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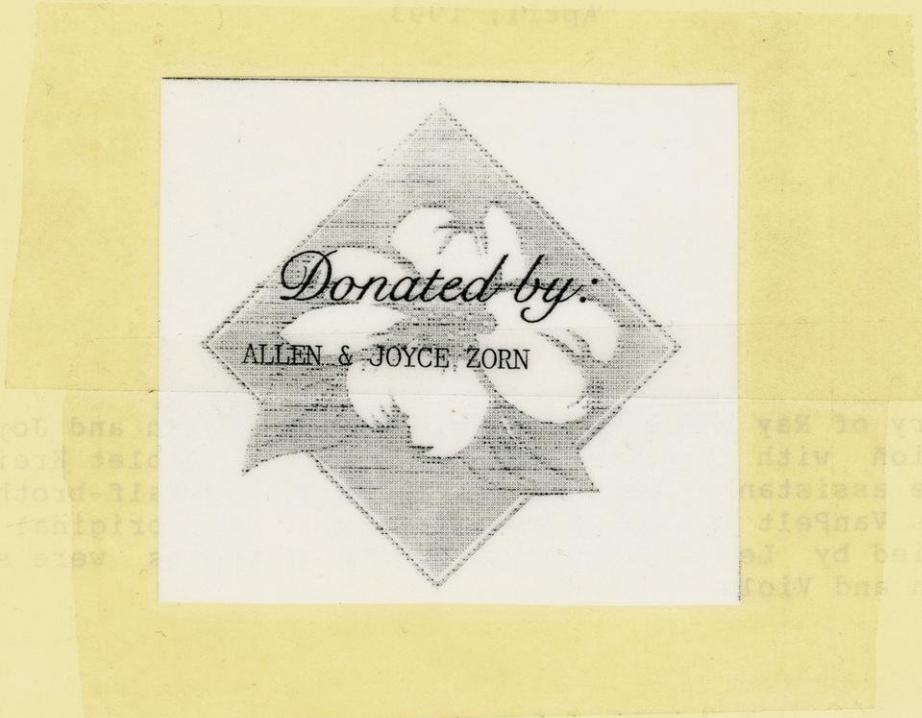
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RAYMOND WALLACE ZAHN

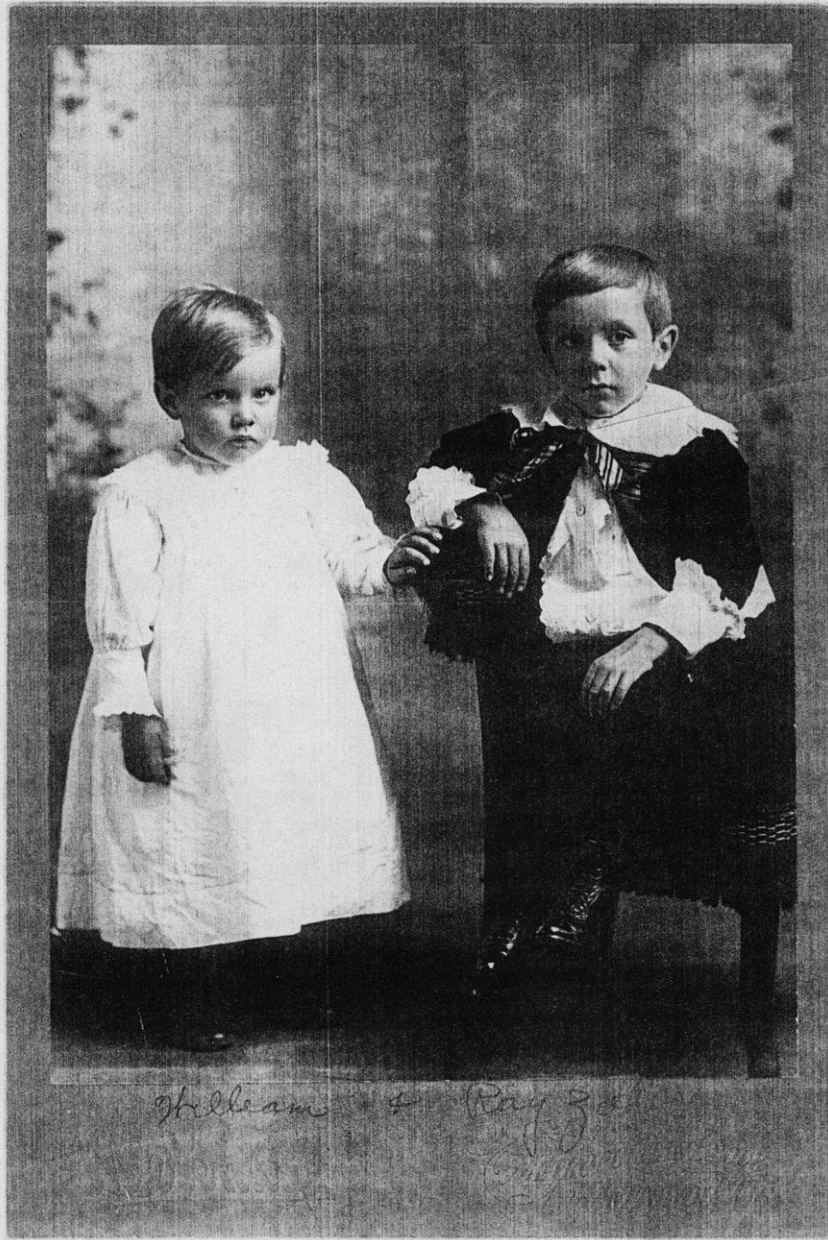
Raymond Wallace Zahn was born December 14, 1894 as the middle son of three boys of Edward William Zahn and Emma Rusch.

