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TOWN OF EMMET 1889-1989



100th Anniversary CENTENNIAL

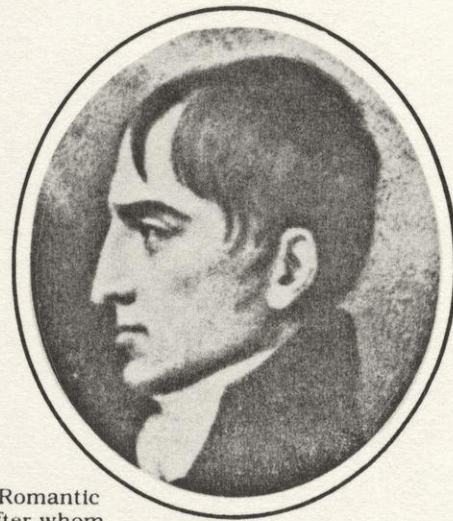
"An Irish Prayer"

You've blessed me with friends
And laughter and fun
With rain that's as soft
As the light from the sun
You've blessed me with stars
To brighten each night
You've given me help
To know wrong from right
You've given me so much
Please, Lord, give me too
A heart that is always
Grateful to you.

"The Blessing of Light"

May the Blessing of Light be
on you, Light without and Light
within. May the blessed sun-
Light shine on you and warm your
heart till it glows like a great
peat fire, so that the stranger
may come and warm himself at it,
and also a friend.

Robert Emmett, the Romantic
Irish revolutionary after whom
the Town of Emmett was named.



"May You Always Have These Blessings"

A soft breeze when summer comes
A warm fireside in winter
And always-The warm, soft smile
of a friend.
May you be blessed
With the strength of heaven
The light of the sun and
radiance of the moon
The splendor of fire
The speed of lightning
The swiftness of wind
The depth of the sea
The stability of earth and the
firmness of rock

"An Irish Blessing"

May there always be work
for your hands to do
May your purse always hold
a coin or two
May the sun always shine
on your window pane
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain
May the hand of a friend
Always be near you
May God fill your heart
With gladness to cheer you.

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In Honor of :

