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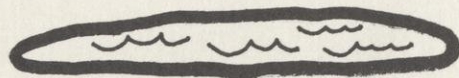
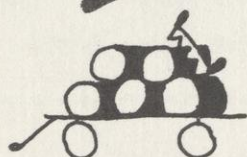
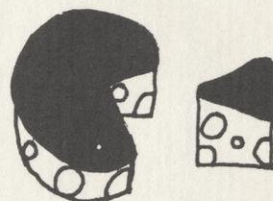
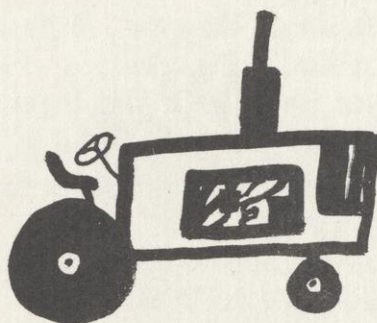
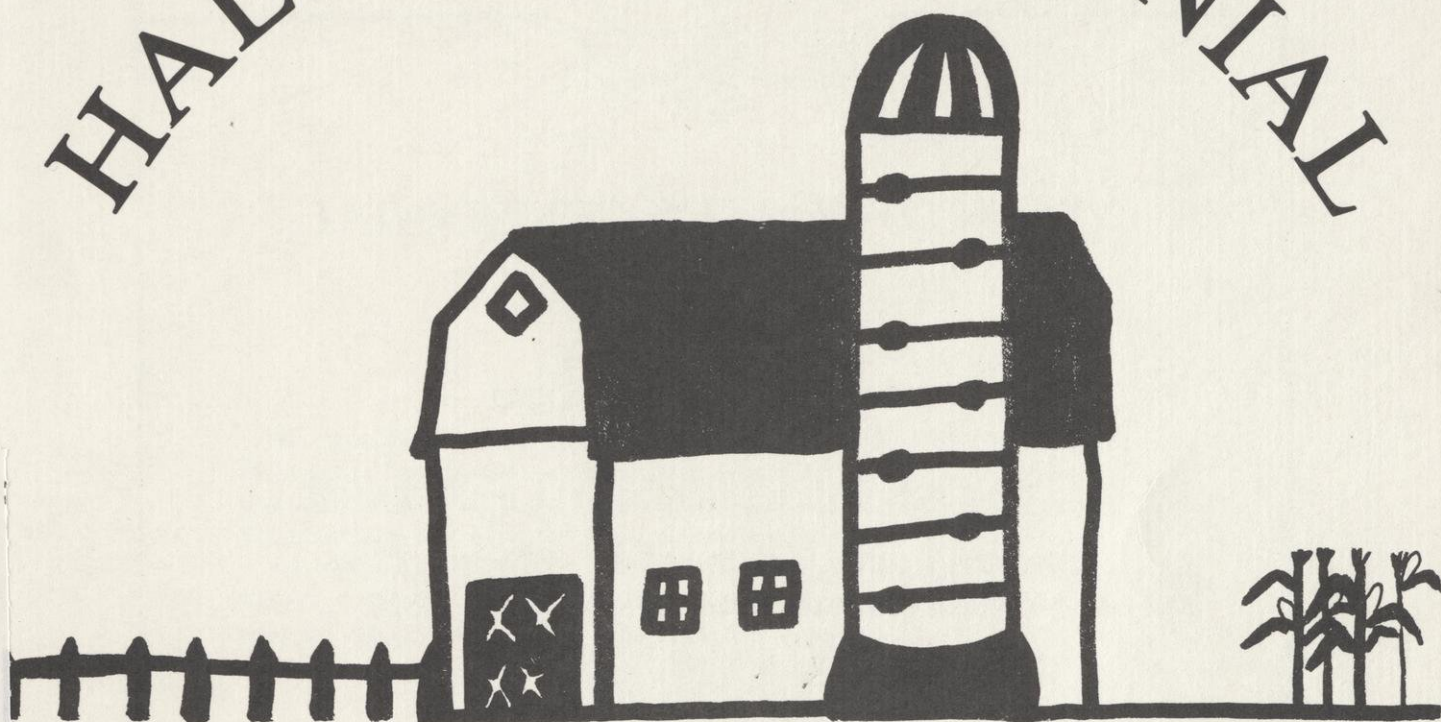
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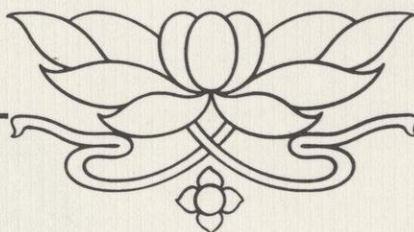
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HALSEY CENTENNIAL



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



TOWN OF HALSEY CENTENNIAL

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September 11, 1983

PROCHNOW'S BALLROOM

Highway A & H

BBQ CHICKEN and COUNTRY STYLE RIBS DINNER

Advance Tickets: Adults \$4.00 — Children \$2.00

At the Door: Adults \$4.25 — Children \$2.25

Serving will begin at 1:00 until ???

Cary-outs available

1:00 Program

Speakers - Ray Ott, Others
plus Local Speakers and Recognitions of
other Residents and Board Members.

2:30 Softball game — Halsey vs Hamburg

Horseshoe Pitching Contest

Old Timers Band

Drawing for raffle throughout afternoon

Drawing for TV at 9:00

Old time mementos on display

7:00 to 11:00 Roger Allen Orchestra

(Free Dancing)

Souvenirs Available — Refreshments

See You There!

DEDICATION

We, the citizens of the Town of Halsey, dedicate this 1983 Centennial book to the people of our township, especially to those who served in town offices and positions of service in the town. Also to the people who took time to arrange and perform the tasks necessary for the centennial celebration.

The book is also dedicated to the honored guests of this day - Ervin and Adeline Riemer, their son, Robert and his wife Caroline, their sons Allen and Michael, who have the oldest farm in one family in Halsey - 1860-1983.

Many blessings to our future residents and their families.



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FORWARD

1983 - We are given an opportunity to celebrate this 100th birthday of our township this year.

We are very grateful to those who made themselves available to get the centennial program, book and meal together. Many hours were spent running and searching for information and biographies and compiling whatever we could for this book in a very short time.

Also we acknowledge the following references: Wausau Public Library, Marathon County Court House, "The History of Marathon County" (published in 1913 by Judge Louis Marchetti), "Marathon County Atlas" (1982 edition), Former Town Clerks' Record Books, and various other sources.

We thank present and former town officials for their contributions. A special "Thank You" to Kay Zocher, daughter of Hilbert and Shirley, who drew our logo for the Centennial Plate.

To Debbie Woellner Paul, daughter of Laura and Victor, Sr., for designing the cover of our book.

Special thanks to Mary Borke for her work in getting this book compiled and to those who helped with the typing: Bonnie and Pattie Rausch and Jean and Harvey Schultz.

We apologize to anyone for things or persons that may have been omitted. It was not done intentionally but happened because of lack of time and information.

We hope this book will please you all.

Your present town board and centennial committee

Edwin Schultz, Chr.

Clifford Hopperdietzel, Super.

Gary Schultz, Super.

Betty Rausch (Mrs. Wallie), Clerk

Carol Giese, Treasurer

COMMITTEES

HISTORICAL WRITERS

Ed Schultz
Erwin Mueller
Mary Borke
Carol Giese

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Mary Borke
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Patti Rausch
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Dorothy Schultz

HALSEY 4-H

Posters and ice cream stand

SOUVENIRS

Town Board Members
Nancy Hopperdietzel
Elaine Langhoff

RAFFLE COMMITTEE

Nancy & Clifford Hopperdietzel

FOOD

Laura Woellner
Emery & Delores Henrichs
Elmer & Leanan Metz
Harvey & Jean Schultz
Esther Mueller
Carol Giese

All others who helped prepare & serve the meal
All donations of food, money or prizes
Hall owners, Alice & Earl Prochnow
Orchestras - Roger Allen - "Old Timers"

PIERSON L. HALSEY

Pierson L. Halsey, who was a Justice of the Peace in the Town of Rietbrock, was the owner of 600 acres of valuable land here. For a number of years he was well-known in the County as an able attorney, practicing in the state and federal courts and in the United States Supreme Court. He was born February 5, 1871, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and is a son of Lawrence and Mary I. Halsey. On June 10, 1908 Mr. Halsey married Miss Grace L. Greenwood, who was the daughter of Rev. John W. and Gertrude Greenwood, the former being rector of the Episcopal church at Oshkosh. Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Halsey had one daughter, Mary Gertrude.

He bought land two and one-half miles south of Athens for his stock and dairy farm of 135 acres, and here he made a specialty of raising Berkshire hogs, Guernsey cattle and chickens. The land is now owned by Bronowicz Bros.

When Pierson and wife Grace moved on this 135 acre farm, he knew very little about farming. He wouldn't let the cook use any of the eggs the hens laid but wanted to keep a record of how many they laid daily; so he dated each egg and stored them in the pantry. Mary, the maid, finally had to dispose of them because of the strong odor of rotten eggs. Pierson would buy eggs in town for domestic use. He couldn't understand why the hens weren't laying in winter, when the hen-house was so cold the hens' feet and combs were almost frozen.

To his wife's Grace discomfort and problems, their frame house burned to the ground, with all of their possessions. Her wealthy father-in-law soon built them a spacious brick mansion, with all modern conveniences available to farmers at that time, including a lovely marble fireplace in the living room. There was indoor plumbing and carbide lights, with a lovely pond nearby.

Grace's life was very lonely, she spent most of her time sewing. Not having the opportunity to go shopping for new clothing, she remodeled her own gowns. She could rip apart an old dress and have it re-styled in a few days. When her little daughter was born, Grace spent many hours sewing for Mary Gertrude and her dolls. Grace, her husband, and little Mary, always dressed for dinner and ate in the dining room. The maid and hired help ate in the kitchen. Occasionally Grace drove a horse drawn buggy into Athens to shop or visit friends.

One of Grace's problems was finding furnishings for her new home. She decided to furnish the bedrooms for the maid and hired men with used beds and dressers. She didn't know that the beds she bought were infested with bedbugs, until one morning the hired men came downstairs with lumps. The pests moved into the master bedroom also.

However, at that time the only way to deal with them was to spray gasoline in the cracks of the bed, which was dangerous because it could ignite and burn the house down. They tried this, and almost did set the house on fire. Mary, the maid, found that Pierson had been sticking pins into them on a board. This was quite an achievement, because the pests vanished as soon as a light was turned on. Mary and Grace used quarts of kerosene, sprayed in cracks of the beds and corners of the mattresses, to get rid of the bugs.

Pierson did make use of his legal abilities. He served as Justice of Peace in the Town of Rietbrock, where he lived. His father Lawrence owned more than 600 acres of woodland which he sold to settlers coming into the community. He sold one farm to a bachelor named Herman Becker near the Halsey farm. That proved to be the lawyer's undoing. Becker could neither read nor write, as was the case with many of the early settlers of German and Polish ancestry. In the farm deal with Mr. Becker, Pierson made an oral agreement that he could use the hay on a cleared piece of land near their line fence for three years, after which the hay would belong to Becker. However, in the written contract he had inserted a clause stating he could keep the right of the hay indefinitely.

When the three years were up, Mr. Halsey and a hired man went out to the field to make the hay. Mr. Becker came out and told them that the hay was now his, and he wanted it for himself. Pierson ignored the request, even though Mr. Becker threatened to shoot him if he ever came again. The next morning Pierson and the hired man again returned to the hay field and began to load the hay. When Becker saw them he picked up his shotgun, ran out to the field and saw Pierson on the wagon leveling the hay. He pointed the gun at him and fired, hitting Pierson in the head killing him instantly.

