her parents in 1870. Martin and Josephine were married in the early 1880's and settled on the farm in the Town of Cassel described as E1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 20. Their children (John) Marzinski, Anton, and Frank. In 1905 Martin Joswiak purchased the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 21, which was 80 acres, from a John Ostrowski. In 1906 he sold

the E1/2 of the described property to an Andrew Katchmerek consisting of 40 acres. In April of 1911, Martin passed away and the farm was then eventually passed on to Anton F Joswiak. In 1921 Anton F Joswiak married Agnes Jagodzinski from the Town of Marathon. Agnes

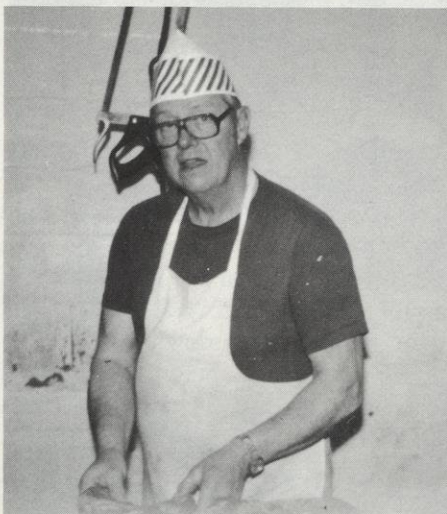
was born there in 1896 of John and Antoinette Jagodzinski. The children born of Anton and Agnes were Alfred, John, Raymond and Rose Ann (Wilbert Bantes). Anton served in public office in the Town of Cassel starting in 1914 as Assessor, Chairman, County Board Supervisor, Justice of Peace and Pat Master. Anton also served as a dance hall supervisor at Rib River Ballroom, Poplar Tree, and Krause at Rozellville and others.



Anton Jozwiak family - Agnes, Rose Ann, Anton, John, Raymond, Alfred



Anton Jozwiak - born 1891, death 1979



Alfred "Buddy" Joswiak



Country Home Locker



Buddy Joswiak home



Buddy Joswiak family - Sitting: David, Alfred, Peter, Standing: Joan, Michael, Steven, Russel, Genevieve, Andrew

In 1942 Anton started the Country Home Locker on the corner of Hwy "N" and Cardinal Lane. After adding on several times and building a home and barn there, he and Agnes retired in 1956 and moved to the Town of Rib Mountain.

In 1950 Alfred L Joswiak married Genevieve Kamenick from the Town of Emmet. The children born to them were David, Michael, Steven, Joan, Russel, Andrew and Peter.

In 1956 Alfred (Buddy) and Genevieve purchased the Country Home Locker and Store. They operated this until September of 1973. At that time they closed down the operation but still live there. Alfred served on the Edgar Public School Board from 1967 to 1973 and also served on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors from 1973 to 1982. He was employed at Marathon Electric Mfg. Corp in Wausau from 1973 until he retired in 1987. Genevieve is employed at Marathon Cheese Corporation in Marathon since 1972.

HENRY IMHOFF JR

In 1875 over one hundred years ago, Joseph Imhoff and his wife Crescenta (Salzman) with their children immigrated to the United States from Switzerland. Being farmers in Switzerland, they decided to homestead in Marathon County.

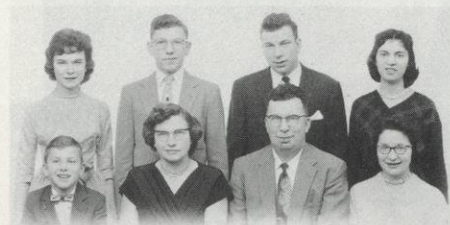
April 28, 1902, Anton Imhoff, grandson

of Joseph with his wife Katherine (Kohler) purchased the farm adjacent to Joseph's. They purchased the farm from Frank and August Fritz. The farm had been homesteaded in 1857 by Louis Draper.

The farm consisted of 80 acres, a house, barn, and livestock. Included in the livestock were cows, sheep, pigs, chicken



Anton Jr., Ray, Susie, Katherine, Henry Sr., Margaret, Alois/Huebsch house



Henry Imhoff Sr. family - L to R - Top: Janice, Donald, John, Elizabeth, Bottom: Henry Jr., Martha, Henry Sr., Carol

and horses. Oats, hay and corn was the principal crop raised to feed the animals.

Plowing and other farm work was done with horses until Anton and Katherine purchased a steel wheel tractor powered by kerosene in 1930. In 1935 they purchased one of the first rubber tire tractors in the Town of Cassel.

They started to improve the farm by building a new house in 1905 and bricked the house in 1913. In 1910 they build a new barn and in 1915 they purchased an additional 40 acres of land.

Anton and Katherine had 10 children, 3 of which died in childhood. As the children grew older, they were able to help with the farm work so Anton worked in the Italian saw mill as a setter. The children grew up married and moved to other areas.

Their daughters (Margaret, Susie and Katherine) married and moved to Illinois. One son Alois married and purchased an adjoining farm. Anton and Alois shared some of farm work and equipment. The youngest son Tony married and moved to Minnesota. Another son Henry Sr also married and moved to Northern Wisconsin. A son Ray stayed and helped his parents on the farm until the farm was sold. He then moved to Illinois.

In 1943 Anton and Katherine sold the farm to Henry Sr and his wife Martha (Drexler) Anton and Katherine retired to a home in Marathon City. Anton continued to help his son with the farm work until 1957.

Henry Sr, Martha and their 5 children (Carol, Elizabeth, John, Janice and Donald) moved from Laona, Wisconsin to the farm on September 28, 1943. In 1948, Henry Jr was born to complete the family.

Henry Sr. and Martha continued with the farm improvements. They added electricity and water in 1943. In 1944 the house and barn was remodeled. A large silo



1950 - Uncle Al, Grandpa, Daddy

was built in 1947 and in 1951 yet another. They added to the farm equipment by purchasing a tractor, manure loader and an Allis Chalmers tractor with a cultivator and fertilizer attachments.

Milk from dairy cows was the main source of revenue from the farm but Henry Sr and Martha also raised pigs, sheep and horses. Crops consisted of hay, corn and oats as feed for the farm animals, peas and beans were raised as a cash crop for additional revenue. Henry Sr and Martha also purchased 40 acres of land to enlarge the farm.

While Martha and the children did the farm work, Henry Sr worked at various other jobs in Marathon City. He worked at Menzners Lumber Mill, and also at Marathon Shipping Association, he also built silos on neighboring farms in the County.

The children grew up, married and moved away. Two daughters moved to Milwaukee, one son moved to Wausau and one son and daughter moved to Merrill. Their youngest son Henry Jr. farmed with his parents until 1975 when he purchased the farm. Henry Sr. and Martha built a home in Marathon and retired. They continued to help Henry Jr. with the farm work until 1988.

Henry Jr. married Marsha (Andreshak) in 1984. They increased the size of the farm by purchasing an additional 80 acres of land. Improvements continued as 2 large silos were added, the barn was remodeled to accomodate a larger dairy-



1952 - Making hay



Henry Sr. and Martha - 30th Wedding Anniversary



Farm in 1967



Farm in 1990



House in 1990



Henry Jr., Marsha and April

herd and a machine shed was built to house the increased purchase of machinery.

In 1985 a new house was built to replace the old brick house built in 1905. This was the third house built on the farm to house the Imhoff families.

Today, 1990, Henry Jr. and Marsha and their daughter April continue to farm, they have a large dairy herd, the main crops consist of corn, oats and hay as feed for the cows. While Henry Jr. does the farm work, Marsha is employed at Fiskars.

The farm has seen many changes and 3 generations of Imhoffs in the past 100 years. Parents have retired and some of the children have moved to other cities and states. The buildings have been replaced and new land cleared for planting corn, oats and hay. In the next 100 years the changes will continue as the next generation farm.

KALAMAJKA-SZYMANSKI-LEPAK FARM

1890 - The Martin Kalamajka family from Poland located on the farm in the Town of Cassel. The family, all born in Poland, consisted of Martin and Mary Kalamajka and their six children; Martin Jr., Anna, Mary, Rose, Cecilia, and Helen. Polish was the base language. The original farm consisted of 120 acres, however, 40 acres were sold to Stanley Lepak. The homestead was highlighted by a prominent Poplar tree that shielded the original house and was a specific marker for many years. Martin Jr. operated a blacksmith shop at the "Lepak's Corner", while the rest of the family operated the farm. A highlight of the area was to have Martin Sr. entertain the neighbors on his ocarina in the old log granary. The hardships of the day could be noted by the wheat harvest. It was planted between stumps, harvested with a scythe/cradle, and the wheat taken by horses and wagon to Wausau for grinding into flour. Some other hardships were the winter months when cows had to be watered and the milk delivered during the cold and snowy days. Driving the cows to water ponds, breaking of the ice were daily occurrences.

1907 - Anton Szymanski married Cecilia Kalamajka, and took over the operation of the farm. Anton, the son of Albert Szymanski, was born in Cassel, at the current site of the Gerald Hargraves farm. Albert was one of original Polish immigrants to settle in the Cassel area, and was instrumental in the establishment and construction of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

1908 - In May, Marie, the first of ten children was born. She was followed by Clara, Anton Jr., Stanley, Joe, Frank, Alex, Eddie, Wally and Ray.

1913 - Current house was moved from the Joe Maciejewski farm, which was approximately 2 miles west from the present location. The current house retains much of the original external framework. The house was moved with one horse by using a stone puller, planks, and wooden rollers. While the house was being moved, Marie and Clara had the rare privilege of their first and only "house ride."

1916 - Additional 80 acres purchased from Joe Seliger. This land is directly east of the present homesite.

1936 - Stone silo constructed. The silo has a 12 ft. diameter, 3 ft. walls, and the



Karlen family - Nick, Jake, Peter, Henry, Grace (Rader) Mr. and Mrs. Louie Karlen, Lizzie (Sulzer)

wall is 32 feet high. It required two summers to complete the construction. The stone masonry work in the area, was done by Anton Szymanski Sr.

1972 - The land, with the exception of the house and about 2 acres, was purchased by Alex and Clara (Szymanski) Lepak. Alex was the son of Stanley Lepak. The house and the 2 acres were

retained by Anton Szymanski Jr.

1989 - The House and the associated land parcel was bought by Stanley Lepak, son of Alex and Clara Lepak.

MARCEL (TOBY) AND DOROTHY KARLEN

Frank and Margaret Gonnering bought this farm in 1907 from Mathias Aberwald and wife Elizabeth.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gonnering



Pete and Christina Karlen - 1916

In 1916 Peter Karlen married Frank Gonnerings daughter Christina and bought the farm from him.

In September of 1939 Peter Karlen sold the farm to his son Marcel (Toby) where Toby and his wife Dorothy are presently living.



Toby and Dorothy hauling hay



Toby and Dorothy Karlen - wedding May of 1942



Toby Karlen farm



Toby Karlen - hunting camp



Pheasant Hunting 1952-Toby and John Schumacher



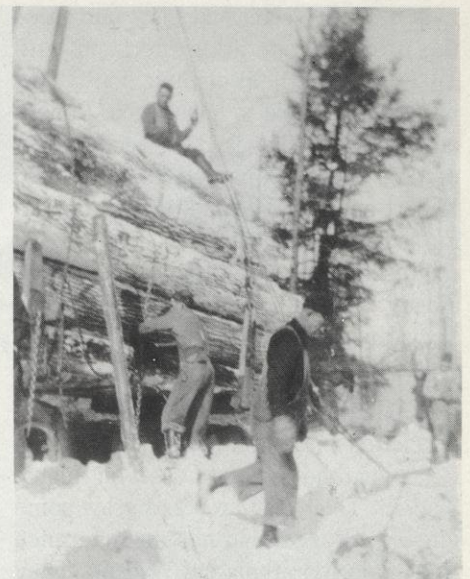
Myron and Toby Karlen 1979 moose hunt



Gertchen Timber early 1940's



Blume Timber early 1940's



Ivan Knoeck residence

DENNIS AND EMILY KAISER

May 5, 1864, The United States gave this land to the State of Wisconsin. April 6, 1866, the State of Wisconsin sold or issued to the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company. In July of 1871, the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company (a corporation of Wisconsin) sold it to George T Bigelow and John A Stewart. In 1870 it was transferred to Edwin H Abbot, and they in return, transferred it to Charles L Colby and Elijah B Phillips. Later it was intrusted or transferred to Howard Morris, who was the Secretary of the Wisconsin Central Railroads Company. On July 13, 1889, Howard Morris transferred to D.H. Johnson and Fred Rietbroch and L.W. Halsey. After them a Jacob Hammel became owner. In 1895, Albert Szymanski and wife Pauline became owners. July 1917, F.X. Schilling (guardian of John Szymanski) sold land to Frank Paszeh and Mathilda Paszeh. In 1937, farm was sold to Gerald Paszeh and Florence Paszeh. May of 1953, farm was sold to Dennis and Emily Kaiser who now have three children Rodney, Tracy and Chad.

IVAN AND SHARON KNOECK

Live on a 1 acre parcel in section 12 on Soda Creek Road. They have 3 children, Joel, Paula, and Glenn. Their home was built in 1971.

KNOECK BROTHERS INC.

The Knoeck Brothers Inc., property is located in Section 12 in the Town of Cassel, west of the Marathon City water tower. Its history is as follows:

John and Wendelina Knoeck bought the land from Joseph Dessert in 1899. At a time this land was mostly timber. In 1907 Louis Knoeck, son of John, purchased the 80 acres where the buildings are located today for \$4000.00 and in 1911 another 80 acres for \$3000.00.

In February of 1933 the house burned down. The following summer the house was rebuilt.

After the death of her husband, Louis Knoeck in 1949, Barbara became the owner until 1960. She then sold the property to Theckla and Sylvester Knoeck.



Knoeck Brothers Dairy Farm

In 1962 Sylvester and Lucy purchased the property, operating the farm until 1976 with the help of their sons. This property was sold to sons Jacob, Robert, and Ivan in 1976 by land contract. In June of 1989 their dad passed away. In 1990 Robert and Ivan became owners operating as Knoeck Brothers Inc.

Presently the farm is being operated as a dairy farm with additional rented acres. Lucy Knoeck and son Robert live at the residence.

ROGER AND GLORIA KREAGER

Purchased a farm from Mr. and Mrs. John Badow in the Town of Cassel on August 3, 1976. They cash crop and grow some ginseng. Roges also has an Insurance Agency in Marathon and Wausau. They have a family of 3 children. They enjoy camping, walking in the woods and going to basketball games.

ALOYSIUS AND MARIE KING FAMILY

Dominic Koenig Sr. moved to Wisconsin in 1852 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he had worked in the coal mines. He started farming in the Town of Cassel, where he had settled with his family.

Joseph Koenig (son of Dominic Koenig, Sr.) and his wife Julianna purchased the current Kevin and Mike King farm on July 13, 1886. Joseph originally bought 110.45 acres for \$552.25. Two weeks later on July 24, he sold 55.22 acres to Dominic



Mr. and Mrs. Dominic King Sr. family - 1919



Joseph King home and family



Roger and Gloria Kreager farm



Roger and Gloria Kreager house



Kreager farm



Pole shed addition on the Kreager farm

Koenig, Jr. (his brother) for \$276.12. (This land now houses the current Aloysius and Marie King residence.)

Joseph Koenig raised 6 children. They included Jacob, Benjamin, Emma, Elizabeth, Lawrence and Mary. An infant son, Edward died at the age of one.

Between 1886 and 1911, Joseph added to his 55 acres by purchasing the adjoining 40 acres directly to the east of his present property.

On September 11, 1911, Joseph legally changed the family name to King. According to the known records, no one referred to the family by the more difficult name Koenig, but rather used the more common name of King. His wife Julianna changed her name at the same time to Julia.

On September 12, 1911, Joseph passed away at the age of 52 from what was commonly referred to at the time as dropsy. At this time only two of his 6 children were over the age of 21. From 1911 till January 12, 1917, Julia maintained the farm with the help of her children. On this date, Benjamin bought the farm from his mother. After Benjamin purchased the farm his mother and invalid sister, Elizabeth, continued to live with him.

In 1945, Julia passed away after being in ill health for over ten years. In March, 1946, Aloysius King (son of Jacob King) purchased the farm. On May 7, 1946, Al King married Marie Newman. From May till December of 1946, Benjamin and Elizabeth continued to reside with Al and

Marie until their home in Edgar was completed.

Al and Marie raised 10 children: Donald, Rita, Jerry, Kathy, Ron, Jeanne, Mike, Alice, Kevin and Debra.

Many people remember the Kings selling eggs over the years. At any given time, there were up to 600 chickens producing eggs for the people that came to Marie's door at any hour of the day.

Early during their years of farming, Al and Marie also raised pigs to help supplement their income. In 1956, Al purchased a John Deere combine and began to do custom work throughout the neighborhood for many years.

Throughout the years, many changes have been made to the buildings that were on the farm. In 1896 the current brick house was built. In 1907, Joseph



haying - July 1947

built a 40 x 96 barn. 1942 marked the building of a machine shed. Apparently, there was a wood silo on the farm, but in 1928, the wind knocked it over and it was never rebuilt. Benjamin built a small silo to take its place.

During the time Al and Marie owned the farm, major building projects were done. They included 3 additions to the barn, an additional machine shed, a free stall barn, 6 silos, a manure pit and miscellaneous minor building improvements and changes. Additional land purchases were made including land in the Towns of Wein and Cleveland. Land purchases in the Town of Cassel included the adjoining land originally owned by Dominic King Jr. and his descendant, Elmer King.

On May 1, 1984, Kevin and Mike took over the farm from their parents Al and Marie King.

Aloysius and Marie King now reside at 3536 Highway H, Edgar. They are now noted for their beautiful lighted Christmas display in the winter and during the summer months their well kept lawns and



Al King family

vegetable and flower gardens. During their retirement years Marie also enjoys sewing and quilting while Aloysius enjoys helping his sons on the dairy farm.



Al King home

KINGDOM HAVEN FARM

Mike and Kevin King, 5117 CTH "N" Edgar,

Kevin and Mike King, together with their wives, took over Kingdom Haven Farm from Aloysius and Marie King in May 1984. Kevin King married June Paul on October 3, 1980. They have four children: Nathan, Michelle and Melissa (twins) and Angela. They built a house adjacent to the brick house. Michael King married Linda Paul (sister to June Paul) on September 14, 1984. They have three children: Patrick, Carol, and Scott. They live in the original brick house.



... Record-Herald Photo

AN "EXPERT" TAPPER DEMONSTRATES—Conrad King, 613 Floral avenue, whose zest and energy belie his more than 76 years, here demonstrates the proper method to "tap" maple trees on the King farm in the town of Cassel, which has been in the family possession more than 100 years. His appreciative onlookers are his son, Conrad King Jr., the present farm owner, and the latter's mother-in-law, Mrs. W. B. Cotter, Waupaca. Even "Trigger," the junior King's Irish setter, ceased his scurrying about in the woods, while the art was being demonstrated. Tapping of 200 trees on the farm was started last Thursday and the sap was flowing freely the next day.



Mike, Linda, June, Kevin King with new WIC feeder (Louie)

Sap Starts to Flow in County Sugar Bush Area

This is the season of the year about which writers pour out columns of glowingly-written accounts of the good times being enjoyed by rural residents in some sections of the country as they hie to the "sugar bush" on their farms for the annual gather of maple sap that is eventually turned into syrup or sugar candy.

The accounts tell of the delightful anticipation with which all members of the rural families look forward to the long hours syrup-making requires in the bracing air of a spring season such as is experienced in Marathon county. They tell glowingly of how delectable the "sugar balls" become after the sap has been partially boiled down and "is spread upon the clean snow to coagulate."

Hard Work; Long Hours

But Marathon county farmers, including Conrad King Jr., town of Cassel, will tell you there is another side of the picture, too. Without detracting from those to whom maple sap boiling is a time of pleasure, the family members will tell you that there are hard work and long hours before the tasty product is safely put up in cans or jugs.

Maple syrup making has been going on in one sugar bush or another on the King farm for the past 73 years, or since the family originally settled on the land which Dominic King Sr., grandfather of the present owner, purchased while a coal miner, then living near Pittsburgh, Pa., more than 100 years ago.

The sap-boiling technique has been somewhat, but not materially, changed during those years, according to Conrad King, 613 Floral avenue. The 76-year-old King, whose activity would make many a man 20 years his junior marvel, is again taking part in the sap collection on the farm, on which he resided considerably more than half a century.

He recalled last Friday, during an area snowstorm, that he first went into the woods to help his parents and 11 brothers and sisters with the maple sap gather when he was about eight years old. He's been at it every year since.

Gathered in Log Troughs

In those early days, King recalled, the sap was permitted to run into deep troughs which had been hollowed out from basswood logs which were well over a foot thick. As basswood became more scarce and expensive, the use of other containers gradually increased, until special pails and other equipment are now standard, before the sap is carried to a central trough, or pan, for the original boiling-down process.

The technique long followed on the King farm of partially boiling down the sap in the woods and then bringing it to the farm home, now well over a quarter mile away, for the final boiling to the required weight of 11 pounds to the gallon is still practiced.

Consideration was given, the elder King said the other day, to the purchase of an evaporator but the plan was discarded several years ago when the price of the syrup went down to \$2 per gallon.

Under the system still followed

Must Exercise Care

"You can be safe enough if you fill up the pan at night and then put a fire of good, solid maple chunks underneath it to form a perfect bed of coals by morning. The pan, which was full of sap at night, would have just a light layer by morning, but that's when you have to be careful. If you are called away to do something at that time, you're liable to come back to find the sap has dried up or you've got nothing but some scorched sap," the elder King declared.

But his presence on the farm year after year, although he sold it to his son, Conrad Jr., in 1943, indicates that the senior King doesn't look at the stories of the present-day writers with too lauded an eye. He obviously still looks forward to the "sugaring" in "the bush."

The fact that the warm days and cool nights required for a good flow of the sap will probably turn the more than foot-deep snow in the King sugar bush into a quagmire doesn't seem to phase him, although he is approaching the four-score mark in years.

Lured by Promotes

Membership in that club, according to Marathon county history, was made up of immigrants from Germany who had secured work in the Pennsylvania coal mines. They saw no future in the long hours of low-pay work in the hazardous job of mining and were excited by lurid pictures of a settlement called Marathon and which showed a stamship tied to a wharf before a well-settled village.

The fact that the settlement existed only in the mind of the promoters wasn't known to them and many invested \$100 in the club. The \$100 was to assure them of an 80-acre tract near Marathon, a lot in the village and a three-acre piece of ground immediately adjoining the village.

While the Kings of today aren't certain if their forefather was a member of the club, they know that tradition in the family has it that he bought the 80-acre tract while still single. He continued to work in the mines while operating a 40-acre farm near Pittsburgh until he had married, and was the father of 11 children before moving west. Another child was born later.

Conrad King Sr. was the ninth child in the family and was three years old when the family moved to the farm 73 years ago.

When the family moved to the area they were first housed in an unused building of a neighbor. The father, assisted by neighbors and those of his family who were old enough, cleared land and built their original log house.

The original 80-acre farm was subsequently added to by another 40 acres purchased by the first owner. Since then other parcels have been bought and the present 220-acre farm extends from the Edgar village limits to county highway N.

Work of clearing the land involved the burning of huge piles of virgin timber, largely maple and other hardwoods, since the early lumbermen had stripped the area of desired pine. In one year, Conrad King recalls, 40 acres were cleared.

Many Indians, who made their living hunting and trapping, lived in the area at that time, King recalls. He said he remembers Indians strolling into the homes of settlers at meal time and making themselves at home.

An eating habit that he still recalls is that of the Indian visitors eating one type of food at a time. An Indian visitor, he said, would first empty, and eat, a dish of potatoes, repeat the same with the meat course, then with vegetables and such other courses, in order, as might be available.

Sawmills weren't too much interested in maple or other hardwoods when the Kings first settled in the area. The first maple which the senior King remembered selling was to a mill operator in Edgar and brought \$6 per 1,000 board feet.

Compares Price

"The stuff had to be No. 1 grade. It was as good, if not better, than maple that brought \$105 per 1,000 feet at Marshfield about two years ago," King said.

Farm conditions, like others, have vastly changed in the 73 years since King first came to the farm. It now consists of about 130 acres under cultivation, about 60 in woods, including a stream which the present owners plan some day to dam up to build a swimming pool and fish pond for their children, and the balance in pasture.

The number of King families, too, has changed in the neighborhood, as has the family name. Four brothers, descendants of the original Dominic King, at one time operated adjoining or near-adjacent farms in the present town of Cassel but the only King families now in the neighborhood are the present owner, Conrad King Jr., and a cousin, Elmer King, who operates a farm south of the original farm.

Originally, the family was known as Koenig. It was common to call the family by its English equivalent, "King," and the name formally became King many years ago. The father of the present owner appeared at the Wausau law office of recently-retired Chief Justice Martin B. Rosenberry of the Wisconsin supreme court many years ago to have a deed prepared when he added an 80-acre tract to the expanding farm.

Family Name Changed

The recently-retired justice, King said the other day, suggested that the name of King might be a convenience since the family was commonly called that and the change was then made in the office. The change was made, King says, by simply inserting the name in the deed.

But if conditions and the family name have changed, there seemingly is little change in Conrad King.

When he and other members of the family accompanied the Record-Herald reporter and cameraman on the jolting ride on the planks of a springless wagon drawn by a tractor over snow-covered, slushy terrain to the sugar bush, he apparently enjoyed every foot of it as King told of those pioneer days.

Maple syrup making and Conrad King Sr. are now synonymous on the old King farm. It should be that way for a long, long time if one can judge from the zest that "Gramps" showed last Friday as he buoyed the spirits of the others who might otherwise have been none-too-enthusiastic during that snow-storm.

The family dairy farm continues to prosper with more modern and automated equipment. In 1986 another 16 x 60 foot silo was built. An additional machine shed (44 x 80 feet) was built in 1989. A WIC Canadian computerized feeder system was put into the barn in the Spring of 1990. The family nicknamed the feeder "Louie." It was the first system WIC installed in the United States. It automatically feeds corns, grains, proteins, and minerals to the milking cows at predetermined times of the day. Each cow gets its own set ration of these feeds.

The farm now consists of 325 acres in the townships of Cassel, 160 acres in Wien, and 55 acres in Cleveland. The main crops grown are corn, alfalfa and clover hay, oats and straw.

Mike and Kevin King and families are very proud of its dairy herd. It consists of 100 Holstein cows and 150 heifers and

young stock. Milk is tested every month through the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA). For the year ending December 1989, Kingdom Haven Farm had the highest combined fat and protein test for Marathon County of 1643.