Grace O'Connor

By : Her Family

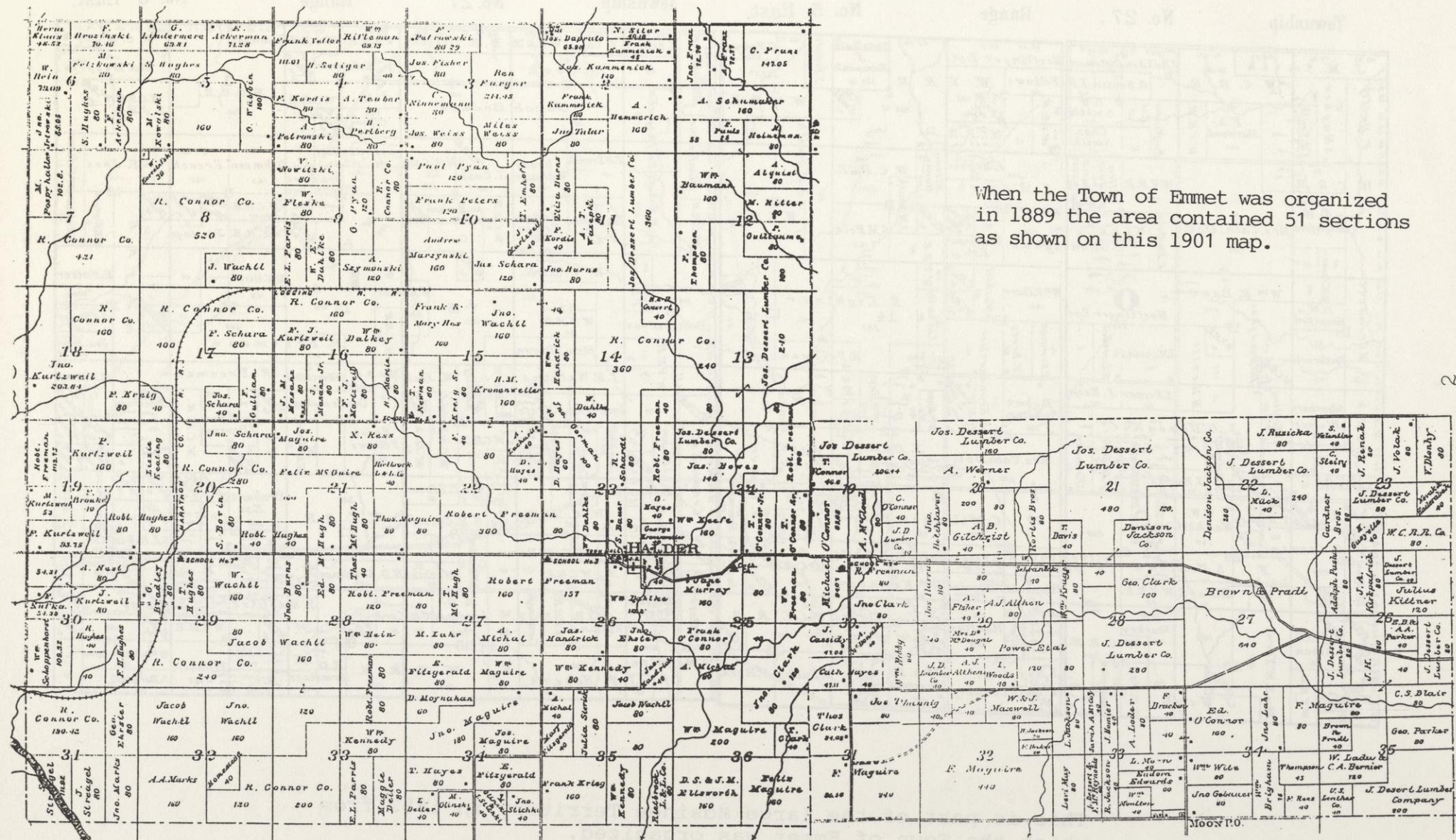


TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH RANGE 5 EAST

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

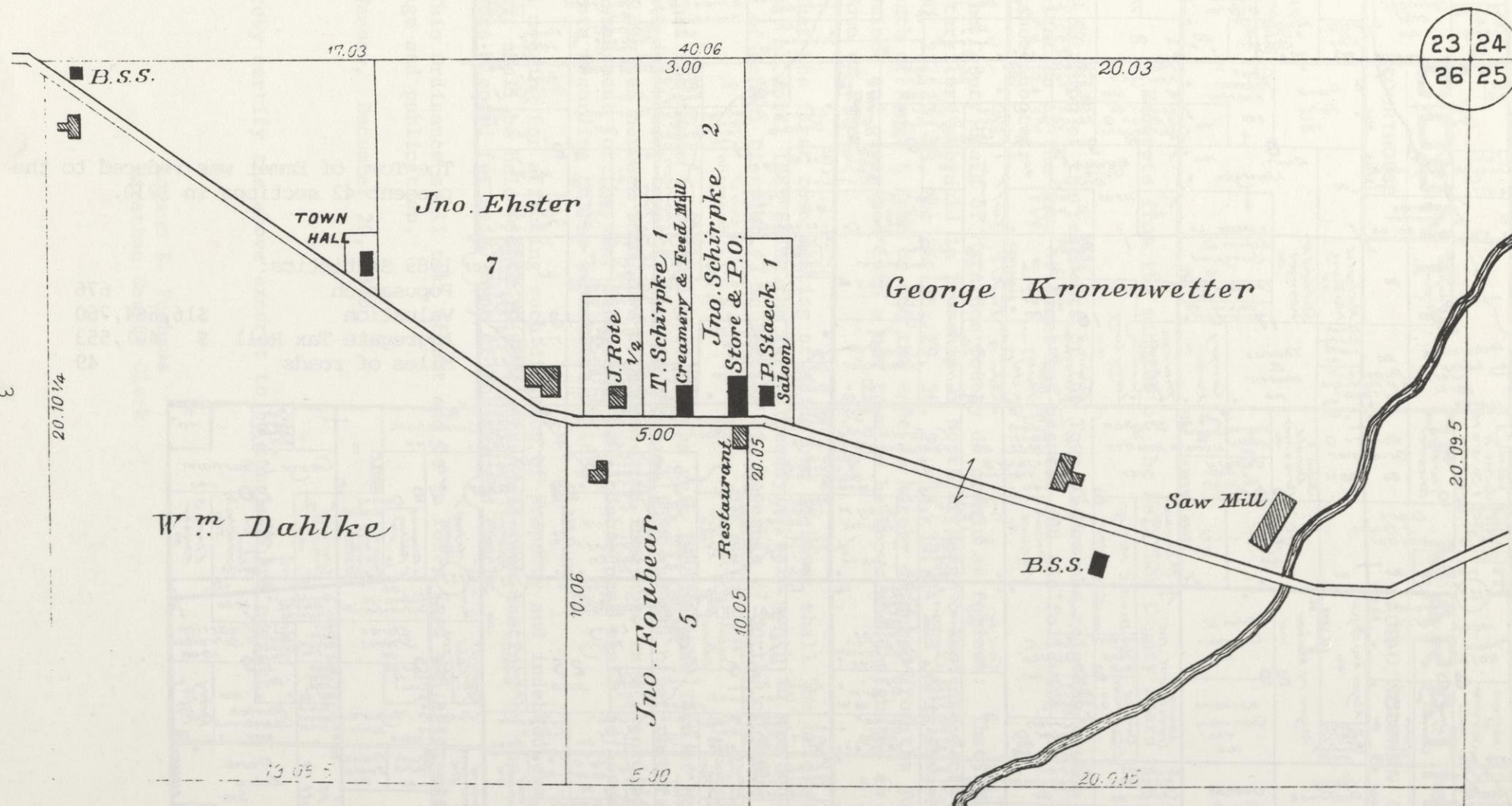
of the 4th Principal Meridian.

When the Town of Emmet was organized in 1889 the area contained 51 sections as shown on this 1901 map.



HALDER

LOCATED IN EMMET TWP.



Copied 7/13/76, from the 1901 Marathon County Plat Book, published by the North West Publishing Co., of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ben Straub Photo, Edgar, Wis.

SEE PAGE 20

1989 Statistics:		
Popusation		676
Valuation	\$16,664,760	
Aggregate Tax Roll	\$ 401,553	
Miles of roads		49

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COUNTY OF MARATHON

COURTHOUSE

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54401-5568

COUNTY CLERK

LOUANN E. FENHAUS

(715) 847-5500

Excerpts from the minutes of the Marathon County Board

A petition of the residents of the Town of Mosinee relating to the organization of the Town of Emmet was granted and the following ordinance adopted:

The County Board of Marathon County do ordain as follows: That all that territory embraced in Township 27 North of Range 5 East and Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 27 North of Range 6 East be and the same is hereby detached from the Town of Mosinee and organized into a new town to be known and designated as the Town of Emmet.

That the first town meeting of said Town of Emmet shall be held on the 2nd day of April 1889 being the first Tuesday of said month in the School House of School District #3 in Section 26, Township 27 North, of Range 5 East.

That the taxes to be collected for the year 1888 in said Town of Mosinee and all delinquent taxes for the tax sale of 1888 and all other resources to be divided between said Town of Mosinee and Emmet pro rata according to the assessment for the year 1888, also all indebtedness shall be assumed pro rata according to the assessment of 1888.

A meeting for affecting such division of property and indebtedness, if any, shall be held within 10 days after said town meeting, by the officers elected for said Towns of Mosinee and Emmet.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Wausau, December 20, 1888

I hereby certify the above excerpt to be complete and correct.

Louann E. Fenhaus
Marathon County Clerk

Excerpts from Microfilmed records of the 1909 County Board Proceedings

"November 11, 1909

The following Resolution was read:

Be it resolved by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon, State of Wisconsin, as follows:

FIRST: Sections Numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of township number 27 North of Range Number 6 East, now forming a part of Town of Emmett, in said county, are hereby set off and detached from said Town, and annexed to the Town of Mosinee in said County.

SECOND: The Town Boards of the said Towns of Emmett and Mosinee shall on the first Monday of March, A.D. 1910 at the Town Hall in the Town of Mosinee, meet in joint session, for the purpose of determining the just share of the credits that said Town of Mosinee shall be entitled to as provided by Chapter 62, Laws of 1909. "

Dated November 10, 1909

Signed:

Fred Bower
Supervisor, Town of Bergen

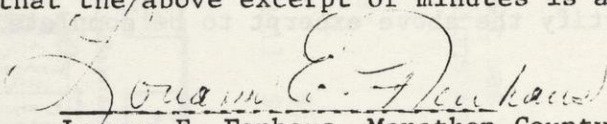
Louis Vytlačil
Supervisor, Town of Mosinee

Wm. Handrick
Supervisor, Town of Emmett

Wm. E. Raschke
Supervisor, Town of Day

Supervisor Manson moved the adoption. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the above excerpt of minutes is a true and correct copy.


Louann E. Fenhaus, Marathon County Clerk

MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION LOST

(Taken from the Mosinee Times-January 7, 1910)

compiled by Frank Zebro

County Board Refuses to Reconsider the Emmet-Mosinee Boundry Question.

The adjourned session of the county board convened at the court house in Wausau Wednesday at two o'clock to dispose of matters that had been left over from the regular session in November. As soon as the board had convened it was evident that an effort to get the board to recind its action at the previous meeting in changing the boundaries of the towns of Emmet, Bergin, Mosinee and Day. Petitions signed by 115 taxpayers of the town of Emmet and 15 from the town of Mosinee was introduced asking that the board reconsider its action and as a result some lively tilts were indulged in between some of the members.. H. H. Manson appeared before the board on behalf of the petitioners and stated that the board was illegal and could be set aside in any court. Dr. W. N. Daniels, of this city said that the action of the board was unjust and declared that it was pushed through without the consent of the taxpayers of the towns effected. He charged that it was a movement to further the political ends of certain persons and that it would do no one any good but would be an injustice on the taxpayers on the Town of Emmet.

The object of the petitioners was to get the board to recind its action so that the matter could be placed before the people of the towns, giving them an opportunity to express their views for or against it. The petition was finally tabled on a vote of 24 to 29.

WILL FIGHT AGAINST DIVISION OF EMMET

(Taken from the Mosinee Times-February 25, 1910)

Residents of that Town Hold a Special Election to Determine Attitude of its Residents.

This town of Emmet will not be divided at the present time if the residents of that town can have their way about it. Opposition to the action of the board last fall in detaching fifteen sections from that town and giving it to the town of Mosinee has existed right from the first, and it was due to this agitation that it was brought up again in the January meeting, which resulted in a vote being taken sustaining the former action of the board.

While there apparently appeared to be no other alternative than to accept the action as final, still there was a disposition on the part of the Emmet people to test the constitutionality of whether they were in favor or not of the town taking the matter into the courts. The vote stood 13 against and 44 for, indicating that the inhabitants of the town were decidedly opposed to having the town divided. Lawyers are of the opinion that this effort on the town would be an expensive and useless one, as, even if the lower court did uphold the town's case, the supreme court would reverse the decision judging from decisions in similar cases. It is said that in the case in question the supreme court has held that the county board has the power to change the boundary lines of towns. However, the outcome will be watched with much interest.