He married Clalie Hattie Bastian on May 21, 1921. Clalie was born February 8, 1892 to Martin and Ida Timm Bastian and had two brothers and two sisters. She celebrated her 101st birthday in February of 1993. Clalie formerly lived at 351 Cleveland Street in Brillion and now resides with a niece, Francis VanPelt, in Salem, Ohio. News articles are included on her birthday celebrations.

Ray and Clalie had no children and Ray died January 28, 1957.



Ray is pictured here on the lap of his mother, Emma Rusch Zahn, with his father, Edward William Zahn, and brother, Alfred Zahn.



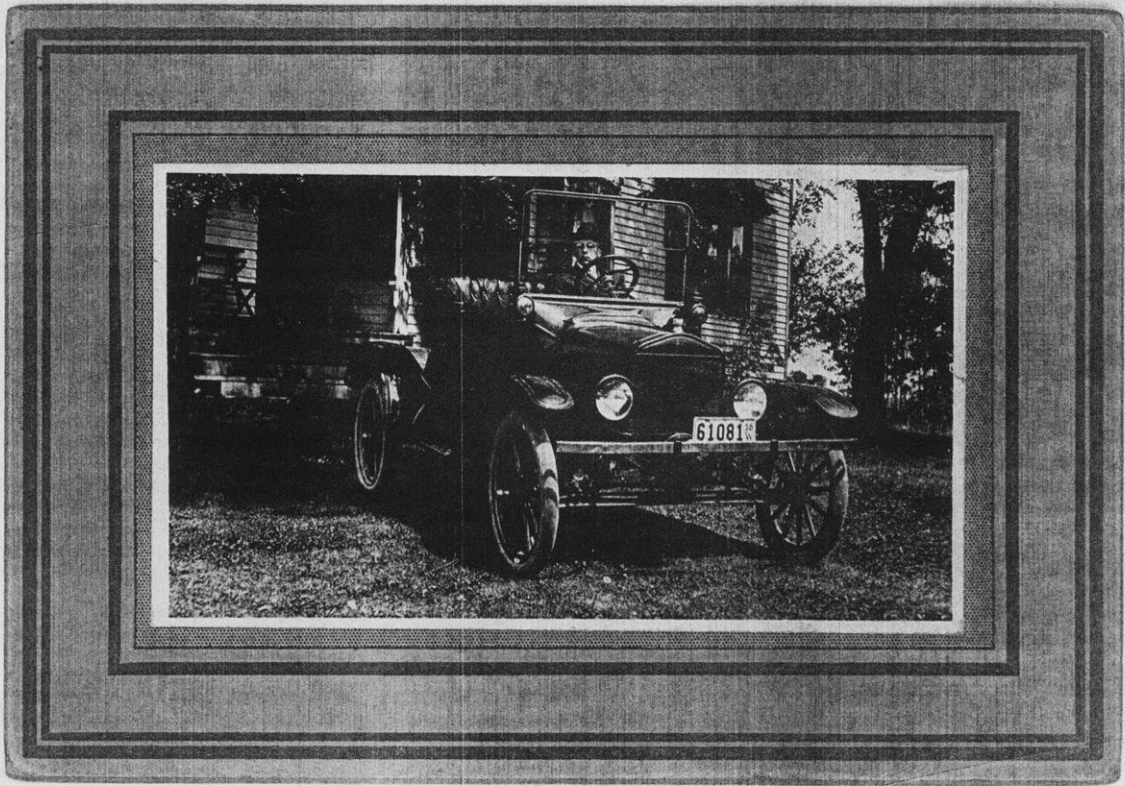
WILLIAM AND RAYMOND ZAHN

Ray was crippled as an infant, possibly from polio, and crawled, even in adulthood, for mobility by the use of strong arms. His formal education was gained at Carson Rural School near Brillion and was able to go to high school only one year at which time he resided with the R.C. Zorns and their son Otto, a second cousin.