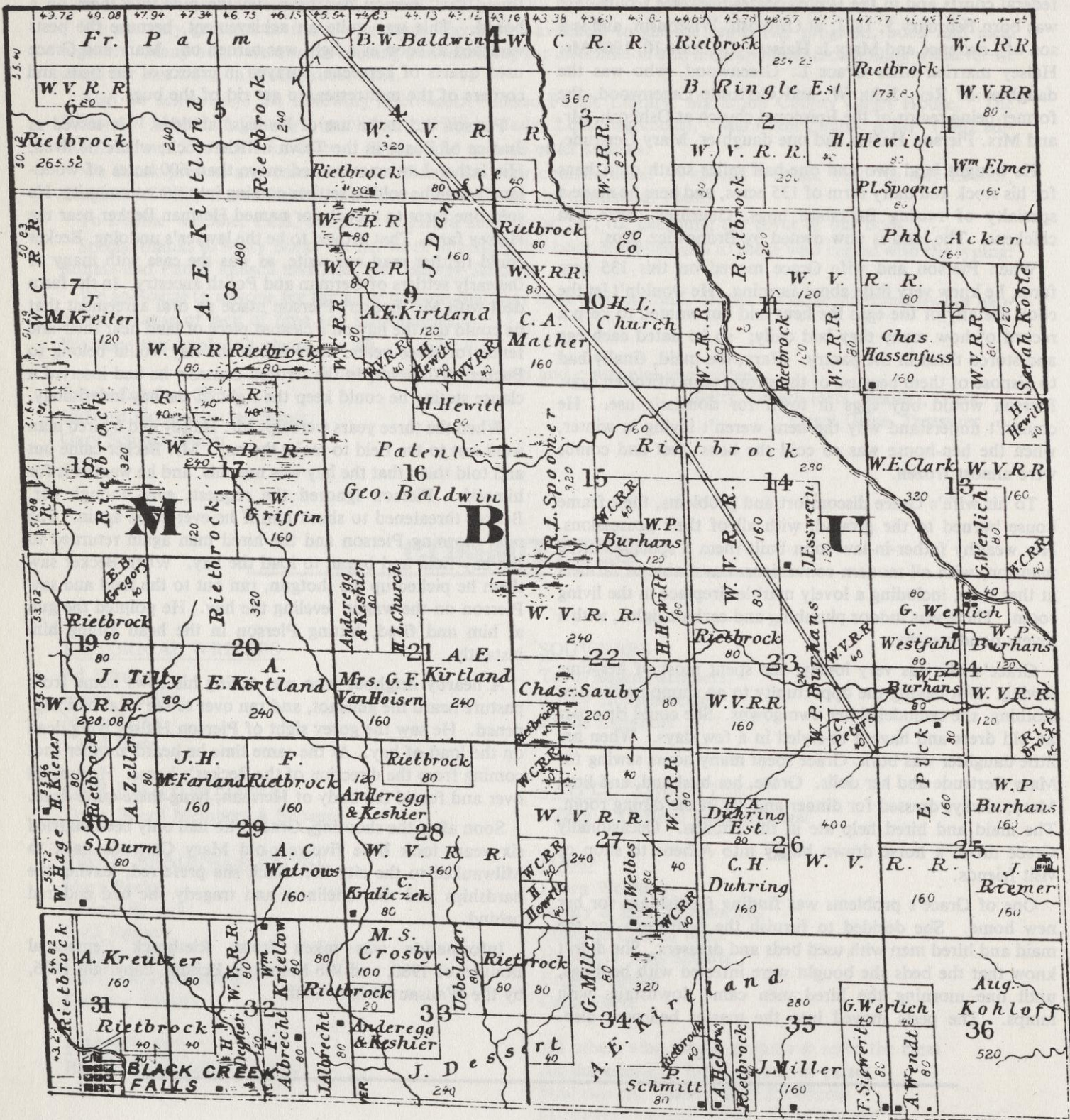
A nearby neighbor who was taking his cows home from pasture heard the gunshot, and ran over to see what had happened. He saw the gorey sight of Pierson Halsey lying dead on the load of hay. At the same time he heard another shot coming from the direction of the Becker's home. He hurried over and found the body of Herman, lying there quite dead.

Soon after the shooting, Grace who had only been married six years took little five-year-old Mary Gertrude back to Milwaukee to the city life which she preferred, leaving the hardships and the loneliness and tragedy she had endured behind.

Information was taken from: Rietbrock Centennial Booklet of 1980, and Rib Mountain Echoes, copyright 1976, by the Wausau Writers Club.

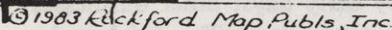
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HALSEY

LINCOLN COUNTY



Marathon County, Wis.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Township of Halsey is part of the thousands of acres purchased by Fred Rietbrock, head of the Rietbrock Land & Lumber Co. The settlement of Rietbrock and Halsey began in 1878.

Rietbrock encouraged and helped unemployed coal miners from Pennsylvania and other settlers from the Milwaukee area to move to this area to work in the woods and saw mills and later, as the land was cleared, to go into farming. Pennsylvanians came in 1896; many of these did not stay as they soon discovered work in the woods was much different than the work they had been doing in the coal mines.

A Minister by the name of Lemmerdine came with this group of settlers and Fred Rietbrock built a home for him in the town of Halsey on the west bank of the Rib River. A large log building to be used for a meeting place and church was also built. Rietbrock paid the Minister's salary and for the expenses of the church. The church was located in what is now section 11.

In the spring of 1897, many of these families began returning to Pennsylvania and only the minister and about a dozen families remained. The minister began the work of rebuilding his parish and he then moved his church to the Hamburg area to what became known as the Salem Church. Residents of Halsey attended churches in Hamburg, Rietbrock and Athens, (Black Creek Falls) as the "Lemmerdine Church" was the only church known to have been built in the town of Halsey.

Two of the earliest known settlers in Halsey were John

Miller and Fred Ziebel who came to the area in 1857. Because of hardships and poverty, their land was sold for taxes, after they made a large improvement on the land. Two other early settlers were Charles Riemer and Charles Lindeberg who reportedly settled in 1858.

At this time a John Bartelt was charging \$5.00 a day to help new settlers locate their land. This was good money in those days and of course it was to his best interest to make these excursions last more than one day.

In the latter part of the 1870's, a watermill (sawmill) was operated by Gustavus Werlich. Lumber was rafted as in the olden times down the Rib River to the Wisconsin River. Operations of this mill ceased in 1880 or 1881 because it was too costly. But the erection and operation of that mill didn't contribute greatly to the advancement of the settlement. The mill was located in the area east of Donald Punke's residence on land now owned by the Town of Halsey.

The first town chairman, William Rietz, (grandfather of George Rietz, Jr.), was elected in 1883. The 1890 population of the township (which at this time also included the Town of Bern and Black Creek Falls, better known as Athens), was 654. The township of Bern became independent from the Town of Halsey in 1902. Black Creek Falls got its new name from Mr. Strupp, a school principal in Athens, because the mail was getting mixed up with another small town 100 miles south of here, Black River Falls.

The township was named after Pierson L. Halsey, a lawyer who didn't even live in the township that is named after him!

LOGGING DAYS

Rietbrock logging days started with oxen, then to horses. In 1913 Rietbrock Land and Lumber Company started hauling logs with a steam hauler. They also built an ice road in the Town of Halsey. They had various Camps and the barn that is still standing on the Pat Frank farm is the first Camp. Five years later moving east they built a second Camp. This is now the Casimir Gawenda farm. They called this the Redman Camp. Fred Gieser was main cook and they usually had a young man there to do the clean up work and he was called a bull cook. Ed Schultz, present Town Chairman, recalls going there for chocolate and raisin pie in his youth.

In 1927 they moved to the last Camp which is now the Mildred Riehle 80, in Section 11. They discontinued logging in the Town of Halsey in 1931, in the depression. Engineers that ran the Steam Hauler were Art and Eddie Hoge.

Most of the early settlers, after clearing some land, continued in logging or turned to dairy farming. "Centennial Farms", in the Township of Halsey are owned by: Carol Giese, Joseph Albrecht, Ceil Welbes, Robert Riemer, William Degner, and Walter and Elsie Weise. These farms will be described in a latter part of the book.

Education was an important part of the settlers of Halsey and several schools were organized within the township. The first school was probably a little school on the Riemer property. This was there about 1882 and evidently was used only a few years. Forest View School Joint District No. 1 was on the Ben Riehle property. The Emory School is the present site of the town hall. The Athens District public school is Joint District No. 2. The Wells School, No. 6, was on the land next to the present Joe Lotter residence. The Baldwin Hill School District No. 8, was a large brick building which stood where Marvin Westfall presently resides. The Baldwin Hill and Wells schools consolidated September 4, 1947. Don Westfall's family is now living in the Fairview School Building. Fairview School closed in 1956 just a few years after complete remodeling, when all of the Halsey schools consolidated with the Athens District schools.

Although farming was the principal business in Halsey, along with logging in the very early days, other businesses were operated. In earlier times sawmills, brickyards, blacksmith shops, and cheese factories were important. Today several other types of independent businesses are

operated in Halsey. Paul Adams operated and owned a blacksmith shop on Berghammer's Corners. There also was a blacksmith shop located in Riemer's corner, operated by a Mr. Schultz.

A cheese factory owned by a Mr. Guth was located on the land that Ferd Paul Jr. now owns. It burned down in 1927. A cheese factory owned by Marathon County Farmer Creamery, run by August Fiedler, was built on land leased from Gus Brandt. Later Pauly bought the factory and it was on the corner of the Robert Giese farm, and was last managed by Reinheld Heldt. The factory was closed in 1943 when the new factory opened in Athens. A Swiss Cheese factory was operated on the Blecha Bros. farm in 1896, and closed down in the early 1920's according to Mr. Bill Punke who now owns that land. The factory building was still standing when Mr. Punke bought the farm.

Henry Kage owned a cheese factory which was built on the corner where Joseph Mullins yard is presently located. The next owner was Charles Hopperdietzel. The factory burned down and Ludwig Weisner rebuilt it. Clem Schermetzler bought the factory around 1930. Melvin and Joseph Mullins then purchased the factory from Mr. Schermetzler and took over its operation on December 1, 1949. Melvin had been a cheesemaker in the Edgar area for many years before. Joe and his wife Evelyn purchased the factory from his father on August 1, 1952. The only cheese factory in the township, it's now named J. W. Mullins & Sons (Randy and Duane). A daughter Barbara and husband David Weiler also work with them. Joe and Evelyn built a new factory, which opened November 8, 1960. There have been many changes throughout the years, including a store where they sell their products.

The Degner Brickyard was located where Arnold Boneske lives now. Handmade bricks were made there. The Athens Drug Store and Christ United Church are built of brick from this brickyard. Albrecht's brickyard was located where the Joe Albrecht farm is situated and this operated until 1903. All of the churches and schools in Athens were built with bricks from this yard. This yard closed when the Athens Brickyard began operations west of Walter Rausch's farm. This brickyard operated from 1902 until the 1920's.

Carl Fiebke built a sawmill on the Bungaloo Road. There also was a tavern and dance hall by the name of Bungaloo Hall and Tavern which operated until 1934. A dance hall was built on the corner of the present John Adams property by Emil Schultz in the early 1900's and operated until 1920.

A railroad ran from Athens through Halsey and Goodrich to Highway M. Another railroad built by Fred Rietbrock, ran from Athens to Braun's Spur and Goodrich in the timberlands.

We hear and see so much of ginseng today; but Reinheld Dietsche raised ginseng in Section 2 and was considered "The Father of Ginseng". George Eswein, who lived where Harold Punke presently lives, also began ginseng, learning of this from the Indians. He also had a tanning shop on his farm.

In 1930 Charlie Fiebke opened a grocery store in a former lumber camp in Section 2. In 1937 Charlie Griener bought it from Fiebke and sold groceries and liquor. In 1943 Frances Zinkowich bought this building and "Ma's Tavern" became a landmark in the town. When "Ma" retired, a daughter and her husband, Tina and Keith McCluskey, took over the tavern. Then a son, Frank, ran the tavern for a few years. The present owner, another daughter of Ma's, Mary Cleveland, bought the tavern in 1973 and renamed it "Seven Sisters", after the girls in the Zinkowich family.