HAVE STARTED SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

(Taken From the Mosinee Times-March 4, 1910)

Residents of the Town of Emmet Commence Certiorari
Proceedings to set aside Action of County Board.

Proceedings were started yesterday by residents of the Town of Emmet to determine the regularity and sufficiency of the action of the county board in detaching fifteen sections of territory from the Town of Emmet and adding it to the Town of Mosinee, and thereby affecting the boundary lines of the Towns of Bergen, Emmet, Mosinee and Day. A writ of certiorari was served on county clerk John King yesterday, together with an order from Judge Marchetti, of the municipal court staying further proceedings in the matter. Wm. Maguire is relator, and brings the action on behalf of a large number of tax payers of that town.

The division was strongly opposed by these tax payers from the start because, it is claimed, the action of the board was irregular, illegal and void because the matter had not been submitted to the people of the towns affected previous to the action of the county board at its November session. At the January meeting a move was started to get the board to recind its action. When the matter came up for discussion some lively tilts between various members was indulged in. When it came to a vote it was defeated. Not to be thwarted in the fight for what they deem their rights, a special election was held on the 21st of February to determine the sentiment of the residents of the town. The result was more than two to one against the division, and hence the suit to test the legality of the board's action.

The case will come up at the next term of the municipal court. Bump and Manson are the attorneys for the relator, while district attorney F. Regner will represent the county.

THE FINAL RESULT

(Exert From the Mosinee Times-May, 1910)

An amiable settlement of the dispute over the division of the Town of Emmet was made May 7, 1910 and the matter has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Marathon County Board of Supervisors, by resolution on November 10, 1909, had ordered that sections numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 Township 27 Range 6 now forming the Town of Emmet be detached and annexed to the Town of Mosinee.

William Maguire, who brought the action to test the validity of the County Board's proceedings in the matter, met the chairmen of the towns affected at Wausau one day last week and the result is a peaceable settlement of the entire matter to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Town of Emmet will retain six sections along the western boundary of the disputed territory, the Town of Mosinee getting the remaining nine sections. This final action reduced the Town of Emmet from the 51 sections when initially organized to the present area of 42 sections.

Concerning Moon (Once a part of Emmet)

(Taken from the Mosinee Times)

February 14, 1896

Moon is located about six miles southwest of Mosinee. The first settler to locate here was Ed. O'Connor, son of Thomas O'Connor, chairman of the Town of Emmet; this was in 1887, and the year following a Mr. Pierce settled here, but being too lonesome for him he sold his place to Wm. Sanders who moved here with his family in 1888 and induced S. A. Mott to follow him in December of the same year. In June following, John Gebauer was induced to locate here, also E. Kloss, John Vetsch and Wm. Glaizer. In the fall of 1889, Mssrs. Moon, Kloss & Eyer established a saw mill here. The mill would cut about 8,000 feet of pine per day, but had no edger or trimmer. Later a five saw edger purchased from the Joseph Dessert Lumber Co., was put in and the capacity of the mill increased. In 1892 the firm dissolved partnership and sold the mill to T. H. March, the present owner who now runs a shingle, lath and planing mill in connection and saws about 25,000 feet of first class lumber per day. In 1890 a school house was built, and in 1894 a Seventh Day Advent church. A year later Z. Moon sold his place to John Edwards, of Wausau, who has erected a fine frame house on the farm and says it is the best place in the county.

There are at present thirty-three families in Moon besides a population of 160 loggers working in the woods in this vicinity. This locality is perfectly healthy. The water is pure soft spring water. There is still plenty of hardwood timber land lying around Moon that can be bought at a bargain. The principal business men of the place are T. H. March, mill owner and postmaster, with Wm. Witz as mail carrier, E. C. Sanders, Justice of the Peace, and John Gebauer, practical woodsman and land agent who will answer all questions about Moon, as he is known as "the man in the moon." But what the Moon still needs is a man with capital to start a store.



1st Annual Meeting of Town Emmet

Emmet Wis April the 2nd, 1889

The first annual meeting was called to order held in the school house, School District No. 3. The following officers were elected to wit.

Felix Maguire for Chairman
James Kennedy for side
Wm Keefe for side
Thomas Hayes was elected Town Clerk
John Heisell was elected Treasurer
Frank Krieg was elected Justice of Peace - 3 year term
William Hayes & James Handrick were elected Constable

Road Overseers elected

Michael Fitzgerald	dist. No. 1
John Murry	dist. No. 2
Wm Hayes	dist. No. 3
Joseph Kurtzweil	dist. No. 4
C. D. Rifleman	dist. No. 5
Joseph Kammanick	dist. No. 6

Motion was made by Felix Maguire to raise a State loan	\$180.00
For books	40.00
For Town fund	250.00
For Town poor	<u>30.00</u>
Making it all	\$500.00

The above motion was seconded by Thomas O'Connor, the same was carried

Motion was made by Felix Maguire that sallaries for Town Officers be fixed thus

Sallarys for Chairman & Supervisors each	\$ 20.00
Assessors Sallary	40.00
Town Clerk Sallary	50.00

The above motion was seconded the same was carried. Motion was made by Felix Maguire that the road tax of the actual settlers is to be worked by the road masters and the road tax of new residents is to be let by jobs and the road work is to be done during the monthes of June & July, the above motion was seconded the same was carried meeting adjourned

Thomas Hayes
Town Clerk



Felix Maguire-1st Chairman



Joe Maguire-Early Treasurer



Town Board ending the first 100 years-L. to R. Sharon Raatz (Treasurer), Randy Brusky (Supervisor), Frank Zebro (Clerk), Gerald Fitzgerald (Chairman) and Floreine Kurtzweil (Supervisor)



Town Board Beginning the next 100 years-L. to R. Duane Knetter (Supervisor), Luella McHugh (Treasurer), Donald Dahlke (Chairman), Frank Zebro (Clerk) and Jack Martin (Supervisor)

A TIME FOR RECOLLECTION

By Paul Kennedy (WAUSAU HERALD Reporter)



From left to right: Bill Baumann, Henry Martin, Theresa Schedlo, Lillian Handrick, Rupert Kurtzweil, Sr., Robert Maguire, Gerald Fitzgerald, Felix Maguire, and Paul Kennedy

Rupert Kurtzweil, Sr. sits on a metal folding chair telling the folks gathered around a card table in the basement of the Town of Emmet Town Hall, how things used to be. As the oldest living male of the Township - Rupert is 93 - he has plenty to say about the tough times endured by those early settlers. He talks about logging the land; about hauling that pulp wood on horse-drawn sleighs over snow-covered roads during the 15-mile journey to Mosinee; about clearing fields of stumps and rocks; about the sweat it took to carve out a living in a new land.

Tough times, indeed. Yet there's a smile on Kurtzweil's face.

"We had hunting. We had fishing, the same as we do now," Kurtzweil says. "We had all kinds of recreation. We had no cars but we managed to have fun. Still do today."

And this year maybe more than before, because there's a birthday to celebrate - the Town of Emmet's 100th.

In 1889, when all of Marathon County was divided into townships, a meeting was held in the O'Connor Schoolhouse. The area settled by such families as the Freemans, the Maguires, the O'Connors, the Fitzgeralds and a host of others, became the Town of Emmet.

"Those early days were tough," says Kurtzweil, whose parents, John and Anna, started their homestead in about 1887.

"But I think people were just as happy and I think people might have been more contented than they are today. They didn't have the worries. They didn't have the stress as they do today. Those people had the good life."