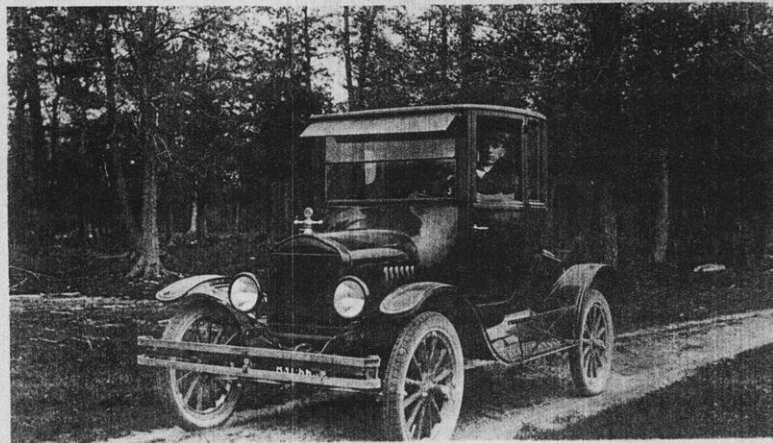
Wedding Photograph of
RAYMOND WALLACE ZAHN AND CLALIE HATTIE BASTIAN

May 21, 1921



RAY ZAHN IN A 1918 FORD

He drove car with extended pedals and
used a crutch for operating the clutch.





He operated various businesses for a livelihood. This consisted of selling insurance, Crosley radios and refrigerators, phonographs and records, L & H stoves and other electrical appliances. For a short time he sold Monarch Foods.

Ray loved photography, sold cameras and developed film for local customers. He started his photo business in a darkroom on the Fred Haese farm, north of Brillion. He processed his film and printed by hand. His technique of finishing prints was very good - he used ferrotype enameled tin plates to dry his prints producing extremely good finished prints. He had the Kodak dealership for Brillion.

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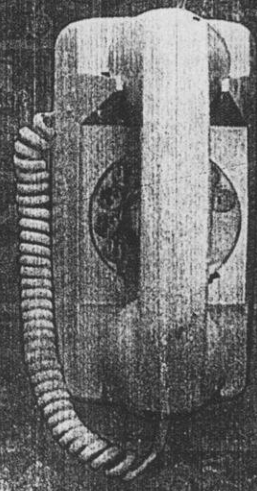
Ray Zahn held the dealership for Evinrude Motors and fishing boats. He had the State Farm Insurance Agency from about 1940 until his death in 1957 and it continued in his name for many years. Violet Kreiman Grether was his assistant. He also handled Woodman Accident and Life Insurance until his death when it was sold to Hal Dietrich of Brillion.

When TVs came out, he started selling them. He sold Stromberg Carlson and Crosley TVs. He did a booming business in this. He serviced both TVs and radios. The TV repair business is still operating under the same name by Dan Grether. Phone book listings are included to show this active business.