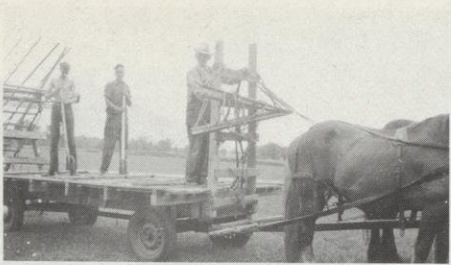
Kingdom Haven Farm, Al King family

THE KOPPA FARM

Section 14. The first King deed recorded for the land was in 1856. Land purchased in 1881 by Stanislaw and Eva Koppa, consisting of 120 acres, with a log house. From him, his son Anton Koppa



John and Frances Koppa golden wedding anniversary 1941



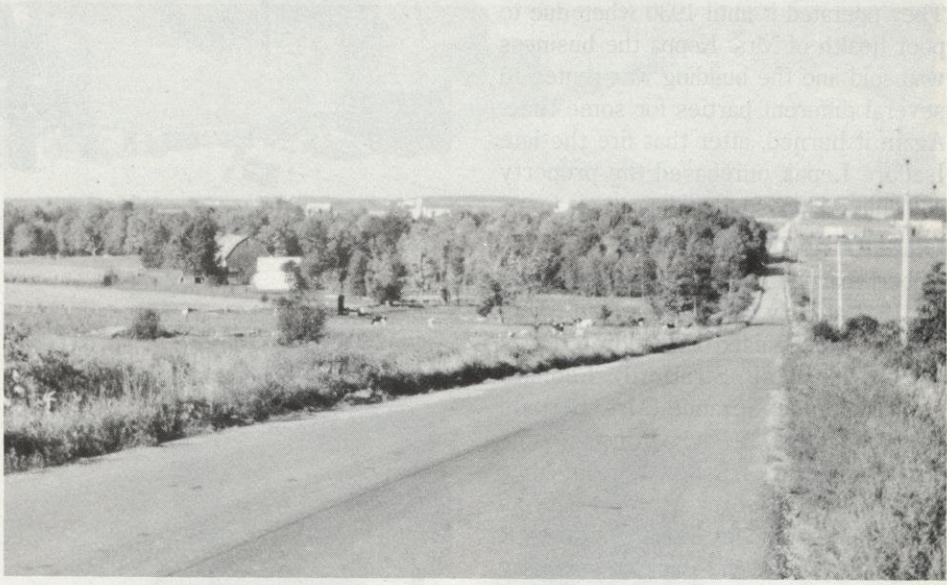
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Model 1927 Fordson tractor



Prosper and Dorothy Koppa farm

purchased the land in 1889.

In 1893, John and Frances Koppa purchased the land from Anton Koppa, his brother. In 1903 they had the house built. In 1906 the barn was built. They raised a family of nine children. They retired from farming in 1950.

Prosper and Dorothy Koppa purchased the farm from the parents in 1950, which they still own. Retired from actual farming in 1975.

Their family consists of six children. Jerome, Landelin, Roland and Jeffrey Koppa; Marlene Zdanovec and Roxanne Erickson. Also inclusive are 5 grandsons and 5 granddaughters and 2 great-grandsons.

PHIL KOPPA

Phil Koppa was appointed temporary rural mail carrier on Marathon Route 3 on September 7, 1920 and regular mail carrier March 1921. Mail was then delivered by car during the summer months and horses in winter. None of the roads were snow plowed, as the snow fell in fall, it stayed there until the sun melted it in spring.

In his enclosed rig, Phil had a small 8 x 12 round wood heater with a 2 inch galvanized smoke stack coming out about 10 inches above the roof. Route 3 at that time was considered a standard route, 24 miles was standard for horses. In due time it was extended to 26 miles and to

32 miles when Phil started driving a snowmobile.

A company in New Holstein, Wisconsin was manufacturing snowmobile equipment, such as skis, steel, belts and other parts necessary. They were installed by a garage mechanic on a used touring car chassis and a cab over it. By around 1930 all roads were snowplowed. When vacancies occurred routes were consolidated. During May of 1934 Phil was transferred to Wausau Rural Route 3, retired in 1965 after working 45 years for Uncle Sam.

During Mr. Koppa's time, Route 3 covered most of the town of Marathon and Emmet.



Mr. and Mrs. Phil Koppa



Phil Koppa - mail carrier 1920's

CASSEL STORE

Originally the Cassel Store was a two story wooden structure owned by Carl Lepak and rented for many years by the late Stanley Gretz, until 1922. It was purchased from Carl Lepak in 1923 by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Koppa, it burned to the ground in April of 1924. The Koppa's rebuilt it the same year with a concrete block on the outside and brick inside. They operated it until 1930 when due to poor health of Mrs. Koppa the business was sold and the building was rented to several different parties for some time. Again it burned, after that fire the late Isadore Lepak purchased the property and built the present building.



Cassel Store

GILBERT AND LUCY LANG

Gilbert married Lucy Waskawiak October 11, 1941 at Holy Family Church in Ponia-towski. They raised 15 children: Carol (Mrs. Glen Krall, Stratford); Leonard Lang, Mosinee; Suzanne (Mrs. Bernard Stauske); Kathleen Pauly, Prince George Canada; Arthur H Lang, Wausau; Alice (Mrs. Clayton Gore, Athens); Donna (Mrs. Patrick Mueller, Mosinee); James R Lang, Wausau; David Lang, Iowa; Mary (Mrs. Jeff Baxter) Spencer; Cynthia (Mrs. Mark Wasmundt, Edgar); Michael G. Lang, Marathon; Jeffrey Lang, Marburg, West Germany; Jacqueline (Mrs. James Gawenda, Marathon); Patrick J Lang, Mosinee.

The Lang's have 33 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Gilbert and Lucy moved on the farm in May of 1943 as hired hand for Ignatz Lang. They took ownership in 1943 and sold the farm to



David Lang



Jeff Lang



Gilbert and Lucy Lang family, Jeff and David not present for picture

Robert and Colette Lang in the spring of 1979.

Gilbert and Lucy built a new home 1/8 mile West of the farm. Gilbert retired in 1983 and is a part-time grader operator for the Town of Cassel.



house was built similar to this picture

LAVERN AND SANDRA LANG FARM

The Lavern & Sandra (Vetter) Lang farm at 3529 Four Mile Road, Marathon was first owned by a Louis Scheffer of Portage County who received the land as an 1855 land grant, granted in exchange for being in U.S. Military Service. He in turn sold the land to the Pittsburgh German Homestead of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - members of which many area residents are descendant from (including Lavern & Sandra Lang).

From 1857 - 1893 the farm passed through several hands. In 1893, Conrad and Rosa (Heil) Gertschen purchased the larger portion of the present farm adjacent to the 40 acre homestead purchased by his parents Frank and Maria Gertschen in 1880. Frank and Maria Gertschen turned over their 40 acre homestead to their son and daughter-in-law Conrad and Rosa (Heil) Gertschen in 1898, who in turn promised his parents "to keep them in their house, provide everything necessary such as food, clothing, chores, doctor bills, funeral expenses and \$10 a year until their death", - Frank in 1903, Maria in 1917.

Conrad Gertschen died in 1949, his wife Rosa in 1950. After Rosa Gertschen's death their family - sons Alex, Edward, Joseph, Frank, Conrad Jr., and daughters Anna Gertschen Baumann, Elizabeth Fallon, and grandchildren (from deceased daughter Agnes Christman) Laurabelle, Clara, Charles, Cecil, Donald, Irene, and Martha Christman sold the then 200 acre farm to Menzner Lumber of Marathon, in 1951.

Many times over the years the Langs have enjoyed visiting the descendants of the Gertschens from out of the area who stop in to tour the "old Gertschen farm".

In September of 1952, 120 acres and farm buildings were purchased from Menzner Lumber by William J. Lang - son of Joseph and Rosalia (Sauter) Lang and Dorothy (Lepak) - daughter of John and Anna (Brzezinski) Lepak. From September of 1952 to April 1966 they raised their children: Herbert, Sylvia (Payne), Vivian (Jeske), Lavern (current owner), Wayne, Patricia (Nowak), David, Jeanette (Sauter), Robert (deceased), and Gary (deceased).

On April 19, 1966, the farm was sold by William and Dorothy Lang to their son and daughter-in-law; Lavern I. Lang and



Lavern Lang farm shortly after 1952



Present Lavern Lang farm

Sandra (Vetter) Lang - daughter of Jacob Vetter and Esther (Hornung) Vetter, at which time Lavern and Sandra moved onto the farm along with their 3 children: Carmen, Kevin and Michael. William and Dorothy Lang moved to Marathon. William died in 1967, and Dorothy in 1968. Later on 3 more children were born: Pamela, Anne Marie and Christopher. Lavern worked for many years as a cheesemaker at area cheese factories, the first being Luther Cheese, Cassel; now Buetsch Implement, in addition to full-time dairy farming.

In 1977, a new home was built replacing the old farmhouse (several out-of-town Gertschens have mentioned an old log cabin was originally located closeby - evidently the original homestead).

The Lang children have through the years been active in many hobbies—especially their horses. Mike Lang's horse was known from time to time to come home

without him after untying itself after being ridden to a friends house. The Lang's were seen often riding their horses around the neighborhood. All of the Lang children were involved in 4-H showing their horses and Ann - cattle at the county fair and were involved in the Cassel 4-H Club of which their mother Sandra had been a member of the original Casa-Falls 4-H Club and now youngest son Chris as a member of Casa-Mara Raiders 4-H.

Lavern and Sandra (Vetter) Lang have six children - Carmen; Kevin married to Monica (Chrouser) and their daughter Stephanie; Michael married to Terrie (Cunningham); Pamela married to Michael Telford and their daughter Allison; Ann Marie married to Robert Murry and their daughter Samantha; and Christopher, all of whom live in the surrounding area.

HAROLD LANG FARM

Harold Lang and Geraldine Wadzinski were married October 2, 1948 at Sacred Heart Parish, in Cassel, the church they belong to today. They first lived on the F.X. Schilling farm owned by Ignatz Lang, where they lived for one year. They then purchased the Louis Lang farm in September of 1949, which Ignatz Lang, Harold's father, had bought in June of 1949. They continued to farm this land until they retired in 1983.

Harold and Geraldine were involved in many activities. Harold won the state 4-H Dairy Judging contest at the State Fair in 1940. He enlisted in the Army in June of 1942 and was discharged in March of 1946. He was Commander of American Legion Post 469 of Marathon for 2 years, and Marathon County Commander for 2 years, during this time Harold devoted 20 years to the Post 469 Firing Squad. Geraldine worked at Sacred Heart School Kitchen for some years while the School was still in operation. She also spent 20 years, from 1969 - 1989 making the Baptismal Dresses for the Parish, getting



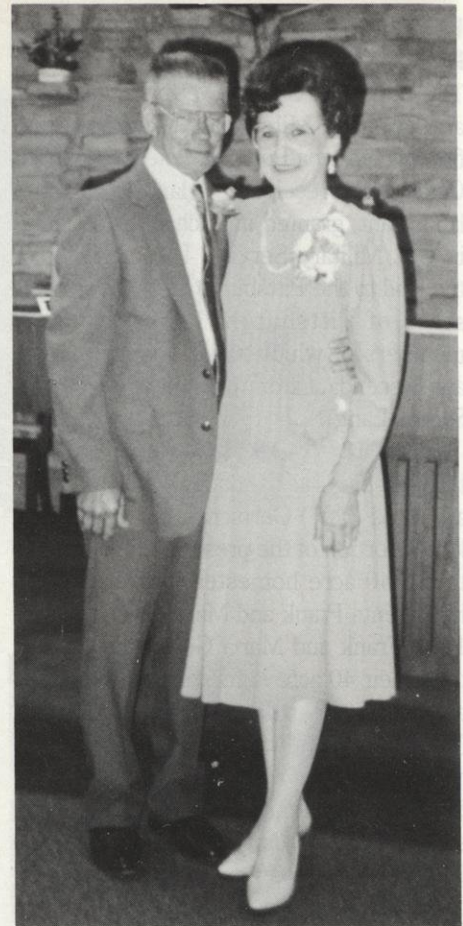
Harold Lang

to know the names of the Cassel children as they were born.

Harold and Geraldine raised three children on the farm. Yvonne, born in 1951,



Harold and Geraldine's grandchildren



Harold and Geraldine Lang

Charlene, born in 1953, and Terry, born in 1958. They continue to live on the farm, in a home next to the farmstead now owned by Terry and his family.

JOE LANG JR AND TILLIE LANG FARM

In 1862, 160 acres awarded to Mary Stone formerly widow of Abraham Pitt, Private U.S. Marines-War of 1812. Assigned by Mary Stone to Chales Hinze.

1871 - Chales Hinze and Josephine, his wife to Erhard Lang

1875 - Erhard Lang and Mary his wife to Andrew Lang

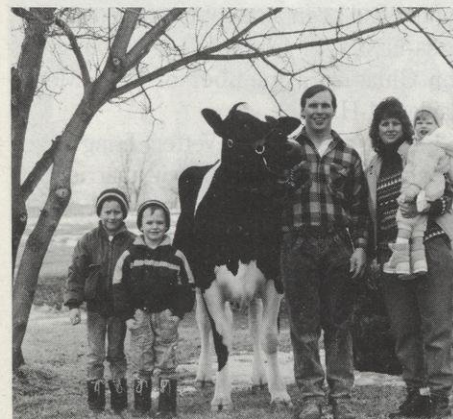
1905 - Andrew Lang and Benedicta his



Harold Lang family



Harold Lang home



Terry Lang and family



farm owned by Terry Lang



home owned by Terry Lang

wife to Joseph Lang Jr. (with stipulation Joseph Jr and his heirs must deliver 16 inch wood for two stoves to Andrew and Benedicta during their lifetime at Marathon City

1927 - Joseph Lang Jr., and his wife Tillie leased to Town of Cassel, 1 acre of land as a gravel pit for 20 years for \$350.00. Farm was improved over the lifetime of Tillie and Joe Jr. Tillie and Joe had 8 children, Clara, Alex, Adeline, Arthur, Phillip, Marion, Lawrence and Dorla.

1930 - Sealed unit of Gas lites were installed (never worked)

1938 - Electric lights!

1940 - Barn remodeled (cement and stanchions)

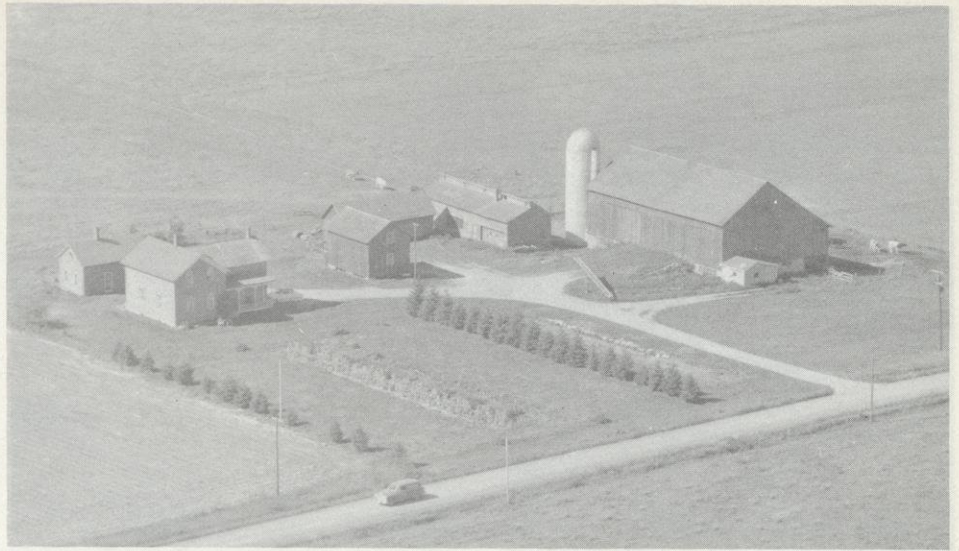
1941 - Trees planted (High School project)

After 1935 when Joe Jr. died, the farm was operated by Tillie and her children. In 1943, Tillie Lang widow of John Jr. deeded 75 feet of land directly South of the 1/2 acre parcel to Town of Cassel. Tillie died in 1966. In 1967, the family sold the farm to Lloyd and Toni Lang.

ROBERT AND COLETTE LANG FARM

The land now owned by Robert and Colette was first sold to Konstantine Heil in 1861. Over the years it has passed through many names, like, Heil, Goldbach, Langenhahn, Burhans and Lemmer. Ignatz and Margaret Lang bought the farm in 1943. They sold it to their son Gilbert. Gilbert sold it to his nephew Robert and his wife Colette in 1979.

Robert, son of Hugo and Rosemary



Joe and Tillie Lang farm - 1957



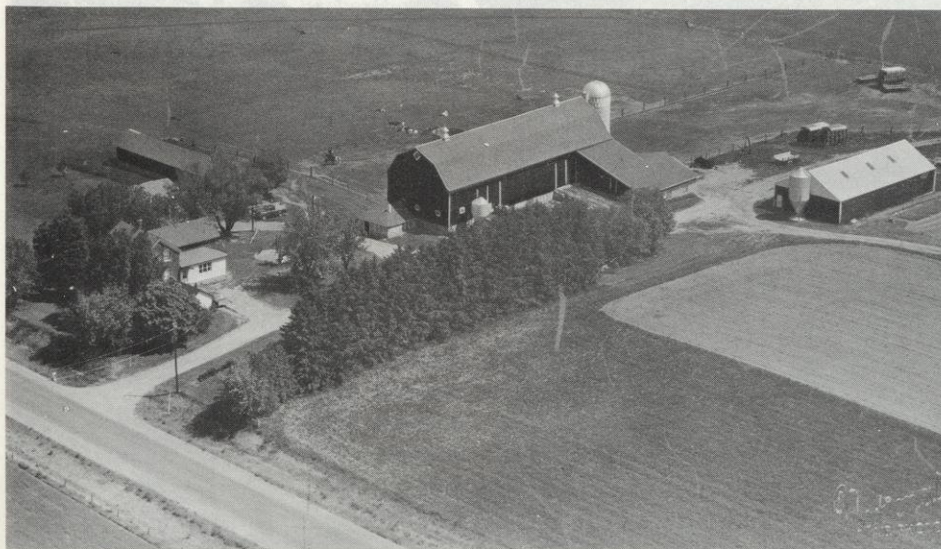
Robert Lang family

Lang had grown up in the Town of Cassel. Robert had always had an interest in farming. After graduating from high school he went to the University of River Falls where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture. He met his wife Colette while going to college and working on her fathers farm.

After graduation they moved to Granton, Wisconsin where they both worked on a farm. In 1979 when Gilbert was to sell his farm, Robert and Colette were anxious to get a chance to move back to Cassel. The farm they bought is 160 acres, made up of corn, hay, oats and ginseng. They milk approximately 80



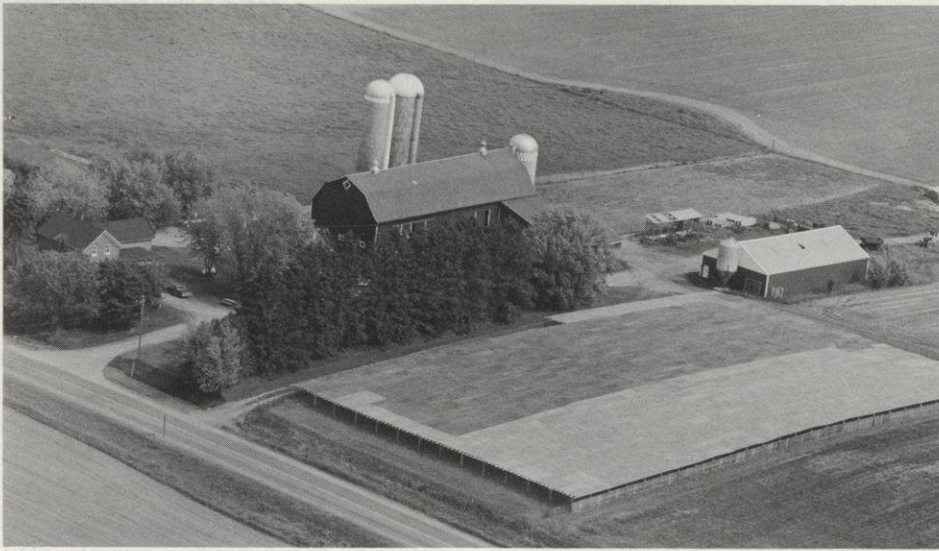
Robert Lang house newly resided



Robert Lang farm - 1976



Robert Lang house newly resided



Robert Lang farm - 1986

cows. Their sons Jerry, Richie and their daughter Jackie help with the many daily chores.

Robert and Colette are very glad to be raising their children in this area where many of Robert's relation had grown up. The closeness between neighbors and family that is found here is something that is very hard to find.

LERoy LANG

CASSEL CENTER STOCK FARM 4049 CTH "N", Marathon. Cassel Center Stock Farm was so named because of its location right in the center of the town of Cassel. It is one of several Century Farms. It became a Century Farm on November 22, 1971. Although records of the farm date back to 1856 when the land was owned by the United States, it was first owned by the Lang family on November 22, 1871 when LeRoy's great-



Ignatz Lang

grandfather and great-grandmother, George and Kunigunda (Temple) Lang purchased it from Marathon County.

George Lang, the forefather of the Marathon Lang's, originated as a child in Germany. He came to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania area in the 1840's. Here he followed his trade as a mason for nine years. Five children were born to George and Kunigunda in Pennsylvania. In 1857, as members of the Pittsburg Homestead Society they came to the wilderness of the present Town of Cassel, where they cut down timbers and cleared land to make self-supporting farms. In spite of the many hardships the pioneers encoun-

tered in this isolated forest land, three more children were born to them.

On March 25, 1887, Joseph Lang purchased the farm from his father. Later Joseph married Rosalia Sauter. In spite of the many hardships they lived their entire lives on the farm where they raised 15 children.

Ignatz Lang, LeRoy's father, purchased the farm from his father and mother, March 19, 1915. He married Margaret Dahlsky, daughter of Anton Dahlsky and Julie Ruplinger, in that same year.

Ignatz and Margaret were known throughout the area for their active participation in farm and civic affairs. Ignatz as a



Leroy Lang home, early 40's



Leroy Lang farm, early 40's



LeRoy Lang family - Craig, LeRoy, Jenny, Janice, Jodi, Joanne and Daniel



1981 fire destroyed barn and silos



Friends and neighbors rebuilding barn

tireless worker was a familiar figure at farm and public gatherings. He was the recipient of many farm awards on the state and local levels. He was president of the Production Credit Association of Wausau for 28 years, chairman of the trustees of Marathon County Home and Hospital and County Infirmary and Sunny Vale Manor. He was also treasurer of the Pine Valley Cooperative Cheese Factory; president of the Edgar Equity Cooperative; a director of the Pure Milk Products, Inc. and a member of the Marathon County Drought Relief Board during the depression in the 1930's.

While farming in the Town of Cassel he received the "Master Farmer" in 1940 by the Wisconsin Agriculturist. He received the special Skelly Award in Agriculture in 1957. He was also selected as the outstanding farmer in Marathon County by the Marathon County Farm Bureau.

As life long residents in the town of Cassel, Ignatz and Margaret farmed 5 farms over 1000 acres, where they raised 7 sons, Gilbert, Harold, Hugo, Reinold, Reuben, Ralph and LeRoy. Five daughters, Hildegard (Mrs. Herbert Rader),



Ginseng gardens destroyed by tornado

Florence (Mrs. Prosper Matushak) Ruth (Mrs. Harold Butalla), Norma (Mrs. Burwyn Edwards) and Marjorie (Mrs. Arthur Wilichowski).

LeRoy bought the farm from his mother in 1963. He married Janice Kummerow, daughter of Leonard and Helen Kummerow on October 24, 1964. We have 5 children; Daniel who farms full time with us, Craig who is employed at Marco Coop and farms part-time, Jodi (Mrs. Dennis Hinderliter) who is employed at Marathon County Health Care Center and helps with our ginseng business, Joanne who is a student at Marathon High School, active President of Casa-Mara Raiders and FFA sentinel and Jenny who is a student at St. Mary's and active in 4-H.

LeRoy has been farming for the past 26 years on the Lang Homestead Farm. He served in farm related positions throughout these years. He was on the board of the Halder Dairy Cooperative and served as president for many years. He received the Honorary District Farmer Award from

the Marathon FFA and was supervisor for the town of Cassel for 4 years.

Farming is good in the Town of Cassel area. Neighbors and friends are always here to help whenever the need arises. On December 7, 1981 a fire destroyed the barn and silos. Through this loss, great friendships were formed. There were many days that over 80 people were served dinner and supper. The buildings were rebuilt in the months of December, January and February of 1982. It was one of the coldest winters when the temperatures would drop to 20 degrees below zero and the windchill was 60 degrees below zero. We moved the cattle back into the new barn February 23, 1982, seventy days after the fire. In this area, a barn can be built in some of the worst winter weather with neighbors and friends working together.

Along with dairy farming we are also growing ginseng. On May 8, 1988 a tornado completely destroyed the ginseng gardens. It took 3 days and 50 friends and neighbors, once again, to repair the gardens.

Although some times are harder than others, we would not want to live any other place. We are very proud to live and be a part of the Town of Cassel.

HENRY AND ADELINE LANG JR FARM

The Henry Jr and Adeline Lang farm has been in the Lang family for 72 years. It was originally owned by Julius and Mary Quade Jr. In September of 1919 it was bought by Henry Lang Sr and wife Helen.

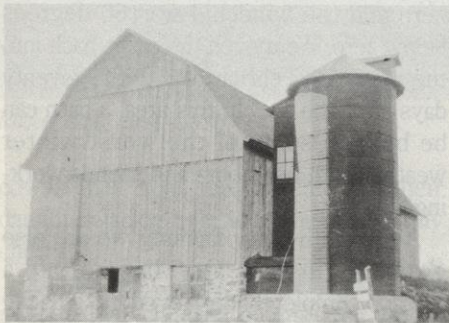


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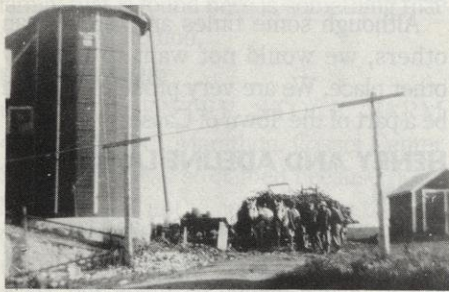
Old wooden bridge across the Rib River in Marathon City. Well drilling machine fell thru



well drilling machine owned by Henry Lang Sr + brother Conrad



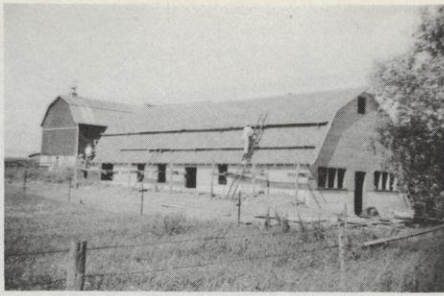
Original barn and wooden silo



Filling silo - (note wooden silo)



Henry Lang, Sr. Alex Lang and Henry Lang, Jr.



Pig barn being built in 1954



Grade A milk house, built in 1970



Original house



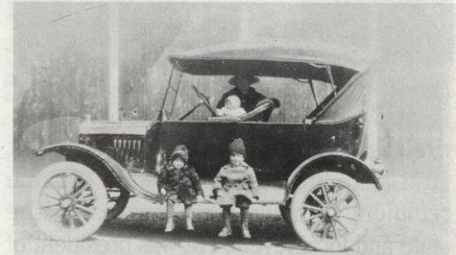
Remodeled house - 1970's



Feeder pig with little ones



Henry Lang, Jr. loading milk cans, before switching to Grade A bulk



Mrs. Henry Lang Sr and her children in their new car

They lived and farmed there until 1953 when they built a home and moved to Marathon, selling the farm to their son Henry Jr. In earlier years, roughly about 1917, Henry Sr and his brother Conrad also owned a well drilling rig, drilling many wells in the surrounding areas.

We dairy farmed and raised feeder pigs

for many years. In the Spring of 1955 we built a new pig barn. Thru the years additions were made, building a 40 x 80 machine shed, another silo, and a new Grade A milk house.