Maybe so. But it was anything but easy. As a matter of fact, the history of the Township is linked to disaster and hardship for the ancestors of this area.

The Potato Famine of the 1840s caused terrific suffering and pain in Ireland. At that time about half the people of Ireland lived on small farms and fed their families mainly on potatoes. Other Irishmen worked as tenant farmers on British-owned estates. They sold grain and cattle to pay rents and other expenses, leaving only their potato crops as food.

When a blight destroyed the potato crops between 1845 and 1847, about 750,000 people died of starvation and disease. During those years hundreds of thousands of men, women and children fled Ireland. Some of those who escaped poverty and death wound their way to the present-day Town of Emmet.

One such man was Robert Freeman, a native of County Caven in the northern part of Ireland. He left his home with his sweetheart, Ellen McSherry, for America - much to the disapproval of the young girl's family. In 1850, the couple took ship to America. By one account, Robert talked the ship's captain into marrying them. By another, they were not actually married until they had not only reached shore, but made their way inland to Milwaukee.

Whatever, Robert and Ellen Freeman eventually moved north to Mosinee, then known as Little Bull Falls, in October of 1851. The couple, after years of struggle, bought a 160-acre farm south of Halder on a stream which soon became known as Freeman's Creek. Robert Freeman, farmer, timber cruiser, father and husband, became one of the most prominent citizens and probably the single most prominent Irishman in the county.

Other Irishmen followed. By the late 1850s, the Irish began to arrive in force. There was Felix Maguire, Thomas O'Connor, the brothers William and Edward McHugh, the Fitzgeralds, the Kennedys, the Cannons, the Burnses, the Hayeses, James Murry, the Clarks, Garret Hughes, and others. Since all these men and their families were Irish, an area comprised of the Towns of Emmet, Cleveland and Mosinee soon became a kind of distant province of Ireland. Thus, people began to refer to it as "the Irish Settlement."

Most of the land in the Irish Settlement was bounty land presented by an act of Congress in 1855 to surviving veterans of the War of 1812. Since the last battle of that war, the Battle of New Orleans, had been fought 40 years before, it wasn't

surprising that few, if any, of those aging veterans cared to take up farming in the wilds of central Wisconsin. So, they sold off their 80-acre parcels through land agents to younger and more adventurous men. The standard price was \$2 an acre, a price just low enough to attract many of the immigrants who began pouring into the United States from Ireland.

New arrivals to the area found - as many other immigrants who had bought their land sight unseen from smooth-talking land agents in Chicago or Milwaukee found - that the land which had been sold to them as rich and ready farm land was less than that. Oh, it was rich enough. But it was also covered with trees, stumps and undergrowth - all of which had to be cleared before a farm living could be scratched out.

The example of Tom O'Connor, the first Irishman to make a real success of farming in the county, helped blaze the way for others. O'Connor, who moved to Mosinee with his wife and five children in 1860, bought 160 acres located miles away from the village. His first job was to clear a road nine miles through the heavy woodland to reach the farm. Once that was done, he cleared the land, built himself and his family a house and started farming. His example helped inspire his fellow Irishmen.

Soon, O'Connor became one of the leading citizens of not only the settlement but of Marathon County. He served on the County Board and was elected to the State Assembly in 1890. Before O'Connor could plow out a living farming, area folks depended on the logging industry to survive. Many still do.

The Connor Company in Stratford was the largest sawmill in the area. A railroad line from Stratford to Halder was the main artery pumping logs from the heavily wooded lands in the township to the mill. Railroad tracks came to just about where 153 is now north of Halder. Besides logs, the railroad also carried passengers who often hitched a ride into Stratford to do some shopping.

While the Connor Company operated out of Stratford, it was the Joseph Dessert Lumber Company in Mosinee that attracted other loggers. Kurtzweil recalls daily trains of as many as 20 sleigh loads of pulp wood drawn into Mosinee by horses. A team of two horses, weighing around 3,000 pounds each, would haul about two and a quarter chords of wood on a load. The sleighs would follow what is now Highway 153, which at that time was not paved.

By the early 1930's, however, horses were replaced by logging trucks. When Fred Marsh, who had the first truck in the area, ushered in the logging truck era, it became an era that relegated horses to farm work.

The Irish heritage permeated the settlement. Even its name held Irish significance. The Township was named after Robert Emmet, the daring young Irish revolutionary who led an uprising against

the British in 1803. Emmet was greatly admired by his countrymen for the gallant - if tragically ill-conceived - storming of Dublin Castle. Emmet was hanged by the British for his part in the revolt.

Since most, if not all, the families in the area were Roman Catholic, a church was needed. In 1871, the Rev. L. Spitzlberger baptized Thomas Maguire, Mary Snyder and Catherine Handrick, and thus officially began St. Patrick's Parish. The present church was built in 1906 at a cost of \$12,000 outside of Halder, a small village off Highway 153 between Mosinee and Stratford.

As with religion, education was an important part of the area. At one time, the township was served by eight schools. There were high schools in Marathon City, Stratford and Mosinee, but most of the township's students finished school after the eighth grade. Although, quite a few local girls went on to Normal School in Wausau to become teachers.

Schools in the early 1900s were far from the million dollar facilities they are now. Heated with wood-burning stoves, the schools usually had between 20 and 30 students in one room. Why, long-time resident Hank Martin remembers his teacher - Mary Raleigh at Ludington School - walking four miles to get to school. If there was a snowstorm, the teacher - who was paid \$15 a month - stayed with local farm families. For the average student, going to school was an adventure. Tressie Schedlo recalls getting up at 5 a.m. to do her farm chores - carrying wood, milking cows and other duties - before hitching up the horses for the four and a half mile trip to school. On a cold morning, it was common to heat a brick in the oven and place the brick in the front of the buggy to keep your feet warm.

The early 1900s were exciting times filled with new-fangled inventions. In 1909, Robert Bowes could be seen cruising down the narrow country roads in the touring car belonging to Robert Freeman. The first phone rang in the township in 1910.

But probably the most exciting event of those early days was the 1933 Milk Strike by the Farmers Union. To protest the low price of milk, farmers dumped their milk in a statewide protest. It didn't last long.

"The police from Wausau broke up the strike," Robert Maguire remembers. "The police came with their clubs and they got the best of us."

Still, the strike helped strengthen the bond of this community, a bond that can still be felt today when farmers gather to shoot the breeze at the Marco Co-op Halder Feed Mill, or ball players bend an elbow after a game at the softball field, or when a neighbor needs a hand finishing up haying before a storm hits. It's been that way for 100 years. And you kinda figure it'll be that way a little longer.

INDIANS

Rupert Kurtzweil, Sr. tells of "Indian Bill" living in a tent during the summer at the north end of their farm around 1900. Indian Bill would bring venison to his mother and she would give Indian Bill salt pork, in return. Rupert would also pick wild gingseng with Indian Bill when he was eight or ten years old, and the Indians could always be trusted. In the winter the Indians had a camp on the Eau Pleine. If there was an outbreak of smallpox, diptheria or other contagious disease in a camp, they would immediately move on to another area.

Gerald Fitzgerald remembers the Indians camped in Michal's wood lot just north of the Fitzgerald house some 70 years ago. They had wigwams and lived there all summer and didn't bother anyone, he says.

They moved out in fall to the Indian farm in the Town of Cleveland near the Spindler bridge. Every spring they would go to Neopit to make maple syrup - long lines of Indian ponies, the women and children rode the ponies, but some walked. Then in the fall they all came back, going to Arpin and in that area. Some of the men knew Edward Fitzgerald and when they stopped along the way, Gerald said, "he would give them salt pork and they would give him venison. They also were fond of cheese and would stop at cheese factories where they were treated to cheese."