Wayside Tavern was built by Frank Zocher. It now goes under "Zoch's Wayside Tap" and is owned and operated by Shirley Zocher and her son Ken.

Other businesses operating in the Township of Halsey in 1983 are: Fiedler's Ceramics, owned and operated by Arlene Fiedler, located on County Highway F; Country Auto, owned and operated by George and John Welbes, located on County Hwy. A; John Weiler Electric, and Kottke Trucking, also on A; B & J Equipment, owned and operated by Bob and Joann Schug, selling farm equipment, located on Townline Road; Energy equipment is sold by David Buehler who lives on Bungaloo Road. Merlin Switlich, is a representative for Jamesway farm equipment and is located on Corn Road. Roger Kubitz is probably better known as "Roger Allen", the orchestra leader, although he also raises mink.



Quotes and summaries of town board minutes give us a good picture of the development of the Township of Halsey and some changes that have taken place in the past 100 years:

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

(Editors note): The first entry is quoted just as it was entered in the 1884 books. The rest of the entries have been abbreviated.

1884 The first Annual Meeting of the Town of Halsey, in the County of Marathon, and State of Wisconsin. Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the school-house in the village of Black Creek Falls. Owing to controversy as to occupying the school room for election purpose, the school-board announced that the same can be held therein provided that the votes be cast through the window. This was complied with. An motion made and carried Geo. Sutter was appointed Chairman of the meeting with F.A. Strupp as clerk. An motion made and carried R.M. Stoddard and Otto Bruss were appointed inspectors of election. On demand of F.A. Strupp for another Clerk of Elections, Henry Degner was appointed. Polls opened at 10:10 a.m. At 1:00 p.m., the meeting proceeded to raising money for different purposes as is shown below:

Motion made that Six Hundred (\$600) be raised for bridge and highway purposes. Motion carried.

Motion made there be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for school fund. Motion carried.

Motion made that there be an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100) raised for school fund. Motion carried.

Motion made that there be Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) raised for compensation of officers and other expenses. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Town Clerk's salary be fixed at One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) per year. Motion carried.

The meeting then proceeded to vote by acclamation for overseers of highways of the Original Road Districts. The following men appointed with their respective No. of District placed after each:

John Riemer	Road District No. 6
F. Engelking	Road District No. 8
A. Kreutzer, Sr.	Road District No. 9
F. Wilke	Road District No. 12
M. Rausch	<u>Road District No. 13</u>

Town Clerk, F.A. Strupp

1885 Held in Black Creek Falls. Money raised at said meeting to wit:

Highway and Bridge	\$ 700
Town School	\$ 200
Current Expense	\$ 300
	<u>Total \$1200</u>

Salary of Assessor

Salary of Clerk

Salary of Supervisors

Cash money received by overseers shall be worked off

on road by contract giving said jobs to the lowest bidder. Town and County school money are to be divided by the town clerk according to the number of children between 4 and 20 years residing in the district.

1886 Motion carried that \$500 raised for bridge purposes. All delinquent road taxes shall be expended by the Town Board in such road district as it was returned. Polls closed at 5:00 p.m. when the votes were canvassed.

1887 Polls opened at 9:00 a.m. at Strupp and Kreutzer's office. Motion made that Board of Investigation be appointed to examine books. Motion overruled. Poll next year shall not be opened before salary of officers is fixed.

1888 The annual meeting was held at the hall of Bruss and Kreutzer. \$500 was to be raised for road and bridge. Another motion made and seconded for \$350 raised for bridge over Black Creek in Sections 21, 22, 30, and 3. \$150 was raised for the Poor Fund.

1889 Annual report to be printed and published in spring of 1890.

1890 The Annual meeting of the Township of Halsey was called to order by Chairman William Hoge at the Post Office in the Village. \$200 for the poor fund was again raised. Postmasters were elected by yea's and nay's for respective district.

1891 The meeting was held in the office of F.A. Strupp. Special election for purpose of electing an overseer, also whether horses and swine be allowed to run at large in the Village of Black Creek Falls (Athens). Town board to appoint a board of Health, its member not a member of the town board.

1892 Each road district shall raise their own money. Motion made that \$150 of the town license money be expended in the village for its sidewalks. This was lost. Same lost twice more.

1893 \$200 of license money was put to use for sidewalks again made and indefinitely postponed. Suit against town for loss of horse was also postponed at the time.

1894 Polls opened at Bruss's Hall. Motion carried that \$200 of license money be used for sidewalks in the village. To be built under the supervision of the Town Board.

1895 Committee was formed to investigate books. The committee members are as follows: John Loomis, Joseph Brown and John Neuenberg. \$150 to be expended for the town's new school house.

1896 Raised \$50 for a bridge across the Beaver Creek. Also raised another \$50 for fixing of the town's cemetery.

1897 The Board mutually agreed between towns of Halsey and Rietbrock by the respective town board, that the repairing and keeping in passable condition of the approaches of bridge built over the Black Creek village of Black Creek Falls (Athens), in the year above mentioned and located near the Degner Cheese Factory, the eastern approach is assigned to the town of Rietbrock, while the western belongs to the town of Halsey. To this end we bind ourselves and successors in office.

Supervisors of Halsey: John Munes
William Hoge
William Suckow

Supervisors of Rietbrock: Joseph Murkowski
William Bloczynski
August Springer

- 1898 \$25 was to be used for the purpose of a desk for the town clerk and other needed fixtures. Also for road scrapers and the town safe. The town borrowed \$350 from National German American Bank of Wausau for necessary road jobs and repairs. The town clerk allowed \$5.00 per year for attending to the sale of lots in the town cemetery.
- 1899 The Board of Health appointed P. Schmitt, Chairman; C. Kiener, Secretary; and Joseph Albrecht. F.A. Strupp, instructed to care for cemetery as heretofore. Received applications for aid from ladies. Peter Schmitt authorized to purchase sufficient planks to improve the East Townline Road near the cheese factory and to build sidewalks where needed in village. One wheel scraper and town hand scraper where needed in between sections 23 and 24 were considered. Served notice upon occupants of lands through which highway may pass. Liquor license signed and passed to Blecha Brothers, Joseph Forstner, Henry Bruss and A. Vaschalika.
- 1900 The annual meeting was held. \$1,000 for the paying of corner stones to be placed in town aforesaid and \$200 for payment of one road machine. Made a \$800 loan from the Bank of Athens. Contract made for digging and removing of stumps in cemetery and repairing the fence. This contract was made let to J.C. Searing for \$11.00 and to be done by June 1, 1900. The Board also met on May 26, 1900 at the residence of Richard Hennig and formed new school districts known as District Number 7. It includes territory as follows: s20 s22 s22; V226; all of 27, 28 and 29; N232; N233. Approved proposed extension of new street leading to the new school site. Privilege to construct telephone lines within limits of Halsey granted. Motion to authorize board to buy road grading machine called for a division of the house, those in favor to the right and opposition to the left side. The count showed 60 in favor and 54 opposed. Motion was carried. \$125 was raised for repairing water tank near the engine house was also decided by division of house. Motion was carried.
- 1901 Village is to have full control of the cemetery. Fence viewers called in for several assignments. At the annual meeting at the Fire Co. Hall, motion was made and seconded that no sheep, hogs, bulls and horses be allowed to run at large on public highways.
- 1902 April 17, 1902, the town made a settlement as follows: Town of Halsey to pay to the said Town of Berne the sum of \$278.58 and the road grader and the balance of tools and fixtures are held by the Town of Halsey.

Witness: Ed Scholler

Cr. Flessing
Robert Drager
Charles Schlais
John Boehm
William Klein

Town of Halsey Board

Town of Berne Board

- The Town Clerk was now allowed \$10.00 for office rent.
- 1903 The Annual Meeting was held April 7, 1903. Current Expenses are as follows: Poor Fund \$250. Roads and Bridges \$400; Road between section 20 and 21 \$250; and the road grader and the balance of tools by the town. Fiebke Road, Section 7 and 8, \$100 motion moved and raised to \$200.
- 1904 Resolved by board to divide into Two Road Districts. Albert Riemer, Superintendent, District Number 1, and John Wittkop, supervisor, District Number 2. Board resolved to pay \$20.00 as salary to the superintendents of roads.
- 1905 The annual meeting was held and only one motion was made and seconded. It was to allow no sheep or hogs to run at large at any time.
- 1906 Annual meeting held in School House in District Number 6. April of 1906. One of the set funds noted in town clerk records from 1907 through 1917 "For the Poor".
- 1907 \$100 was set aside for "wheel scrapers".
- 1908 A safe was purchased this year for the clerk's use.
- 1909 The borad was authorized to purchase 3000 bed foot of plank hemlock 3 inches thick, and at \$13 per M. evidently used for road building. The road and bridge expense was always the main account. The lowest was in 1908 which was \$775.
- 1910 The assessor's salary was set at this annual meeting for \$50.00.
- 1911 District 6 was the first school district that is mentioned during an annual meeting.
- 1913 Elections to be henceforth held in school district No. 7 Fairview.
- 1914 School Building. The meeting was held on April 1, 1914. Election Clerks were appointed, and also were Ballot Clerks. A special tax of \$400 was to be collected for improvement because of the lack of road taxes.
- 1915 Again the annual meeting was held in school district No. 7, on April 6, 1915. There were two election inspectors appointed. Motions were made and carried for the ensuing year as follows: Current Expenses \$450.00; The Poor Fund \$100.00; Road and Bridge fund \$1250.00. Another motion was made and carried to raise the salary of the clerk to \$100. There was a motion for a bridge to be built across Baldwin Creek but it was denied, because the road grader was in poor shape and could not be used any more.
- 1916 The Annual Meeting was held on April 4, 1916. Motions were made and carried as follows: Expenses \$500.00; Roads and Bridges \$1000.00; Poor Fund \$150.00; and