The spring of 1958 we bought the farm that my parents Joseph and Marie Wielock owned. Joe worked also at Menzner Lumber Company and after getting injured in March 1957, they had an auction and sold the farm to us. We feel quite fortunate to own both our family farms.

Presently we are no longer dairy farming. We now are raising ginseng, heifers and beef cattle. We have three children, one son, Cary and daughters Debra and Judy. Debra is married to Matt Schleing from Antigo and Judy married Brian Carr. We also have 5 grandsons - Kyle, Kody and Garrett Carr and Cary Jr. and Shawn Lang.



1st grandson, Kyle Carr - helping with chores at early age



Henry Lang Jr. farm as it appears today - 1991

CHARLES L. AND ROSE MARIE LANG

Our land was first homesteaded in 1855 to Winslow P. Burhans. After that it changed hands several time. Here are a few:

1896: Joseph Adamski Sr., 1940: Anton Knetter, 1945: John Skrzypschak,

1947, Alex Knetter. We bought the farm in 1950. We lived here until 1989. During those years, we raised 4 children and built a new home in 1960. Besides making several other improvements we also purchased additional land in 1955. In 1978 we started growing ginseng in partnership with our son. In 1989, we sold the farm to our youngest son Charlie. We built a new home 1-1/2 miles south of the farm at 3555 Cardinal Lane, Marathon.

HUGO LANG FARM

The original land acreage was first purchased on July 8, 1919 by Henry Deininger, his wife Rosa, Rosalia Dalski and Henrietta Deininger.

Twelve years later on July 28, 1931 the farm was sold and purchased by Henrietta Deininger. Henrietta sold the farm five



Charles Sr. and Rose Lang residence built in 1989

months later to Ignatz and Margaret Lang. On October 1, 1949, the farm was sold to his third oldest son Hugo Herbert Lang. Hugo was married to Rosemarie (Hytry).

Hugo and Rosemarie have eight children: Kenneth, Bobby, Ronald, Judy (Knickerbacker), Debbie, Sandra (Baumann), Cherly (Kolbe) and Laurie. Hugo has now retired from farming and grows ginseng.

In 1973 the Lang's purchased a cabin for fifty dollars. The cabin was dismantled



House remodeled by Ignatz Lang



Original house built by Deiningers around 1920



Cabin rebuilt on the Lang farm - 118 years old



Hugo Lang – the house as it appears today - the car in front is a 1923 Ford

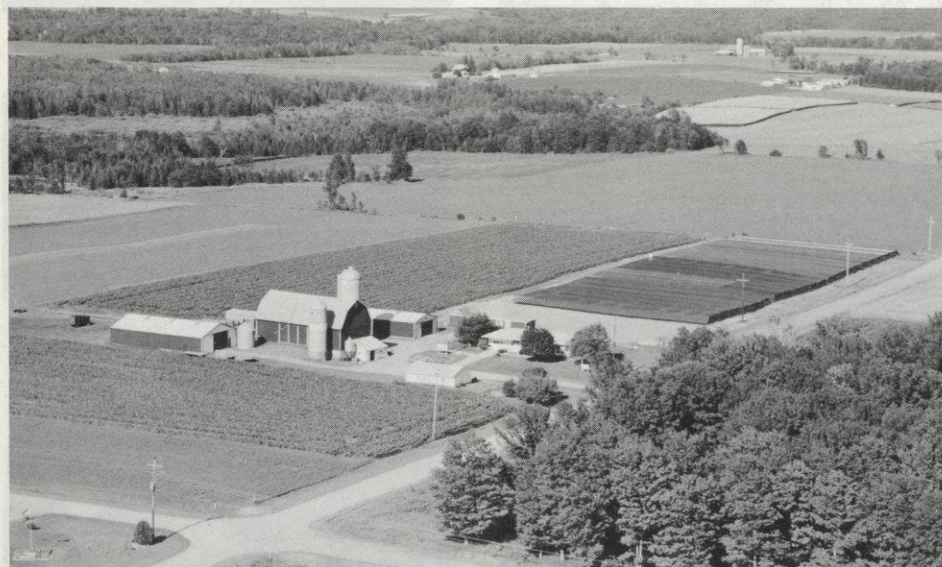
and rebuilt on July 4, 1973 in a wooded area on the farm. The cabin is a quiet place to spend holidays and winter nights.

CHARLES J. AND DOROTHY LANG

Our future started to grow in 1981 when Charles J. married Dorothy Heil, also a life long resident of Cassel. We lived in a mobil home on the Charles L. Lang Sr. farm. We had our first child, a daughter Amanda in February of 1984. In January of 1985 we bought the personal property from Charlie's parents. In July of 1988 we had our second child, a son Brad. We purchased the rest of the farm and moved into the house in 1989. We are currently milking dairy cows and continuing the



Sr. farm in 1950



Charles Jr. and Dottie Lang farm in 1989

ginseng business that we started in 1978 in partnership with Charles and Rose Lang.

NORBERT C. LANG FARM

Lands contained within the present farm were originally ceded from the United States government, then to Marathon County government, then to railroad. The land was frequently bought, sold and mortgaged among the railroad, private individuals, and private companies.

In 1904, Anthony Bumann and John B. Bumann, each separately owning parts of the current farm, associated into a partnership called Bumann Bros., for the manufacture of lumber and shingles. Part of the present farm was used for this business.

In 1910, Anthony Bumann ceded his share of the remaining land to Agatha Bumann, his wife, for \$1.00 and love and affection.

Arthur and Agatha Hall built the present house. They also renovated the barn, which had originally been built for the sawmill horses. On June 26, 1929 the Halls granted right of way to Wisconsin Valley Electric Company to erect and maintain the necessary equipment for electricity.

In 1948, the Halls sold "116 acres more or less" to Norbert C. and Anita Lang. A tractor came with the farm, but horses were also used for farm work until 1953. In 1954, the wooden silo was replaced by the present concrete stave silo. The land was used for dairy farming until 1968. Beef cattle were raised until 1981. The land was logged off in 1972. The railroad tracks were removed in the early 1980's. The landowners had an option to buy back that original land.

Currently, the farm is rented for crop-land. Ginseng has been added since 1986.



Norbert C. Lang farm



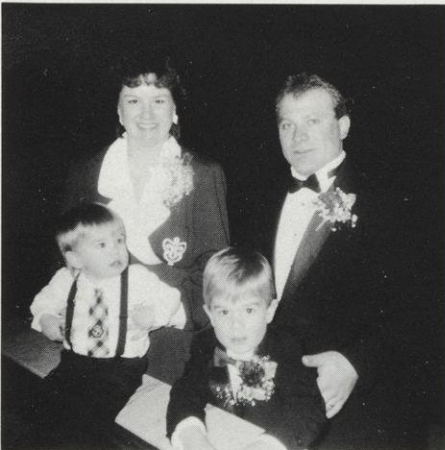
Norbert C. Lang family - L to R: Laurie, Mary Ann, Anita, Norbert, Virgil, Derrell

RANDY AND BETH ANN SEUBERT

Randy and Beth Ann (Lang) purchased land from her parents and in August of 1988 moved into their new home. They have two sons, Chad and Tyler. Beth Ann is employed at Gassner Company, Wausau



Seubert home



Randy, Beth Ann and family

and Randy works at Menzner Lumber and Supply in Marathon.

BRUCE AND KIM LANG

Bruce and Kim (Jaeger) Lang purchased their home in 1984 from Arnold Loula. The home was built by Daniel Seubert in 1977. Bruce owns his own semi and drives interstate for Sundog Trucking. They have 4 children, Kyle, Megan, Jordan and Kelsey.



Bruce and Kim Lang family



Bruce Lang home

LLOYD AND ANTOINETTE (TONI) LANG

3987 Pine Road, Marathon, Section 22.

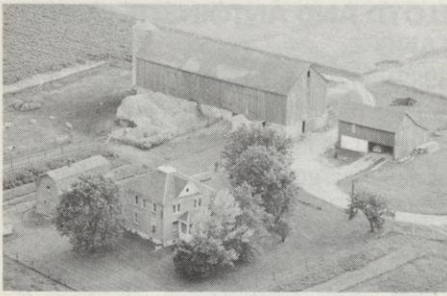
First record of this parcel of land were recorded as follows: "The United States of America grants to Louis Scheffer the N1/4 of SW1/4 of Sectin 22 Town 28 Range 5E made in pursuance of the Act of Congress entitled, An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States" dated April 15, 1856.

In 1857, the Pittsburgh German Homestead Society of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania deeded the property to George Lang. George and his wife Kunigunda deeded the land to their son Emil Lang in 1887. Emil and his wife Martha (King) had 10 children, Tillie, Otto, Elizabeth, Philip, Richard Jacob, Laura, Mary, Norbert and Lucy.

In 1920 Emil and his wife Martha sold the farm to their son Philip. In 1923 Philip was struck by lightning and killed while getting the cows in for milking. The property then reverted back to his parents. Emil died in 1932, Martha in 1939. The executer of Martha's estate sold the property to the Lang's son, Jacob, and his wife



Jacob and Mathilda Lang



Lang farm in 1957

Mathilda. They farmed until 1963 when they sold the farm to their only child, Lloyd, and his wife Toni. Jacob was killed in a farm accident in November of 1964. Mathilda resided with her son and his family until her death in 1989.

Lloyd and Toni continue to operate the original dairy farm and in 1967 they purchased a "second farm" in sectin 21 from the family of Joe Lang Jr., and Tillie Lang. In recent years ginseng was added to the farming operation. They have seven children, Bruce, Beth Ann, Linda, Mary Kay, Carolyn, Brenda and Ann Marie and 7 grandchildren to date.

In April of 1987 a fire destroyed the barn, but with the combined efforts of family, friends and neighbors the new barn was built and the cows back home 6 weeks later.



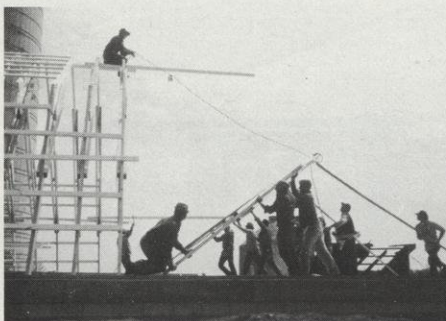
Lloyd Lang farm 1983



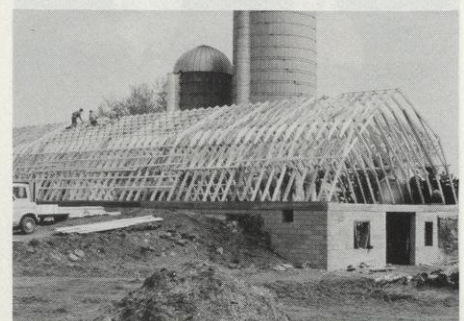
Lloyd Lang family



Lloyd Lang house and farm - 1990



rebuilding the barn



NORBERT A. LANG

In 1856 on August 9, the land was plotted out into 80 acres by the government. On October 9, 1906 land was sold to Joseph Lang in the amount of \$1600.00 for the 80 acres. On October 12, 1912 Joseph Sr. sold the land to his son Joe O Lang, 80 acres for \$3500.00. In 1920 on January 15, Joe purchased an additional 40 acres for \$2700.00 During his farming days Joe and his wife Elsie, raised 10 children, six boys and four girls. Roy, Agnes, Victor, Alois, Leona, Charles, Oscar, Norbert, Irene and Marcella.

On January 26, 1959 the 120 acres was sold to Norbert A. Lang, youngest son of Joe O. Lang. At the present time 1990, Norbert A Lang still lives on this land. Norbert and his wife, Frances raised 10 children on this farm over the years. They have four daughters, Cindy, Sherrie, Debbie and Lori and six sons, Randy, Ricky, Russell, Rodney, Kevin and Jamie. Remaining at home are the five youngest children. Norbert and Frances have 12 grandchildren and one step-grandchild.



Norbert and Frances Lang family - Back row: Debbie, Sherrie, Cindy, Norbert, Frances, Russell, Lori, Rodney. Front row: Randy, Ricky, Jamie and Kevin

The family enjoys family get-togethers, outings and card parties.

Norbert and Frances have been married for 32 years.

JIM AND JEANNE LAWRIE

Jeanne's grandparents were John and Mary Imhoff and Mary's maiden name was Handrick, daughter of William Handrick.

Jim and Jeanne live approximately 3 miles from where Jeanne's grandparents use to live. Jeanne's mothers name was Alvina Imhoff. Jim is a home builder in the Wausau area for the past 25 years. Jeanne grew up in Wausau and lived there all her life.

Jim and Jeanne married in Wausau at Holy Name Catholic Church and they have five daughters: Linda – married to Daryl Jogodzinski (live in Marathon City), Cindy, Paula, Trina and Lisa (all reside at home).



Jim and Jeanne Lawrie, Linda, Cindy, Paula, Trina, Lisa



Norbert A. Lang farm when purchased in 1959



Joe and Elsie Lang family - Back row: Agnes, Raymond (deceased), Charles, Leona, Victor, Alois. Front row: Norbert, Elsie (deceased), Irene (deceased), Joe O. (deceased), Oscar, Marcella



Norbert A Lang homestead - far left is the home of Delphine Michlig - mother of Frances Lang

THE LEMANSKI HISTORY

I am Eulalia Lemanski and Casmier and I have been married 55 years (56 in September). We live at 3707 Partridge Lane. We have lived here since 1943 and purchased this place in 1948 from F.X. Schilling, before that we lived on a farm in

Cassel. At one time this used to be a Cheese factory. My husband worked at Marathon Battery until he retired and I worked at school and cooked for hot lunches and weddings. We have eight children, 29 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. We belong to the Sacred Heart Parish in Cassel.



Casmier, Al and Eulalia

LYLE LEMMER FARM

In 1903 the farm we presently live on was purchased by John and Mary Lemmer.

In 1934, Arthur (son of John and Mary) purchased the farm. He married Christine Muelbeck. During the early 40's they also raised fox. Upon their decision to retire, Art and Christine moved to Mosinee.

In 1965 Lyle (son of Arthur and Christine) purchased the farm. He married Rosetta Tieman. They had two sons, Eugene and Loren. Rosetta became seriously ill from kidney failure, and died on June 13, 1973.

Lyle married Shirley Hack in 1974. They had one son, Chad.



Lemanski family - Bryon, Geraldine, Deanne, Janice, Jim, Florian, Murlin, and Roger

Since Lyle purchased the farm in 1965, it has had many changes, which include extensive remodeling of the barn, the removal of two sheds and the garage. They have been replaced by a 45 x 120' machine shed and 36 x 22' garage. Three silos have also been added and two ponds.

The house had been remodeled inside and out, with cedar siding replacing the brick.

In 1984, a ginseng partnership known as E & L Gardens, was started on the farm by Eugene and Lyle, which the whole family helps to maintain.

Appaloosa horses were introduced to the farm by Shirley. For about ten years we showed at many horse shows every Sunday of the summer, until the boys discovered cars and girls. When it was no longer a "family affair" we quit showing.

Eugene married Tonja Schindler. They have one son.

Loren married Lisa Schilling. They have a daughter and a son.

Chad is 14 and a freshman at Marathon High School. He participates in the FFA program and is a member of the band. He helps a lot on the farm.

Shirley works part time for her parents, Al and Mae Hack, who own Hack's Diner in Marathon.

EUGENE AND TONJA LEMMER

3797 HWY 107 South, Marathon.

Eugene graduated from Marathon High School in 1985. He then attended North Central Technical College in the Architectural/Residential Design program. He graduated from NTC in 1987.

Eugene married Tonja Schindler on July 23, 1988. Tonja is originally from Chippewa Falls, WI. She is a 1984 graduate of Chippewa Falls High School and also graduated from NTC with a degree in Architectural/Residential Design.

Tonja is employed at Milco - Division of Wausau Metals in the Engineering department. Eugene is employed at Wausau Insurance Companies as an Office Planner in the Office Planning Department.

Eugene and Tonja have one son, Nicholas. He is 2 years old.

The house that Eugene and Tonja live in was purchased from Linda Szymanski in June of 1990. It was moved to its current location on June 28, 1990. A new basement was built for the house and a garage was added later that year.

In their spare time, Tonja and Eugene enjoy spending time with their son, Cole,



Lyle Lemmer farm

and working on the house. They also spend a great deal of time in the ginseng gardens during the summer and fall months. Eugene is in partnership with his father, Lyle, in the ginseng business. They also do a fair amount of traveling. If they aren't on a business trip somewhere, they enjoy traveling to Chippewa Falls to visit Tonja's family and try to get to Minneapolis every year for the Minneapolis Parade of Homes.



Calvin and Alvina Lensmire

CALVIN AND ALVINA LENSIRE FAMILY

Calvin and I were both born and raised in the Town of Cassel. I attended Sacred Heart School for 8 years, while Calvin went to Daisy Dell. His father John, was the manager of Cassel Garden Cheese Co., so Calvin worked in the cheese-factory ever since he was knee-high to a grasshopper. Upon his graduation from high school, he received his cheesemakers license and has been with the business ever since. When his father retired he succeeded him as the Co-ops manager. God blessed us with 7 children and 12 grandchildren to date. Our children are, Linda (Sylvester Pihoda Jr.) of Marathon, Patrice (Paul Gauthier) of Lodi, Ann (Tom



Kenneth and Sandra Lepak family

Seubert) of Rozellville, Michael (Nancy DeLaporte) of Marshfield, Louise Zank of Cassel, Cynthia in Colorado, and Matthew in Milwaukee.

DONALD AND DEBORAH LEPAK FARM

The history of the Lepak farm began with the Carl Lepak family in 1883. Carl bought a plot of 120 acres of dense forest. Clearing the land was his main objective.

By the year 1886, about 30 families had settled around the area, so there was a need for a Catholic church. Carol donated four acres of land for that purpose, and a small church was built by those families. In 1887, Carl Lepak and Frances Adamski were the first people married in the new church. Several years later, a larger church, a parish house to accomodate a resident pastor, and a school were built on that same land.

During the years, Carl and Frances raised their 15 children. After 55 years of logging and dairy farming, Carl decided to retire. In 1938, he sold the farm to Edward, his youngest living son. Edward

married Clara Ravonet in 1931. They had nine children. The family had dairy cattle and cash crops. In the 60's, Edward expanded the farm with the purchase of 80 adjacent acres.

When Edward was 62, he sold the farm to his son, Donald. He and Deborah Miller were married in 1970. They have two daughters, Amy and Wendy. In 1971, ginseng was planted on the farm, in addition to the dairy cattle. Donald is the third generation of the Lepak family farm.

KENNETH AND SANDRA LEPAK
Glacier Ridge Farm - Town of Cassel - Section 9.

4282 Cardinal Lane, Edgar, Wisconsin. Ken served in the U.S. Army from May 1955 - March 1957 as a member of the communications specialist Corp, stationed seventeen months in Taiwan. Kenneth and Sandra were married May 29, 1965, and have six children, ages 7 - 24. Sally is married to Gerard (Gary) Bargender. They also live in the Town of Cassel. Sally graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in business. Jane graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a secondary education degree in Mathematics and French. Ronald is in his senior year at UW-River Falls majoring in agricultural engineering, while Joe is attending NTC-Wausau and is studying Architectural and Residential Design. Gerard is a freshman at Edgar High School, and Anne is a second grade student at Edgar Elementary School.

Our farm is 175 acres and was originally deeded from the U.S. government to the railroad in 1871. Joseph and Cecelia



Donald and Deborah Lepak Farm

Lepak purchased the farm from Andrew, Jr., and Frances Werner on February 3, 1926. Kenneth purchased the farm from his parents, Joseph and Cecelia Lepak, January 1, 1962. The farm originally had only 6 acres under cultivation; it now has approximately 115 acres.

One very interesting and educational part of our living in the Town of Cassel was the years we served on the Town Board. Ken was assessor for four years and then served another four years as treasurer. Sandra succeeded Ken as treasurer for the next six years. We both feel it is a great experience for anyone to get to know what the business of running a township is about.

One small interesting note about our farm that our kids bring up now and then when something unexplained occurs, is that we have a poltergeist—a rather good natured, but sometimes mischeivous entity whom we affectinately call “Werner.” We would be hard pressed to produce any solid evidence that he exists, but just the same, the kids can tell you he has been around.

Happy first 100 years to our Town of Cassel!

MICHAEL AND ELEANORE LEPAK

The lands have fallen unto us in pleasant places. Yea we have a Godly Heritage. Michael and Eleanore Lepak married October 5, 1940, celebrated 50 years of married life in 1990.

S1/2 of S1/2 of S.W.1/4, S.W.1/4 of S.E.1/4 of S.E.1/4, Section 23 Range 5 East,



Stanley and Clara Lepak



Mike and Eleanore Lepak

Part of E1/2 of N.E.1/4 Section 27 Range 5 East, 104 years of Lepak Heritage.

In August 1986, the Lepaks were honored at the State Fair in Milwaukee for being Century Farm owners. At present fourth generation reside here.

Michael and Eleanore acquired the family farm and homestead from Michael's parents, Stanley and Clara Lepak in 1943. Stanley purchased the farm from his parents, Theodore and Rosalya in 1906, who purchased the original acres from Carl and Francis Lepak in 1900, who purchased these acres from Karl and Theodore Lepak, who purchased this land from Wenzeleres Hirsch and wife Magaretha with a deed bond in 1883.

Hirsch purchased this land in 1878 from Wisconsin Valley Railroad Co. The Railroad Co. purchased the land from Pittsburg German Homestead Society in 1857, which was purchased from United States and Louis Scheffler in 1856.

Theodore Lepak a polish emigrant, who worked for lords under serfdom in Poland, heard of opportunities in America to become a land owner. With other Polish emigrants crossing the ocean, he arrived in the United States to settle in Milwaukee, expecting to find work there. However, work was not available, so many of these Polish people traveled by train and some by water on the Wisconsin River to this community what is now the Town of Cassel.

Living in this camping country, as this northern area was generally known, was

very hard. Early settlers, some finding themselves in immense forests, without signs of civilization, without roads, schools, churches and conveniences, returned if they had the means, leaving in disgust. Those without means, remained together, putting up huts, clearing land and helping each other to get started and struggled for existence as best as they could. Theodore Lepak fortunately was one of these courageous emigrants.

Amidst groves of hard maples, Theodore Lepak built a saloon and dance hall in 1889. The structure measured 40 x 70 long. The dance hall floor was laid of birds eye maple flooring. Some of the sheathing boards were 24 inches wide. The upper structure was the dance hall. The living quarters were the lower level and the south part of the building was utilized as a saloon, that which now would be called a tavern. This was called Lepak's Hall or Lepak's corner or as town history reverts to these times as Cassel Main Street.

This dance hall and saloon was to be one of the largest dance halls in the western part of Marathon County. Many young people from surrounding communities, Marathon, Poniatowski, Athens, Halder, Mosinee, Fenwood, Rib Falls, and others gathered here for many dances, arriving by horse and buggy. Newly organized Sacred Heart Parish utilized this hall as most of the settlers were of Catholic faith. Parish meetings, plays, graduation exercises and parish socials were held in this building. Parish bazaars were the most important events, dinners were served in this building and proceed from the saloon were donated to the parish. Tents were set up across the road for games and other entertainment. In the evening, a dance was held in the hall for parishioners. Everybody enjoyed themselves to the fullest as a family community.

Politicians also utilized this hall and saloon holding their campaign rallies and political events, both parties, Republicans and Democrats. Medicine shows and sales were also events of the past that were held in this spacious hall.

Many hunters congregated at Lepaks saloon hall as they would cool their daily bag full of game birds and rabbits as chunks of ice were available in the ice house, which the ice was cut in winter and stored for the summer here, covered with sawdust. This ice was also used to cool all the beers and other beverages in the

saloon. Some of this ice stored this way was usable for two seasons.

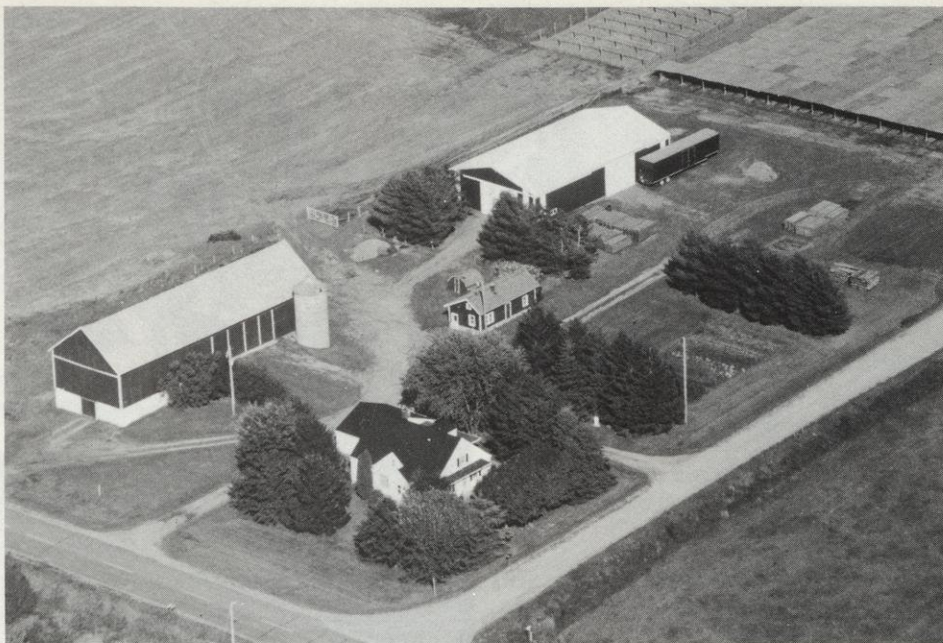
Many wedding dinners and wedding dances were held in this building. The last wedding that lasted a few days was Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lang.

Martin Kalamayka built the Cassel Store and a blacksmith shop was also built and operated by Robert Lepak across the road located on Lepak's corner. Stanley Lepak built a barn in 1910, much bigger than normal in those years. The extra room was to shelter horses for Sacred Heart Parish members while attending services in church.

Michael recalls as a young lad, he would unharness the horses, lead them in the barn, cover them up with horse blankets as the horses were wet and could get sick if they weren't dried off. Micheal always loved animals and he would water and feed them as people traveled many miles to worship at Sacred Heart. The stalls were all assigned by number for regular members and other patrons, for a small fee of a few dollars.

Farmers transporting their grains to mills in Stevens Point and Mosinee, such as wheat for flour and corn for corn meal, would stable and rest their horses here also in the barn, while the farmers would refresh themselves with large schooners of beer. Horses were well trained in those days, for after their drivers indulged themselves with a few beers, they would fall asleep on the way home, but their horses always got them home safely. Drunken driving stipends were never issued, and you never heard of any accidents on the road.

When Michael was a young lad he served as janitor at the church and would fire the furnaces under the church in order to get the church warm and cozy. On Saturday nights, Michael would sleep next to the furnace and stock the furnace all night long, as green wood was brought in



Mike and Eleanore Lepak homestead

payment of church stipends. The people traveling many miles were happy to warm up while attending church services. A monthly fee of \$10.00 was paid to the caretakers in those early years of 1920.

Michael recalls driving his horses to accommodate the priests to visit sick people in winter as no roads were plowed during those early days. Sink holes were very numerous in the spring also.