Bert Deiler and Gerald went to an Indian pow-wow in Pittsville one time and met Joe Link who asked about everybody in Halder. Joe worked around the Town of Emmet, clearing land - so much an acre. The Indians did a lot of work in the Town clearing land and helping with farm work - the women and children working with them to pile brush and burn it.

- Floreine Kurtzweil

The Indians in this area were friendly. There were times, around the turn of the century, when a traveling group stretching for a mile with 100 or so Indians, would go by the Murry farm. They were whole families, some on horseback, some in wagons drawn by teams of horses, some had horse and buggy, and there were some walking. They would camp along the bank of Freeman Creek. Their camp fires could be seen through the trees from the house. Children would be warned not to go near or bother the Indians, so they usually hid behind buildings or peeked from behind a tree as the Indian families passed by.

One evening an Indian man stood by the back door with freshly killed venison. He spoke English and asked to exchange the meat for "white man's bread" and some pork. His little girl was sick and he hoped to tempt her appetite.

Another time, four young "bucks" (men) came to the house. It was early winter and pretty cold outdoors. They asked for food and after they had eaten, they laid down on sacks of potatoes which were piled on one end of the kitchen to keep from freezing. They were arguing between themselves, three against one. They finally fell asleep. Early the next morning three of them very quietly arose, but left the quarrelsome one sleeping. Later he woke up and when he saw the others were gone, he ran from the house and could be heard yoo-hooing as he tried to track and find the others.

- Dorothy Murry, as told by Ida Murry

THE IRISH WAKE

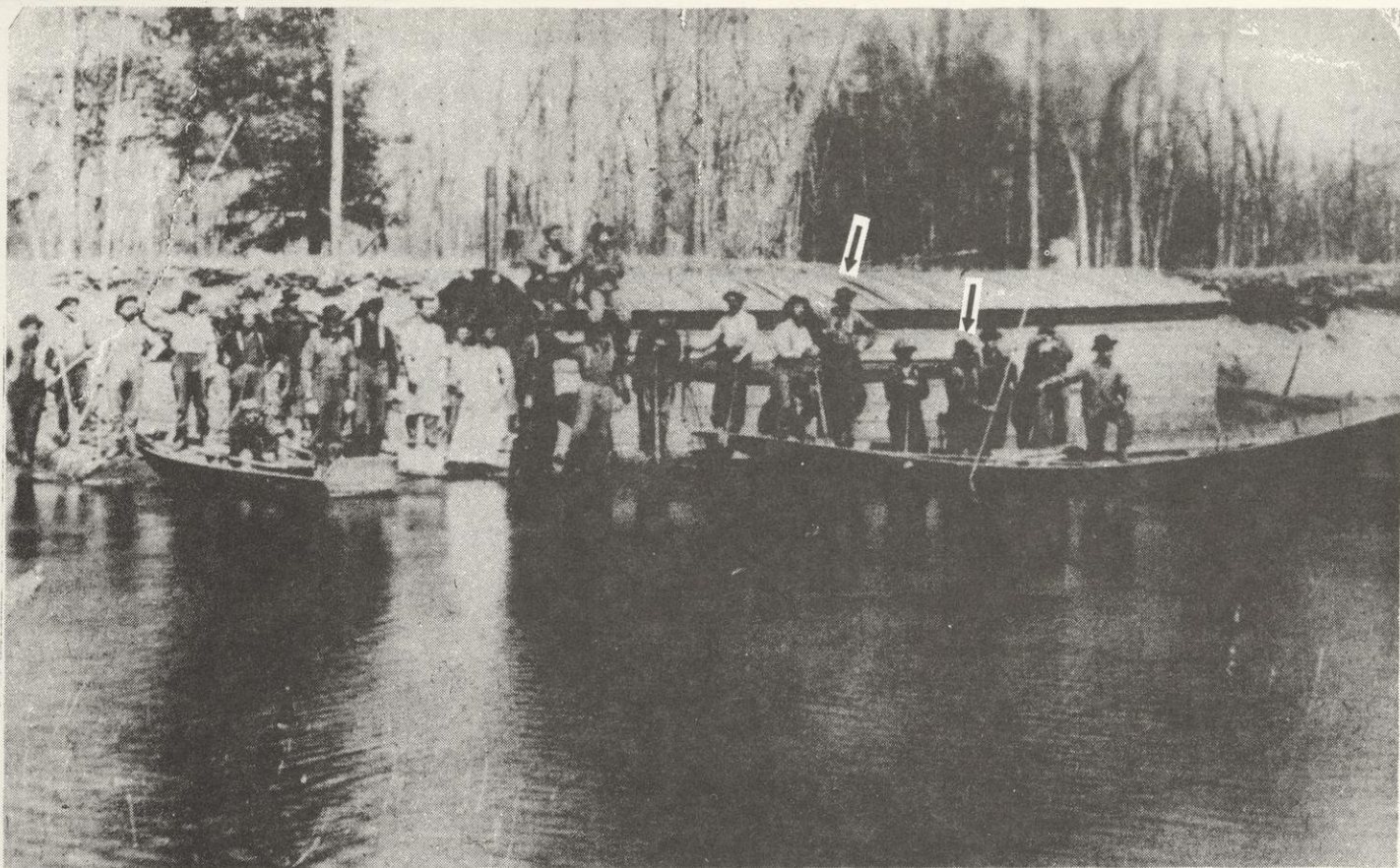
When a person got ill and was very likely to die soon, the family would send for the parish priest to administer the "last sacraments" and make his (her) peace with God. Family and neighbors were called in to also make their peace with each other and bid farewell. The banker or some knowledgeable man would then be called so the man could make his last will. Women usually didn't own much, and men wouldn't make a will until they were expected to die soon.

After the person died, a neighbor man would come to shave him and trim his hair. Then he would be dressed and laid out in his Sunday suit. Someone would drive into town to pick up a coffin, and the deceased would be placed in it and that evening the "wake" would begin, usually in the parlor.

No self-respecting Irish lady would be caught dead without her shroud made years in advance of her expectation of her final demise. It would be a dress of black woolen material, simply made with a high neckline and long sleeves. The black dress was made with an opening from top to bottom so it could be easily put on the corpse and would fit also, no matter how many pounds the lady had gained or lost during those declining years.

Friends came and brought food and whiskey; they stayed two or three nights until daybreak. The family furnished clay pipes and a jar of tobacco and anyone over 21 could smoke and drink, men and women alike, during the long vigil.

- Dorothy Murry



PICTURED ABOVE THE SIDE and front views of a "Wanigan" used in log drives about 1912. The Wanigan was a crudely built house boat type craft built on logs, used for sleeping and eating purposes by the loggers. Bunks were built on either side with a long table down the center and the men sat on the lower bunks at mealtime. This particular Wanigan was built by Andy and John Michal and this drive was taken down the Big Eau Pleine River to Stevens Point, where the logs were sold to Wicks or Clifford and Fox in that city. The drive was about 35 miles long and took from two to three weeks to make according to the weather conditions, depth of the water, etc. The long boat in the upper picture directly in front of the Wanigan was called a "Bateau" and shuttled men and supplies from shore to Wanigan. At the end of the drive, the Wanigan was dismantled and discarded. On the picture the man under arrow to the left is Mrs. Felix Michal's father, Frank Krieg and under the arrow to the right is Andy Michal, Felix Michal's father.

Left to right on front view of the Wanigan are Fred Marsh and William Krieg, the cooks. Chet Dillon, the bateau man and Frank Zell, a visitor.