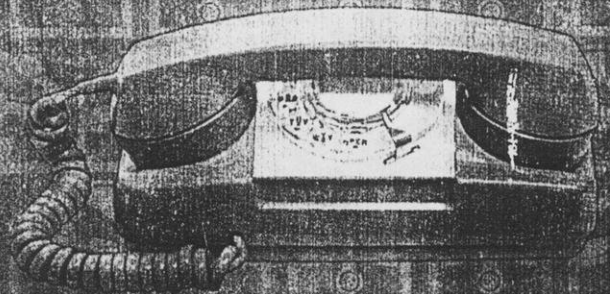
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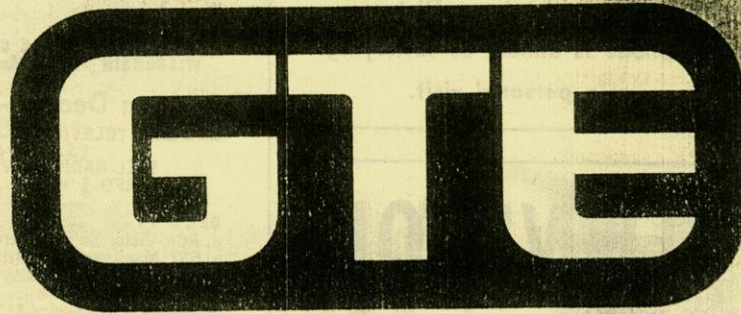
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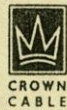
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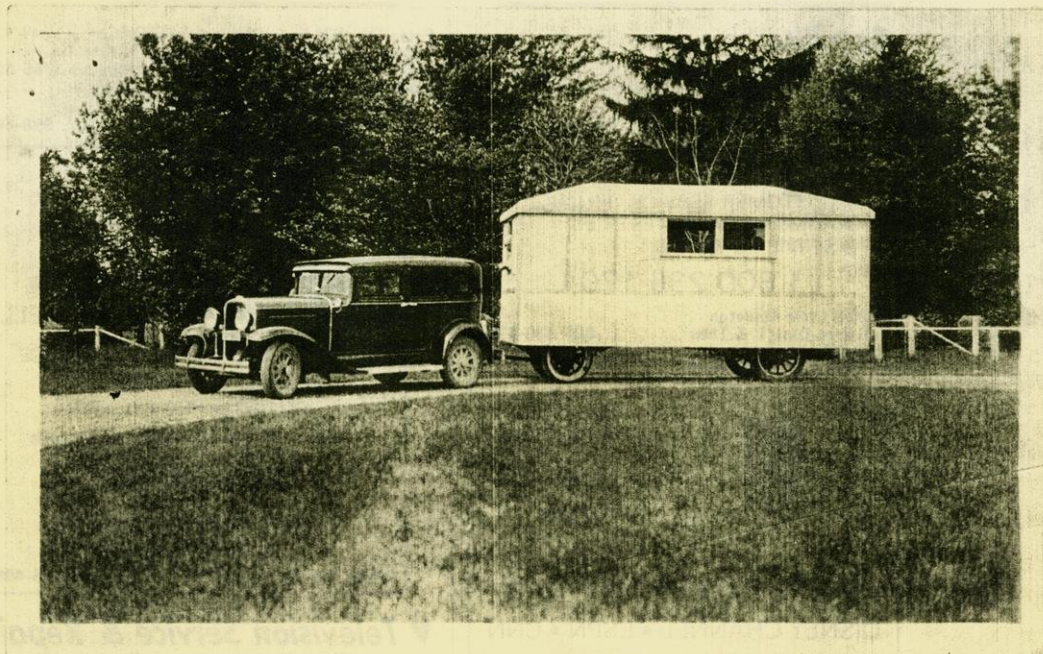
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Ray's favorite pastime was fishing and the place was usually Long Lake.



His first cottage was this homemade housetrailer built by Rudolph Zorn in the early 1930's and is shown above being pulled by the Zorn Marquette on it's "maiden" run to the cemetery south of Brillion. It's second run was it's final trip to the East Shore of Long Lake, Manitowoc County, 3 miles southeast of Brillion to be used as a cottage. In the conversion to a cottage, a side kitchen was added, shown below.



Hulda and Ed Kreiman, Flora & Robert Persohn with Robert Persohn, Jr. at the Zahn Cottage.

Scenes at the first Zahn cottage on Long Lake. Entrance to the property was through the William Kanter farm.



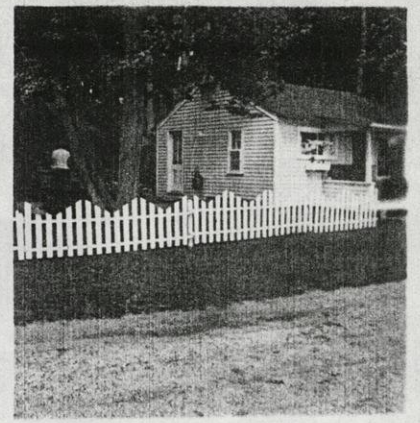
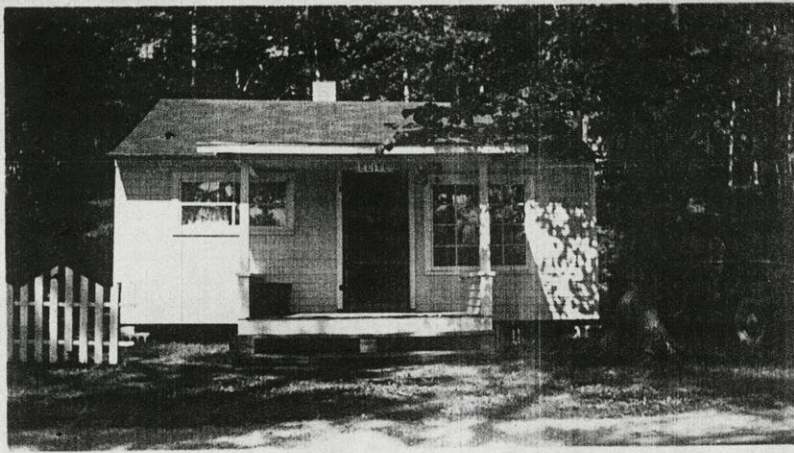
A gathering of the Aubrey Fowler, Harvey Schnell, Walter and Ed Kreiman families with Ray and Clalie Zahn.