Mike and Eleanore purchased another 77 acres from Anton and Angeline Wenzel in 1976, just southwest of the original farm. With the help of their children, they farmed until 1980, selling the dairy herd and acquiring Registered Herefords in 1981, raising a valuable herd of beef cattle. These Herefords were disposed of in 1986, due to Mike being diagnosed with a serious illness, recently recovering completely.

As a young man, Mike was very strong and ambitious, no job too big or hard, especially helping others in time of need. Working as a woodsman, road constructor,

and building construction and connecting steel in large cathedrals and tall buildings. Besides farming his land, he was also employed at American Can and Weyerhaeuser Paper Mills for 38 years, retiring from Weyerhaeuser in 1978. He is a quarter century club member of American Can, member of Sacred Heart Parish and Polish Roman Catholic Organization of America, and Registered Polled Hereford Association.

Eleanore was employed at the former Mt. View Sanitorium and Marco Coop of Marathon for many years. She is active in church activities such as P.C.C.W., and adult choir. She is also a past 4-H leader and serves as election clerk for the town, and a member of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. Her ambition is baking home make bread, Christmans cookies and goodies and cooking many special meals polish style, including making kielbasa and kyska.

Lepaks were involved in foster care for a number of years, helping and caring for a number of foster boys.

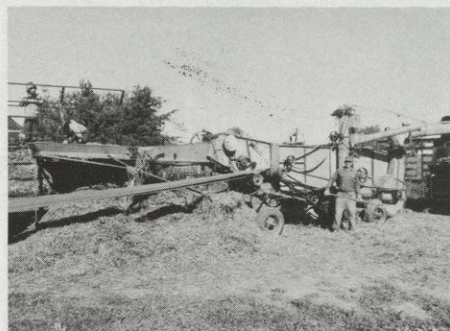
At present part of Lepaks farm is rented to neighbors. The children are involved in growing ginseng on some of the land with the parents.

Michael was born in 1913, of prominent parents, Stanley and Clara Lepak, a family of 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Eleanore was born in 1915 of distinguished parents, Frank and Jeannie Wadzinski, a family of 9 brothers and 5 sisters.



Mike and registered Herefords



Mike threshing straw



Mike and Eleanore Lepak family

Five children were born to Mike and Eleanore, 1 son and 4 daughters, blessing them with 7 grandsons and 6 granddaughters.

Their children are: Ralph Lepak (Cheryl) Racine, WI, V.P. of Penskey Truck Leasing; Sharon Wankey (Richard) Appleton, WI, Real Estate Agent; Judith Lepak, Marathon, WI, Cost Acct. Phillip Morris Kraft Foods; Jacquelyn Goodman (Thomas) Georgetown University Staff South West Texas; Cynthia Crochiere (Gerald) Wausau, WI, Director Sanitary Dist. Rib Mountain.

DOMINIC MARZYNSKI FARM

The Marzynski farm has been in the family for over one hundred years. In 1876, Joseph Nowak bought an 80 acre tract of land in the wilderness of central Wisconsin for a sum of \$120.

In 1889, this tract of land was sold to a cousin, Stanley Wadinski and his wife Hedwig. The couple began to homestead the property by building a small log house followed by a log barn. Many trees were cut for their own use as well as sold, depending what the market would hold. A large garden was cultivated for food. The main crop was potatoes. For meat, wild life was trapped. More land was cleared and used for agriculture. Cattle, pigs, and chickens were raised. Eventually Stanley and Hedwig raised a large family on this farm. The family outgrew the original log

house, so in 1898 a large nine room brick veneer house was built to replace it. The brick on the house cost four cents each. That house is still the residence on the farm, although it has undergone remodeling changes inside. Eventually, another 80 acres of wilderness, one-fourth mile north of the homestead, was purchased. This brought the farm total to 160 acres. In 1917, the log barn was replaced with a large roof beam structure. Over the years additions and improvements were made on the barn, including a restoration after a 1986 tornado damaged part of it. That barn is still standing today.



Marzynski Century Farm

In 1914, the one hundred sixty acres was divided. Forty acres were sold to a son Frank, who was already farming across the road. The remaining one hundred twenty acre plot was sold to a nephew, Leo, and his wife Clara. Leo also had been raised on the farm. Both Frank and Leo then had one hundred twenty acres on which to farm.

When Leo and Clara Wadinski took ownership of the farm, there still was a lot of clearing and breaking of the land to be done. The work had to be done with the aid of horses and hand plows. Tractors arrived on the scene in 1928. During these years the main source of income was from dairy cows. In 1943, an additional forty acres of land was purchased, bringing the homestead to a total of one hundred sixty acres. Most of the land was now under cultivation.

Leo and Clara had a family of seven daughters. The spring of 1929 marked the beginning of a difficult time period for the family. Leo found he was not able to do as much work as even his 11 year old daughter, Alvina. The local doctor diagnosed his illness as tuberculosis (TB). During the next five years, Leo was hospitalized while his wife and young daughters were left to run the farm. Adding to this difficult family situation were the factors of a national economic depression and periods of drought. Leo often said it took a good understanding wife for him to make a successful fight against TB, a dreaded and not well understood disease. After his hospitalization at Mount View Sanatorium in Wausau, he returned to oversee the farming operation. Since he was never



Raking hay so nothing was wasted



A lot of snow was not a problem for a good team of horses



The Christmas tree was not found in a lot with a price tag, it was found in the woods



1946 - a new forage chopper - taking the work out of haying



Farming techniques in the early 1960's needed a lot of working hands. The whole family help with the chores

1972, ginseng was introduced as a crop. It is the main crop today. Dairying has been discontinued.

Dominic and Dolores have three children. Dale, the oldest, is a graduate of Milwaukee School of Engineering. Diane graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Debra is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The children, along with Dolores, were a key element in operation of the farm because Dominic also worked for the James River Corporation in Wausau. The children remember their childhood full of hard work and much fun and adventures on the land. They were also very active in the 4-H Club program, using the farm resources for entries into the fair. All

again able to take on a full work load, the daughters continued doing much of the work. Alvina and Dolores seemed to be the chief engineers of field work, which was done with horses and later with the help of tractors. Many new types of machinery were brought into operation as new inventions were made. The other daughters did much of the milking and cleaning of the chicken coop and barn. During this time the silos were built and other improvements were made. Leo was also a politician, holding office as Town of Cassel chairman and Marathon County board chairman.

Since dairying was the main source of income for Leo and Clara, the price of milk was always of interest. A milk statement of October, 1937 showed the average price of milk per hundredweight was \$1.79. The total check for that date was \$98.39. Subtracted from that total were purchases for sixteen pounds of butter at \$5.92 (thirty-seven cents per pound) and two and one-half pounds of Brick cheese at \$.50 (twenty cents per pound). The take home pay equaled \$91.97.

On January 1, 1957, the farm again changed hands, this time to a daughter, Dolores, and her husband Dominic Marzynski. Dairy farming was the main

industry from the beginning of their ownership. Many improvements were made and a lot of new technology was introduced during their years on the farm. The fields were limed and soil fertility was improved. Crops such as alfalfa hay and corn were successfully raised. In



Dominic, Dolores, Dale, Diane and Debra - The Marzynski family

three children received many awards in various projects, demonstrations and public speaking contests. Dolores took an active role in her children's interests by being a 4-H leader for thirty-two years, continuing her leadership even after the children were grown. In 1986, she received the C.J. McCleavy Award, the highest honor given to a leader. In 1984, retirement brought a full time devotion to the ginseng business for Dominic, with time available for favorite activities such as polka dancing, watching high school sports and traveling.

Dolores and Dominic have traveled many places, especially enjoying trips to Poland and Israel. Dolores is also an active member of the Hillcrest Home-makers Club of Marathon.

Since 1876, this piece of central Wisconsin has seen four generations of ownership, each leaving a part of their sweat and pride on the land. From the wilderness, a prosperous, cultivated farming operation was carved becoming an asset to the community and the country.

A Century of Accomplishment

MATTHIAE DAIRY FARM, INC. CENTURY FARM "1990"

Louis George Matthiae and Anna F. Jost came to America with six children, Richard, Emma, Arthur, Lina and Max. They had four children in America, Martha, Anna, Rev. George and Maria. The family arrived on November 15, 1881 by boat. Louis was a blacksmith making wagon wheels and sleigh runners. They came from Leitzig "Kingdom of Saxony"



Richard and Otilia Matthiae



Log house in center where Richard Matthiae's children were born

Germany. They lived a short time there and then moving to Town of Cassel. Richard Louis Matthiae was born in the same city and came to the United States on November 15, 1881. He married Mary Schumacher on November 24, 1897. She died December 15, 1899. Then he married Otilia Heise on April 21, 1900. She died August 10, 1929.

Otilia never got to enjoy the convenience of electricity as it was made available to the area residents the same year she died. Richard died December 31, 1953, on the farm he built from scratch, his mission was fulfilled. Otilia's children were Adela (Al Hilgendorf), Ella (Reinhardt Radant), Edward (Ruth Woller), and Hilda (Arnold Oppel). The Matthiae children were born in a log house.

Edward Matthiae married Ruth Woller on October 18, 1930. They were blessed with eight children, Dorothy (deceased), Marvin (Angeline Steidinger), Elmer (deceased), Evelyn (Reuben Dehnel), Maynard (Shila Zumann), David (Gloria Hanke), Ruth Ann (Ronald Butalla), and



Edward Matthiae and his favorite pass time



Edward and Ruth Matthiae - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mark (Laurie Smith). Edward and Ruth also have 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Edward purchased the family farm from his father Richard in February of 1940. During the depression in 1932 Harry Pospychalla worked for the Matthiae's for something to eat and a place to sleep.

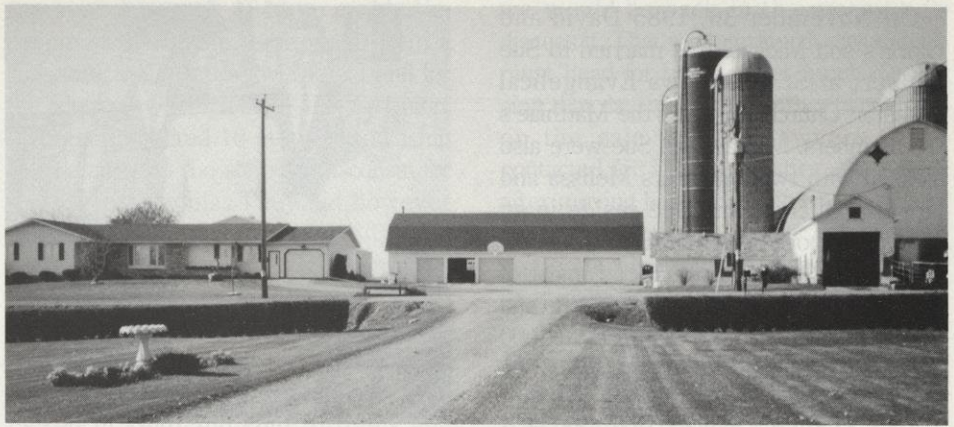
Edward worked at Menzner Lumber for many years as a teamster. He went to Daisy Dell School and later became clerk of the school for 11 years until it closed. Edward and Ruth Matthiae attended St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church. Here Edward was a member of the church council for thirty years, resigning because of ill health. Ruth is a charter member of Ladies Aid and Mission Circle and has also held several offices. At the present time she is president of Ladies Aid. Ruth also makes a quilt and set of bed sheets with crocheted edging for each of the grandchildren as a wedding shower gift.

Edward and Ruth purchased the Herbert Hanke farm in September of 1950. The farm was available and Edward purchased the farm with plans of future expansion. There were many improvements made as in 1957 the milking parlor and loafing barn were built. In 1958 the first Harvester was built. Also in June of 1963, Edward and Ruth made another purchase for expansion. They bought the William and Stella Benynek Farm. This farm was another adjoining piece of property to the Matthiae Farm. This was an exciting year for the Matthiae's as two sons were married. David was married to Gloria Hanke on June 16, 1963 and Maynard was married to Shila Zumann on September 28, 1963. David and Gloria were blessed with two children, Michael (Sue Seubert), and Michele (Jerome Natzke). Maynard and Shila were also blessed with three children, Tammy (a junior at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh), Kerri (a junior at Marathon High School), and Jason (a fifth grade student at Marathon Elementary School).

Two barns were lost in fire, the first one was on March 6, 1964 and the second was on June 28, 1967. After the fire a new 38 x 260' dairy barn was built, the barn houses 110 cows. We incorporated in November of 1969 as Matthiae Dairy Farms, Inc. In the corporation at the time was Edward and Ruth Matthiae, Maynard and Shila Matthiae.

The Matthiae's again improved the look of their farm by remodeling the entire home and adding an addition on the William Bedynek farm where Edward and Ruth retired. In 1976 and 1977 new homes were built by David and Gloria and Maynard and Shila. Edward Matthiae died on November 23, 1983.

The Matthiae's herd was the first herd in Marathon County to reach the 800 lbs. of fat and 20,943 lbs. of milk. Through this achievement we have established the market for selling bulls and heifers home and abroad to Germany and other countries where our forefathers came. As an example, the cow pictured below, has 32 living offspring, and is one of our elite flush cows for embryo's.



Maynard & Shila & Matthiae Dairy Farm



David & Gloria Matthiae home



Michael Matthiae family - Michael, Sue, Melissa and Kristen



Mrs. Ed Matthiae and Michael and Sue Matthiae home



Maynard, Shila, Tammy, Kerri and Jason Matthiae



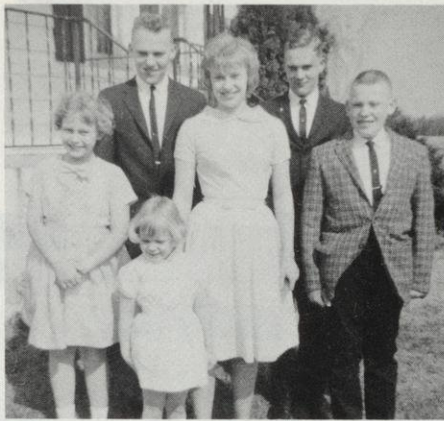
David and Gloria Matthiae family

On November 30, 1985 David and Gloria's son Michael was married to Sue Seubert at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church where all the Matthiae's are members. Michael and Sue were also blessed with two daughters Melissa and Kristen. Michael and Sue reside in an apartment above Ruth Matthiae.

Matthiae Dairy Farms, Inc., consist of the following Maynard and Shila, David and Gloria, Michael and Sue Matthiae. In 1990 the Century Farm Award was given to Maynard, Shila, David, Gloria, Michael and Sue Matthiae.

JOE AND ANNA MICHALEWICZ

Joe and Anna Michalewicz were born in Poland and each came to the U.S. in their late teens. They met and married in Chicago where a daughter, Lottie Burger was born. They moved to Racine and Sophie Stanley was born. Staying there a few years, they moved to Colorado where Marie Simon was born. Stanley was born after they moved back to Chicago. They then bought a farm in Range Line and Josephine Adamski was born. In 1927 they moved to the Town of Cassel increasing the family by four more children, Frances Petrowski, Florence Weisenberger, Edward and Agnes Needham. In 1936 they bought the Charles and Rose Kordus farm which consisted of 80 acres, a 40 x 76 ft barn built in 1935. An adjacent 80 acres was added in 1944. In 1951, 160 acres were purchased from Ed Nowack, and in 1953 the farm was sold to Stanley and his wife Rose Anne. The Nowack barn was moved and attached to the home barn in 1963. The entire structure was destroyed by fire in 1986 and a new 38 x 180 barn with milk house was erected. Stanley and Rose Anne have seven children: Sally, John, Lynn, Karen, David, Kathy, Sue and Richard. At



April 10, 1966 - Kathleen, Donald, Karen, James, Thomas, Kristine

present, the farm is being transferred to their son, David.

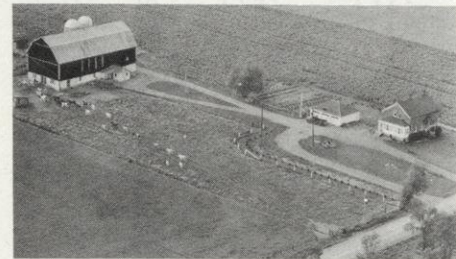
LEO MICHALSKI FARM

Owners: L. Pospychalla 1897-1918, Julius Michalski 1918-1943, Leo Michalski 1943-1973. N1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 20. Township of Cassel, 80 acres. The first entry on abstract states that Pursuant to an act of Congress March 3, 1855, in relation to Bounty Lands there has been deposited in the general land office, 120 acres in favor of Robert Bowdish, a private in War of 1812. Dated Janaury 16, 1860, it was assigned by Bowdish to Winslow P Burham, who died November 7, 1885 in Michigan. The land was willed to his wife Rachel. February 22, 1886, Bill of sale consideration for \$4,700 to Charles Harger to cut and remove all pine timbers, growing on property within 3 years, and rights to construct roads necessary for logging said timber.

March 10, 1897, land sold to L. M. Pospychalla and his wife. They erected a sturdy triple layer brick - 2 story house in 1904 and a 36 x 90 hip roof barn, exact date unknown. It may have been 1909 when a mortgage was given for \$1,500 to



1959 - Leo Michalski, Jerome Riehle, David Riehle, Patricia Riehle, Donald Michalski, Karen Michalski, James, Thomas & Kathy Michalski



Leo Michalski farm - 1953

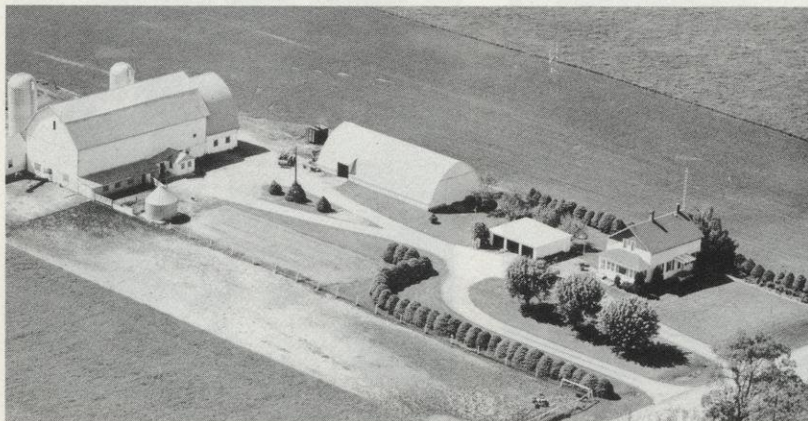
Bank of Edgar.

1918, land was purchased by Julius & Josephine Michalski. Julius came from Poland at age 20. Josephine born in township of Rib Falls, daughter of Rose (Wenzel) and Frank Krause. They lived in Rib Falls a few years then Ironwood, Michigan. Julius worked in an iron mine there, until returning here and purchasing the farm. At that time they had 7 children 1-12 years of age: Clara, Theresa, Cecelia, Leopold, Walter, Lucille and Susan. Six more were born on the farm: Gertude, Eleanor, Lorraine, Vivian, Frumence and Arlene. With the exception of Leopold "Leo" none farmed during their adult lifetime.

June 1943, the farm was sold to Leo. Julius and Josephine lived there with their three youngest still in high school, until Leo married Marietta Riehle, June 1944. Their remaining years, Julius & Josephine lived in Milwaukee. Julius died in 1949 and Josephine in 1952.

1945-1962 - Six children were born to Leo and Marietta. Donald, Karen, James, Thomas, Kathleen and Kristine. Also 3 foster children were cared for 1944-1959. They were Jerome, David and Patricia Riehle. Patricia who married John Wesolowski farmed in the town of Cassel until 1988.

June 1943 - Buildings consisted of a sturdy brick house, a large but primitive barn. Also, numerous out buildings, all in need of removal. Herd consisted of about 16 milk cows, young stock, sows, large



Leo Michalski farm - 1970

flock of chickens, using about 1/4 of barn space a few sheep and 2 horses. In the fall of 1943, drinking cups were installed in the barn. Water pumped by gas motor installed in basement of house to a holding tank in hay loft. Also, cold water faucet in the kitchen was installed. Before that time, animals had to be released to an outside tank where water was pumped by hand (in all kinds of weather), or some was carried to the barn 250 ft. from the well. Also, about 1/2 of the barn was cemented in 1943 and the rest was done in 1944, and the first milking machine run by gas motor until electric service was completed past the farm, which was August 1944.

In the fall of 1944, Septic tanks were installed. One of the first in the area.

1946-1948 the house was remodeled, replastered, wood and coal furnace installed, hot water heater and complete bathroom. 1951 back porch enclosed and in 1956 a gas furnace was installed. In 1962, white and redwood siding with insulation installed over brick on house and new front porch. 1953-1956, landscaping done. 72 black hills spruce, maples, weeping birch and ornamented foundation plantings. In 1953, a telephone line was completed past the farm, this was the first time a phone was installed in the house. We also bought 35 acres in section 21, town of Cassel from Anton Joswiak. 1949-1970, 3 car garage built, also machine shed, 3 silos, 3 barn additions and numerous inside remodeling of barn, milk house, with milk tank install in 1962 and milk sold for Grade A market. The milking herd increased from 16 to 49 milk cows. All sheep, hogs, and chicken operations discontinued. Horses were traded off for a 2nd tractor.

In January of 1973 Leo diagnosed as having Parkinsons disease. He retired in June of 1973, sold the farm to Glen Hoffman and his wife Louise and moved to newly built retirement home on section 21 of which 1-1/4 acre was reserved for that purpose when farm was sold. Leo died in March of 1985.

Also included in the farmland holdings were 80 acres in section 16. This 80 acres was bought by Julius Michalski in 1942 from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. They aquired it at a Sheriff sale in 1940. At that time, it had a small frame house and hip roof barn. The barn was dismantled and re-erected elsewhere in 1946. Later the house was dismantled also.

Regarding this parcel of land, as stated in the abstract "By an act of Congress,

approved August 6, 1846, to enable the people of Wisconsin territory to form a constitution and state government and for the admission of such state into the union, sections numbered 16 in every township were granted to the state of Wisconsin for the use of schools. They did however except payment of this land from Charles Klein. Dated December 29, 1873 mortgage foreclosed in 1885. Sold in 1890 to Roman and Frank Nowak. It then changed ownership many times, most recent to John & Irene Burger in 1925 before being foreclosed in 1940 and sold to Julius and Josephine Michalski, then to Leo Michalski in 1943 and Glen and Louise Hoffman in 1973.

David Riehle volunteered into the army serving 1954-1957. His overseas time was spent in Germany.

Jerome Riehle served 2 years. His overseas time was served in Korea.

GLENN AND LOUISE HOFFMAN

We moved to the town of Cassel in June of 1973, having bought the Leo Michalski farm "lock, stock and barrel." We always felt we were "divinely" guided to this farm. Especially after hearing other stories about looking for that perfect farm, for years. We came to Wisconsin in November of 1972, with four days, and 17 farms lined up to see. Leo's farm was not on our agenda. He didn't even have it listed. After spending some time at a farm down the road from Leo's, we stopped at Ken Lepak's farm to ask about more land for sale in the neighborhood. He sent us to Leo & Mariettas. It was late afternoon, and they wanted to get ready for milking. Glenn went to the barn and Louise went through the house with Marietta. We said

we would be back in the morning to discuss it. That was our fourth day and we must head for home. After much discussion that day, we parted with a handshake on the sale and our lawyers to be contacted for all the legalities. We heard, after moving here, that Leo had an opportunity to make more money by selling to someone else, but he was true to his handshake.

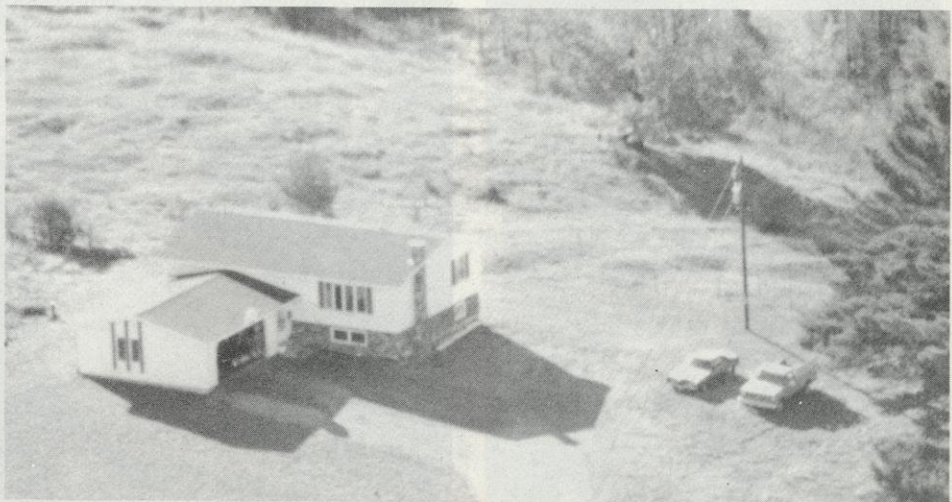
We had four children when we moved - Debi, Steve, George and Ben. After 7-1/2 years in Wisconsin the Lord gave us a true born Wisconsinite - Maria.

While Leo and Marietta had made a beautiful and successful farm here, we found we had to make some changes to keep up with the times. We added on to the barn, 56' in 1975. During 1978-1979, we added 2 Harvestore silos. In 1980 we built a bigger milk house and put an addition on the house. By 1983 we had to put on another barn addition to milk more cows, to help pay for all this! That same year we built our 100 stall heifer barn. 1990 was a year of excess hay crop, so we built another stave silo.

In the summer of 1976, our family became the George Washington Family on weekends. We represented the town of Cassel in the parades in Wausau, Edgar, Athens and Marathon. What fun we had.

LEO MICHIG FAMILY

The Leo Michlig family purchased PT of NE1/4 NE1/4 Sec. 21-28-05 from Lloyd Lang in 1977. That same year in November, a Stratford Home was built on the 2.2 acres. The family members are Leo Sr., Janice, Leo Jr., Julie, Gerard, Mark and Paul.



Leo Michlig home



Leo Michlig family

GARY AND ANGIE MRO CZENSKI FARM

Originally deeded to Winslow Burkans by United States in 1857, for service with Mississippi volunteers in the war with Mexico.

John Sellung purchased it from Albert and Ida Young in 1911, and sold it to Mike Mroczenski in 1944.

Mike sold the farm to his son Gary and daughter-in-law Angela in 1986.



1st tractor on Mike's farm - 1949]



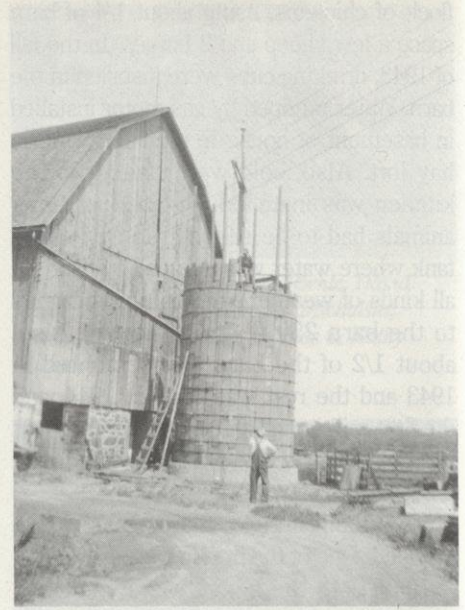
farm in 1969

EDWARD POSPYCHALA FARM

On December 6, 1946 - we bought the farm and personal property from Ed's folks. We had a family of three, Joan, Ed and Rick. They graduated from Sacred Heart School of Cassel and Marathon High School. In 1976 we quit farming and rented our land. Now we are retired and live on the farm.