(These pictures were loaned to us by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Michal

LOGGING

By James Maguire

In the early days all the logging roads led to the Big Eau Pleine River, which was a rather narrow, fast flowing stream. It was an ideal, inexpensive way of transporting saw logs to the large saw mills in Stevens Point, which was an established city by that time. The J. R. Wicks Lumber Company and the Clifford & Fox Company were good reliable log buyers. The logs were hauled down into the southern part of the Eau Pleine Park area. For a few years Andrew Wicks operated a mill on the south shore of the river, however, he had a great deal of trouble with his mill, and soon all the logs were sent down the river to his father's mill. The logs, the big pine and hemlock were hauled to a place on the north bank of the river, a place known as Nelson's Slough, and the High Bank Slough. The logs were unloaded from sleighs and decked on the side of the river. In spring they were rolled into the river.

In the spring the big log drives started just as the ice went out of the river. These drives took place all the way up the river as far as Colby. The lumberjacks who took part in this rather hazardous job wore big hobnailed shoes. This gave them the right amount of grip in their feet to ride the logs and keep themselves erect while doing so.

A large boat built from logs in a raft-like fashion was assembled each year in the town of Bergen. This was known as the "Wannigan". This boat was about twelve feet wide and thirty feet long. On each side was a set of sleeping bunks with a long table in the middle. At mealtime the men sat on the lowered bunks to eat. At one end was the cook stove. One of the cooks was William Krieg and one was Fred March. John and Andy Michal would build this wannigan and assemble it each year, and when the log drive was finished, it was taken apart when it reached the big saw mill and put away for the next year's activity. The logs of course went into the mill.

As the log drives proceeded down the river many of the logs never made it all the way. Small mills along the way, down the river, would buy up as much of this timber as they needed. A large chain barrier was stretched across the Wisconsin River at Stevens Point at each of these two big mills, funneling all the logs into a large hot pond for them.

After these logs were sawed into lumber, these lumbermen made even more use of the river. The sawed lumber was bound together into large bundles and then sent back into the river in a process called rafting, all the way down to where the Wisconsin reaches the Mississippi River, and then on to St. Louis, the big "gateway to the west". Joseph Maguire went along on one of these rafting jobs all the way to St. Louis to take in the World's Fair when it was held in that city in 1904.

It was only the toughest of men who took part in this job. One of the men that always took part in that activity was Joe Link, a big full-blooded Indian. The highlight of the trip for these men was the stop-over they always had at Knowlton. The saloons did a great deal of business during those times. Some of the men would get so out of shape that their comrades had a pretty rough time getting them back on the wannigan.

The only logs they could sell in those days were pine and hemlock. These species brought three dollars a thousand. The only way they could send maple was to strip it on two sides. They were too heavy to float any other way. There was very little market value for maple at that time.

Shortly before the turn of the century a couple of Italians from Chicago built the old Italian mill on the north end of the present township at the corner where Highway County Trunk I (now S) intersects with County Trunk P. This mill was used from the early 1890 period until it burned in 1916. They did custom sawing and commercial sawing.

Loggers usually used a yoke of oxen for skidding and horses to haul loads to the mill or landing. Ray Maguire told of picking stone with oxen. Sometimes they would balk and turn yoke.



About 1880, Woodsmen with a team of Oxen in the town of Emmet, Marathon County, Wisconsin. Left to Right: 1 Jim Handrick; 2 F.W. Kurtzweil; 3 Unknown; 4 George Drake (with saw); 5 Unknown; 6 Bill Freeman; 7 Frank Kafka Sr.; 8 Robert Freeman; 9 John Harrington (with snow shoes); 10 & 11 Unknown; 12 George Kurtzweil; 13 Frank Schoenfuss; 14 Ernest Holtman and 15 Joe Schara.

There was a large sawmill built by Mr. Heisell even earlier than the Italian mill. It was erected on the Freeman (Halder) Creek just a bit west of the cement bridge on old Highway 153. A large boardinghouse was built a bit to the west of the mill. It was used as a residence for different families until it burned in 1930. A large barn was across the street from this and a busy blacksmith shop was also situated in this area. Mr. Heisell and Mr. Joe Halder, a grocer came to the area at this time. The people thought so much of Mr. Halder that the little unincorporated village was named after him.

Just a short distance east of Freeman Creek, a logging road was built by Jake Wachtl, a prominent young man, who did a great deal of logging in the area. This road extended from Highway 153 all the way to the Eau Pleine Park area, and was known as the "Wachtl Road".

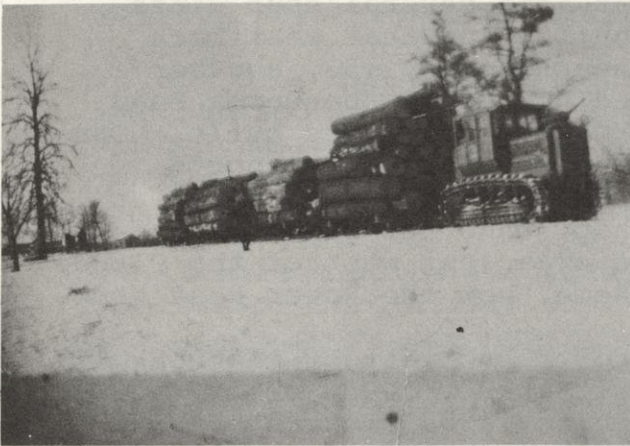
Phillip Menzner Jr. did a great deal of logging in the township also. They had a large log landing on the present Highway 107

about two miles north of Highway 153. The Joseph Dessert Lumber Company of Mosinee also logged rather extensively throughout the Town of Emmet. They didn't buy many logs from the people of this locality because they had numerous timber tracts of their own, and many of the people of the area worked for them. The Desserts had a logging camp in the town of Mosinee in the Rocky Ridge area where Johnny and Annie Kennedy always worked. John was the foreman or woods boss while Annie did the cooking. Annie's mother, Mrs. McDonald was also a cook for the loggers, and they lived in this large home, which was the boarding house mentioned earlier.

Another camp was near Maurice Clark home, a bit to the east on the north side of the road, where James Handrick was foreman and Mary Handrick was the cook. On the road toward Moon, another camp was located, rather close to the east boundary of the present township.

The steam hauler, a powerful machine built something on the order of the present day bull dozer as we see in operation today, was used to haul the logs to the big Dessert mill at Mosinee.

This machine had a pair of runners on the front and a set of tracks on the back that furnished all the traction. The different camps the Desserts owned were connected by an iced road. At each camp, they would leave off several empty sleighs and pick up all the loaded sleighs. The steam hauler could pull ten or twelve loads behind it. In this way they could keep the big mill furnished with logs until spring break-up. The iced road was made by using a large sleigh with a water tank aboard. They would fill this during the day and then through the night the men would spray the two sleigh tracks with a fresh coat of ice.



Steam Hauler



Jim Maguire driving water wagon to ice the roads

One time Jim Maguire (son of Wm. Maguire) had a close call while working at this job. He has been following the steam hauler as it came around a bend in the town of Bergen. As the long train of sleighs were making their way up a long grade, a chain broke on one of the sleighs. A half dozen loads of logs, each carrying a thousand feet of logs came careening down the trail. As luck would have it, Jim had pulled off the trail to fill his water tank at a nearby spring. These loads kept going downhill until they came to a turn in the road where they rolled over into the woods.

In 1911 the Connor Company of Stratford built a railroad that came into the town from the southwestern part of the township. It crossed the present Highway 153 some distance west of the John Gorman residence. The main line came down to Halder a short distance north of Highway 153. After it crossed the Freeman Creek, it



Railroad built in 1911

bent to the north just past the Robert Freeman residence and proceeding east, it crossed Highway 107 near the Francis Fochs home. In that area several spur lines were built, one that went back down near Highway 153, another circled up toward the Burma Road. There were other lines built. One extended up to the area north, about in the center of the Emmet township. Another track extended to the area just west of the Claude Nest home, now the Roger Nest home.