- state road aids \$400.00. The Board also made motions and carried them for more improvements on the Macadami Road.
- 1917 Annual meeting April 3, 1917. The County Bridge fund was turned over to the town of Halsey.
- 1918 Annual Meeting April 2, 1918. Wages for common labor were discussed and settled at \$2.50 per an 8 hour and \$5.00 for man and team. That year the board also authorized to purchase a heavy grader to be used with tractor power.
- 1919 Annual meeting April 1, 1919. Motions were made for the following amounts of money and carried. Road and Bridge fund \$1250.00. The General Expense fund was for \$650.00. The salary of town board members was raised to the following amounts as follows: Chairman \$4.00 per day and the supervisors \$3.50 per day.
- 1920 Annual Town meeting on April 6, 1920. Motions were made and carried to change the salaries of the Clerk, Assessor, and the Treasurer they are as follows: Clerk \$150.00; Treasurer \$150.00; and Assessor to receive \$100.00. They also made a decision to purchase a road grader, tractor operated for \$1300.00.
- 1921 The Annual Meeting was held on April 5, 1921. At this meeting the very first specific expenses were set aside for gravel, it was \$1,000.00.
- 1922 Motions were made and carried to raise the following amounts of money: General Expense fund, \$900.00; Roads and Bridge funds \$3,000.00; and Gravel for roads \$1,000.00. Total amount of this is \$4,900.00.
- 1923 Motions were made and read by the town board of audit and carried as they were read. Motions were also made to carry the mills on the road fund to 4%.
- 1924 On this annual meeting, the town board decided to raise the clerk's salary to \$175.00 per year.
- 1926 During this town meeting the town board made a motion and carried it to raise the town assessor's salary to \$100.00 per year.
- 1929 At this town meeting the town board was authorized to have the roads plowed over winter by a snow plow if it was necessary to do so. The "Liability Insurance Fund" was also developed during this meeting, and raised \$500 toward the new fund.
- 1932 The town Board raised \$600 for a new gravel pit in the township. The electors also voted against a motion to raise an extra \$600 for a new road. Grasshopper control was also issued and distributed to the landowners in the township.
- 1939 The board was authorized to participate in the "WPA".
- 1940 No fires could be started without a special permit.
- 1941 \$800.00 was spent on the Westfall and Krenz road and another \$1,250.00 was spent on the Baldwin bridge project.
- 1942 At a special meeting \$1,225.00 was added to the tax roll to purchase a new patrol grader (roadgrader).
- 1944 A new town hall was again mentioned at this meeting. The suggestion was waived over to another meeting so they could think about it.
- 1947 Common Labor wages were raised to 60¢ a hour and a man with a team made \$1.00 an hour.
- 1948 A new patrol grader was purchased and also a new shed was built. The tax roll was \$10,000.00.
- 1950 The township of Halsey joined the Wisconsin towns association. Common Labor was now up to 85¢ an hour per man.
- 1953 The old township gravel pit was now exhausted and finished. The board was authorized to purchase some land with gravel, if that was impossible they would obtain gravel for \$500.00.
- 1954 A used four-wheel drive truck was purchased to plow snow. At that same meeting the chairman suggested of having the whole town in one school district.
- 1955 At a special town meeting on March 29, 1955 on school consolidation, after much discussion, 33 votes were for having the town in one district, 17 for joining the Athens School District.
- 1956 A ditch digging grader was purchased and the Emory School was purchased for a Town Hall for the sum of \$1.00!.
- 1959 The Fairview school building was offered to the township to buy for the sum of \$4,000.00; the board decided to vote against it.
- 1960 At this town meeting it was resolved that a riverside, or a roadside type park be developed on County Highway F, to become part of the Marathon County Park System. The name Amco was chosen for it.
- 1961 After some discussion, the voters agreed to become part of the Athens Area Fire Protection District.
- 1962 This year at the meeting the issue was the township dump or garbase disposal site. The town board was directed to set up more stricter regulations concerning this matter.
- 1963 The fire number system was developed and put to use throughout the township.
- 1965 A new patrol grader (roadgrader) was purchased this year; the cost of this piece of machinery was \$7,000 plus the trade in of the old township grader.
- 1966 This year the town board was authorized to purchase aerial photo maps for use by the town assessor.
- 1969 The annual meeting held at the town hall. There was a discussion on waste disposal. The clerk's salary was raised to \$720.00 per year.
- 1970 The annual meeting called to order by Chairman Punke. Motion made that the town board could borrow up to \$10,000.00 if needed. Motion carried. The subject of waste disposal and pollution came up for discussion again. Meeting adjourned.
- 1971 Meeting called to order by Chairman Punke. Motion made and seconded to have common labor wages set at \$2.00 per hour. Minimum charge for snow removal that year was set at \$3.00. Meeting adjourned.
- 1972 Annual meeting called to order by Chairman Punke. Motion made and seconded to do bridge repair as needed. Motion made and seconded to have caucuses

- held in the evening. Motion also made and seconded to have a special meeting to dispose of old equipment shed and acquire a new building.
- 1972 June 20, Special meeting called to order. Motion made to sell the old equipment shed to Wm. Schultz. Motion made and seconded to keep using the same townhall. Motion made and seconded to elect a committee to contract for the new equipment shed. Motion also made and seconded to authorize the town Board to borrow up to \$15,000.00 if necessary to build this shed. Meeting adjourned.
- 1973 Change of salaries at this annual meeting. Common labor at \$2.50 per hour. Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor salaries set at \$900.00 per year. Town officials at \$10.00 per meeting. Plus mileage. Motion also made and seconded to have town board enter into a new contract with the Village of Athens and surrounding towns for fire protection service. Motion made and seconded to adopt Seidel's Sanitation Service of Marshfield, Wis., to dispose of the town's rubbish.
- 1974 Annual meeting called to order by Chairman Les Kohl. Discussion on community ambulance.
- 1975 Annual meeting called to order by Chairman Kohl. Motion made and seconded to grant the town board village board powers. Motion made and seconded to pay the grader operator \$4.00 per hour. Motion also made and seconded to have a special meeting in the near future to consider the purchase of a power grader after the board receives bids. Meeting adjourned.
- 1975 May 6. Special meeting to purchase a power grader and trade in the old one. Motion made and seconded to have several men help the town board select a grader. Motion made and seconded to borrow the necessary funds from The Bank of Athens. Meeting adjourned.
- 1976 Annual meeting Les Kohl Chairman. Property taxes were the big issue. Arrow Appraisals of Green Bay, Wis., were hired to do the re-evaluation. Salaries were raised, common labor \$3.00 per hour. Patrolman \$4.50 per hour. Town Board members \$3.50 per hour. Truck driver \$4.15 per hour. Salary of clerk at \$100.00 per month. Assessor at \$1,200.00 per year. Treasurer salary remains at \$900.00 per year. Meeting adjourned.
- 1977 Meeting called to order by Chairman Punke. Motion was made and seconded to use Federal Revenue Sharing funds for debt retirement. Meeting adjourned.
- 1978 Annual meeting. Athens Fire Department report read and discussed. Road signs were discussed for intersections. Clerk remained to inform the people of proper refuse disposal. Meeting adjourned.
- 1979 Meeting called to order by new Chairman Roger Langhoff. The need for a new roof for the town hall was discussed. Motion made and seconded to charge a minimum of \$6.00 for snow removal from driveways, or an hourly rate of \$24.00. At the close of this meeting retiring Chairman Wm. Punke was presented with a certificate of recognition for his thirty-two years of service as town and county official. Meeting adjourned.
- 1980 Meeting called to order. Garbage pickup was discussed at length. It was announced that residents limit the pick-up to once a week to reduce the cost to the town. Salaries changed to \$1,500.00 per year for clerk and assessor. Town Board to \$5.00 per hour. \$4.00 per hour for common labor. The treasurer's salary to \$1,200.00 per year. Meeting adjourned.
- 1981 Meeting called to order by Chairman Langhoff. Minutes read and approved. There was some discussion about dogs and highways but no action was taken. There was discussion about the assessor position to make it an appointive office. It was tabled to be discussed at another meeting. Meeting adjourned.
- 1982 Meeting called to order by Chairman Langhoff. Motion made and seconded to no longer issue building permits. Discussion on the need of a new grader to replace the old one. Meeting adjourned.
- 1983 Meeting called to order by new Chairman Ed Schultz. Minutes of last annual meeting read by new Clerk Betty Rausch, motion made to accept as read. A plaque was presented to Erwin Mueller retiring Clerk after 30 years of service to the township. Motion made and seconded that if the board sees need for a new road they can do it in reason. Motion made and seconded to get bids from assessors and hire an assessor. It was also decided to have a celebration for the centennial and chairman Ed Schultz asked old and new town board members to help out. Meeting adjourned.

Betty Rausch
Town Clerk

Following are the minutes of the meetings which were held when Halsey and Hamburg became separate townships.

Proceedings of a Board meeting held on the 21st day of April A.D. 1884, for the purpose to make the settlement between the Town of Hamburg and the Town of Halsey. Present were Charles F. Baneck, Ferd. Janke and Frank Marth, Board of the Town of Hamburg and William Rietz, William Hoge and John Dierck, Board of the Town of Halsey and Charles Nieman and Fred Strupp, clerks of said towns.

Articles of agreement concluded between the Towns of Halsey and Hamburg in the County of Marathon, Wisconsin.

to wit:

1. The assets of the Town of Hamburg being Five Hundred one and 76/100 Dollars, minus contracts which were let out, but not completed and accepted, to the am't. of One Hundred fifty three and 30/100 Dol., leaving a balance of Three Hundred and forty eight and 46/100 was divided between said two towns pro rata according to the last assessment roll.

2. Contracts let out in Range three of said town of Halsey to John Dienck and John Steck amounting to Forty seven and 15/100 Dol. was thereto added, said am't. being due such parties after acceptance of jobs, from the new town of Halsey.

3. An allowance of \$2.94 was made to the Town of Halsey on corporate property of the town.

4. The town board of Halsey is hereby authorized and urged to collect \$12.50 from Henry Bruss of Black Creek Falls for license due to the town of Hamburg.

Dated April 21, 1884 (William Rietz

(William Hoge

Town Board of Halsey (John Dvorack

Recorded this 22nd day of April 1884 Charles Nieman,
Town Clerk

Board meeting of July 5, 1884

Board met pursuant to notice, on the 5th day of July 1884, present Chas. Baneck, Ferd. Janke, and Frank Marth. In the forenoon the board met in the school house of District No. 1, for the purpose of altering the boundaries of said Dist. and in the afternoon they met in the school house of Joint Dist. No. 2 and altered the boundaries of said district.

A notice of the Supervisors of the Town of Halsey was received, stating that the supervisors of the Town of Halsey and Hamburg should meet on the 7th day of July at the house of John Riemer's for the settlement of school districts to be made and the board agreed to meet with said board of Halsey.

Board Adjourned.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1884

Chas. Nieman
Town Clerk

The board met pursuant to notice on the 7th day of July, 1884 at the house of John Riemer present, Charles Baneck, Ferd Janke, and Frank Marth of the Town of Hamburg and William, Rietz, William Hoge, and John Dierck of the Town of Halsey.

On the motion a part of Range line between Range No. 4 and 5 Town 30 was divided between the Town of Hamburg and town of Halsey as follows, to wit:

1. The mile between section No. 31 Hamburg and 36 Halsey and the south half, of said mile and a half shall be made and kept in repair by the Town of Hamburg and the north half of said mile and a half shall be made and kept in repair by the town of Halsey.

2. Of the mile between section No. 7 Hamburg and 12 Halsey the south half shall be made and kept in repair by the Town of Hamburg, and the north half shall be made and kept in repair by the town of Halsey.

3. Of the mile between section No. 1 Halsey and 6 Hamburg, the south half shall be made and kept in repair by the Town of Hamburg, and the north half shall be made and kept in repair by the Town of Halsey.

And also an alteration of the boundaries of Joint School District No. 2 of Hamburg were made.

Record of board meeting of July 30th, 1884

Board met July 30th, 1884 present all members of said Board.

A notice was made and sent to the town of Halsey for the alteration of Joint School District No. 3.

And the following amounts were allowed and orders issued

To the Town of Halsey for share of license of 1883 \$6.50

To August Kickbusch for spikes \$3.50

To Charles Baneck for service \$15.00

To Fred Wisman for a bridge \$23.99

To Gottlieb Woller for ditching \$47.00

Board adjourned Dated this 30th day of July 1884

Charles Nieman,
Town Clerk

Board meeting of town board of Hamburg and Halsey

The town boards of the town of Hamburg and Halsey met at the Town Clerk's office of Hamburg according to notice on the 25th day of October, 1884, present Chas. Baneck, Frank Marth and Ferd Janke of the Town of Hamburg and Wm. Rietz, Wm. Hoge and John Dierck of the Town of Halsey, for the purpose to make a settlement of the delinquent school tax of the town of Hamburg, the town board of Halsey claim all of said tax according to the ordinance but the board of Hamburg refuses to pay all to said town of Halsey, but will divide it pro rata according to the assessment roll of 1883, as the town boards could not agree on the matter, they resolved to have it settled by the County Board at the next meeting.

Boards adjourned.

Dated this 25th day of October 1884. Charles Nieman,
Town Clerk

CENTURY FARMS

JOSEPH ALBRECHT FARM



Over one hundred years ago, Franz Albrecht and wife Maryanna and five sons, Joseph, Adam, John, Carl and Frank, two daughters, Theresa and Mary left Austria for America.

About that time, Rietbrock Lumber Company, owners of many sections of land around Black Creek Falls (now Athens) started a sawmill. Franz was hired to work in the mill and his wife was the first cook in the "Company House". There were fifteen people living there at the time.

Franz purchased three eighty-acre sections of land a mile east of the village; the home place (where Joe lives), the Walter Rausch farm and the former Emil Eder farm. Later his sons took over the lands.