Leland Wolfmeyer Family, Robert Persohn Family, Ed Kreiman Family, Bill Persohn and Ray and Clalie Zahn.



Hulda and Ed Kreiman, Flora and Robert Persohn and Robert Persohn, Jr.



Ray's cottage was later upgraded with one purchased from the Methodist Campgrounds, north of Brillion, and moved to the same site on the east shore of Long Lake. Many happy Sundays continued to be spent here with friends as evidenced below. The new cottage was named the "Elite".

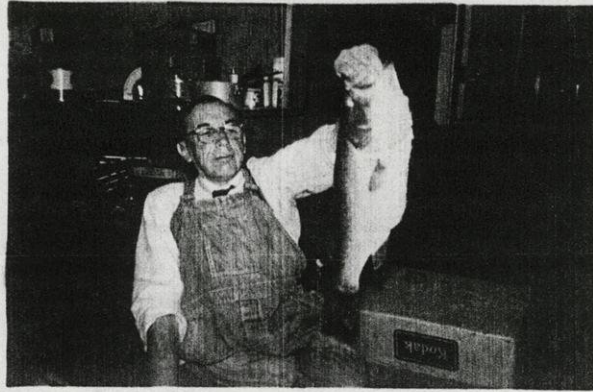


This gathering included the families of Leland Wolfmeyer, Ed Huebner, Harvey Schnell, Walter Bastian, Ed Kreiman, Robert Persohn, Bill Persohn and Art Bastian.

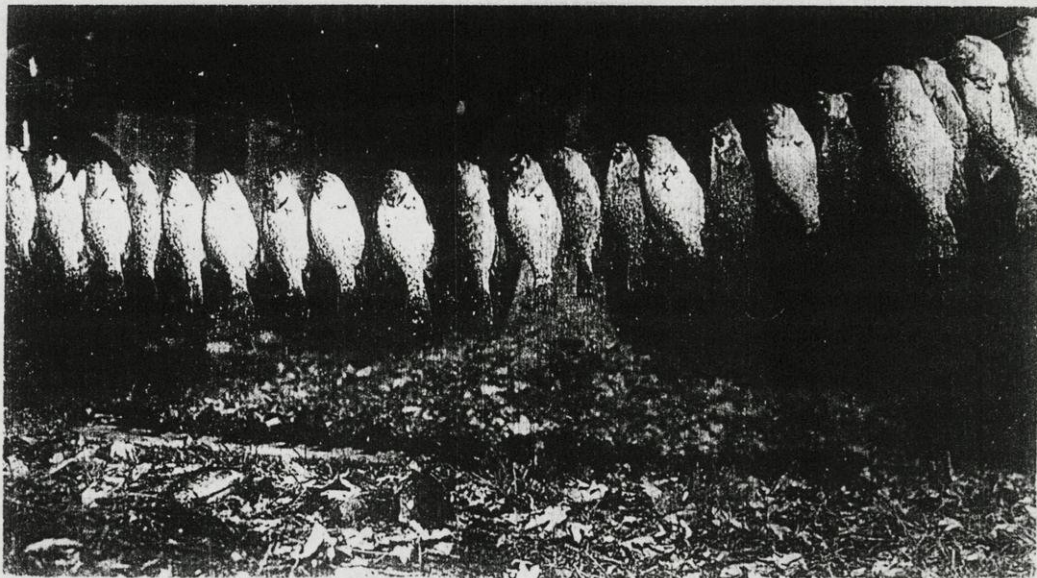


Ray, Clalie, Ida Zahn and Hulda Kreiman Ted Zahns, Ed Kreimans and Ray Zahns

Ray had many "fishing pals" since he needed assistance to pursue the sport. To the best of memories they included Rudolph Zorn, Art Bastian, "Duke" Lester Jodar, Henry Engel, John Wolfmeyer, Harold Reichardt and Ed Kreiman.