The main loading place was just north and west of the Baur farm, west of Halder. A depot was built there. Just prior to World War I, the English government bought large amounts of ship timber. The big rock elm finally had a market. These trees were cut and hewn to size right in the woods. A group of Canadians came into the area to do the cutting and hewing. These timbers reached a length of forty to seventy feet. They were hauled to a landing not too far from the Robert Freeman home. Two or three logs made a good load for a team.

The R. Connor Company was doing the shipping of these timbers. When they found out what a tremendous, tedious job the hewing was, they had the timbers brought right into the big mill at Stratford and had some of them sawed to the right size. However, when they came to shipping these timbers, it was found that the tariff on a finished product was so high that it didn't pay to sell them. All they could do was bring the hewing crew back to give each side a rough hewn appearance.

The winter of 1925 and 1926 must have been a rather mild one because that year the river route was abandoned. That meant that all the loads followed the traffic right down the main street and across the bridge to get to the mill in Mosinee. At that time there were two separate bridges across the river at Mosinee, the first being called the Pond Bridge, which was usually bare cement by the time they arrived from Halder, and it took special teams to pull the loads across. This display of horsemanship always attracted a large crowd of people.

One day two of these teams came onto the bridge from the west, and came upon something they hadn't anticipated. A farmer from the Peplin area was bringing a load of firewood to town to sell to one of the villagers. He had a pretty large load, much too great for the condition of the bridge. The man had made it about a quarter of the way across, and his poor team could take it no further. By this time a large crowd had gathered on the bridge to see what would happen. Among them was Andrew Daul, who was always called "Lumber Daul" by his friends. Well he picked out a good spot for himself by crawling up and sitting on the bridge railing, which turned out to be a very dangerous spot.

The teamsters wasted little time with the man from Peplin. They just took his team off the front of the sleigh and they hitched one of their teams on the back of his sled and pulled it off backwards. As fate would have it, one of the front runners struck a space of bare cement, causing the tongue of the sled to come around at an angle with terrific force, and it struck the railing right in front of Mr. Daul. The force of the blow and the fact that he sort of threw himself backward, caused him to go toppling off the railing. The fellows gathered with him on the bridge were afraid to look over the side fearful of what happened to him. The brave ones who looked saw something they never could forget. That big fur coat he always wore spread out like a huge parachute, and he came floating down and landed on his feet. The wind was knocked out of him from his fall, but other than that, all that was hurt was his pride.

Thomas Maguire logged a beautiful stand of pine in 1924 in the town of Bergin. It was a stand so thick that if you were in the woods in the middle of the day, it was as dark as night. The sawyers had a hard time getting the first trees down to make an opening for falling the rest of the trees. There were 550,000 feet of logs in a 23 acre tract of land. These logs were hauled just west of the Claude Nest residence. It was one of the last winters the Connor Company operated camps in the area. After that they moved their logging operation to Laona, Wisconsin.

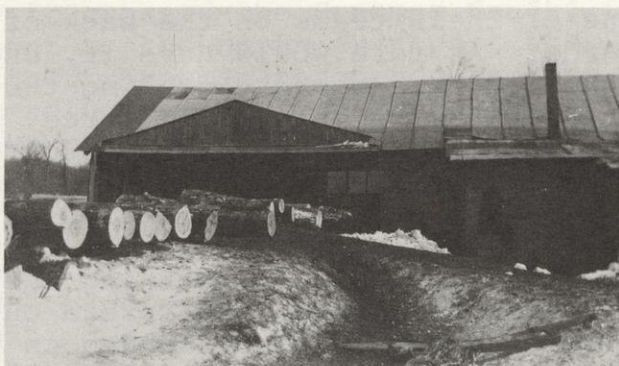


Tom Maguire Scaling logs 1924

The Mosinee Paper Mill was built in 1910. When this mill was built it was known as the Wausau Sulphate & Fiber Company. As the Corporation grew, it gave the logging industry a brand new market for a great deal of their pine and hemlock for pulp. Up to this time, only the first or second logs of these trees could be sold. As soon as they could get up to the limbs, that part of the tree was wasted. If a tree was cut and found to be shaky, it was also left in the woods. Now they had a good market for all these trees in four or eight foot lengths. After the logs were harvested, the sawyers would come back to work at the pulpwood.

The pulpwood was hauled to Mosinee with teams. They could haul about a full cord to a load. A cord and a half was a pretty big load. These teams always traveled in pairs so they could give each other a pull if they came to a bad spot on the way. They could make two trips a day if they had good luck. When they came into Mosinee, these teams would come up Fourth Street and follow through right down to the river and cross the Wisconsin River and come up at the depot.

This was a very hazardous crossing. The unusual thing about it was that the more the ice cracked under the heavy loads, the surer they were of their safety. It was when everything was quiet that they really worried.



Kinnicki's sawmill, located south of Frank Maguire's sawmill 1933-34 of the Baur farmstead.



1934-Standing: Frank Obermeier, Walter Fitzgerald, Marvin Karlen, Pat Maguire, Roman Abel, Ronald Baur, Orville Hughes, Bottom: Norman & Ray Maguire, Mr. Erdman (saw filer)



1941 Frank Maguire Sawmill Crew Ray Maguire, Thomas McHugh, Bob Maguire, Edwin Abel, Joe Martin, John Striegel. Mill located on Halder Creek (Freeman Creek) a mile south of Halder.

Mill by Freeman Creek, Sugar Bush Rd.



A picture of south Emmet sawmill the middle of March, just getting ready to run on the 1940 cut. Every Sunday, Walter Fitzgerald had to hitch up the colts. This Sunday we drove down to the sawmill and took this picture. In the Wagon box are Owen Fitzgerald & James Maguire.



Bill McHugh in Checked coat, Albert Griesmer without hat.



A log loading scene at Henry Martin's woods



Jake Wachtl's logging Crew- cooks are Mrs. F. Kurtzweil (Mary Wachtl), Mrs. Jack Gorman (Bertha Wachtl), ?



George Burger Saw Mill, George Burger, sawer, Gerald Fitzgerald edge man, Mike Fitzgerald, John Happli Jr., taking away lumber slabs.



Robert Griesmer-Last working sawmill.

Memories of Early Halder

Halder is one of the earliest areas to have been settled here and was originally known as the "Irish Settlement". Word of mouth by letter throughout Irish communities elsewhere is believed to have been the means of conveying the message to others of this nationality that there was an Irish group forming a settlement here. The names of the early homesteaders are surely predominantly of that nationality although other names reflect the traditional American melting pot mixture of other cultures.

An interview with the Ray Maguire's on the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day, left me kicking myself all the way home when realized had forgotten to wish them a happy St. Pat's day even though the two occasions were a coincidence.

MR. AND MRS. Maguire named early settlers of this community; there were the McHugh, O'Connor, Connor, Cassidy, McFadden, Maguire, Mac Donald, Krieg, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, Keefe, MacDougal, MacCloud, Dillon, Freeman, Forman, Hughes, Hayes, Clark, Murry, Seebtronik, LaCharity, Dahlke, Michal, Kafka, Masanz, Kurtzweil, Wachtl, Bovin & Burns families.

When the first post office was established in the community it was located at the home of Mike Connor. The Postal department gave the settlement the name of Halder because of George Halder who had come here from Iowa and who had a little saw mill on the east side of the creek. The second post office was located on the Tom O'Connor property and it was later removed to the John Schirpke store and saloon premises. William Dahlke had the first blacksmith shop and it was located about where the barn of Joseph Dahlke now stands.