MILO AND MURIEL KIRSTEIN PYAN PROPERTY

Charles and Anna Kirstein purchased this land in Section 11 & 12 Township 28 N Range 5 in the Town of Cassel in 1917 and 1918. The barn was built about 1918



Mike erecting a silo in 1946

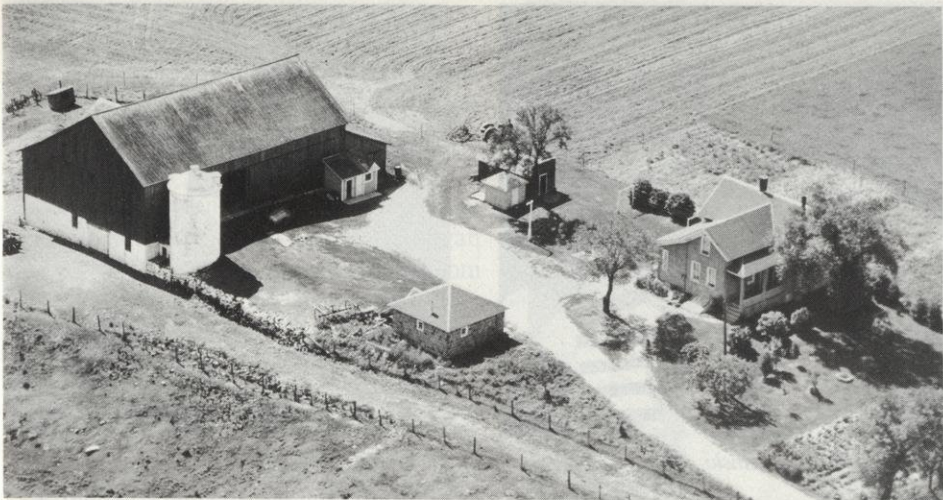
with the silo being added in 1924. The house was built in 1922. The farm consists of about 140 acres with 35 acres cleared. At one time there was also a chicken barn, pig barn and a blacksmith shop. Today only the house and one shed remain. Besides farming, Charles Kirstein also logged in the northern woods.

Milo and Muriel Kirstein purchased the farm and worked it for about ten years after which time they rented it out for several years.

Muriel's grandfather, Sebastian Kirstein, once owned land in 1882 in the Town of Cassel in section 16.



Mike Mroczenski family - Charles, Thomas, Gary, Ronald, Cheryl, Mike, Vernà & Carol



Edward and Jessie Pospychala farm

AGNES STARZINSKI & JOSEPH GAVINSKI

3516 Hwy "N", Marathon. Agnes a life-time resident of the Town of Cassel. She was Agnes Bargender until she married Peter Starzinski on February 14, 1942. They purchased a farm from Ignatz and Mary Starzinski now the residence of Gary and Janet Starzinski. They have six children - 5 daughters - Suzanne Metz - Alvina Lutz, Mary Jane Sydow - Betty Blume - Beverly Kafka and 1 son - Gary Starzinski.

Peter built and operated a gas station in the village of Edgar and later sold it to



Peter Starzinski's logging days

John Krause. Peter and Agnes operated a dairy farm for 35 years. Peter worked for the Town of Cassel on the road crew plowing roads, etc. He also did custom work such as logging. Peter ran a pea viner for Athens Canning Company for a number of years until the factory closed. He passed away May 17, 1977.

Agnes continued to farm 280 acres raising heifers and growing ginseng. She was active in the Sacred Heart Parish Council when Father Rafacz was pastor. During that time the new church was built. Agnes was in charge of planning the church picnics and activities.

The children attended Sacred Heart Catholic School in Cassel until it closed. They were all active in 4-H, Agnes also participated often as project leader. The children all attended Marathon High School and college.

Agnes married Joe Gavinski of Bevent on August 7, 1987. He has six daughters. Joe retired from Wisconsin Fuel and Light in 1990 after working there 30 years. Joe is a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Agnes and Joe are still active in farming and growing ginseng. They have 23 grandchildren.



Agnes and Joe's home



Starzinski family



Agnes and Peter Starzinski - 1942



Agnes and Joe - 1987



MR. AND MRS. PETER STARZINSKI

Lesson Sponsored by Cassel 4-H Credited with Saving Life

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Starzinski, Route 1, Marathon, expressed their gratitude to the Cassel 4-H Club for sponsoring a special meeting at which Marathon Fire Chief Mynard Jahnke, and Wausau Assistant Fire Chief Frank Kluever demonstrated the proper technique of Rescue Breathing.

Mrs. Starzinski received the knowledge at this meeting and using quick thinking, she and her husband were credited with saving the life of Edward Dor-

schmidt as he became unconscious at the auction of his farm. After noticing the man's condition, Mr. and Mrs. Starzinski took turns applying mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The Club will, again, sponsor an informal meeting on Rescue Breathing at the Sacred Heart School Hall, Cassel, in June, at which time they invite all interested persons to attend. The definite date will be announced later.

Francis Skrzybczak and Peter Starzinski

GARY AND JANET STARZINSKI

3868 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon. In 1921, Gary's grandfather and grandmother, Ignatz and Mary Starzinski purchased our farm from Richard Miller. Apparently, the house we live in now was built sometime in the 1930's. It has been remodeled several times since then.

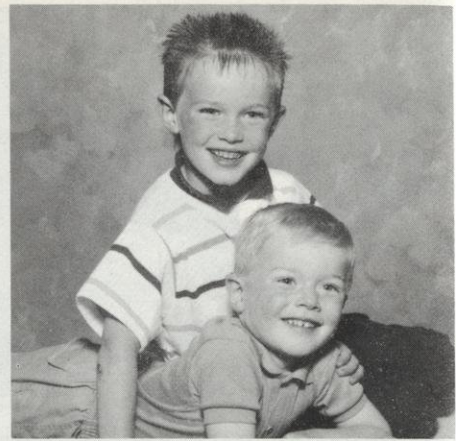
In 1946, Peter and Agnes Starzinski, Gary's father and mother, purchased this farm. In 1980, Gary and Janet purchased the farm.



Ignatz and Mary Starzinski



Gary and Janet Starzinski



Ricky and Andy Starzinski



Starzinski farm - 1940's

Gary has been a resident of Cassel most of his life, living a short time in Stevens Point while attending college and in Wausau after graduation.

In 1976, Gary, along with Gene Wadzinski, another Cassel resident and lifelong friend, began Central Wisconsin Soil Specialists, S.C., a soils and environmen-



Starzinski farm - 1986

tal consulting business. In 1978, he began growing ginseng along with other family members. In 1981, Blu-Star Dairy was formed, a partnership with Gary's sister Betty and her husband Larry Blume. We discontinued with the dairy business in 1986, but currently raise registered beef cattle. In 1987, Gary and Janet began Star-Lite Shiitake, a gourmet mushroom growing and marketing business.

Janet was raised in Little Chute, Wisconsin and lived a short time in Milwaukee and Wausau before marrying Gary in 1979. She has worked as a Sales Merchandiser since 1983 for Personal Products Company/Johnson & Johnson, covering a territory of approximately 60 mile radius of Wausau.

Gary and Janet have two sons, Richard (Ricky) born in 1985 and Andrew (Andy) born in 1987.

LAWRENCE AND BETTY BLUME

3717 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon. Larry and Betty have lived together in the Town of Cassel since their marriage on October 6, 1979. They purchased property which once belonged to Betty's great-grandparents.

John and Anna Starzinski purchased the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 15 in 1892. They had five children - Ignatz, Paulina, Anthony, John and Anna. In 1901 they sold this property to their son Ignatz and his wife Mary (Sekorski).

Ignatz and Mary built and lived in the existing house with their eight children - Margaret Erdman, Mary Teresinski, Lucille Kruesel, Clara Drewek, John, Stanley, Alex, and Peter Starzinski.

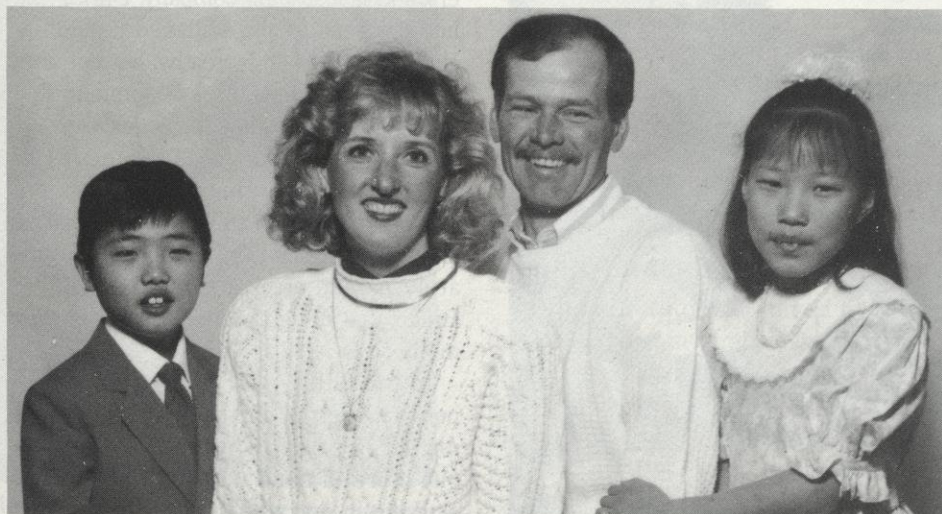
Betty Blume is the daughter of Peter and Agnes Starzinski. Larry and Betty



John and Anna Starzinski family



Lawrence and Betty Blume home



Lawrence, Betty, Lauralyn and Benjamin

totally renovated the house built by Betty's grandparents. They have two children - Lauralyn and Benjamin.

VERLYN AND JANE ROSS

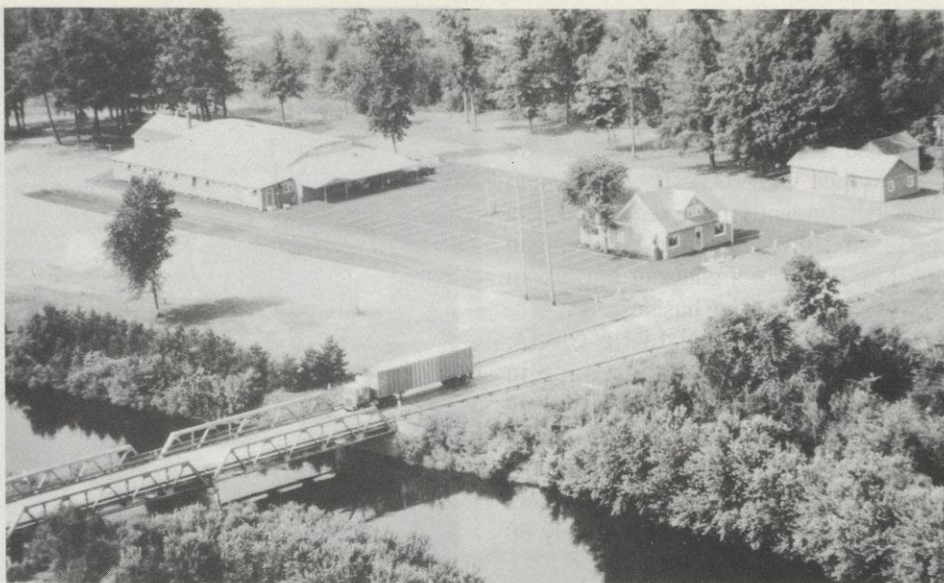
3829 Scotch Creek Road, Marathon

"Ross Rock Ranch" owned by Verlyn and Jane Ross, located in section 3. The 80 acre farm was purchased at an auction on October 10, 1956 from Albert Pagel, former owner, also known to many as the George Cramer farm. Moving onto premises November 6, 1956, with only a cat as occupant. In October of 1957, we purchased six heifers and several calves. With sharing machinery with neighbors, crops were planted and harvested which was our beginning into farming. September, 1958 we began shipping milk to Cassel Gardens Cheese Factory. More machinery and tractors were purchased as finances provided, with remodeling of barn and building of first silo in 1961. As the boys grew to create an interest in farming, the herd increased as well. Upon Roger's high school completion (1969) and farm short course at UW Madison, he joined in partnership with Verlyn, installing modern milking equipment. In 1973, another farm plot was purchased in the township of Cassel, thus having need to expand all operations. More land was purchased in Rib Falls township to total more than 1000

acres. The youngest son Robert, having completed four years at UW Madison in Agri-Engineering joined the partnership in 1985, having a need to acquire more acres and building to compensate incomes for three households. In 1989 the farm adjoining the home plot was purchased, in need for housing of our crowded animals on other farms. We labeled it "Scotch Creek Acres." The additional farm houses are rental. Roger and Debbie and children Robin and Richard purchased farm from Hartways in 1978, corner of "S" and 29 and built an earth sheltered home on premises. A few years ago ginseng production was added to the dairy industry.

Our family includes one daughter Kathryn. She married Ervin Kufahl in 1970 and lives in Green Bay. A graduate of UW Green Bay, she now is employed at Brown Company Social Services. Roger, married Debbie Hartway in 1974, they have two children, Robin and Richard. Randall, married Sharon Jagodinski in 1974, they have a son Ryan. Ricky, married Sara Justice in 1987. Graduate of UW Madison, Chemical Engineering employed at IBM in Minneapolis, MN. Robert, married Kathaleen Urban in 1986. They have a son Andrew and farm the "Blue Star Dairy" farm formerly "Ed Baumans" farm located north of Rib Falls.

October 10, 1956 was indeed a great milestone in our lives, and has proven to be a blessing for the whole Ross family. We are actively involved in the life of St. Stephen ELC congregation in Edgar, Wisconsin.



Rib River bridge in front of ballroom

RIB RIVER BALLROOM

Built in July of 1933 by Charlie Kirstein. In 1937 Bill Voigt bought it and sold it in 1957 to his daughter Verna and her husband Charlie Prihoda. Up until then, the ballroom was used mostly for dances, private and public. With dances on the decline in the early 60's, Verna and Charlie built a kitchen onto the ballroom to serve wedding dinners and meetings. The ballroom was sold once more in 1980 to Daniel and Armella Kramer who still own it today and hope to sell it in 1991 to their son; Jack Kramer. Jack manages and lives at the ballroom with his wife Anne and children Philip and Charlotte.

Today the ballroom is very popular for weddings, anniversaries, meetings and

banquets. The facility is open all year round and can seat up to 500 people for a banquet meal. It houses Central Wisconsin's longest horse shoe bar which is 92 feet long. It is estimated that in the 58 years of service to the community that over 3,000 couples have had their wedding receptions at Rib River.

The Kramers would like to thank the people from the Town of Cassel for their support for the past 58 years.

ROBERT AND TRACI SCHUMACHER

3759 Hwy 107 S, Marathon. For the past three years we have been doing business in the town of Cassel, and on December 1, 1989, we finally moved into our new home to become full fledged tax payers.

You may know us better as "Schumacher's Family Tree Nursery." For those of you who don't know us, we are a nursery and landscaping company. During the holiday season you will find us selling christmas trees and wreaths, but not until after deer hunting. As I understand it, I am not the only widow that week.

We have one daughter named Ami Leigh, who very much enjoys country living and her numerous pets. Her favorite being her dog "Bingo" appropriately named after a song call "Bingo, Bingo you naughty dog" - just ask her mother!

In the future we hope to expand the nursery sales lot and perhaps get into the market of selling flowers and/or a small gift store of hand made crafts. I enjoy working in our wood working shop very much.



Rib River Ballroom

ANTHONY SCHILLING

Anthony Schilling was born on April 7, 1833 at Eppishausen Oberbaieon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schilling, living in a two-story white stone house, which in habitable condition with his oldest sister's grandson's family still living there. From his meager earnings of a penny a day, he saved enough to come to America at the age of 21. He made the voyage in a sail ship being forty days auf "Hober Sea." Several parties of his home town emigrated with him, one of them being Crescentia Meyers, to whom he was united in marriage at New York on August 28, 1854.

His brother, Romuald (Robert), his wife, and two children also sailed with them. They were extremely poor. The men worked in the boat yards, and the women did sewing to earn money. They had a son and a daughter. When the baby was nine days old, the mother died. Romuald also lost his wife and his two children. After placing his children in an orphanage, and going to visit them, found out that they too, had died.

Then the two brothers, being all alone, decided to leave, and headed West. They traveled as far as their money would take them, reaching the Mississippi River. They traveled from New Ulm to New Orleans working on the boats. When they again had earned enough money, they headed Northeast on foot. They arrived in Mosinee, Wisconsin on June 19, 1859. There they joined with other people from Pittsburgh and traveled ten miles from



Henry and Emma Schilling and daughters, Hilda and Lillian

Mosinee each finding an 80 acre piece of land lying two miles apart Southward from the village of Marathon. They were also given a claim to a lot in the village of Marathon.

Now they got busy hewing timber to make a clearing. The hewn timber they trimmed and carried to the places where the house and barn were to be erected. Words fail to convey what hardships they met with. That part of the country was still a wilderness, a dense forest where almost every species of wild animals were to be found. Roads were unknown, foot trails led from place to place, they also chipped off bark from the trees in order to guide the travelers. When the raising of the house and barn was to take place, people were invited to come from all the country around to assist in the work. But only two men arrived on the appointed day, the rest lost their way in the dense forest and arrived one, two and even three days after time; all hungry and fatigued not having had any nourishment or rest since they left their homes.

Anthony and Robert worked together on one place for several weeks, and then on the other. Cooking, eating, and sleeping, all had to be done in the open air until the little log house, consisting of a small kitchen and two small bedrooms was completed. The short nights rest which they took, was not unfrequently inter-

rupted by the visit of a bear, wolf, wildcat, etc. Anthony used to tell of this in later years, that for many years his first job after rising usually was to free the premises of wild beasts, before the children were permitted to leave the house. With a piece of fire wood in his hand, he began the chase. Several times Anthony compelled a bear to give up a domestic animal, which he had stolen. After they had completed a barn and a house on each of their properties, they both decided to try to remarry. They divided the money they had on hand, a whole sum of fourteen cents each.

Anthony married Margaret Fischer. They were married in Marathon City on February 8, 1864 in a little log church by Reverend Lutz (the first resident priest at St. Mary's). They had thirteen children, seven boys and six girls. Nine of them grew into adulthood. Among the achievements on the farm, they acquired more acreage, built the first cream cheese factory in Marathon County, and had four wells dug. In 1913, Anthony and his wife retired and moved into their home which was erected in the village. Today this house is still lived in by Mrs. Franke.

The log home on the farm was destroyed by fire and the new brick house was erected in the early 1900's. This house is still lived in today. Their youngest son, Henry, who was married to



Anthony and Margaret Schilling and daughter, Sister Everildus

Emma Heilmann, moved onto the farm. Anthony and Margaret celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Anthony died September 22, 1921 and Margaret died September 15, 1924.

Henry and Emma had eight children and lived on the farm. The eldest is Lillian, who married Philip Frey, Hildegard, who married Lawrence Phillip, Elda, who married Walter McHugh, Ralph, who married Margaret Schulte, Silvia, who married John Rogen, Marvin, who married Angie Schawmann, Francis, who married Rosallie Streveler and Celine, who married Richard Seubert Jr.

After Henry's death, Marvin and his mother continued farming. The farm was in the Schilling name for 120 plus years. Henry died at the age of 72 in October of 1952. Emma died at the age of 89 in April of 1977. Marvin died in his sleep on March 28, 1982. Ralph died of cancer February of 1988.

Marvin lost his right hand in September of 1959 on the farm. He was known to be the state champion sheep shearer, and he was able to continue with his left hand.

Celine Schilling Seubert received a heart transplant at the University of Minnesota on August 16, 1987. The transplant was the 136th performed there. To date, January of 1991, the transplant has proved successful.

ALLEN SCHUSTER FARM

Alphonse and Irene Schuster purchased a farm in April of 1942. It came with 120 acres of land. They started out with approximately eight milking cows and eventually purchased young heifers to add to the herd. They started out with very little, because of it being war time they



Henry Schilling family

could not afford to buy new equipment and what they did have was operated by horses.

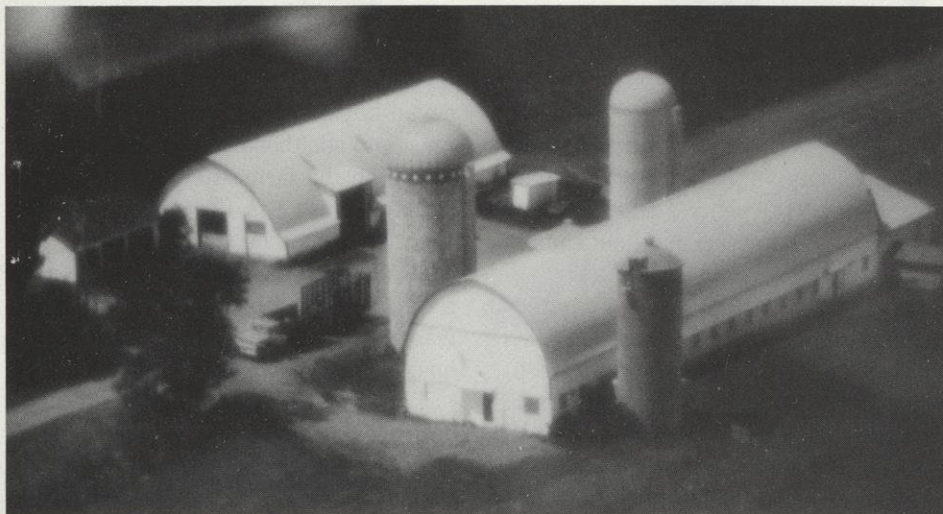
In 1962, they were able to put up a larger barn. They tore most of the old barn down and then burned the remaining flooring off. When rebuilding the new barn they cut most of the timber from their own woods. The new barn measured 36 feet wide by 136 feet long, compared to the old barn that was 34 feet wide by 90 feet long. Eventually they added three silos, one at a time. In 1968 they built a machine shed for farm equipment to be stored and a small section for cattle.

Alphonse and Irene had four children.

Two daughters and two sons. Ernestine Grohall, Allen Schuster, Jean Reisner and Norbert Schuster.

Allen took over the farm for his dad in 1974. At the time there was a total of 200 acres, 67 milking cows and about 20 heifers. In 1977 Allen had to replace the machine shed after it was destroyed by a tornado.

On July 25, 1990, the barn was destroyed by a fire. Also destroyed were 47 cows, 1 bull, approximately 3400 bales of hay, 100 bales of straw and shavings used for bedding. Some equipment was



Allen Schuster farm 1979



farm after fire in July of 1990



1991 new barn

also destroyed, a corn picker, gravity box, hay elevator, a couple of hay racks, post hole digger and other miscellaneous items.

Allen rebuilt a new barn that measures 36 feet wide by 168 feet long. He started out with 12 cows, that were not milking at the time of the fire and were out in the pasture, plus 31 others that he purchased.

Allen has two children, Allen Mark married to Bonnie Grys and Ann Marie married to Michael Normand. Allen also has two grandchildren, Kaylea Carol Normand and Nickolaus Allen Schuster and a step granddaughter Ashley Grys.

Allen Mark currently farms with his father and some day he will take over the farm and hopefully someday he will pass it on to his son Nickolaus.

ALEX SKRZYPCAK FARM

Alex Skrzypcak bought the 80 acres N1/2 of SW1/4 of Section 33, Township of Cassel on August 31, 1941 from the C.C. DeLong Estate.

1946 - Joe Griesmer sold the 80 acres with the buildings to Martin Skrzypcak.

1952 - Martin Skrzypcak sold the 80 acres and buildings to Alex and Doris Skrzypcak.

1953 - a new house was built.



1946 before improvements



Alex and Doris Skrzypcak farm as is in 1991



Marvin Skrzypcak farm

MARVIN SKRZYPCAK

The Marvin Skrzypcak farm has been in the family for 115 years. It was bought in 1876 from Wisconsin Valley Railroad Company by his grandfather John Rodman and his wife Josephine Joswiak Rodman. They had seven children: Charles, Michael, Roman, Mary, Margaret, Francis and Helen (his mother). They farmed until John's death in 1900. His wife and children farmed until July 14, 1917 when it was purchased by Martin and Helen (Rodman) Skrzypcak. They had six children: Alex, Louie (drowned in 1936), Delores Schueller, Cecilia, Lillian Burish and Marvin.

In 1963, the farm was bought by their son and his wife Marvin and Kathy (Horacek) Skrzypcak. They have four children, Lori Krause, Mark, Terri and Scott.

Marvin's father Martin was born in 1891 - the same year the township of Cassel was formed.

Three Boys Drown In Gravel Pit Thur.

The entire community was shocked Thursday afternoon when the sad news spread that three boys were drowned and a fourth narrowly escaped a similar death when a raft which they were floating in a gravel pit capsized.

The accident took place near the Filmore school in the town of Cassel about 8 miles south west from Marathon. The dead are John Nowak, 10; Marvin Seliger, 11; and Louis Skrzypcak, 14.

Louis Skrzypcak, was born May 2, 1921, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Skrzypcak and is survived by his parents, one brother Alexander, two sisters, Delores and Cecilia, and his grandmother Mrs. Josephine Mallock.

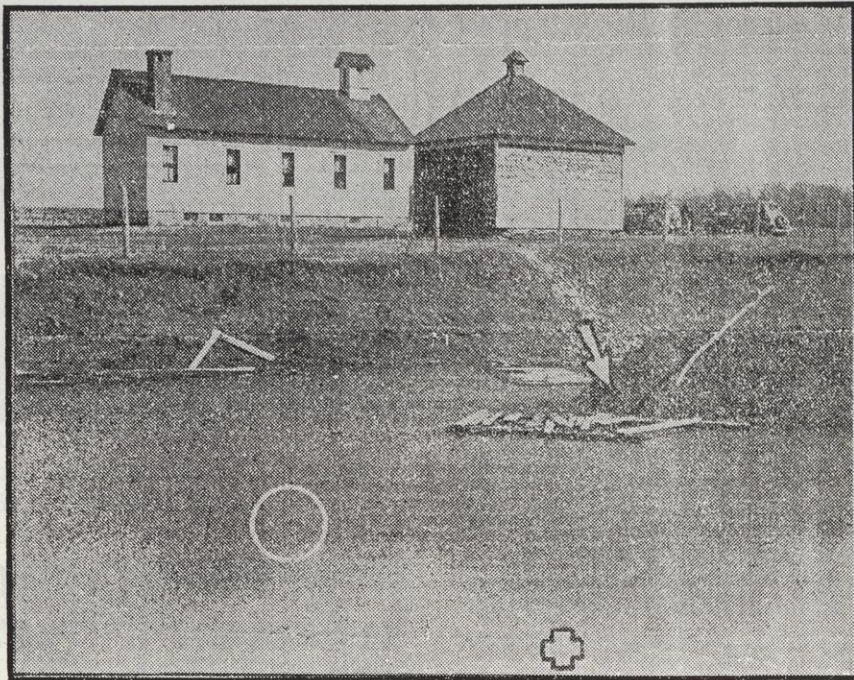
Marvin Seliger, was born May 28, 1924, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Seliger and is survived by his parents, 5 brothers, Lenard, Arnold, Melvin, Cyril and Philip; two sisters, Hildgard and Ruth, his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michlig and Mrs. Francis Seliger.