In the mean time, the family built and operated a brick yard. The brick yard was kept going until the Athens Brick & Tile Company started their yard on a ten-acre tract of land purchased from one of the Albrecht sons in 1903. This yard employed many neighbors and supplied bricks for many homes in the area. All the churches and schools in Athens, plus many buildings in Hamburg, Merrill and Rib Falls were built from bricks made in the yard.

In 1898, the brick house occupied at the present by Joseph and Rosella Albrecht was built. The house has been in the family for four generations.

In 1911, lightning struck the log barn killing six cows and burned the barn to the ground. After the crops were all in, neighbors helped with feed for the rest of the stock and in 1912 a new barn was built which stands today.

Every spring and fall, the Chippewa Indians camped on the Black Creek near the farm. They would feed their ponies around the straw stack for which they supplied the family with venison.

Franz got a contract to haul mail and freight from Dorchester, before railroads came to town. This route was later taken over by his son, Frank, Joe's father.

Frank had the first thresh machine in the area, run by horse power, and also a feed grinder run by horses. Some farmers brought their grain to him to grind. Frank worked at the sawmill with his team for \$3.00 a day.

In 1917 Frank bought a potato digger and dug many potatoes around Athens. His son, Frank Jr., started working in the brick yard when he was eight years old, for which he was paid three cents a thousand. He worked hard for fifty cents a day. This was the year Frank Sr. bought his first car, an Overland.

For many years Frank Sr. was a member of the Halsey Town Board as treasurer and supervisor.

The hoe, the ax, the crosscut saw, and the plow were their most important tools and the men and boys were experts in their use.

In 1980, the Albrecht family, held a centennial celebration at the farm with 120 relatives in attendance. Some came from as far away as South America. Mrs. Frank Plisch, a grand-daughter of Fred Rietbrock was an honored guest.

BILL DEGNER FARM



Fredrick Degner and his wife Fredricha migrated to America from Germany in 1852. In 1882 Fredrick purchased the land where his grandson William (Bill) Degner presently resides. Fredrick was a Civil War veteran and also a soldier in the Prussian Calvary before coming to America. Fredrick had a farm at Grafton, Wisconsin in Ozaukee County before moving to this area.

William Degner, Sr. and his wife Alice (Lemke) purchased the farm from his father Fredrick in about 1890. William and Agnes had four children. Three daughters and one son William Jr. who is currently 84 years of age and still resides on the home farm. His older sister is Mrs. Alice (Bill) Nehrbass, 87, of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Ruth (Edgar) Walters, 81, of West Bend, Wisconsin and Norma Degner, 77, of San Diego, California. William Sr. was responsible for the building of the present structures with the exception of the machine shed.

William Degner, Jr. purchased the farm from his father in 1927. When William began farming he decided to raise alfalfa and ripe corn which he did a good job of. He prepared the land by liming and applying fertilizer. Bill believes that he had the first fertilizer grain drill in the area. He has always raised sheep, having as many as 200 ewes at a time. William (Bill) Degner still raises some sheep but has sold some of his land recently to Alan Rausch.

GIESE FARM

Friedrich and Henrietta Sievert, great-grandparents of Carol Brandt Giese, established their farm on Town Line Road in 1884. Of their four children (Ida, Gusta, Anna and Emil) only Anna and Emil grew to adulthood.

One daughter died of burns as a child. Friedrich died in 1917, at the age of 80.

Anna Sievert married Gustav Brandt and they bought the farm from her father in 1897. Gustave served on the Halsey town board at one time and also on a district school board.

Gustav and Anna had four boys (Louie, William, Henry and August) and five girls, (Martha, Ella, Alfrieda, Amanda and one who died in infancy). Longevity seemed to be a trait of the Brandts. Gustav died at the age of 86 in the homestead. Sister, Bertha, lived to celebrate her 107th birthday. Another sister, Louise, died at 80. The last "Brandt child" is Martha who lives in Wausau and is 84 years young.

August and Betty (Hoeft) Brandt took over his parents' farm in 1937. They had one daughter, Carol. August died in 1945 at the age of 42. His wife, Betty, continued to farm.

Carol married Robert Giese and they bought the home farm in 1960. They have three daughters, Kathy (Mason), Karen and Sandy (Myska). Carol and Bob farmed until Bob got sick and they discontinued active farming in September, 1973. The cropland was sold to Albrecht Farms, Inc., May 1, 1981. Carol still owns and lives in the farm homestead.



GUST & ANNA BRANDT AT HOME, Approx. 1930



AUGUST BRANDT

Hauling milk to the Reinhold Heldt Cheese factory next door (Pauly and Pauly) Approx. 1925

CEIL WELBES FARM

Jacob Welbes was born at Manistee, Michigan, where his parents had settled upon arrival from Luxemburg. He and several of his brothers operated a saw mill at this location.

In 1882 he decided to come to Wisconsin where he selected a spot which is now the present farm on County Highway A in the town of Halsey. However, he returned almost immediately to Michigan and came back the following year, bringing his wife and children. One, Jacob, was born on board the steamer as they crossed the lake. Jacob Welbes then purchased the land and proceeded to eke out a living in true pioneer fashion. He was also a gifted carpenter and cabinet maker. Some of his tools still remain at the farm. Being of Luxemburg ancestry, Welbes spoke both French and German fluently.

Jacob and his wife Anna had fourteen children. Eight sons: Joseph, Peter, Jacob (Jack), Nickalas, John, Frank, George and Paul (Ted); and six daughters: Annette, Susan, Mary, Celia, Elizabeth and Pauline who died during infancy.

In 1948 their son George and his wife Celia became owners of the farm. Their sons, Mark, George and John, have mainly pursued other interests, some being farm related. In 1975, a business, "Country Auto Center", was started on the premises.

George ("Dutch") died in 1971. Celia still owns the land. John lives in the homestead with his mother.



JACOB WELBES with Art Ehmke, Grandson
Early 1900's in front of present Welbes home



ANNA WELBES & GRANDCHILDREN

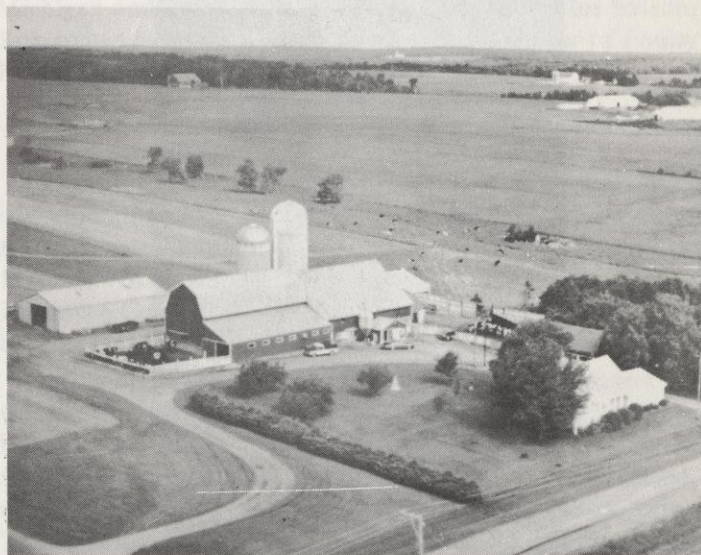
REIMER FARM

In 1860, John Reimer, with his father David, settled in Halsey. John was the first owner of the present Robert Reimer farm. According to the abstract, at different times David Reimer bought "other land" for payment of taxes - \$1.35 for one parcel, \$1.53 for another, etc. The exact acreage was never mentioned, but evidently, in those times, some were too poor to pay even \$1.35 for their taxes so the land was sold.

Three of John's sons, Albert, Otto and Robert, took over land in Halsey. Otto located on the present Grenwalt farm; Albert was just west of this, and Robert on the present Reimer farm, which is the home place. This was in 1900. The other children were August, a blacksmith in Rib Falls; Annie, Mrs. Paul Weise, and Henrietta, Mrs. Schieller, who lived near Port Washington.

Ervin Reimer, son of Robert, took over the home farm in 1936. He and his wife, Adeline farmed there until 1966 when Bob, their second son, took over. Ervin and Adeline had three other children, Ronald, the oldest, and twins, Louann (Wagner) and Joanne (Pelatzke).

Bob and his wife Caroline operate this farm with their son Allen, who represents the fifth generation of the Reimers working this land. Another son, Michael, also helps on the farm.



An interesting sidelight is that there is a small family cemetery along Highway A on the Reimer land, the only cemetery in the town of Halsey. According to Ervin Reimer, the two stones mark the graves of David Reimer and his wife, Sophia. Other graves are those of children, one of them the daughter of Friedrich Sievert, who died as a result of severe burns when she was about eleven. She was a sister to Anna (Sievert) Brandt.

WEISE FARM



The farm owned by Elsie and Walter Weise is also a centennial farm but few details of its history were turned in to the editors of this book. Ernest Weise settled on the farm in 1882. His son, Paul, took over the farm and Walter bought the farm from his father in 1971.



MRS. ERNEST HANNE WEISE
Grandma to Elsie & Walter Weise

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO LONG YEARS OF SERVICE

PETER LOCHEN



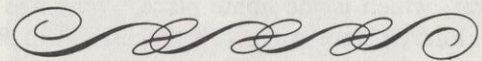
Peter Lochen was clerk of the town of Halsey from 1910 until 1953. He was elected each year until 1945 when he was re-elected for a two-year term.

In March 1903, Lochen moved to the farm now owned by John Adams. To get to his farm he had to cut his way through the woods after driving his team from West Bend. Lochen cleared underbrush and built the farm home which is still being used, after considerable remodeling.

In an interview printed in the Wausau Record Herald in 1949, Lochen compared the tax levy in 1910 - \$10,000.00, with the levy of '48 - \$33,246.77.

Lochen noted that he had built his farm home practically without assistance and that the barn and other outbuildings, too, were largely the result of his own activity.

The concluding paragraph of the interview was "The reporter found one of the reasons why Lochen is regularly returned to office at every election - the books were right up to date. The other reason, and there were obviously a number, seemed to rest entirely in this active, friendly man with the ever-present twinkle in his eye."



BEN RIEHLE

Ben A. Riehle, was in his seventh term as a State Assemblyman when he died November 27, 1967. He was elected in 1954 for the first time. During his terms in office he served on numerous legislative committees and earned the respect of his fellow legislators with his straight-forward manner. He was secretary-treasurer of the Democratic Caucus Committee for three terms.



BERNARD A. RIEHLE

Before being elected to the Assembly, Riehle was active in township affairs. He served as Town Chairman of Halsey, and he was a member of his district school board. He also served on the local ASC committee for many years. He was long active in cooperative movement, serving on various co-op boards throughout the area.

Ben Riehle was born in Rietbrock but moved, with his parents, to the present Riehle farm in 1900, when he was three years old. He married the former Mildred Jacobitz, who still lives on the farm with two of their eleven children William and Celia. The other children are: Ken, Bernard, Jim, Francis, Geraldine, Bernadine, Marion, Florence and Jean, who was killed in an automobile accident.



BILL PUNKE

Bill Punke figures he has served over 100 years in public office and from his record, this must be a conservative estimate.

Bill was Town Chairman in Halsey 32 years. He received a Certificate of Recognition for this from the Wisconsin Towns Assn. He served on the County Board from 1943 until the election process for this was changed.



BILL & HILDA PUNKE

ERWIN MUELLER



ERWIN & ESTHER MUELLER

Erwin Mueller did not run for the office of Town Clerk in the last election - for the first time in 30 years. Erwin succeeded Peter Lochen in 1953 and retired in 1983.

Mueller moved to Halsey in 1942, after living in Rietbrock and Johnson. He and his wife Esther (Langhoff) lived on Town Line Road where they farmed, specializing in raising Guernsey cattle and chickens.

Erwin is a State Certified Property Assessor and is currently employed by several neighboring townships.