Ray with a good catch.



Proof of a **super good catch!!**

During a fishing trip with one of the "pals", they rowed away from shore in front of the cottage. Ray had just mounted his brand new outboard motor onto the boat transom. He gave the starter rope a few turns around the flywheel and gave it a yank. The motor started, became airborne and sunk. To this day there is still a new, 1930's outboard motor with about five seconds' time on it lying on the bottom of Long Lake about 50 feet in front of the location of the Zahn cottage.

Ed Kreiman was Ray's fishing partner in later years. Many a time he carried Ray from the car out to the pier.



Ed Kreiman and Ray Zahn fishing at Long Lake

ANCESTRY OF RAYMOND WALLACE ZAHN

Raymond Wallace Zahn

Born December 14, 1894
Died January 28, 1957
Married Clalie Bastian May 21, 1921
Born February 8, 1892

Father - Martin Bastian
Mother - Ida Bastian

No children of the marriage

Clalie celebrated her 101st birthday in February 1993.

His Parents were:

Edward William Zahn	and	Emma Rusch
Born Dec. 21, 1869		Born July 27, 1872
Died June 21, 1901		Died Feb. 4, 1943
Married May 29, 1891		

Father - William F.T. Rusch
Mother - Wilhelmina Ninneman

Their 3 sons were:

Alfred, born September 26, 1892
died December 4, 1898

Raymond W. (dates above)

William A., born April 29, 1898
died March 15, 1979

(1) Married Martha Ziemer on March 2, 1920
No children
She died in the 1930's

(2) Married Bertha Wuyts Gosdick on November 1, 1941
Born March 4, 1916
Their 2 daughters were:
Betty, married Norman Klarner
Carol, married Eugene Smith

His Mother's Second Marriage:

Fred A. Haese married Emma (Rusch) Zahn on December 3, 1901
Born August 17, 1875
Died May 13, 1958

Their 3 children were:

Mary, born September 21, 1902; died August 15, 1946
Milton, born February 3, 1906; died November 21, 1985
Married Leona Zahn on August 13, 1934
Lydia, born June 18, 1908, died March 8, 1986

His **Grandparents** were:

Frederick Christhlf Zahn	and	Johanna Wilhelmina Bartz
Born November 21, 1847		Born June 19, 1849
Died December 24, 1928		Died June 18, 1934

Father - August Bartz
Mother - Emilie Vogt

They married on January 24 or 25th, 1868 and had 7 children
Obituary from December 29, 1928 Chilton Times:

"The Times learns that Frederick Zahn, aged 81 years, died at his home at Potter on Monday, December 24th. The deceased was born in Pomerania, Germany, November 21, 1847, coming to this country with his parents in 1849 (?). They first located at Watertown, this state, where they remained three years and then moved to the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County. On January 25, 1868 he was married to Miss Johanna Bartz and for the past sixteen years they have made Potter their home. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Richard and Theodore of Potter and Anton of Rantoul and a daughter, Miss Meta. The funeral was held from the Peace Reformed Church on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. E. P. Nuss officiating."

According to the marriage record at the Chilton Court House, he was born in Kerzhafen (Keuzhaken?), Prussia. Johanna came over in May 1862 with her parents. The town has not been located, but it is near either Regenwalde or Rügenwalde. The spelling is questionable.

His **Great Grandparents** were:

Johann Gottlieb Zahn	and	Friedericka Reinke
Born September 23, 1807		Born June 3, 1811
Died April 17, 1881		Died October 15, 1885

They married and had 8 children (one daughter, Caroline Zahn married August Isack and was the great grandmother of Allen and Vernon Zorn.)

Research on **JOHANN GOTTLIEB ZAHN:**

The name, Zahn, means one with a prominent or protruding tooth. Johann Gottlieb Zahn was born September 23, 1807 in Pommern, Prussia, and he came to America about 1850 with his wife, Friedericka Reinke and children; William, John H. F., Lebrecht, Caroline, Frederick C. and August F. on a sailing vessel that took six weeks or more. They settled north of Watertown and about 1854 moved to a farm in Rockland, Manitowoc County. Mary and Herman Zahn were born in Dodge County. In 1870 the family was in the Rantoul census of Calumet County. By 1880 all the children had married and Johann and Friedericka were back in Rockland living with their son August and his wife, Amelia. Johann was suffering from asthma and Friedericka from rheumatism. He died on April 17, 1881. Friedericka was born June 3, 1811 and died October 15, 1885. They are buried in the Rockland Evangelical Cemetery, 1½ miles southwest of Reedsville.