John Nowak, was born January 14, 1926, a son of Mrs. Helen Nowak and is survived by his mother, 2 sisters, Marcella and Dorothy, 2 brothers, Alexander and Henry, and his grandparents Mrs. Joseph Nowak and Carl Lepak.

Funeral services for Marvin Seliger will be held at St. Mary's church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and for Louis Skrzypcak and John Nowak Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart church in the town of Cassel.

The entire community joins in with the Times is extending their sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives in their sorrow.

Gravel Pit Claims Three School Boys



TRAGIC SCENE AT FILLMORE SCHOOL, TOWN OF CASSEL

Marvin Seliger, Louis Skrzypchak, and John Nowak were on the raft shown by the arrow, and the raft was near the point marked with a cross in the above picture, when another school mate, Norman Karlen, leaped from the shore to the raft, upsetting it. The boys tumbled into the water at about the point marked with the circle. Karlen got back to shore, then grabbed the raft and boarded it after giving it a shove, crossed to the ridge shown by the arrow to signal the teacher, Joseph Fons, of the predicament of his schoolmates. The smaller raft on the farther shore is a door torn from a barn and was used by Joseph Fons in his attempt to rescue the three victims of the gravel pit pond.



Anton Skrzypchak's barn burned down in 1955



Anton and Anna Skrzypchak - 40th Wedding Anniversary in 1967

Mary (Adamski), Valeria (Olson), Marlene (Deiningner), Virginia (Bednorski), Eunice (Hanson), Edward, David, Francis, Roland and Dale on this farm also. In 1969, they purchased the Joseph Havolvick farm on Soda Creek Road.

In 1984 the farm was sold to Roland and Dale. Roland married Lyn Hurtis on September 11, 1971 and they reside on the farm on Soda Creek Road with their three children Christopher (June 25, 1974), Nathanael (May 25, 1977) and Laurie (May 31, 1980).

SKRZYPCHAK CENTURY FARMS

4014 Flamingo Land and 3766 Soda Creek Road.

Present Owners: Roland and Dale Skrzypchak.

Bought in 1877 by Martin and Cecelia Skrzypchak. They raised their children Martin, Anton, Roney, John, Anna and Celia on this farm.

Anton served in World War I in France in 1917. He married Anna Bargender on November 22, 1927. He took over farming on Flamingo Lane from his father in 1927. Anton and Anna raised their children



Anton and Anna Skrzypchak



Martin and Cecelia Skrzypchak Sr.



Roland and Lyn Skrzypchak - Chris, Nathanael, Laurie



Dale and Doreen Skrzypchak - Dale Jr., Nicole, Anna

Dale married Doreen Cherek on November 2, 1985 and they reside on the home farm on Flamingo Lane with their two children Dale Jr. (January 1, 1987) and Nicole (December 6, 1988).

STANLEY AND ELSIE SZYMANSKI

Stanley and Elsie bought the farm in 1941, and have lived there ever since. They were blessed with 3 boys: Stanley Jr., Terry and Thad and 3 girls: Sandra, Jacki and Patty. Stanley was a school teacher. He taught school 44 years and coached 25 years. He enjoyed the farm and he called it his hobby farm which he did every day before and after school and spent his summer doing all the farming on 280 acres.



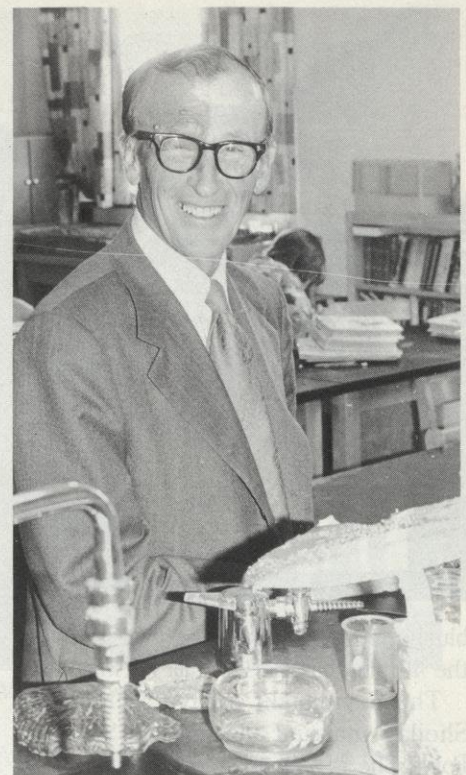
Stanley and Elsie Szymanski



working in the ginseng gardens

Later, he became Vice President on the Stettin Mutual Insurance Company board of directors from 1984 - 1986 and was a Director from 1970 - 1990. He was presented with an award for serving 20 years with the Insurance Company. As a result of his injury he had to resign.

Stanley and Elsie have 18 grand children and three great-grandchildren. Elsie worked at the Marathon High School for 22 years. She did the baking from scratch with the commodities which the school had gotten from the U.S.D.A.



Stanley in Biology class

STAN SZYMANSKI JR FARM

On September 5, 1964, Stan Szymanski and Angela Burger were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Edgar. We lived on a small farm on Highway 107 near Marathon for 2 years. We purchased the 119 acre farm of John Klosinski, Section 3, Scotch Creek Road, Town of Cassel on December 1, 1966. Additional parcels were added in 1973, 1975 and 1980. Our farm now consists of 413 acres of which most is in the Town of Cassel.

We have an all registered Holstein herd consisting of approximately 120 head. Registered hogs are also raised as is ginseng.

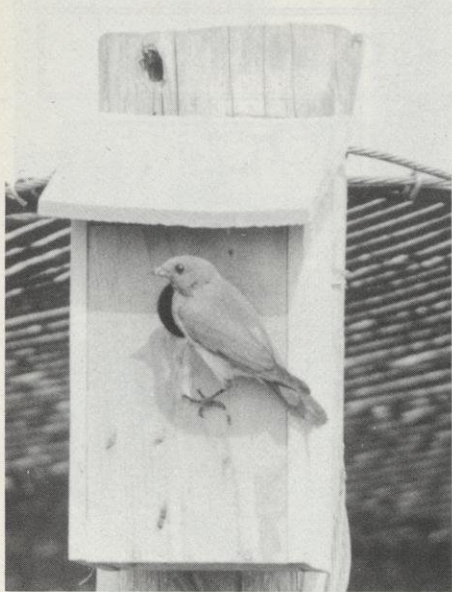
Our farm has been practicing sustainable agriculture for the past 10 years. One of the benefits of this type of farming are the many songbirds, such as bluebirds, that call our farm home. In 1990, 3 pair of



Stanley's first year on the farm with daughter Sandra



farm in 1966

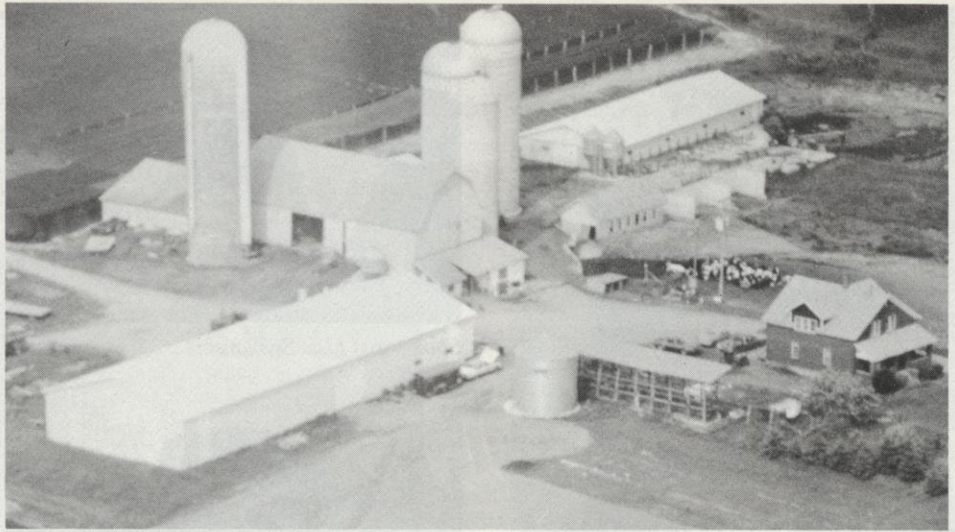


bluebirds raised many young in a few of the 40 plus birdhouses that we maintain.

The Szymanski's have 5 children, Sheila - married and lives in Stevens Point. She is a cosmetologist. Jeffrey - is married and lives on the Burger home farm on Highway N and has 2 children, Tom and Amanda. Christopher was in Army military intelligence for 3 years and now attends school at the Marathon Center in Wausau. Gail is a Junior at Marathon High and is active in basketball and Tracy is a Freshman at Marathon High and participates in basketball.

Gail and Tracy are active in the Cassel Rockets 4-H Club and enjoy showing hogs and poultry at the various fairs.

On our farm we have a 10 acre park consisting of a picnic area and a well. We enjoy spending time there in the summer.



present farm 24 years later



Cassel Rockets 4-H



Cassel Rockets 4-H club - 1990 Softball team

MICHLIG FARM

Ignatz Michlig farm was in the Michlig family since October 1893. Peter Michlig bought it from Daniel Weinkauff with Charles W. Herger as a guardian until the full payment was made on August 8, 1894 for \$450.00. Peter Michlig sold it to Wendel Michlig his son in October of 1897. Wendel paid his sister Morisa Salzman \$83.33 as her inheritance from her parents on September 8, 1899.

When Wenzel died his wife Theresa with her sons worked the farm until she died in August of 1934. The estate was bought by Ignatz Michlig, her son, in August of 1935. To this day, Ignatz is the owner of the 80 acres.

In May of 1988, a tornado completely destroyed the barn. A new barn was built in 1988.



Stan Szymanski Jr. family - Jeffrey, Angie, Stan, Christopher, Tracy, Gail and Sheila



A family picnic in our Park



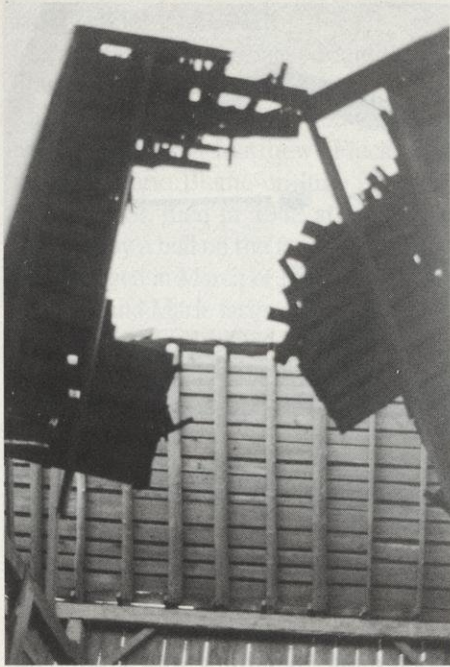
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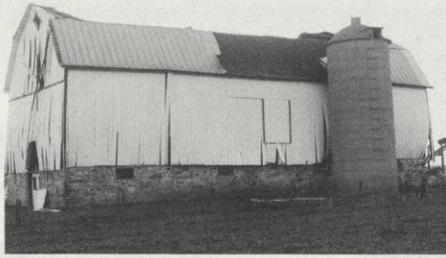
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I CAN do it!
STAN & ANGIE
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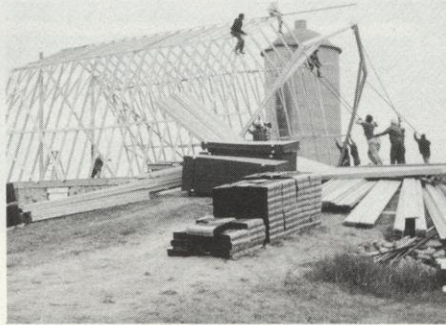
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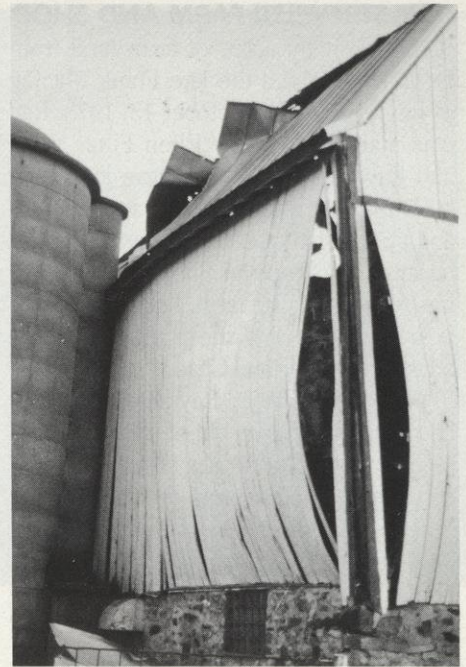
Inside of Michlig's barn after storm damage



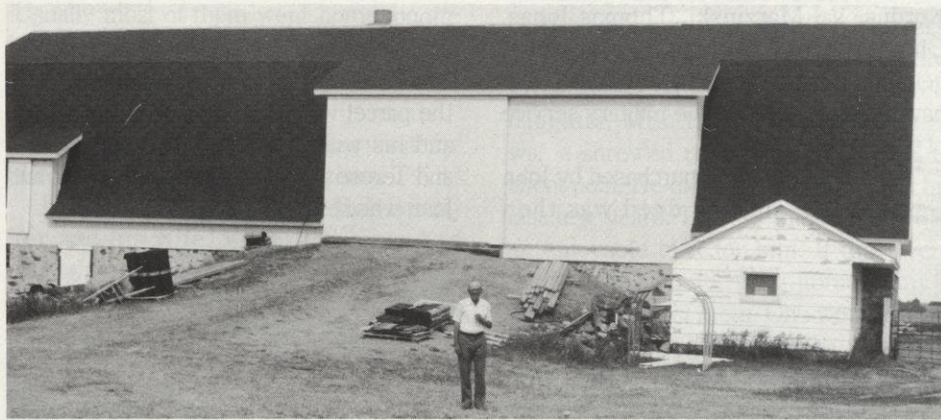
Barn leaning against the silo at Michlig farm



Michlig's barn raising in 1988



Michlig's storm damage



Michlig's new barn

CLIFFORD A STENCIL FARM

The present building site is located at the E1/2 of the SW1/4. United States executed on December 17, 1858 to Emil Kalb from the U.S. Land office.

Land: Owned by the United States to Henry Moore, Jr. there has been deposited in the General Land Office warrant No. 26868 for 120 acres in favor of Henry Moore private in captain Hay's and Smith's Companies in the New Hampshire Militia in the war of 1812, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon said land. SW1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 21, T.P. 28, N.R. 5 E from the records in the U.S. Land Office at Wausau, Wisconsin, it appears in the name of Henry Moore, Jr. on March 29, 1862.

Various owners on descriptions of land where as follows: Erhard Lang, Poly Karp Goldbach, Josef Brezinski, Albert Gold-

bach, Charles Hinze, Lewis Frick, John Kurtzweil, John Hume, J.L. Sorenson, Josef Maciejewski, and Andrew J. Lang who purchased farm in 1915. George Lang purchased farm in 1945 from Andrew J. Lang. Donald J. Werner purchased farm in 1952 from George Lang. John Krause purchased farm from Donald Werner in

August 1966. In May of 1968 the present owners Clifford and Sharon Stencil purchased this farm from the previous owners. The Stencil family consists of seven children. Carolyn, Joel, Anita, Carey, Rosanne, Jerelyn, and Jennifer. Dairy farming was their main occupation until 1986. Presently they are ginseng and cash crop farmers. The farm is located at 4342 Alpine Road, Marathon.



Clifford Stencil family



Clifford Stencil farm

RAY STREVELER FARM AND SHOP

Ray bought 80 acres of farm land from Della Michlig and the late Frank Michlig in July of 1973. On October 13, 1973, Ray was married to Mary Ellen Filtz. Mary and Ray both had off the farm jobs from 1973 to 1981 when Ray quit working out and started his own business which later became Ray Streveler Shop. Mary continues to work off the farm. During those 17 years they became the parents of three boys, Gary, Greg and Chad.

In the fall of 1989, Ray Streveler Shop became to big to run out of farm shop and he decided to build a new shop which was completed by Christmas of 1989. At that time he had one full time employee with him. He is Bill Maguire. Since that time he has added two more full time employees. They are Marshall Maguire and Chris Kaiser and business is going fine.



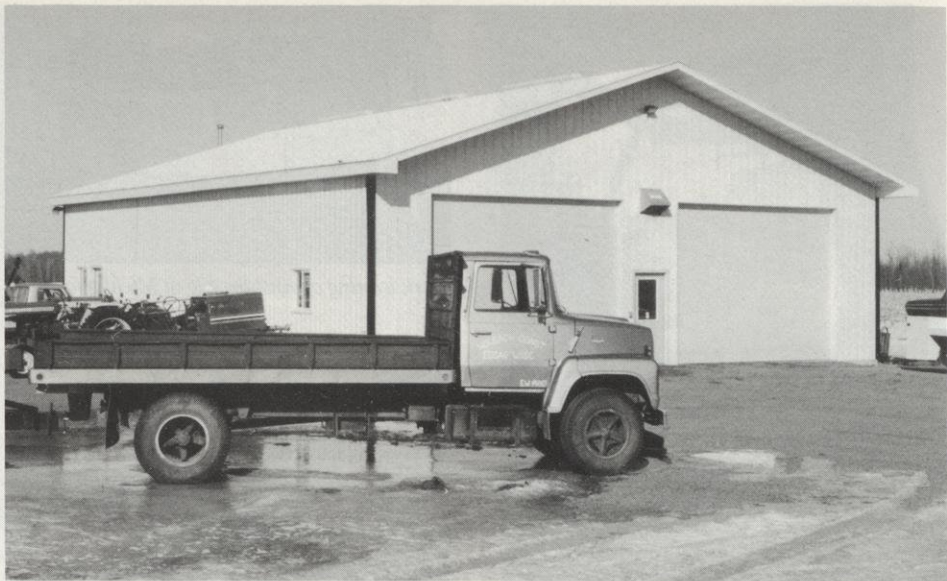
Streveler family: Mary, Ray, Chad, Greg, Gary

STENCIL HOMESTEAD

The Stencil Homestead was originally deeded to Joseph Steiner, a Private Captain of Nilsons Company Pennsylvania Militia, from the War of 1812. The plot of land according to the official Plat of the survey of said land was returned to the Surveyor General.

The said parcel was then assigned to Louis Scheffer on April 15, 1859, by the President of the United States James Buchanan, by the Secretary G.J. Albright and Recorder of the General Land Office J. N. Grenger.

Some other proprietors of the parcel were Joseph Kopp, Anton Wollenschlager, Joseph Zimmerman, Casper Hofman and Ludger W. Koelkenback, members of the Committee of the Pittsburgh German Homestead. Others were Abraham Danter to Arthur Schields and then back to Marathon County. E. J. Anderson and



Ray Streveler Shop

H.H. Graceback and was then returned to Marathon County. Clarence Whipple then deeded the land. Others were Frank Kordus, Val Marzinski, Thomas Jonas, Charles Wenzel. Many of the above gentlemen were officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

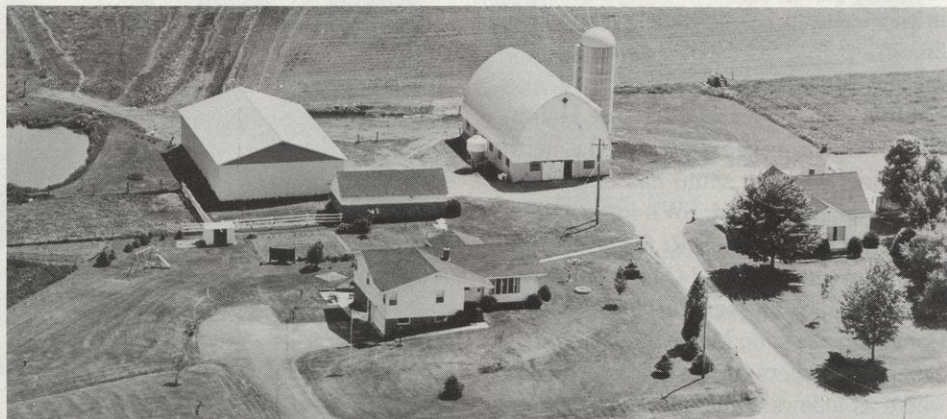
The parcel was then purchased by John Garzikowski and the deed was then

passed on to Henry and Catherine Garzikowski. John was given board, lodging and washing for a fee of \$8.00 a month.

The parcel was then deeded to Thomas and Clara Stencil and on January 1, 1976 the parcel was then purchased by LaVern and his wife Joan Stencil. Douglas, Kim and Terese are the children of LaVern and Joan who reside there at the present.



Tom Stencil farm (before)



Tom and LaVern Stencil farm today

MATTHEW WAGNER

Matt Wagner Sr. purchased land in the Town of Cassel in 1899. He and his wife Mary (Kohler) farmed until 1930 when he sold it to his son Matthew (Fleck) who married Marie Blume on June 29, 1926. Matthew Sr. died in 1942 after he was attacked by a bull on the family farm. Mrs. Wagner died in March of 1942.

Fleck and Marie farmed their 120 acres besides being involved in the trucking business. Fleck was involved in hauling peas to canning factories. In the winter months he was involved in the logging operation. He hired men and horses to cut and drag the logs out of the woods or into a clearing then his truck would haul them to the Menzner Lumber Company in Marathon.

This also involved running "camps" for the men if they were miles from home. The men ate and slept at the camps making them their homes more or less. Usually most of them went home for the weekends. Mrs. Wagner would do much of the baking at home and send it up to the camp.

Mr. Wagner served as Supervisor for the Town of Cassel for many years.

In 1946 he sold the farm to Alois Schuster and his wife, Viola, and moved to Marathon where he built a house on Hickory Street. He was still involved in the trucking business. He had several trucks and hauled gravel for the townships for



Matthew and Marie Wagner

many years. Later, he retired from the logging industry but still hauled the gravel for many years. He retired in 1970.

After living in Marathon for 34 years, with failing health they moved back to the Town of Cassel and lived with their daughter, Mrs. Hugo Seubert Jr. Fleck was a shrewd card player and loved to shoot pool. He did a lot of hunting until his last few years. Picking mushrooms was an enjoyable task for him. If they were plentiful he would bring home many 5 gallon pails full of them. One would have a hard time keeping up with him. He would crawl under many bushes on his hands and knees just to get the mushrooms.

Mrs. Wagner loved gardening, as she loved flowers. She also made many quilts and knitted many mittens and booties for all her grandchildren. Fleck loved sports. Living close to the ball diamond he attended many games. He loved basketball and followed the Marathon Red Raiders in their quest to be State Champs.

The Wagner's had five daughters: Mrs. Ervin Klumpyan (Dorothy) Fond du Lac, Mrs. Hugo Seubert Jr. (Joyce) Marathon, Mrs. Jerry Brickner (Grace) Little Chicago, Mrs. James Sorenson (Lucy) Madison, and Mary Bittner (Mosinee). They also had a son (Kenneth) who died at the age of 2.

THE HUGO SEUBERT JR FARM

In 1856, the United States of America sold 120 acres in the Township of Cassel, Section 13, to Louis Scheffer, who in turn in 1864, was purchased by Joseph Schuster. In 1874 he sold it to Rt. Rev. M.

Dominic, who was the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania for the purpose of providing homes for orphaned young girls.

After his death it was sold to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd of Allghany City, Pennsylvania, a corporation under the law of Pennsylvania. Concerned of the distance from the Mother House in Pennsylvania, they sold it to Mathias Fochs and Annie, his wife, in 1888. Ronald Urban owned the farm until 1919 when Louis Seigworth and his wife purchased it. After his death, Julia became unable to transact business, because of old age and her failing mental abilities, was committed to a County Institution. In 1942 the farm was sold to Phillip Knauf and his wife.

On October 29, 1952, Hugo Seubert Jr. and his wife, Joyce, purchased the farm. At that time there were 7 milk cows and about 5 head of youngstock.

Joyce and Hugo were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marathon on August 27, 1951. Joyce was the daughter of Matt and Marie Wagner of Marathon, and Hugo the son of Hugo and Sophie Seubert of Marathon.

On October 23, 1959 they purchased another farm consisting of 110 acres from Felix and Bernice Wielock. This is located in section 10 in the Town of Cassel.

Hugo and Joyce have eleven children: Kenneth - married Sheri Busse in 1971 and have three children, Kelland, Richard, and Sarah. Another child (Rebecca) was killed in a tragic farm accident in 1981. Ken is part owner of Seubert Farms. They live in the Town of Cassel.



Hugo Seubert Jr. and Matt Wagner



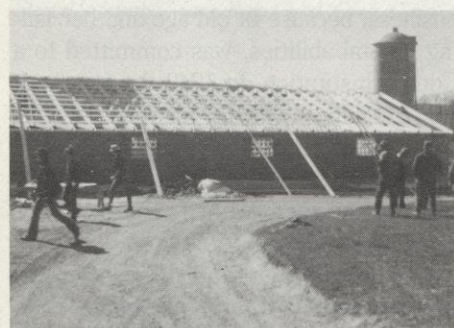
A logging crew



Seated: Hugo, Joyce, Sandra, Jacalyn, Janice, Standing: Kenneth, Daniel, Matthew, Russell, Randal, Gary, Rodney and Chris



Barn fire



Rebuilding the barn



Another barn addition completed

Daniel - has two children, Craig and Angela. He is employed at United Parcel Service and sells monuments for Winona Monuments. He lives in the Town of Marathon.

Janice - Married Eugene Pilgrim in 1974 and have three children, Ryan, Carrie and Nicole. Janice works for Wausau Insurance and Gene for Buch Implement, Wausau. They live in Marathon City.

Sandra - married Brad Lewitzke in 1981. They have two children, Justin and Jeremy. Sandy works for Gassner Company in Wausau, and Brad is an airplane pilot and instructor. They live in the Town of Kronenwetter.

Matthew - married Lauri Urmanski in 1978 and have five children. Terri, Travis, Trista, Trevor and Timothy. He works for

Seubert Farms and Lauri is employed at Marathon Cheese. They live in the Town of Cassel.

Rodney married Linda Wirkus in 1980 and have three children, Jason, Darin and Stephanie. Rodney is the Service Manager at Brickner Motors in Little Chicago. They live in Marathon City.

Gary - married Pam Frahm in 1987 and have two children, Brittany and Breanna. Gary works for Gertschen Implement and Pam works at Marathon Cheese. They live in the Town of Emmet.

Christopher - married Brenda Heide- man in 1984 and have two children, Christopher Jr. and Natasha. He is a semi owner operator and hauls for Sun Dog Trucking. Brenda works for the Edgar School system. They live in Edgar.

Randal - married Beth Ann Lang in 1984 and have two children, Chad and Tyler. He is employed at Menzner Lumber and Beth Ann at Gassner Company. They live in the Town of Cassel.

Russell - married Kim Burkart in 1985 and has one daughter, Heidi. Russell raises veal calves and is employed part- time at Gertschen Implement. Kim is employed in the Accounting Department at the Wausau Hospital. They live in the Town of Cassel.

Jacalyn - married Kip Hanke in 1988. Kip is employed at Urban Construction and Jacalyn works for the School District of Marathon. They live in the Town of Cassel.

We lost our barn in a fire in 1953 along with all of its contents. We built immedi- ately, but lost that in another fire in 1972, losing 13 cows and a large number of



The present Seubert Farm

calves. We rebuilt that one and decided to "go for it." Now we have 120 milk cows and 90 head of youngstock, two large barns, and 6 silos. Two of our sons, Kenneth and Matthew, joined us in our farming excursion.