Erwin and Esther have two daughters, Lois Wiebe, Ottertail, Minnesota and Edith Lauckner, Grand Blanc, Michigan and a son, Ron, who is married to Debbie Mason. Ron stayed in agricultural business and is manager of Equity Livestock Assn. at Lancaster.

Punke was on the Co-op Board for a total of 35 years, during which time he was president, vice-president and a director. He was Chairman of the County Highway Committee 12 years. In addition, Bill was a director of Wausau Mutual Insurance Co. for 29 years, 14 years as vice-president of this board. He also served Marathon County as a deputy sheriff.

During his time as Town Chairman Bill said his biggest job was road upkeep. He tells of moving stone piles to fill in holes in the roads. He was responsible for getting the forestry service to plant trees on 40 acres across from the late George Giese residence (where George Welbes now lives). The town shed was built, a motor grader bought and Green Thumbers were hired while Punke was in Office.

Bill and Hilda (Reimer) Punke have two children, Don and Carol Pickruhn.



WILLIAM F. (BILL) SCHULTZ

The Town of Halsey purchased their first motorized road grader in the spring of 1942. Bill Schultz was hired as the first grader operator, a job which he performed for the next 30 years until he retired in 1972.



1st of APRIL, 1944

Bill recalls that the first grader was quite primitive when compared to the graders of today. Since all work had to be accomplished by standing, no seat was provided. There were no hydraulic systems, a crank was used to start the engine. There were no lights and the blade was raised/lowered by manually turning two wheels. It was like a dream come true when, in 1948, a new grader was purchased which was equipped with: a seat; complete hydraulic power; lights; and an electric starter.

Bill took great pride in keeping the town roads in good driving condition at all times. His personal goal was to always have the roads passable for the milkman, school bus and the mailman.

When asked what one thing or item he remembered most from his 30 years as an employee of the Town of Halsey, his reply was, "When people would come and show their appreciation for the job he was doing".



MARCH, 1967

ED HOGE

Ed Hoge served the Town of Halsey for 27 years as a Supervisor. The name Hoge was not new in town office. William Hoge, Ed's grandfather was one of the early Town Chairmen and Albert Hoge, Ed's uncle served as Town Clerk, 1902, and Town Chairman in 1910.

Ed Hoge was employed part time by Rietbrock Land and Lumber at one time, as an engineer. Now that he has retired from public office and from farming, Ed has more time for his hobbies - hunting and fishing. Ed and his wife Esther (Weise) have four daughters, Norma Heier, Nila Koeller, Violet Golz and Luann Thurs.

It should be noted that the Hoge farm, purchased by Fred Hoge in 1882 was almost a "centennial farm". But the farm was sold to Dave and Sue Belter in 1973.



ED & ESTHER HOGE

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

LONGEST MARRIED

Joe and Rose Welzien - 66 years
Rose and Harry Hoff - 61 years

OLDEST RESIDENT

Joe and Rose Welzien - Both 89 years
Bill Degner - 84 years
Oldest born and raised in township

NEWEST BABY

(At Printing)

Travis Westfall - Born July 31, 1983
Son of Sharon Pawlowski and Daniel Westfall



ALFRED HENNIG

Alfred Hennig, son of Richard and Anna (Hesse) Hennig, was born on August 28, 1885. In 1880, his parents emigrated from Germany, locating in Massillona, Ohio.

In the year 1883, they moved to the former Fred Nehrass farm in the town of Halsey. It was on this farm where Alfred Hennig was the first white male to be born in the township of Halsey.

As a young boy, Alfred helped his father cut timber on their farm, as he grew older, he helped his father in the logging business in the area.

In 1907, Alfred went to Canada for several years, where he homesteaded. He later returned to the United States, where in 1915 he married the former Frances Riehle.

In 1920, he bought 40 acres of timber in Section 26, in the town of Halsey, where he built a log cabin for his family. He logged the land and cleared it, on which he built a barn in 1923, which is still there. In 1928, a new home was built.

He farmed the land until he retired. He was a carpenter and a logger. He was a member of the Halsey Town Board, and President of the Farmers' Union. The land is now being farmed by his grandson, LeRoy Framke.

Alfred lived on his farm until he passed away January 17, 1983, at the age of 97. His wife preceded him in death. He is survived by seven children.



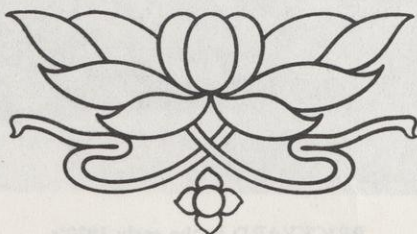
A picture of some of the timber in the township of Halsey, Section 26. Alfred Hennig is the sawyer on the left in the picture.

Rose and Harry Hoff



Rose and Harry Hoff

Harry was born March 21, 1901 in Milwaukee. Rose was born October 8, 1902 in the town of Frankfort. They were married in June of 1922. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1982. Their children are Leroy who lives on the farm his parents moved onto in 1944, RoseMarie Bergman, Edith (died in infancy), and Norbert who died in an accident. They have seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Harry was a farmer and did construction work. He also worked at the canning factory and did a lot of road work for the Town of Halsey throughout the years. Rose says, "Not retired, mostly tired now!" They have a cottage but they do not fish as much as they used to. Rose is a homemaker and enjoys doing handwork, reading, watching TV, and gardening. She likes to keep active.



Early Town of Halsey Residents

HELEN THURMAN NEHRBASS was born August 8, 1893. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thurman. Helen lived in the town of Halsey until 1954, then moved to Athens, and now resides with a daughter, Mrs. Carl Kuck, in the Town of Bern.

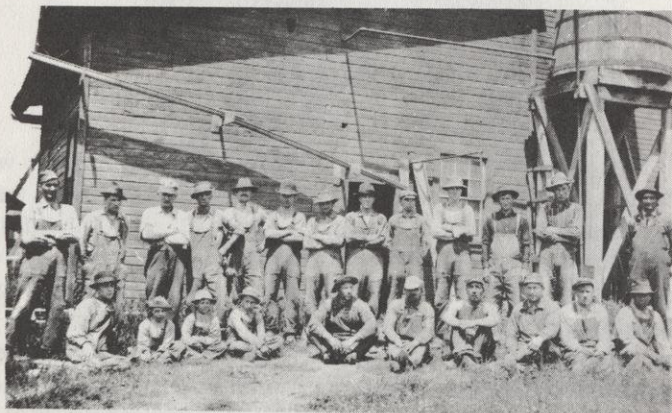
ELSIE DEGNER NEHRBASS was born December 22, 1891. Married John on March 2, 1910. He died, June 14, 1969. Since January 24, 1972 she is living at Colonial House in Colby, Wisconsin. Children: Elmer, Lester, Elwood, Erna, Hilda, Laura, Elmira.

ROSE MALLAK age 84, Husband Leo (dec.). Moved into the Town of Halsey in 1922. Children: Mrs. Lawrence (Marie) Riehle, Clarence, Lenard, Mrs. Joe (Barbara) Rauen, Harold (dec), Joe, Ray, Rosella, and Frank (dec).

MARTHA BECKER GAUERKE Born September 9, 1897. Born on the Orville Becker farm which at that time was Town of Halsey. Parents were Fred and Marie Becker. She had three children: Mable, Alvin, and Enos with whom she resides. She has lived on a farm all her life. Married to Ervin Gauerke; moved to present farm approximately 1920, which was William Gauerke's at that time. Alvin and Enos were born on this farm. William was killed by a train on his way home from a funeral in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ANNA SCHNEIDER AUNER was born December 20, 1888 in the town of Halsey. Their home was just west of the John Riehle farm on the hill. She lived most of her life here. They sold their farm to a daughter and son-in-law, Arline and Lawrence Augustine, and moved to Compton, California where she resides with another daughter, Delphine Jeffries, a twin sister to Arline Augustine.

GEORGE AND BARBARA HOPPERDIETZEL George born in 1829, died 1900. Barbara born 1857, died 1940. There were five children: John, Emma, Frank, George, and Karl.



BRICKYARD WORKERS in the early 1920's
Located next to Walter Rausch Farm on East Town Line Road.

RAYMOND GORE Born in 1900 at Appleton, Wisconsin. Wife was Anna Eible. Children are Lorraine, Rufus, Ralph, Mary Jo, Lila, and Clayton. Ray was on the school board District No. 1. He was also Justice of the Peace in the Town of Halsey for a time.

HENRY ADAMS 86, born in the town of Halsey near the former Henry Berghammer property. Lives with a daughter, Mrs. Mike Denzine. Another daughter is Lena Becker who was born in the town of Halsey in a log house on what is now the Arlene Fiedler property.

HENRY AND OTTO BECKER bought a new Case Thresh Machine and Steamer in the early 1920's. They discontinued using it in the 1940's. They used it for threshing oats for many farmers in the area. Otto was the father of Bill Becker. Henry was the husband of Lena Becker who lives in her farm home at the present time.

WILLIAM HENNIG had a blacksmith shop located on what is now the Elmer Nehrbass property, located on Nehrbass Road. Mr. Hennig sharpened and straightened plow points for the busy farmers. He also shod horses plus all the other various blacksmith jobs. Upon retirement Mr. Hennig moved to Stratford, Wisconsin where he still resides.

EARLY RESIDENTS STILL LIVING IN TOWN OF HALSEY

MARTHA (BECKER) GAUERKE - 86 years old.

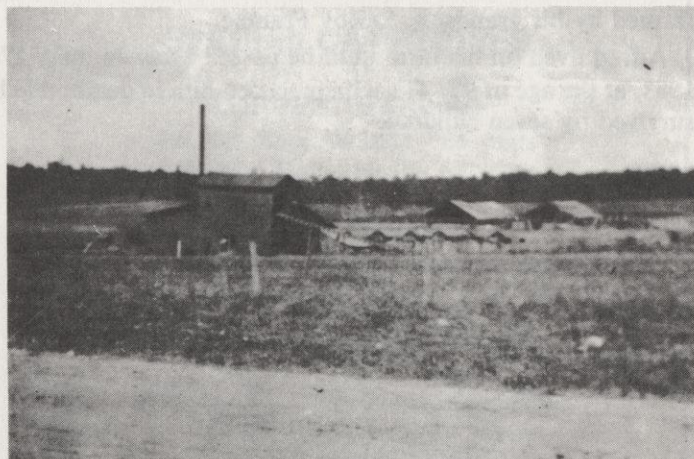
GOLDIE DUGAS - 85 years old.

ALMON FRANK - 83 years old.

RAY FELBAUM - 82 years old.

MILDRED RIEHLE - 81 years old.