Ancestry and research on the Zahn Family is reprinted with permission from the "Krueger Kin and Related Families" printed in 1977 by Bernadette Bittner, Bernice Enz and Carol Ryan.

 **OBITUARY**

**Memorial
Services
Held for
William
A. Zahn**

KAUKAUNA — William A. Zahn, age 80, of 817 Augustine St., Kaukauna, passed away at his home last Thursday, March 15.

Mr. Zahn was born April 29, 1898 in the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County. He was the son of the late Edward and Emma Rusch Zahn. He moved with his parents to a farm in the Town of Brillion. He operated the Deep Rock Service Station for 21 years. He later was employed at Thilmany Pulp and Paper Co. He also was an agent for State Farm Insurance.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Wuyts Zahn; two daughters: Mrs. Norman (Betty) Klarner, Kaukauna, Mrs. Eugene (Carol) Smith, Kaukauna; a half brother, Milton Haese and a sister, Miss Lydia Haese, both of Brillion; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Ziemer Zahn, his parents, two brothers Alfred and Raymond.

Memorial services were held Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kaukauna. Interment was in Highland Memorial Park.

Obituary of William A. Zahn, brother of Ray

Zahn, 98, Still Has Zest For Life

Clalie Zahn is 98-years old and can't walk anymore. She has a handicap, one of her legs is shorter than the other, and has always needed a crutch to walk. The handicap was caused by polio.

Yet Zahn still makes cupcakes from scratch.

"Once in a great while I'll make a coffee cake," she said.

And up until a few weeks ago she would clean the kitchen and bathroom floors once a week.

"It's getting kind of hard (for her to do her housework), I can't stand up," Zahn said.

Zahn was named after a teacher in Brillion. She has lived here all of her life, "but a couple of winters I lived in Florida."

She was married to Ray Zahn in 1921. Ray was also handicapped, but much more severely than Clalie.

The couple didn't have any children, but the thought of adoption crossed their minds.

"Ray was very handicapped and I was handicapped. Ray couldn't walk without crutches," she said.

Ray had an insurance business and fixed radios.

"Ray then sold and fixed radios on his knees," Violet Grether, a close friend and next door neighbor of Clalie's said.

"We did some amateur (photo) finishing," Zahn said. "For a while, Ray took our picture finishing to Forest Junction."

"He (Ray) really did sell a lot of T.V.'s," Violet said. "Financially, they did very good."

"My dad used to carry Ray fishing," Violet added.



Clalie Zahn, 98, is still living an active life. (BN photo by Bart Landsverk)

"Ray enjoyed fishing very much, it was about the only hobby he could do," Zahn said.

Ray died in 1957, Clalie said her married years were the best of her life.

Clalie remembered her early years as if they were yesterday.

"When I was seven years old I used to walk to school, about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles (with one crutch)," she said.

Sometimes she would be pulled to school in a wagon or sled.

"We used to have to carry water from the pump to the house," she added. "We had the outhouse, too."

"My mother wanted me to have a career. I had to go to Appleton, she wanted me to be a dressmaker," Zahn said.

"My mother left the horse in Forest Junction and we took the train to Appleton. I

think she missed the train on the way back and that poor horse had to stay in the stable overnight," Zahn said.

"I stayed in a ladies house (to learn how to sew) for two months," she said.

"I didn't like sewing, I liked housekeeping," she added.

During the war times, food wasn't as plentiful.

"I remember we had to eat whole wheat bread, we had to get the flour from Reedsville," she said. "Sugar was very scarce."

Zahn notices many changes over her 98 years.

"People are quite different nowadays. People dress different and their hair is so different," Zahn said. "I think our food is quite different, it's better."

She has been getting her food from Meals on Wheels for the past 11 years, she said.

"Nowadays people are very busy. They don't have a lot of time to visit with older folks."

"I'm quiet, I don't like to talk too much. Ray was the big talker," she said.

For hobbies Zahn reads, plays Scrabble and watches television shows like Donohue and Wheel of Fortune.

"I like to see the people. How the dress, how they look, where they live, and how they make a living," Zahn added.

"I have had a good life. I like to watch my birdfeeder," she said. "I love birds, I love flowers."

"I think the Lord Jesus wants me to live. He's not ready for me yet," Zahn said.

Her advise to young people for a long prosperous life is simple.

"I think they should play more Scrabble," she said.

Clalie Zahn to mark 100 years Saturday

By Sandy Mott

Post-Crescent correspondent

BRILLION — Clalie Zahn will be 100 on Saturday. She'll celebrate the day with an open house here in which many of her friends and relatives are expected to take part.