Hugo is very active in politics. He has served on the Cassel Town Board since 1958, as Supervisor many years and now as the Chairman for the past several years. He is now serving his second term on the County Board where he is chairman of the Ag and Extension Committee. This past year he was elected by the county Supervisors to serve on the Highway Committee. He also served on the Marathon School Board for twelve years and is Treasurer of the Marathon Area Tankers Association.

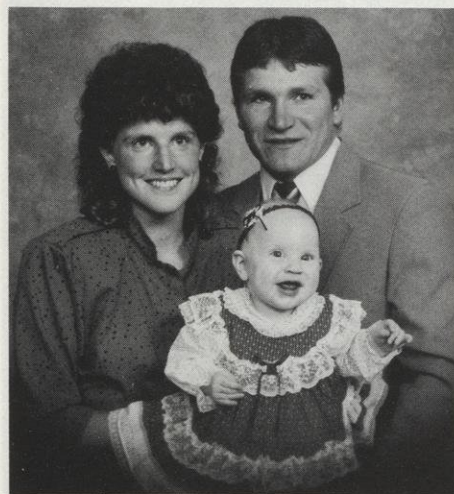
RUSSELL AND KIM SEUBERT

Henry and Emma Schilling took over the farm in the early 1900's. She was the former Emma Heilmann, they farmed together in the Town of Cassel until Henry died in 1952 at the age of 72. They had eight children.

In 1944 a son Marvin took over the farm operation from his mother. Marvin married Angela Schwamann. In 1968, they sold the farm to Anton & Theresa Gessler, Jacob Rechner, Joseph Trauth and Theresa his wife.

Glenroy Guralski and his wife Diane bought the farm in 1976. On November 10, 1987 the farm was deeded to the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul.

Russell and Kim Seubert purchased 7 acres of the land with the buildings from Farm Credit. The farm is now called "Castle Veal". The dairy barns have been converted into a 356 head crate veal operation.



Kim, Russell and Heidi



The house before construction of the new addition in 1990



New addition in 1990

The land the Seuberts did not purchase from the farm was purchased by Henry Ahrens and James and Steve Seubert.

Russell and Kim were married on July 20, 1985. Kim is the daughter of Ed and Irene Burkart who now reside in Tennessee. Kim is employed in the Accounting Department of Wausau Hospital. They have a daughter Heidi who was born on April 28, 1989.

MATTHEW SEUBERT

4207 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon. Matthew is the son of Hugo and Joyce Seubert Jr.(Marathon) born in May of 1957. He is a graduate of Marathon High School "Class of 1975" and currently employed at Seubert Farms. Lauri is the daughter of George and Lottie Urmanski (Edgar) born in July of 1960. She is a graduate of Edgar High School "Class of 1978" and is currently employed at

Marathon Cheese Corp.

Matthew and Lauri were married on November 11, 1978. They established residence in the Town of Cassel in 1979 building their home on a portion of the old Felix Wielock farm. They started their family in January of 1980 with the birth of Teri Lynn, just a start of one happy family. In April of 1981 Travis Matthew arrived adding to the happiness. In December of 1985 Trista Maria was born, the best Christmas present anyone could ask for. In April of 1987 Trevor Matthew was born, making the house seem smaller than ever. In the summer of 1990 we started an addition to the house to make room for another present, Timothy Matthew born in December of 1990.

"As God watches from above, there the proof that there is always room for Love."



Timothy's Baptism - left to right: Father Larry, Matt, Lauri, Timothy, Travis, Teri, Front: Trevor, Trista

KIP AND JACALYN HANKE

Kip D. Hanke son of Marvin and Karmen Hanke married Jacalyn M. Seubert on June 18, 1988. The Hanke's purchased 1-1/2 acres of land with a house located at 4002 Partridge Lane, from Alphonse Schuster in June of 1987. Kip and Jackie along with Jackie's brothers, enjoy collecting and cooking maple syrup from the many trees on the land. Kip is employed at Urban Construction and Jackie works for the School District of Marathon.



Kip and Jacalyn Hanke



Hanke residence

JOE WIELOCK FARM

Joe Wielock and Marie Szymanski were married on June 19, 1928. On July 16, 1928 they bought 80 acres from Henry and Helen Lang and started farming and raising a family. They were blessed with 11 children, their oldest son Joe Jr., died at the age of 3 months.

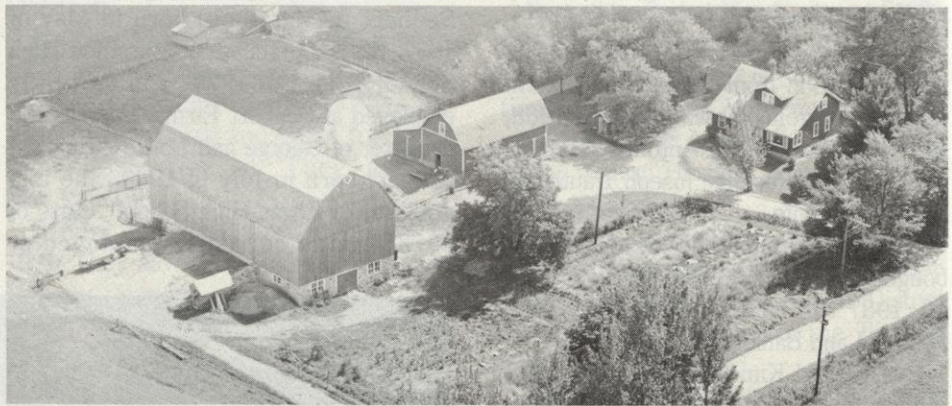
Besides farming, Joe worked at Menzner Lumber and Saw Mill Company and he also operated the pea vinery for Knowlton Canning Company. Marie helped Joe with chores plus having a big garden and canning hundreds of jars of preserves.

Then Joe got seriously injured in an accident at the Saw Mill so he retired

from farming in 1969 and on April 8, 1970, they sold the farm with the barn to Henry Lang Jr. and Adeline Lang, their daughter. They had an auction on April 12, 1970.

Joe and Marie kept 2 acres of land with the house and the remaining buildings and lived happily, going camping with some of their children, spending long weekends at the other childrens and going fishing in-between time. Joe loved his fishing.

On August 11, 1984, Joe had a fatal heart attack and after that things didn't go so good for Marie. She had several mini strokes and could no longer be left alone so she is residing in a group home in Mosinee.



Joe Wielock farm



Joe and Marie Wielock on their wedding day



Joe and Marie Wielock



Joe and Marie Wielock and family



Joe Wielock house

On October 14, 1989, Joel J. and Eleanor C. Tucek bought the 2 acres with the buildings to keep it in the family.



Joel and Eleanor's daughter-in-laws learning to trim venison

Eleanor C. Tucek is the daughter of Joe and Marie Wielock. Joel and Eleanor live in Sussex, Wisconsin at the present time.

Joel works for Concept Engineering Company in Menomonee Falls and Eleanor is employed at Sussex Plastics, Inc.

They have four children, a daughter and 3 sons, Diane, David, Dennis and Darrin and 6 grandchildren.

As a family we all enjoy camping, hunting, and fishing, even the daughter-in-laws are getting to like "hunting."

When we retire, we plan to move to our "2 acre home."



Joel J. and Eleanor C. Tucek

DAVID WIELOCK FAMILY

The David Wielock family resides near the southern edge of the village of Marathon City along Highway 107. The home, originally built by Irvin Huebsch in the mid 1940's has undergone several changes, including an addition.

Dave is the son of Felix and Bernice (Scheinoha) Wielock. Both Felix and Bernice were raised in the Town of Cassel and farmed there for many years after their marriage. In 1959 Felix moved the family to Marathon City where he established a welding shop. Felix died in 1979 and two years later Bernice moved to Wausau.

Dave graduated from Sacred Heart Grade School and Marathon High. At the age of twenty-one he was drafted into the army, serving one year in Nha Trang, Viet Nam as a military policeman.

In 1968 Dave married Linda Wurl from the Town of Cleveland. She has been an employee of the Marathon School District for many years. Dave and Linda have a daughter, Melanie Elizabeth. She is pursuing her studies at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire.

Not surprising, Dave inherited his father's interest and talent in welding. He is a certified welder with J.I. Case Co. in Schofield and he also opened a welding shop in his own garage, specializing in the production and repair of ginseng and farm equipment. As a result, DAVE'S WELDING AND REPAIR has become an integral part of the community.

THE WADZINSKI FARM

(by Walter Wadzinski)

My father, Roman Wadzinski, was born in Milwaukee, moved to Cassel at the age of nine, and lived and worked on his father's (Stanley) farm.

My mother, Louise (Ludwika) Zawichrowski arrived from Poznan', Germany (now present day Poland) on May 13, 1896 to live with her parents, Joseph and Antonina Zawichrowski, who had immigrated from Poland earlier. She eventually met my Dad, and on February 15, 1897 they were married.

On June 29, 1898, Roman and Louise Wadzinski bought from Joseph Dessert Lumber Co., the first parcel of the existing Wadzinski Farm. It is an 80 acre parcel that is located, from the now existing buildings south along the farm driveway and west to Highway "S". Roman and Louise built a log home and a log barn in

1902. The barn was eventually replaced with existing barn. Roman farmed and worked part-time at Rosies Sawmill and at Dessert Lumber Co., in Mosinee. They had eight children; Mary, Ray, Martha, Joseph, Stanley, Louis, Ted, and myself, Walter.

Except for the railroad right of way which was purchased by Milwaukee Lake Shore and Western Railway in 1890, another part of the existing farm; 40 acres of land north and west of the now existing buildings, was purchased on September 21, 1903, by Joseph and Antonina Zawichrowski (my grandfather and grandmother) from the Joseph Dessert Lumber Co. Joseph and Antonina built a log home and a barn on that 40 acres. Joseph farmed and worked as a carpenter, building some of the neighboring houses. After the death of Antonina on August 2, 1918, this parcel was bought by Roman and Louise on November 5, 1919. Joseph stayed with Roman and Louise until he died on December 11, 1930.

On February 11, 1914, Roman and Louise bought 72 acres of land north of the railroad right of way. Later a portion of it was sold to Frank Rajek, but 32 acres remains part of the farm today.

The existing barn foundation was built on June 16, 1915, and was finished in 1916, replacing the log barn built by Roman and Louise.

On January 23, 1916, I was born. I lived and worked with my Mom and Dad on the farm. During that time I met Sylvia Bonin from Schnappsville, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bonin. They owned and operated the Bonin Cheese Factory in



Walter Wadzinski farm



Walter Wadzinski home - 1956



Schnappsville. Sylvia and I were married on June 16, 1936.

On June 9, 1943, Sylvia and I bought the 162 acre farm from Roman and Louise. Roman and Louise continued living with us and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 15, 1947. Roman died on February 22, 1949, and Louise died on June 6, 1953.

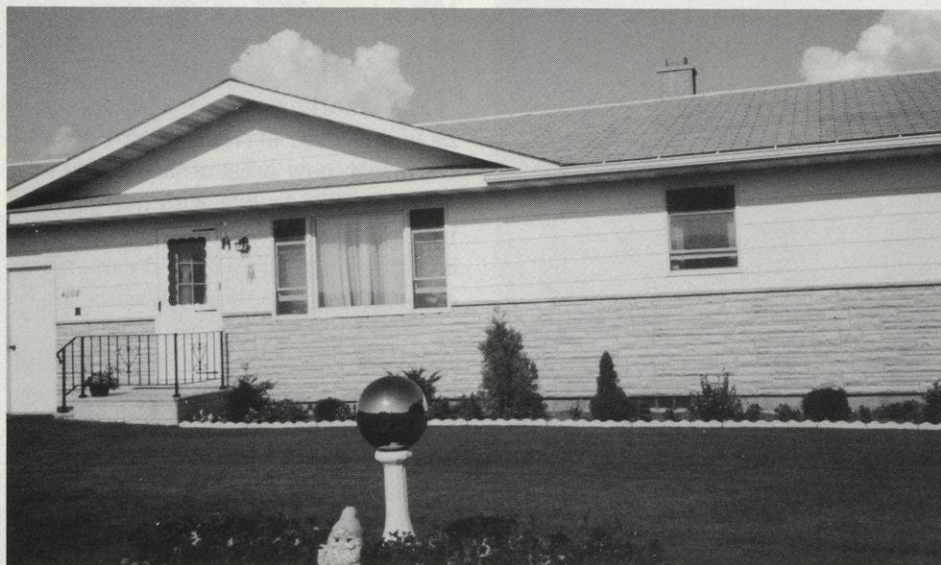
During my years on the farm, I also worked part-time as a grader operator for the Town of Cassel for 29 years, and was a town supervisor for four years. Sylvia

worked on the farm and worked as a homemaker. During that time we raised 10 children; Walter Jr., Patricia, Robert, George, Alice, Bonnie, Gene, Timothy, Gerard and Bill. Two of my sons served in the armed forces. Robert served in the Army from June of 1964 to 1966. George served in the Army from September of 1965 to 1967.

In 1956 we moved the log home built in 1902 and built a new home on the same site. It is presently the existing home on the farm today. We put an addition on the barn in 1964 and added a pole shed in 1974 and made many other improvements. In 1980 Sylvia and I retired and built a new home at the southwest corner of the farm where we are living today. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 16, 1986.

Timothy who was born on October 8, 1957, is now the present owner of the farm. Timothy married Dawn Lepak, daughter of Marlin and Glenda Lepak, on August 18, 1979. They bought the farm, which now consists of 155 acres, on April 16, 1980. They are presently dairy farming and raising ginseng on the farm. They have five children; Shelley, Jacklyn, Richard, Andrew and Nicholas.

This is the history of three generations of the Wadzinski Farm: my father Roman, myself Walter, and to present day my son Timothy.



Walter Wadzinski residence - 1984

TIM AND DAWN WADZINKSI

Tim and Dawn are continuing the 3rd generation dairy farm at 4281 Flamingo Lane, Marathon. We purchased the farm in April of 1980 from Tim's parents Walter and Sylvia Wadzinski. The present farmstead consists of 150 acres, with the acquired purchase of railroad property, a house, barn, three silos, one which we added in the spring of 1981, two machine sheds and a garage. Tim spent his childhood on this farm.

Dawn was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 20th, 1958. She is the daughter of Marlin and Glenda Lepak, and granddaughter of Clara Lepak and the late Edward Lepak. Dawn moved to Cassel in 1972 when her parents bought Frank Lepak's farm. Both Tim and Dawn graduated from Marathon High School in 1975 and 1976, respectively.

They were married on August 18, 1979, and moved to the farm in February of 1980. On July 2, 1980, their first child was born, a daughter, Shelley. Another daughter, Jacklyn was born in February of 1982, and in March of 1985 their first son Richard was born followed by another son, Andrew in October of 1986 and yet a third son Nicholas in January of 1990.

JOE AND MARY WADZINKSI

Before 1936, Joe tried concrete and silo work. There was no money in it and was paid with meat etc.

In 1936, Joe & Mary moved to Green Bay, worked with Cliff Frances, and Uncle



Frank and Jennie Wadzinski



Joe and Mary Wadzinski

Pete Jakubowski doing mason work. In the Spring of 1939, they moved back to Cassel and did mason work for the Merrill Shoe Factory. July 1, 1939 they opened the tavern on the Mike Lepak corner, called the Lepak's Hall. In the early 1940's the tavern was moved across the corner to its present location.

From 1940 - 1945, Joe operated the Marathon Block factory in Marathon City.

He did logging in the winter and in the summer he did mason work for area churches and schools. In 1973, they sold the tavern with their living quarters to Bob and Joanie Schneeberger and moved to Rothschild. Mary died in 1973 and Joe in 1980.

WADZINKSI MAPLE LANE DAIRY FARM

Present owners Steven D. and Sara Wadzinski.

Established in 1903 by Frank & Jennie

Wadzinski they raised their 15 children, Joe, Edward, Regina, Stanley, Ervin, Clara, Anna, Mary, Florence, Eleanor, Frank, Raymond, David, Lenard, and Harland on this farm.

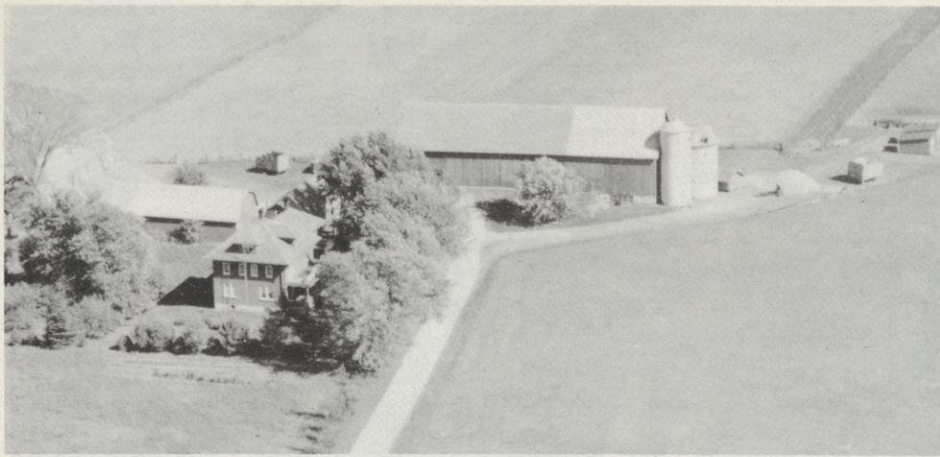
David and Mary took over the farming business from their father and mother after their retirement. Later on David married Beatrice Burish on July 12, 1958. They raised their children Kathleen and Steven.



David and Beatrice Wadzinski



Frank Wadzinski family



Wadzinski farm in 1953



Steven and Sara Wadzinski, Kenny and Julie

Steven married Sara Deininger April 27, 1985. They took over the farm operation in July of 1989, before David's death in August of 1989. Steve and Sara are raising their two children Kenny and Julie on the farm. Steve is the third generation of Wadzinski's.

WENZEL FAMILY

Anthony Wenzel immigrated to America from Poznan area, Poland, with his wife, Katherine and his eight children in 1883, when they were both about 42 years of age.

On September 16, 1884, he purchased land in Section 27 of the Town of Cassel, in a quiet claim deed from John Lang, for the sum of \$100.00. His son, John married Agnes Marzynski in 1886, and farmed jointly with his father. At the age of 56, Anton decided to retire and sold the farm to John with an agreement that he could live out his life there, and he would also receive the following provisions yearly;

Two bbls. wheat flour, two bbls. rye flour, thirty bu. potatoes, 200 lbs. pork, \$20.00 in cash, feed pasture and stabbling for one cow, all of the necessary dry hardwood cut and split in stove lengths. Also the use of one acre of land cultivated for garden purposes, and use of the team four times a



John Wenzel in the middle

year, and also the use of the water and ingress and egress upon the premises. To do their washing and to furnish them medical aid and attendance and to nurse them, and in case of death, to bury them in a proper manner. Catherine died in 1907 at the age of 66 and Anthony died in 1928 at the age of 87.

John and Agnes had two sons, Leo and Anton. Anges died in 1900. Left alone with the farm and two small children to care for, John quickly remarried to Mary Brezinski and they begot six more children.

A fire destroyed the original house in 1932 and a new home was built to replace it. John resided there until his death in 1946. John's son Anton, married Angeline Putkamer in 1922, and four years later they purchased a farm close to the homestead. (That farm is now owned by Irvin Huebsch.) Anton and Angeline had 5 children, Irene, Marcella, Clarence, Alvina, and Simon. Irene died at an early age of 20 and Simon was killed in an auto accident at the age of 18. Clarence resides in Wausau, while Marcella and Alvina still live in Cassel.

When John retired in 1935, Anton purchased the homestead as an added acreage to his own farm. In 1962, Anton retired from farming and sold the land to Michael Lepak, except for a small parcel which he kept for himself, built himself a home and lived out his life there. Anton died on April 25, 1981 and Angeline on July 22, 1983. The home was then purchased by their daughter and her husband, Calvin and Alvina Lensmire, who also plan on retiring there, "Be the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise."

The parcel of land with all buildings, has also been kept in the family. Anton's daughter Marcella and her husband Roman Andraska purchased it and are residing there at the present time.



Anton and Angeline Wenzel

ROMAN ANDRASKA FAMILY

Marcella (Wenzel) and Roman settled in the Town of Cassel after their marriage in 1946. They purchased the home that once belonged to her grandfather on the Wenzel homestead. Roman was a familiar face to many area farmers as he delivered oil and gas for the Mobil Oil Company for 31 years. He retired in 1981 and now loves to tend to his garden. Their children are Glenice (Robert Klestinski), Karen (Bruce Donahue), David (Diane Borchardt), Mark, Jamie (Kim Fry) and Paul. They have been blessed with 7 grandchildren.

EDWIN WILICHOWSKI

Edwin Wilichowski and Maryann (Sturgul) Wilichowski were both born in Marathon County and Town of Cassel. Edwin was born to Frank and Lucy (Koppa) Wilichowski in 1924 and Maryann was born to Joseph and Roselia (Stencil) Sturgul in 1929. Edwin has been a resident of the Town of Cassel all his life. He attended Daisey Dell School, Marathon, Cassel Parochial School and Marathon High School graduating in 1943. He retired the workforce as a farmer, built silos and worked for Wisconsin Dairies for 32 years.

Maryann has been a resident of Cassel, attended Daisey Dell and Cassel Parochial Schools. She worked in Milwaukee at Globe Union in 1946 and returned in 1949 to Cassel to marry Edwin.



Marcella, Roman and family



Edwin and Maryann with their 11 grandchildren



Edwin and Maryann Wilichowski family

They have five children: Ronald of Marathon, David of Boyd, Wisconsin, Rosemarie Ostrenga of Milwaukee, John of Edgar and Ann Marie of Oak Creek, Wisconsin. They are blessed with 11 grandchildren.

WILICHOWSKI FARMS

In August of 1881, Ladislav Lida took over the land contract of his father, John Lida Sr., who at that time was very ill. The 80 acres had been bought from the Wisconsin Valley Railroad Company and is now known as Wilichowski Farms, located on Martin Lane.

Ladislav Lida was married to Mary Rzepinski. They had four children: John, Victoria (died in infancy), Nicholas and Paul.

Ladislav Lida died in 1893. Mary Rzepinski Lida then married Valentine Wilichowski, who had recently immigrated to the United States from Poland. They had eight children: August, Joseph, Carl, Sophia (Leo Socha), Maria (who died at 4-1/2 months of cholera), Theresa (Lee Mawacke), Martin and Clara (Edward Corda).

These were hard years. They lived in a small log house with two bedrooms, kitchen and small living area. The kitchen had a rough board floor and they slept on straw mattresses. The heat came from a kitchen wood stove and a wood burner in the dining area. The family had a large garden, milked cows, raised chickens, ducks geese and pigs.

In the early years, the house was surrounded by trees and at night they could hear the bears come close to the house. Mary would walk to Marathon to sell eggs and butter to buy things she needed. She would spin wool and knit socks and mittens for the children. A staple food was sauerkraut. A big treat for the kids would be donuts made at Christmas and Easter.

All the children walked to Marathon to St. Mary's School when they were seven or eight, and would go to school about four



Valentine Wilichowski family

years after which they were needed to work at home.

When the boys were about thirteen or fourteen, they worked at the Rib Falls Saw Mill and in the logging camps. The girls also were cook's helpers and did laundry in the logging camps. When they were older, they got jobs in Chicago area, returning to marry and raise families in this area, except Theresa who lives in Illinois.

One son, John Lida, died of pneumonia when he was 20 years of age and Joseph Wilichowski was killed in the First World War about three days before the Armistice was signed.

The brick house was built in 1918. On December 29, 1925, Valentine and Mary sold the farm to their son August.

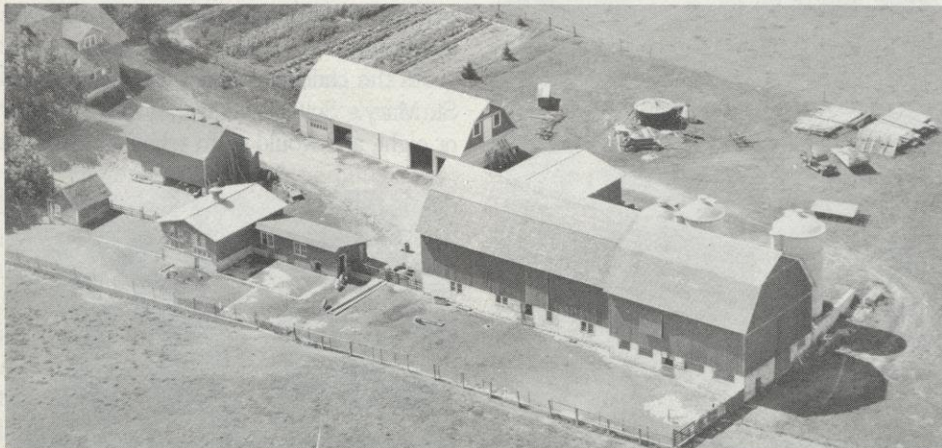
Carl married Margaret Corda at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cassel on June 27, 1922. Carl worked in the construction business for the next 20 years. His work for the Hutter Construction Company took him and his family to seven different states.

In April, 1937, August sold the farm to his brother, Carl and his wife, Margaret. Carl and Margaret raised five children: Lucille, Robert, Margie (Al Buchberger), Charles and Joan.

When Carl took over the farm he cleared more land and bought land increasing the farm to 200 acres. Forty of the acres were purchased in 1939 from Adolph



Carl and Margaret's wedding day



1952 - The pig farm



Charles Wilichowski family

Muchenberger. This forty acres eventually became the pig farm.

During the war years, Carl sold pork and beef to private families when meat was rationed. On one occasion he butchered 34 hogs and took them to Wausau on a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. People followed him down the road wanting to buy the pork.

In 1957, Carl farmed with his sons, Robert and Charles as Carl Wilichowski and Sons. Their enterprises were dairy cattle and hogs. Crops raised at this time were alfalfa, corn and oats. Also in 1958, Carl built a retirement home in Marathon, where he and Margaret lived until their deaths in 1990. They would have been married 68 years in June of 1990. Carl was also on the Town Board and on the Cassel Garden Cheese Factory Board for many years.

In 1962, Carl and Margaret sold the farm to their sons Robert and Charles.

Robert married Mildred Krebsbach on June 24, 1953 at St. John Catholic Church in Edgar. They had eight children: Sharon (Mark Berndt), Susan (Gary Stencil), Barbara, Janice (Martin Kallenbach), Gary (Kae Jaeger), James (Barbara Faulkes), Patrick, and Julie (who died at 2-1/2 months of age). Robert and Mildred have nine grandchildren: Bryan, Lisa, Katie and Kurt Berndt, Jason and Jennifer Stencil, Travis Kallenbach, Derek and Taylor Wilichowski.

Charles and Dianne Stubbe were married July 21, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marathon. They have four children: Carl M. (Kim Endres), Nancy (Russell Sauter), Pamela and Andrew. Charles and Dianne have two grandchildren: Tracy Wilichowski and Dale Sauter.



Carl and Margaret Wilichowski

Charles and Robert operated the farm as Wilichowski Brothers for twenty-six years, during which time they purchased the Harold Hanke 80 acre farm in 1973. They also raised hogs, later buying feeder pigs and finishing them out to market weight. At times their inventory showed 2,000 head on hand. Up until this time, this type of hog operation was unprecedented in this area. In 1981, they started to raise ginseng with their sons.