Sorry about any omissions



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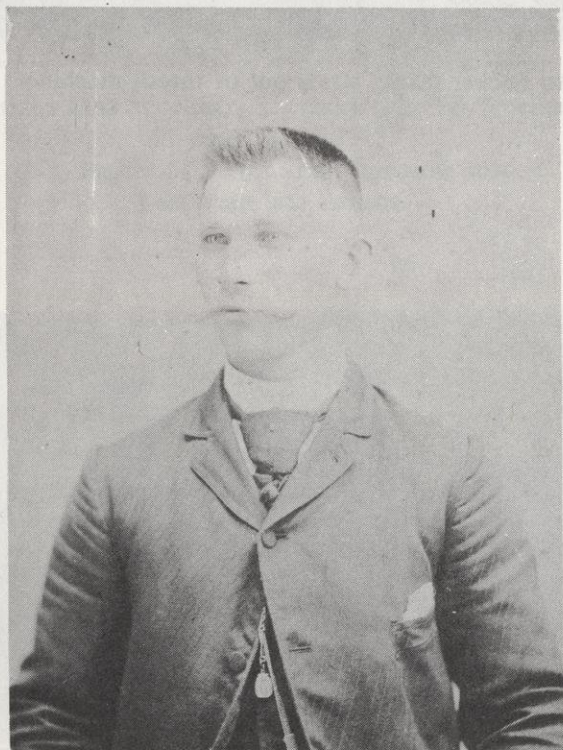
PICTURES OF OLD TIMERS



Founder of first homestead 1860
John Riemer, grandfather of Erwin Riemer



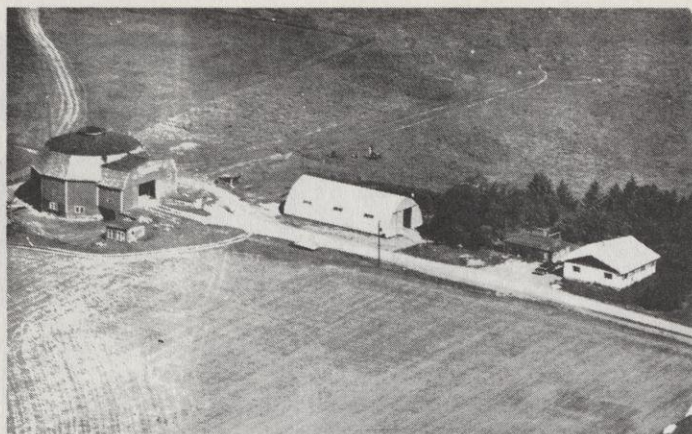
Anna (Riemer) Weise,
Mother of Walter and Elsie Weise



Paul Weise (Husband of Anna),
Father of Walter and Elsie



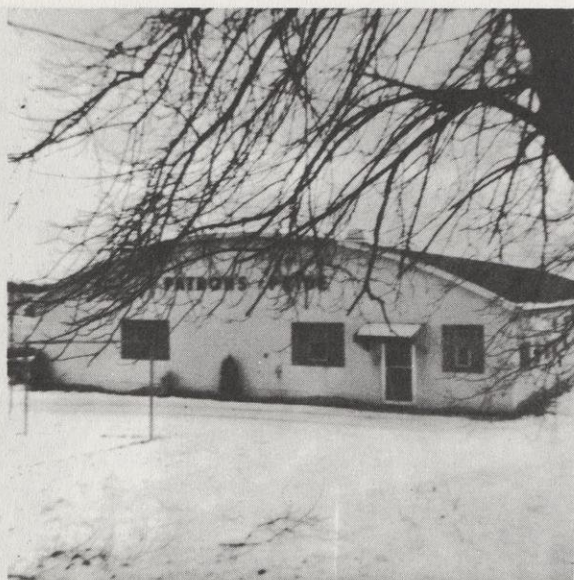
Fanny (Weise) Reimer,
Ervin Reimer's Mother



Round barn built in 1928 was Wilfred Fink's, now David Buehler's property.



1960 Old Patrons Pride Cheese Factory.



1960 New Patrons Pride Cheese Factory opened Nov. 8, 1960
Joe Mullins, Proprietor



Old Hopperdietzel (Ray Gore) home on Meridian Road. 1983



New International Dump Box Truck
with Snow Plow and Sander
Estimated cost \$8000.00 - 1967

L-R, Board at the time: Ed Hoge, Supervisor; Chip Riehle, Truck Driver; Bill Schultz, Patrolman; Bob Giese, Supervisor and Bill Punke, Chairman.

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1983 DIRECTORY OF TOWN OF HALSEY RESIDENTS

NAME	SECTION	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
CHILDRENS' NAMES			
ADAMS, John & Linda(Bunkleman) Bernard, James	36	5007 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer
ALBRECHT, Joseph & Rosella (Schmitt) Rosemary, Kathleen, Judith, Nancy, Diane, Teresa	32	5012 E. Townline Rd.	Retired Farmer Farm in Family Since 1881
ALBRECHT, Norbert & Karen (Peters) Nathan, Brian	36	5046 E. Townline Rd.	Albrecht Farms
ANDERSON, Alden & Alvera (Jasmer) Gail, Susan, Nancy, Rickey	24	5202 Cty. Hwy. H	Wausau Steel
BALZ, Arlon & Darlene (Ziegel) Linda, Micheal, Scott, Robin, Jeffery, Kurt, Wendy, Leslie, Kandi	32	5004 Cty. Hwy. A	Rural Mail Carrier
BALZ, Clarence & Althea (Block) Bill, Ruth, Jean, Terry, Fritz, Susan	30	5107 Cty. Hwy. A	Athens Co-op Wife - Marshfield Hospital
BARTLETT, Jerome & Leanne (Nehrbass) Nicole, Bradley, Noelle	28	5114 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer
BECKER, Hank	26	Cty. Hwy. A	Fromm Bros.
BECKER, Lena (Adams) Henry, husband, deceased Lyle Sr., Jane, Judy	19	5234 Griener Rd.	
BECKER, Lenard & Anita (Weiler) Vernelle, Ronald, Russell, Valerie, Randall	5	5422 Rangeline Rd.	Dairy Farmer
BECKER, Lyle Jr. & Dawn (Draper) Natasha, Amber	19	5223 Bungaloo Rd.	Truck Driver
BECKER, Lyle Sr. & Susan (Schlinkert) Lyle Jr., Linda, Lisa, Lonnie	30	5233 Hwy. 97 N.	Truck Driver
BECKER, William & Catherine (Literski) Judith, Roberta	20	5209 Nehrbass Rd.	Dairy Farmer
BELTER, David & Susan (Fink) Todd, Allen, Steven, Tammy, Audra, John, Jason, Sarah, Andrew	30	5102 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer
BEULIG, Alfred & Louise (Mayer) Alfred Jr., Erick, Marie, Louise	30	5251 Griener Rd.	Retired
BONESKE, Arnold & Margaret (Merwin) Roy, Kenneth, Darlene, Gerald	30	5104 Cty. Hwy. A	Retired
BORKE, Mary (Farrell) Fred, husband, deceased Monica, Janelle, Laurie, Colleen, Amy	32	5008 Cty. Hwy. A	Athens High School Teacher
BORTH, Kenneth & Sarah (Bamely) Myron, Leroy, Ronald, Russell	29	5131 Cty. Hwy. A.	Dairy Farmer
BORTH, Russelle & Sally (Callian) Todd, Kevin	29	5135 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer Wife - Marathon Cheese
BRAUN, Kurt & Mary (Rodman) Wesly, Jessica	29	P.O.Box 63	Marathon Cheese
BREFELD, Richard & Kathleen (Covart) Todd, Inga, Anthea, Leslie	13	R. 1 Hamburg 54438	Dairy Farmer
BRICE, Kenneth & Kathleen (Wetterau) Matthew, Jeremy, Rebecca	12	R. 1 Hamburg 54438	Marathon Cheese
BRUBAKER, Paul & Mabel (Nolt) Lamar, Louise, Mervin, Nelson Dwight, Stephan, Dean	6	5513 Bungaloo Rd.	Dairy Farmer
BUEHLER, David & Jaren (Stauber)	7	5416 Bungaloo Rd.	Retired
BUNKLEMAN, Johnathon & Jane (Fiedler) Nicole, Heather	20	5228 Cty. Hwy. F.	Dairy Farmer Wife - Marathon Cheese
BUNKLEMAN, Lloyd & Carmelette (Schriber) Mary, Rita, Thomas, Jane, James, Robert, Matthew		5117 Mason Rd.	Dairy Farmer
CLEVELAND, Mary (Zinkowich) Donald, Kathleen, Patrick, Bill	5	5506 Bungaloo Rd.	Seven Sisters Bar
COSH, Allen & Joan (Soehnel) William, Darlene, John	27	5118 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer
CRUM, James & Rose (Zimmerman) Glenn, David, Deborah	16	5310 Cty. Hwy. F	Road Grader Wife - Wausau Hospital
COUCH, Wayne	8	Frank Rd.	From Illinois

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1916	A. F. Hoge	Charles Miller A. C. Riemer	Peter Lochen	Frank Albrecht	Julius Habeck
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1918	Andrew Vogel	Gust Brandt John Jinz	Peter Lochen	Frank Albrecht	Julius Habeck
1920	A. C. Riemer	Stephan Graf August Schmitt	Peter Lochen	Henry Berghammer	William Behm
1921	A. C. Riemer	Frank Albrecht	Peter Lochen	Henry Berghammer	Julius Habeck
1922	A. C. Riemer	George Mayer	Peter Lochen	Henry Berghammer	Charles Miller
1923	A. C. Riemer	George Mayer	Peter Lochen	Henry Berghammer	Charles Miller
1924	A. C. Riemer	Frank Albrecht George Mayer	Peter Lochen	Stephan Graf	Charles Miller
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1955	William Punke	Ed Hoge George Hennig	Erwin Mueller	Henry Berghammer	Joseph Welbes
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1959	William Punke	Ed Hoge Wilfred Fink	Erwin Mueller	Gilbert Berghammer	Fred Borke
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1971	William Punke	Ed Hoge Nick Weiler	Erwin Mueller	Lola Lotter	Clarence Lenhard
1973	Leslie Kohl	Ed Hoge Nick Weiler	Erwin Mueller	Lola Lotter	Clarence Lenhard
1975	Leslie Kohl	Ed Hoge Clayton Gore	Erwin Mueller	Lola Lotter	Clarence Lenhard
1977	William Punke	Fred Borke Eugene Weise	Erwin Mueller	Carol Giese	Eldon Remus
1979	Roger Langhoff	Eugene Weise Leroy Framke	Erwin Mueller	Carol Giese	Laura Woellner
1981	Roger Langhoff	Eugene Weise C. Hopperdietzel	Erwin Mueller	Carol Giese	Laura Woellner
1983	Edwin Schultz	C. Hopperdietzel Gary Schultz	Betty Rausch	Carol Giese	

ROAD PATROL OPERATOR

Wm. Schultz 1942 - 1972
James Crum 1972 until Retirement

TRUCK DRIVER

Chip (William) Riehle Since 1967 until ?