Clalie was born and raised north of Brillion on County PP and Rusch Road. Her parents, Martin and Ida Bastian, named her after a local school teacher. At the age of four, she developed polio, which resulted in a weakness in one of her legs.

Her marriage to Ray Zahn took place in 1921. For a time, they shared her parents' home. Ray was a radio repairman in the '20s and later a TV technician. He also had film-developing and insurance-sales businesses. He died in 1957.

Television is still an important part of Clalie's days. She spends much of her time watching favorite shows "Wheel of Fortune" and "Donahue," and she likes to listen to Billy Graham. She enjoys also playing Scrabble and watching the birds feeding outside her window —cardinals are her favorites. She also keeps busy

about the house, dusting from a wheelchair she uses to get around.

"I have very nice neighbors," Clalie said. "Dan and Violet Grether take very good care of me, and Hildegarde Krueger brings me my meals."

Krueger helps with the Meals-on-Wheels program in which Clalie was the first Brillion resident to participate about 13 years ago.

Clalie can recount many of the changes that have occurred over her 100 years. She remembers, for example, using a curling iron that had to be heated on a gas lamp. She admits that electricity and indoor plumbing are also nice.

"People today have rough hairdos," Clalie said. "We used to curl them with curling irons, no perms, just heat up the curling iron. I don't like whiskers all over the faces of men, either. Men have to be clean-cut."

Today Clalie spends much of each day in her wheelchair to accommodate her sometimes weak legs. A nurse visits her regularly to help her with bathing. She also has a "Life Line" with which she can summon help from Calumet Medical Center if



Sandy Mott photo

CLALIE ZAHN will mark her 100th birthday Saturday.

needed, and has three other contact persons from who she can obtain assistance.

She says she is well cared for by neighbors who are generous with their time. "It's wonderful that people are interested and take care of other people. I can stay in my home because of them. I love my home and my neighbors."

She had hoped that she could hold her open house Saturday at the Community Center but because of the winter weather, it would be too difficult for her to get there.

On Sunday, she will have another special day with nieces and nephews.

Brillion woman turns 100

BY SANDY MOTT
Regional Correspondent

BRILLION—Clalie Zahn of Brillion has seen many changes in her lifetime — all 100 years of it. Zahn will turn 100 years old on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Zahn was born and raised north of Brillion on Highway PP and Rusch Road. Her parents, Martin and Ida Bastian, named her after a school teacher in Brillion.

At the age of four, Zahn developed polio, which to this day makes one leg much stronger than the other.

In 1921, she married Ray Zahn, and for a while shared a home with her parents. Ray was a radio repairman until televisions were invented and then repaired televisions. He also had a film developing business and sold insurance. He passed away in 1957.

Today, Zahn spends much of her time watching television; her favorite shows are Wheel of Fortune and Donahue, and she likes to listen to Billy Graham. She spends time playing Scrabble and watching the birds outside her window; her favorite feathered friends are the cardinals. Zahn adds she also keeps busy dusting from her wheelchair.

"I have very nice neighbors," Zahn said. "Dan and Violet Grether take very good care of me, and Hildegard Krueger brings me my meals." Krueger helps with the "Meals on Wheels" program where the elderly receive meals at their homes. Zahn was the first Brillion resident to receive Meals on Wheels about 13 years ago.

She adds, "The meals are a good variety, and there's plenty of it." Zahn recalled many changes over her 100 years, including using a curling iron which had to be heated on a gas lamp. She adds that electricity and indoor

plumbing is also nice.

"People today have rough hairdos," she said. "We used to curl them with curling irons, no perms, just heat up the curling iron. I don't like whiskers all over the faces of men, either. Men have to be clean cut."

Today Zahn spends a lot of her day in her wheelchair; her legs are sometimes weak and a nurse visits her once a week to help her with her bath. She also wears a "Life Line" so in case she needs help she can summon Calumet Medical Center and three other contact persons for help.

But Zahn knows she is taken care of by her wonderful neighbors. "It's wonderful that people are interested and take care of other people. I can stay in my home because of them. I love my home and my neighbors."

On Saturday, Zahn's 100th birthday, an open house will be held so all her friends can come and wish her a happy birthday. She said she would have liked it at the Community Center, but because of the winter weather, it would be too difficult to go there.

On Sunday, Zahn will spend another special day. Her nieces and nephews, two nieces are from Ohio, will come to Brillion to spend the day with their aunt. Violet Grether and Zahn's nieces are planning a special 100s birthday meal for a very special lady.



Clalie Zahn of Brillion will turn 100 years old on Saturday, Feb. 8.

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