In 1988, Robert sold his share of the personal property to his sons, Gary, James, Patrick and his nephew, Carl Mark. In 1989, the hog operation was discontinued. Ginseng, alfalfa, and corn are now the main crops as the next generation continues to farm and grow.

GARY WILICHOWSKI

3499 Scotch Creek Road. Gary and Kae (Jaeger) Wilichowski were married on September 8, 1984. In 1985, they bought the house, garage and two acres of land from Wilichowski Brothers. They have done extensive remodeling to the house and live there with their two children Derek and Taylor. Gary farms with his brothers, cousin and uncle.



Gary Wilichowski home



Gary, Kae, Derek and Taylor Wilichowski



Wilichowski Farms - 1990



Wilichowski Hog Farm

THREE WILICHOWSKI GENERATIONS IN 98 YEARS

Joseph and Mary Wilichowski were married the 21st of November 1881 in Poland. After having two children (girls), Joseph decided to come to America. Having relatives in Chicago; Joseph Wilichowski made his way to Chicago looking for a homestead. Finding no good affordable land in Chicago, he wrote to his first cousin John Lida Sr. who had a farm in the Town of Cassel. Having been told of a good farm just south of the Lida farm,

Joseph Wilichowski came to the Town of Cassel. He selected the SW1/4 of section 2, Township 28 N, Range 5 East. Except railroad right-of-way from a Joseph Dessert Lumber Company, 160 acres.

Joseph then sent for his wife. Mary, having two small children was accompanied by her brother, Peter Napirala as she traveled to the Town of Cassel. Upon Mary's arrival in 1892, the Joseph Wilichowski family made their home with the John Lida Sr. family.



Joseph and Mary Wilichowski



Frank Wilichowski



Frank and Lucy's wedding - September 16, 1919



Frank and Lucy - 50th Wedding Anniversary 1969

Mary found her new farm a heavy wooded area without signs of civilization. Even Indians lived near Scotch Creek, and often came begging for food. The fall of 1893 their home was built and they moved in.

Slowly the wooded area, mostly pine, was cleared. The farm fields and gardens were around stumps. Their water was obtained from a spring. Meanwhile, they existed as best they could; on whatever vegetables they could raise on their stump farm.

Joseph and Mary raised a family of eight. Three sons and five daughters. Mary Cera, Frances Elliott, Esther Pokrzewinska, Stella Bedynek, Martha Johnson, Frank Wilichowski, Anthony Wilichowski (deceased) and John Wilichowski.

Joseph Wilichowski died in 1935 at the

age of 82 and Mary died in 1954 at the age of 92.

Second Generation - The oldest son of Joseph and Mary and the first child born on the Wilichowski farm was Frank. Born on January 8, 1894.

Frank married Lucy Koppa born May 9, 1897 from the Town of Cassel. Frank and Lucy were married September 16, 1919. They bought the farm from Frank's parents in 1922. In buying the farm, not only did Frank and Lucy have to pay money for the farm, but they also had to build a new home for his parents, and provide the following: Cultivate, plant and do all work necessary to the ground for a garden; plant and provide one half acre of rutabagaes, 25 bushels of potatoes, four barrels of wheat flour, three barrels of rye flour, twenty full cords of fire wood, 48 dozen eggs and two cows.

Lucy tells a little about the old days:

Unlike today, the woman couldn't just take the car and go to the grocery, bakery or delicatessen. You made all your own meals. You had plenty of provisions on hand at all times - that's what pantries were for.

A pantry was a small room off the kitchen where you had the big, bulky heavy things, such as hundred pounds of flour, sugar, oatmeal etc. The food that would spoil would have to be taken to the cellar. Also in the cellar was the canning, potatoes, cabbage, beans and all the vegetables you needed for a family of 16.

Your day began yesterday. That means you must have plenty of good kindling and fine wood in the wood box before you are in bed. A good kitchen stove was the most important appliance you could have. Your days were always around the stove, a kitchen stove with a large fire box. Large pieces of wood hold the fire so much better and steadily for your cooking.

All through the summer you would be canning, beginning with rhubarb and ending with the cold weather butchering. A year's lard had to be rendered and stored. Sausage, ham and bacon had to be cured and smoked.

Frank and Lucy were blessed with 14 children: Aloysius, Alfred-Kathleen Grimm, Edwin-Mary Ann Sturzel, Elizabeth-Ray Karlen, Anthony-Margard Karlen, Clarence-Evangeline Wirkus, Virginella-Alphonse Mroczenski, David-died June 1949, Arthur-Marjorie Lang, Sister LaVerne, Ruffin-Dorothy Block, Darlene-John Blaskowski, Christina-Jerome Martin, Gerald-Lorraine Brickner. Frank and Lucy celebrated their 50th



Frank Wilichowski family - 1969



Ruffin Wilichowski family

Wedding Anniversary in 1969. They have 50 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. Frank died October 1, 1975 at the age of 81. Lucy still lives on the farm at age 93.

Third Generation - In 1959, Ruffin took over his fathers farm. In October 1959, Ruffin married Dorothy Block from Wausau. Ruffin and Dorothy moved into his grandparents home, on the farm and started dairy farming. Taking advantage of their large woods of maple trees, Ruffin and Dorothy supplemented their income by making maple syrup every March.

In 1962, Ruffin started a mink ranch on the farm. With a few pair of mink building the ranch to over a thousand breeds. In 1974 Ruffin sold the ranch to his brother, Clarence, who still runs it today.

In 1976, Ruffin started growing ginseng on the farm which is still being grown today. A new home was built on the farm in 1983.

Ruffin and Dorothy had five children: Twin daughters in 1960; Carleen Arland and Carla Olinger, a son Allan died in infancy in 1962, Jill born in 1964 and Timothy died in infancy in 1965.

Edwin retired in 1986. They built their home in the Town of Cassel in 1945. Since retirement they both enjoy bowling, fishing, playing cards and visiting their children and their grandchildren.



Ruffin and Dorothy Wilichowski



June 1989 - Cassel's entry in the Town of Emmet Centennial Parade, King: Mark Huebsch, Queen: Sarah Seubert

November 4, 1990

WAUSAU SUNDAY HERALD

Centenarians share hobbies, grandchildren

Mary Dalske and Josephine Hall have a lot in common:

Both farmed with their husbands in the town of Cassel.

Both are widows, mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and great-great-grandmothers.

Both have enjoyed needlework: Mary enjoyed making quilts and teddy bears; Josephine crochets.

Both now live in Wausau nursing homes: Mary is a resident at Marywood Convalescent Center; Josephine is at Colonial Manor.

They are related — after a fashion: Mary's daughter, Dorinda, is married to Josephine's son, Michael, so the two women share some grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

And both women are 100 years old.

A native of the town of Stettin, Mary Dalske was born Oct. 16, 1890, the daughter of Anton and Katherine Sauter. She married John R. Dalske May 6, 1919, and they farmed until 1947 when they retired and moved to Wausau. Her husband died in 1976.

She has three children: Hubert, Mosinee; Dorinda Hall, Marathon; and Marian Hall, Wausau. There are 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren. A son, Frederick, is deceased.

Josephine Hall was born March 12, 1890, in the town of Cassel, the daughter of the John Muchas. She and Leonard Hall were married Nov. 25, 1910, and lived on a farm in Cassel. He died in 1971.

She has eight children: Juanita Schmidt, Walter Hall and Arnold Hall, all of Wausau; Marcella Thurs, Wilfred Hall and Victor Hall, all of Edgar; and Michael Hall and Julius Hall, both of Marathon.

There are also 50 grandchildren, 95 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren. Two sons, Leonard and Alexander, are deceased.



Mary Dalske



Josephine Hall

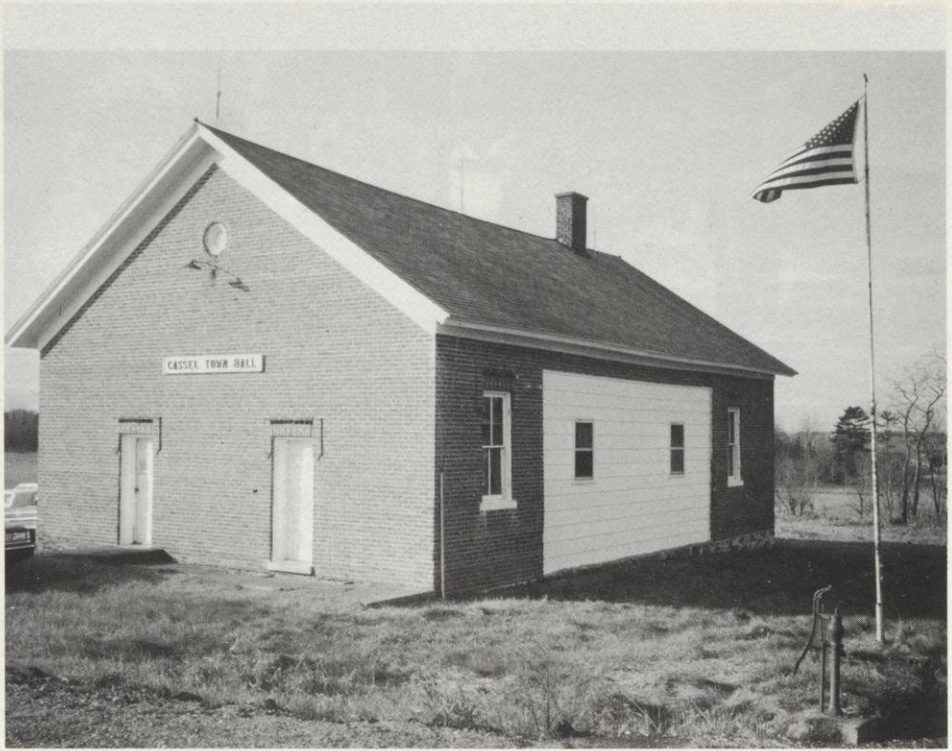
CASSEL MUNICIPAL CENTER

At the time this book is being published, a new community hall is being built. Our old town hall, which was formerly a school, has served us well, but was in need of extensive remodeling in order to meet the required state codes. There wasn't any water system connected to the building, or any bathroom facilities available, nor was it accessible to the handicapped. The first building used as a town hall was converted into a garage for the road equipment and this also was deteriorating, so town citizens suggested replacing them with a new building, having the garage and meeting hall all under one roof.

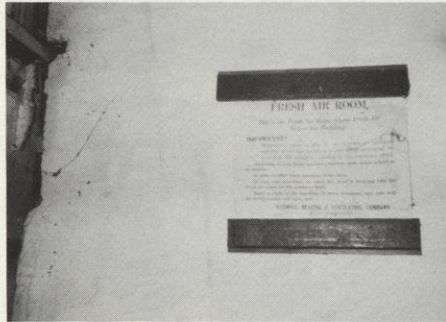
A perfect site was found in the center of our town, when Norbert and Dolores Bergs, lifelong residents of Cassel, generously donated land for this purpose. It is located on C.T.H. 'S', in Section 23, North of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This road in the early 1900's was known as the main street of Cassel, as that's where most of the businesses were located at that time, such as the church, school, store, saloon and dance hall, and a blacksmith shop.

A 50' x 135' building, constructed from cement blocks and steel is being considered. This will consist of a 50' x 50' meeting room while the major portion will be utilized for a garage and shop. Hopefully it will be completed in time for our centennial celebration.

A last look at the original buildings (November 1990)



Cassel Town Hall corner of "S" & "N"



"Fresh Air Room" something to do with proper functioning of furnace!



Old furnace (non-working) being checked out by Philip and Charlotte Kramer, children of Jack and Anne Kramer



Cassel Machine Shed corner of "N" and Eagle Lane



Philip Kramer checks out the "facilities"



Election workers-1990 Election Day - Poll workers; Joyce Huebsch, Joyce Seubert, Dolores Marzynski, Eleanore Lepak, Jan Lang. Voters: Ann Kramer (son Philip looking on)



Last election at the old Town Hall-Poll workers; L. Jan Lang, Eleanore Lepak, (standing) Joyce Huebsch, Clara Lepak and Marcella Andraska



Residents of Cassel at a recent town meeting



1990 Annual Meeting



Hugo Seubert (chairman), speaking at 1990 Annual Meeting. Other board members: Toni Lang (clerk), Jake Hornung and LeRoy Lang, (supervisors), Michael Huebsch (treasurer)



Cassel town hall building site from Hwy "S"

Cassel town hall construction ok'd

The Cassel town board has given its final approval towards construction of a new town hall, according to clerk Antoinette Lang, and construction of a 6,750 square foot structure will commence as soon as weather permits.

Lang said that the board approved bids for the job at its Feb. 11 meeting.

Three bids were accepted for the 50 foot by 135 foot concrete block garage and wood frame meeting hall:

■ Marawood Structures, \$132,867 for the building itself.

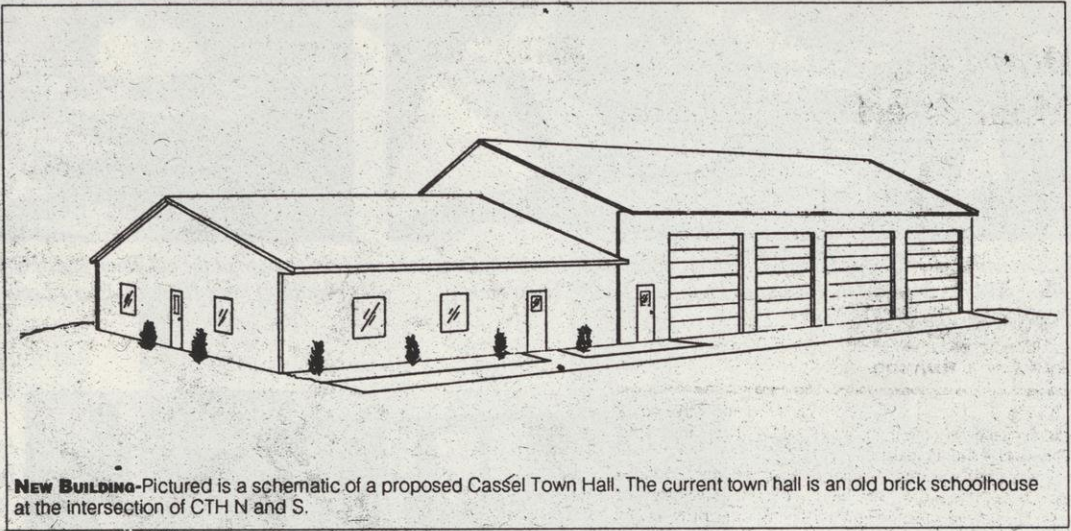
■ Berg Co., Edgar, \$10,622 for the plumbing.

■ Town and Country Electric Service, Marshfield, \$7,998 for the electrical work.

The new town hall will be constructed at 3400 CTH S, north of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the town of Cassel.

Longtime township residents Norbert and Dolores Bergs donated two acres of land for the new town hall.

Mrs. Lang said that completion of the town hall is hoped to coincide with the township's centennial slated for Aug. 3-4.



CENTENNIAL WINNER

Cassel Clerk Toni Lang presents a \$25.00 check to Mrs. Terry (Dawn) Borchardt for her winning entry in the town's centennial book cover contest. The "History of the Town of Cassel and its Residents" will be published in conjunction with the town centennial August 3-4.

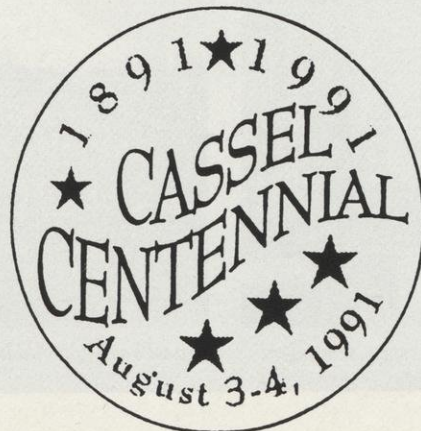


DONATED LAND

Norbert and Dolores Bergs present a deed for two acres of land to Cassel town chairman Hugo Seubert, Jr. for the purpose of building a town municipal building.

"THANK YOU"

The Cassel Town Board wishes to thank the residents of the Town of Cassel, who contributed, in so many different ways, to make our Centennial Celebration possible.



TOWN OF CASSEL RESIDENTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1991

Clarence Adamski 4031 Flamingo Lane, Marathon
Dean and Mary Kay Adamski 4021 Flamingo Lane, Marathon
Delos and Laura Adamski 4040 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Felix Adamski 3284 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Gary Ahrens 2575 STH "107", Marathon
Henry Ahrens 3117 Alpine Road, Marathon
Roger and Janet Ahrens 3117 Alpine Road, Marathon
Roman Andraska Family 3171 CTH "S", Marathon
Louis Andreshak 4103 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Todd and Patti Andreshak 4177 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Marie Banie 4944 Thomas Hill Road, Marathon
Edna and Gerald Bargender 3221 Bluebird Lane, Edgar
Allan Bauman 4811 Bob White Lane, Edgar
Harold and Audrey Bean 3735 Hwy "107", Marathon
Jeffrey P Berens 4730 Weinkauff Road, Edgar
Leonard R. Berg 3846 CTH "H", Edgar
Norbert A. Bergs 3526 CTH "S", Marathon
Ronald J. Berres 3875 STH 107, Marathon
Edward A. Beyer 4288 Four Mile Road, Edgar
Andrew Blume 3007 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Dolores Blume 3092 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Lawrence and Betty Blume 3717 Hummingbird Ln, Marathon
Lawrence J. Boehm 4124 Alpine Road, Marathon
Michael L. Boehm 3971 Alpine Road, Marathon
Douglas and Sandra Borchardt 3000 CTH "S" Marathon
Terry and Dawn Borchardt 3801 CTH "S", Marathon

Daniel J. Brickheimer 4321 CTH "S", Marathon
Donald Brinkman 4549 STH "29", Edgar
Mary E. Brzezinski 3723 CTH "S", Edgar
Melvin A. Buetsch 2891 CTH "S", Marathon
Gregory and Bonnie Bunkelman 4065 Bluebird Ln, Edgar
Walter Busse 3918 Alpine Road, Marathon
Ross and Elaine Butt 3722 CTH "H", Edgar
Brian and Judy Carr 2953 STH "107", Marathon
Cassel Gardens Farmers Co-op Cheese Co. 3526 CTH "S", Marathon
Harold Denfeld 5072 Thomas Hill Road, Edgar
Harvey Drengler 3254 Fourth Street, Marathon
Emil Duberstein 4725 CTH "S", Edgar
David A. Filtzkowski 5017 Four Mile Road, Edgar
Jeffrey and Tammy Fischer 2583 Eagle Lane, Edgar
Edward Fons 3364 Cardinal Lane, Marathon
Joseph Fons 4628 Oak Road, Edgar
Leonard Fons 3325 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Frank Fons Jr. 4601 Oak Road, Edgar
Daniel and Sheila Frey 2685 Hwy "107", Marathon
Rodney L. Gavitt, Sr. 4015 Alpine Road, Marathon
Adolph M. Gruny, Jr. 3947 Owl Lane, Marathon
Louis L. Hack 3674 Four Mile Road, Marathon
Aloys J. Hall 3025 Alpine Road, Marathon
Victor Hall 4491 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Dennis Halvorsen 4594 CTH "P", Edgar
Kip Hanke 4002 Partridge, Marathon
Gerald Hargraves 3171 Eagle Lane, Marathon
Richard and Janice Hawley 3185 Four Mile Road, Marathon
Edward G. Heil 3402 CTH "H", Edgar
Frank Heil 3327 Four Mile Road, Marathon
Walter B. Hemmrich 3414 CTH "P" Marathon
Glenn Hoffman 3475 Cardinal Lane, Marathon

Robert Hoffman 4349 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Jacob Hornung 3347 Bluebird Lane, Edgar
Irvin Huebsch 3477 Eagle Lane, Marathon
Michael Huebsch 3557 Eagle Lane, Marathon
Larry Hurtis 4084 Scotch Creek Road, Marathon
James Imhoff 5075 STH "29", Edgar
Mildred Imhoff 4876 Weinkauff Road, Edgar
Henry Imhoff Jr. 3865 Four Mile Road, Marathon
Darrell Jahnke 3358 Bluebird Lane, Edgar
Alfred Joswiak 3686 Cardinal Lane, Marathon
Jeffrey Kage 604 Butternut Road, Marathon
Dennis Kaiser 4851 Four Mile Road, Edgar
Ralph Kaiser 4810 Junction Road, Edgar
Richard Kaiser 4958 Thomas Hill Road, Edgar
Virgil Kaiser 4203 CTH "S", Marathon
Deltan and Jaclyn Karlen 2722 Partridge Lane, Marathon
Marcel Karlen 2941 Four Mile Road, Marathon
Aloysius J King 3536 CTH "N", Edgar
George and Elizabeth King 3818 Bluebird Lane, Edgar
Kevin King 5125 CTH "N", Edgar
Michael King 5117 CTH "N", Edgar
Thomas and Dorothy Kingston 4505 HWY "N", Marathon
Ivan Knoeck 3008 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Jacob Knoeck 4348 Pheasant Lane, Marathon
Robert Knoeck 4348 Pheasant Lane, Marathon
Knoeck Brothers Inc. 4348 Pheasant Lane, Marathon
Charles and Carol Kohel 3855 Bluebird, Edgar
Jerome Koppa 3720 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Prosper and Dorothy Koppa 3565 Soda Creek Road, Marathon
Alfred Krahn 4815 Cardinal Lane, Edgar
Daniel J and Armella Kramer 3237 STH "29", Marathon
Roger and Gloria Kreager 3161 STH "107", Marathon

Norbert G Lake 5038 Thomas Hill Road, Edgar

Bruce and Kim Lang 4203 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon

Charles and Dorothy Lang 4462 Soda Creek Road, Edgar

Charles Lang 3555 Cardinal Lane, Marathon

Gilbert Lang 4353 CTH "N", Marathon

Harold Lang 3563 Alpine Road, Marathon

Hugo Lang 3762 Four Mile Road, Marathon

La Vern Lang 3529 Four Mile Road, Marathon

Le Roy Lang 4049 CTH "N", Marathon

Lloyd Lang 3987 Pine Road, Marathon

Norbert A Lang 3958 CTH "N", Marathon

Norbert C and Anita Lang 4427 CTH "S", Marathon

Robert Lang 4253 CTH "N", Marathon

Ronald and Pamela Lang 3540 CTH "P", Marathon

Terry and Susan Lang 3573 Alpine Road, Marathon

Henry Lang Jr 3058 Four Mile Road, Marathon

James and Jeanne Lawrie 3110 CTH "P", Marathon

Casimier Lemanski 3707 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Florian Lemanski 3080 STH "107", Marathon

Eugene Lemmer 3797 STH "107", Marathon

Lyle Lemmer 3983 STH "107", Marathon

Ralph Lemmer 4739 Chesak Road, Edgar

Robert Lemmer 4737 Chesak Road, Edgar

Timothy and Mary Lenhard 2673 STH "107", Marathon

Calvin and Alvina Lensmire 4531 CTH "S", Marathon

Clara P Lepak 3776 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Clara T. Lepak 3382 CTH "S", Marathon

Donald Lepak 3385 CTH "S", Marathon

Kenneth Lepak 4282 Cardinal Lane, Edgar

Marlin Lepak 3671 Alpine Road, Marathon

Martin Lepak 3355 CTH "S", Marathon

Michael Lepak 3686 Alpine Road, Marathon

Stanley Lepak 3357 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Donald Lutz 3748 CTH "N", Marathon

Craig Manson 2847 Cardinal Lane, Edgar

Neal Manson 4277 CTH "S", Marathon

Shirley Martin 3887 CTH "S", Marathon

Dominic Marzynski 3963 Flamingo Lane, Marathon

Ellwood Mason Jr 4467 Pheasant Lane, Marathon

David Matthiae 4838 Martin Lane, Marathon

Maynard Matthiae 4839 Martin Lane, Marathon

Robert Metz 3568 CTH "N", Marathon

Stanley Michalewicz 4795 Junction Road, Edgar

Marietta Michalski 3668 Cardinal Lane, Marathon

Delphine Michlig 3976 CTH "N", Marathon

Henry Michlig 4547 STH "29", Edgar

Ignatz Michlig 4084 CTH "P", Edgar

Leo Michlig 4155 CTH "N", Marathon

Michael Mohr 3344 CTH "N", Marathon

Gary and Angela Mroczenski 4034 Bluebird Lane, Edgar

Joseph and Clara Nowak 2978 Bluebird Lane, Edgar

Mike Nowak 4152 CTH "N", Marathon

James Pagel Jr 3902 Alpine Road, Marathon

Walter Pospychalla 2626 Eagle Lane, Edgar

Edward Pospyhala 3803 Soda Creek Road, Marathon

Peter Prondzinski 4563 CTH "S", Marathon

Clarence Rader 3463 Four Mile Road, Marathon

Erwin Rader 3023 STH "107", Marathon

David Rajek 3450 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Robert Rajek 3831 Cardinal Lane, Edgar

Frank Rajek Jr 3743 Scotch Creek Road, Marathon

Steve and Kathy Roderick 3798 Scotch Creek Road, Marathon

Roger Ross 4811 HWY "S", Edgar

Verlyn and Robert Ross 3829 Scotch Creek Road, Marathon

Russell Schilling Scotch Creek Road, Marathon

Shirley Schilling W4008 Hilldale Drive, Edgar

J A Schmidt 4797 STH "29", Edgar

Robert Schneeberger 3297 CTH "S", Marathon

Bruce and Lynn Schoenherr 3000 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Anthony and Jocelyn Schreier 4532 Chesak Road, Edgar

George Schreier 4439 Scotch Creek Road, Edgar

Gerald Schreier 4211 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon

Roy Schultz 3272 CTH "P", Marathon

Robert Schumacher 3754 HWY "107", Marathon

Virgil Schumacher 3702 HWY "107", Marathon

Allen Schuster 3975 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Edwin J Sedlacek 3975 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Donald Senoraske 4302 Blue Jay Lane, Edgar

Kenneth Seubert 3131 Soda Creek Road, Marathon

Matthew Seubert 4207 Hummingbird Lane, Marathon

Randal Seubert 3398 Eagle Lane, Marathon

Russell Seubert 3397 HWY "107", Marathon

Steven Seubert 3897 HWY "107" S, Marathon

Hugo Seubert Jr 3141 Soda Creek Road, Marathon

Alex Skrzypcak 4616 Junction Road, Edgar

Marvin Skrzypcak 3251 Cardinal Lane, Edgar

Anna Skrzypchak 4014 Flamingo Lane, Marathon

Dale Skrzypchak 4014 Flamingo Lane, Marathon

Dorothy Skrzypchak 3456 Partridge Lane, Marathon

Jerome and Eileen Skrzypchak 4755 CTH "N", Edgar

Le Roy Skrzypchak 4200 Thomas Hill Road, Edgar

Norbert Skrzypchak 3570 CTH "S", Marathon

Roland Skrzypchak 3766 Soda Creek Road, Marathon

Lawrence Soczka 2478 Brookfield Road, Edgar

Norman Soczka 4814 CTH "P", Edgar

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Timothy Werner 3904 Bluebird Lane,
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Lane, Edgar
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Road, Edgar
Anna Wilichowski 4253 Scotch Creek
Road, Edgar

Charles Wilichowski 4813 Martin Lane,
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Edwin Wilichowski 4551 CTH "S",
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Creek Road, Marathon
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Marathon
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Road, Marathon
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Mile Road, Marathon

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