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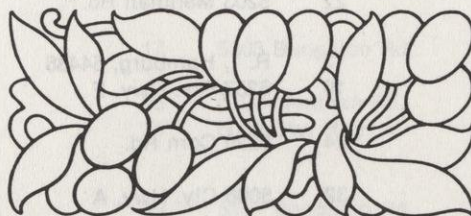
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HENRICH, Emery & Delores (Weiler) Art, Bill, Kathy, Frances, Greta, Paul, Peter	26	5238 Cty. Hwy. F	Athens Co-op
HOFF, Harry & Rose (Bargander) Norbert, Rosemary, Leroy	19	5213 Bungaloo Rd.	Retired
HOFF, Leroy & Darlene (Duerr) Michael, Linda, Annette	30	5101 Hwy. 97 N.	Dairy Farmer
HOGUE, Edward & Esther (Weise) Norma, Nila, Violet, Louann	19	5232 Griener Rd.	Retired, Town of Halsey Supervisor, 26 years
HOPPERDIETZEL, Clifford & Nancy (Riehle) Kenny, Alan		5201 Meridian Rd.	Wausau Homes Town of Halsey Supervisor
HOPPERDIETZEL, Harold C. Cyrilla, wife, deceased Marilyn, Clifford, Lyle, Jerome	23	5214 Meridian Rd.	Retired
KOHL, Leslie & Betty (Riehle) Marion, Sandra, Leslie Jr., Stephanie, Brenda	24	5204 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer Buesth Impl.
KOTTKE, Roy & Carolyn (Laufer) Yvonne, Carla, Kim, Kelly, Ken	36	5048 Cty. Hwy A	Dairy Farmer
KEARNS, Douglas & Anne Donald, Dennis, Connie, David, Kathy, Darry	23	5231 Corn Rd.	Bookkeeper
KRUEGER, Douglas & Jean (Punke) Justin	23	5217 Meridian Road	Athens Builders
KUBITZ, Roger & Marlene (Olmstead) Terry, Mark	19	5236 Cty. Hwy. F	Mink Farmer Roger Allen Band
KULAS, Ambrose & Kathleen (Nehrbass) Cindy	28	5100 Nehrbass Road	Dairy Farmer W. Marathon Cheese
LANGHOFF, Roger & Elaine (Halverson) Scott, Roxanne, Holly, Michelle, Daughter deceased	21	5226 Cty. Hwy. F	Wis. Tax State Examiner
LENARD, Clarence & Clara (Bamgart) Beverly, Terry, Dwight, Timothy, Jennifer, Darryl, Cynthia	15	5138 Cty. Hwy. F	Dairy Farmer
LITERSKI, Peter & Patricia (Hardt) Carl, Regine	30	5099 Bungaloo Road	Woods Worker
LOTTER, Joe & Lola (Berghammer) Michael, Tammy	17	5313 Cty. Hwy. F	Construction U.S. Post Office
MASON, Ralph E. Deborah, Bruce, Sherry, Renee, Carla	28	5115 Mason Road	
MILLAK, Rose Marie, Clarence, Lenard, Barbara, Harold, Joe, Roy, Rosella	25	5134 Cty. Hwy. H	Retired
MARTIN, Luke & Lila Joy, Joanna, Rhoda, Johnathon, Lemuel, Rachel, Enos, Micheal, Marcus, Emma, Jane, Rosemary	17	Cty. Hwy. F	Dairy Farmer Minister of the Athens Mennonite Church
METZ, Elmer & Loana (Erdmann)	36	5049 E. Townline Rd.	Retired
MUELLER, Erwin & Esther (Langhoff) Lois, Edith, Ronald	35	5042 E. Townline Rd.	Retired Town Clerk, 30 years
MULLINS, Joseph & Evelyn (Hendrichs) Barbara, Randall, Duane	33	5001 Nehrbass Rd.	Patrons Pride Cheese Factory
MULLINS, Duane MURKOWSKI, Gerald & Linda (Nehrbass) Bruce, Kevin, Diane	17	5313 Nehrbass Rd. 5113 Nehrbass Rd.	Patrons Pride Cheese Factory Dairy & Patrons Pride Cheese Factory
NEHRBASS, Eldred & Mavis (Hendrichs) Linda, Sherri, Joan, Jane	28	5113 Nehrbass Rd.	Dairy Farmer
NEHRBASS, Elmer & Lucinda (Westfall) Janet, Jerome, Debra	28	5109 Nehrbass Rd.	Marathon County Hwy.
NEHRBASS, Wilmer & Elizabeth Anita, Wife Deceased, Kathleen, Neal, Leanne, Mary, Lynette	28	5114 Cty. Hwy. A	Retired
PAUL, Ferd, Jr. & Lois (Bambaski) Shelley, Deborah, Sandra, David	17	5303 Bungaloo Rd.	Dairy Farmer
PEEL, Lyle, Jr.	35	5122 Meridian Rd.	Dairy Farmer
PEEL, Lyle, Sr. & Della (Steward) Barbara, Beverly, Albert, Lyle Jr., Betty, Joyce, Carol	35	5032 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer
PETZNICK, Hilda E. (Wendt) Wilfred, Wayne, Vilas, Verlon, Wesley Walter, Husband Deceased	29	5107 Bungaloo Rd.	Retired
PETZNICK, Wilfred & Carol (Erdman) Marjean, Doreen, Donna, Deborah, Denise, Daryl, Darwin, Merlin, Sandra	20	5207 Bungaloo Rd.	Dairy Farmer

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POPP, Richard & Carol (Anderson) Richard Jr., Gary, Marilyn	20	5235 Cty. Hwy. F	Dairy Farmer
PUNKE, Ada Rudy, Husband Deceased Harold, Elaine, Loretta, Loraine	14	5234 Cty. Hwy. H	Retired
PUNKE, Harold & Dorothy (Schriefer) David, Martin, John, Lynn	14	5234 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer
PUNKE, John & Kathleen (Miller) Adam, Sarah, Daniel	23	5220 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy & Hogs
PUNKE, Donald & Florence (Woellner) Jean, Michael, Kenneth, Laurie, Karen, Mark	13	5413 Cty. Hwy. H	Dale Treau Logging - Ginseng
PUNKE, William & Hilda (Riemer) Donald, Carol	24	5210 Cty. Hwy. H	Polled Herefords Wausau Mutual
PUNKE, Carl Deceased Twin to William	24		
RAUSCH, Ambrose & Patricia (Westfall) David, Dale	18	5304 Cty. Hwy. F	Dairy Farmer
RAUSCH, Bette Mae (Stange) Lawrence, Husband Deceased Ambrose, Thomas, Kenneth, Norbert, Marybeth, Suzanne, Theresa, Mark, Peter, Jane	18	5304 Cty. Hwy. F	School Teacher
RAUSCH, Rickey & Connie (Krueger)	32	5013 E. Townline Rd.	Farmer & Patrons Pride Cheese W. Tombstone Pizza
RAUSCH, Thomas & Vernelle (Becker) Bradley, Brandon	5	5517 Frank Rd.	Trucking W. Marathon Cheese
RAUSCH, Walter & Betty (Mullins) Alan, Rick, Bonnie, Patricia	32	5014 E. Townline Rd.	Dairy Farmer W. Clerk, Town of Halsey
RIEHLE, Herbert & Irene (Dahl) Sherry, Shirley, Steven, Scott, Susan, Sally, Stanley, Stephen, Stacie	34	5019 Cty. Hwy. A	Buetch Implement
RIEHLE, John P. Rita, Sister	33	5022 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy
RIEHLE, Lawrence & Marie (Mallak) Sharon	25	5134 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer
RIEHLE, Mildred (Jacobitz) Ben, Husband Deceased Marian, Bernadine, William, Geraldine, Frances, Florence, Cecelia, James, Bernard, Kenneth, Jean, Daughter Deceased	35	5044 E. Townline Rd.	Retired
RIEMER, Robert & Caroline (Wendt) Allen, Michael	25	5127 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer
ROESLER, Wayne & Marlene (Dohm) Terri, Tracy, Tim	6	5514 Bungaloo Rd.	Construction
ROTHENBERGER, Alan & Cheryl (Williams)	19	5125 Hwy. 97 North	
SCHMITT, Orlando & Charlene (Kreft) Michelle, Jodi	24	5206 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer Marmet Corp.
SCHUG, Robert & Joann (Klimpke) Sandy, Robert Jr., Julie, Lisa, Scott, Kenneth, Jennifer	33	5026 E. Townline Rd.	Dairy B & J Equipment
SCHULTZ, Edwin Sr. & Dorothy (Marquardt) Judy, Geraldine, Karen, Carol, Jeannine, Eileen, Edwin Jr., June		5424 Rangeline Rd.	Retired Chairman, Town of Halsey
SCHULTZ, Gary	22	5203 Meridian Rd.	Const., Supervisor, Town of Halsey
SCHULTZ, Harvey & Jean (Grahman) Cheryl, Marianne, Donna, William	22	5227 Meridian Rd.	Connor Forest Industries
SCHULTZ, William & Martha (Trieweler) Harvey, Gary	22	5203 Meridian Rd.	Retired Roadgrader, 30 Years
STARK, Martin	13	R. 1, Hamburg, 54438	Retired
STEEN, Glen & Cheryl (Viegut) Tara, Jaclyn	19	5237 Cty. Hwy. F	Gad Cheese Factory
SWITLICK, Merlin & Stephanie (Kohl) Angela, Adam	24	5229 Corn Rd.	Switlick & Sons, Ginseng & Mink W. Marathon Cheese
THURS, Ronald & Jean (Faber) Deborah, Ronald Jr.	32	5006 Cty. Hwy. A	Weathershield
VANDEBOOM, Roy & Lois (Miegenburg) Dale	5	5509 Willow Ave.	Dairy Farmer
VENZKE, Marvin & Natlie (Schmitt) Scott, Renee	29	5016 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy & Rural Mail Carrier

NAME CHILDRENS NAME	SECTION	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
VERPOORTEN, Orville & Gale (Crum) Kay, Michelle, Michael, Yvette, Jason	13	R. 1, Hamburg	Fromm Bros.
VOGL, Clara Frank, husband deceased Randall, Freddie, Delores, Donald, Inna, Richard, Sharon	20	5205 Bungaloo Rd.	Retired
WEILER, David & Barbara (Mullins) Keith, Kim, Andrea	21	5225 Nehrbass Rd.	Patrons Pride Cheese Factory
WEILER, John & Ruth (Balz) Scott, Christie, Jamis, Sue, Kathryn, Greg, Travis	33	5020 Cty. Hwy. A	Weiler Electric
WEISE, Eugene & Doreen (Balz) Kevin, Susan, Tammie	35	5034 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy Farmer
WEISE, Kevin & Judy (Miller)	35	5036 Cty. Hwy. A	Dairy farmer
WEISE, Martin & Gail (Anderson) Brian	15	5315 Wozniak Rd.	Marathon Imp. Wausau Insurance
WEISE, Reinhart & Mildred (Schmidt) Mary, Martin, Judy, Walter, Pauline, Wanda	22	5222 Cty. Hwy. H	Dairy Farmer
WEISE, Walter Elsie, sister	24	5132 Cty. Hwy. H	Retired
WELZIEN, Joseph & Rose (Wich) Jerome, Delores, Gerold, Imelda, Gordon	36	5047 E. Townline Rd.	Retired, 89 yrs, married 66 years
WESTFALL, Donald & Marlene (Zomonn) Dale, Donna	29	5601 Cty. Hwy. A	Marathon County Highway Dept. Wife - Athens Bank
WESTFALL, Daniel & Sharon (Pawlowski) Sandra, Tracy, Kristina, Sarah, Travis	26	5322 Meridian Rd.	Brickner Motors
WESTFALL, David & Linda (Dahl) Wendy, Jenny, Joey	34	5030 E. Townline Rd.	Brickner Motors
WESTFALL, Harold & Delores (Weiler) Connie, Nancy, Michelle	29	5111 Nehrbass Rd.	Marathon County Highway Dept. Wife - Marathon Cheese
WESTFALL, Marvin & Betty Diane, Patricia, Beverly, Lynn, Marvin Jr., Michael, Candice, Deborah	12	5516 Frank Rd.	Retired
WIEDERHOEFT, Myrna Barbara, Debra, Linda	12	R. 1 Hamburg	Marathon County Court House
WILKIE, Roy	1	R. 1 Hamburg	Farmer
WIENKE, Charles & Lucille Thomas	1	R. 1 Hamburg	Goats & Livestock Wife - Marathon Cheese
WOELLNER, Victor Sr. & Laura (Dahl) Florence, Susan, Victor, Deborah, Sarah, Brian, Kent	27	5121 Meridian Rd.	Dairy Farmer & Mueller Pipeline
WOZNIAK, Rose (Hengels) Henry, husband, deceased Nicholas, Henry Jr., Frank, Rosalie, Bonnie	16	5314 Wozniak Rd.	Retired
ZINKOWICH, John & Carol (Bergmann) Sharon, Glen, Bonnie, Linda	5	5505 Frank Rd.	Pipeline
ZOCHER, Edward & Leona (Schmitt) Delmar, Lenora, Darlene	12	R. 1 Hamburg	Retired
ZOCHER, Hilbert & Shirley (Ziegel) Kenneth, Cheryl, Kay, Robert	19	Hwy. 97 North	Zochs Wayside Bar Woodworker
ZOCHER, Kenneth & Barbara (Schreiner) Laurel		5216 Cty. Hwy. F.	Zochs Wayside Bar





Present Town Board - 1983
L - R Gary Schultz, Carol Giese, Clifford Hopperdietzel,
Betty Rausch, Ed Schultz.



Oldest family farm owners in town. Front - Erwin and
Adeline Riemer. Back: L - R Allen, Bob, Caroline
and Mark Riemer. Driver - Earl Prochnow.

CENTENNIAL FLOAT AND BOOTH AT 1983 ATHENS FAIR



Centennial Float
Earl Prochnow's registered Belgians
with Riemer (Centennial) Family.



Nancy and Clifford Hopperdietzel
at the Centennial Fair Booth.