Mr. Maguire's father was born at Halder in 1854 and he homesteaded his land & Mrs. Maguire was a Kurtzweil. In Mr. Maguire's recollection, all the early settlers had to do to homestead a piece of property was to spend a couple of nights a year on it and some effort was also expected of the homesteader to

settle it; an attempt should be made to fell the trees and clear the land.

Since Halder was one of the very earliest established settlements around Mosinee, there was no call for the lumber thus cleared and the settlers burned the wood in the field just to get rid of it — later on the Connor company bought it and it was a source of income rather than the original nuisance.

THERE WASN'T much of a village here in Mosinee in those days and these early settlers of Halder walked trails to Stevens Point to buy staples that were not available elsewhere.

The very early ones did not have a horse or wagon or buggy to get much of anywhere.

Mrs. Maguire recalled the story, passed down in the family of how Miss Redmond who taught school (at a residence now occupied by the Armin Boehm family) and Mrs. Felix Maguire carried her infant son Phillip Maguire all the way to Marathon City to have him baptized.

Besides the early store and saloon of John Schirpke and the mill earlier mentioned, the Maguires recalled the Fourbare Tavern.

In about 1908 to 1910 a branch of line of the railroad came near Halder. It was commonly known as the "Connor Scrip Line" as the men were paid with paper money which was only good in Connor Co. stores. It was a logging camp line, and Mr. Maguire's father logged winters and farmed summers.

ST. PATRICK'S Church was first built sometime during the 1880's. It was later torn down and the second St. Patrick's constructed. There was another small school built on 153 and S which housed all 8 grades. When it became too crowded a second school was built alongside of it and then the first through fourth and fifth through eighth were housed separately. The second school was built about 1910.

Mrs. Maguire noted that the question was often asked of why St. Robert's School was thusly named when the

church was named St. Patrick's. Leg has it it seems that Father Multe pastor of the community at the time said that it would be named after family of the one who gave the money towards building it and apparently high bidder honors fell to Robert Freeman. The soil was good at Halder and when the land was finally cleared things grew well.

RAY MAGUIRE came home from World War I in 1919 and took over a parcel of his fathers land. It was wooded with hemlock, some pine and some hardwood. Pine and Hemlock would float in water and so could be moved out by the river logging teams. Hardwood was too heavy to float unless it was "stripped" and left to dry over summer. Stumps were either blasted out with TNT or left to rot which took quite a while.

The Maguires were married in 1919 in April. He left for his term of service in June and when the war ended in November, he came home. They commenced the building of their home where they presently reside and the barn in 1919. Builders of these structures were Ambrose "Brose" Barry and young Leo Brod and Frank Kafka. Kafka built quite a few barns in the area. Maguires raised corn, oats and hay.

In the very early days here, the government also sold 80 acres for \$100 instead of the settlers having to homestead, and they were given "Patents on the land" rather than deeds although apparently amounted to the same thing.

TO THE WEST of the church, there once stood a building called the Bowler's. It was a huge dance hall and the side of it could be opened, it was covered and it was the scene of much community merriment. Music and dancing could be enjoyed whatever the weather during seasonable months. In the early days the Maguires didn't recall the marriages and christenings were more of a social event in the community. These were "family only" occasions.

Downtown Halder in the Early 1900's



The building on the left says "Senate W. Kurtzweil" and is where the Community Hall is now located. On the right, the little building was the "Ress Tavern" and is about the present location of the Marco Co-op. The large building is Schirpke's tavern and store. The upper story in Schirpke's was very popular for its dances during this era. Many times the crowds were so large a post was placed upright in the tavern facility for additional support of the dancing area on the upper level. The building still stands and is now "The Halder Beach Club" owned by Chris Lechnir.



Nic Streveler's Mercantile Store was built about 1902 and offered many everyday commodities for the pioneers of the Emmet area, such as groceries, dry goods, hardware, men's suits and millinery for the ladies. Gasoline and kerosine were stored in the warehouse in the same building. The store was open Sundays for the convenience of the public returning home from church, who would usually stock up a week's supply of everyday needs. It kept the entire Streveler family busy waiting on their customers. The gals on the porch are probably Nic Streveler's daughters. This building was destroyed by fire and the area now serves as a parking lot for Bob & Jane's tavern.

Early Downtown Halder



J. Kurtzweil's carpenter and contractors building at Halder, later became a tavern. This structure was located across from the Community Hall where the Co-op is situated at the present time.



William Dahlke's blackshop.
Wm. Dahlke (center)



George Schedlo shoeing horses.
Others on picture are George Masanz,
Mary and Delphine Schedlo.



Mrs. William Kennedy

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE TIMES

These news items appeared in and are the courtesy of The Mosinee Times.

Compiled by Frank Zebro

1896

Quite a number of young men from Mosinee have gone to work in Halder in the saw mill. The young ladies here disliked very much to see them go, not so much on account of the hazard or risk of the saw mill, but it's leap year and they are informed that young girls are very plentiful at Halder.

Some people prophesied early in the season that LaDu and Co. would not get enough logs to make a coffin, but you can judge for yourselves, at present there are 1,200,000 feet of logs banked at their mill in the Town of Emmet.

A number of men employed at the Italian Mill in Emmet came over last Sunday to replenish their diaphragm and returned completely satisfied.

W. F. LaDu At Halder reported business at the mill is booming. Forty seven teams are engaged in hauling logs to the mill and eight teams are hauling the lumber from the mill yards to Mosinee. A night crew will be put to work in the mill and the sawing will continue day and night until the yards are cleared of logs. This should make things better at Halder.

A man named Moon was presented with a daughter by his wife. That was a new moon. The old man was so overcome, that he went off and got drunk. That was a full moon, and when he got sober he had 25¢ left. That was the last quarter.

The largest load of logs to date, delivered to the Halder Mill by Batese Lupin and consisted of 5 logs that scaled 4,860 feet.

W. H. Keefe, the Halder mail carrier, also has the contract for hauling all the lumber from W. F. LaDu's Mill at Halder to Mosinee. He has eight teams employed and will have about 3,000,000 ft. to deliver. Mr. Keefe has a junction of relay station about half way between Halder and Mosinee, where most of the teams and men board and stay at night.

W. F. LaDu & Co. distributed over \$5,000 among farmers in the vicinity of Halder last week. This represents the amount paid for logs delivered at the mill during January. The mill has proven a wonderful source of revenue to farmers of Emmet, who have had nothing to market except logs, this winter.

By some hook or crook, a young man from Halder, who was attending business college at Wausau, was induced to represent the part of a bride groom in a little off-hand marriage with the cook at his boarding house. The ceremony was performed by a stranger, who afterwards proved to be a Justice of the Peace. The cook is

tickled almost to death of the results, but the young man, who is one of the leading young men of Halder, and has been engaged to a most esteemable young lady of that vicinity for some time past, is greatly worked up over the affair. There seems to be no way to extricate himself from the predicament in which he is placed.

A number of Indians passed through enroute to an area near the Cleveland-Emmet town line for the purpose of gathering berries. Prospects are for a bountiful supply.

The land in the Town of Emmet is being rapidly taken up by settlers coming in from other states. Two new farms were sold recently to parties from Dakota.

A lively game of ball was played on the old Power's place in the Town of Emmet between a team of single men from Moon and married men from the Halder area. The game lasted the greater part of the afternoon, the score being 55 to 45 in favor of the single men. In a regular game played at the O'Connor farm near Halder, Moon won 22 to 24. A good crowd was on hand from both areas.

1897

Mr. Robert Freeman is putting in about two million feet of hardwood logs at W. F. LaDu's mill at Halder this winter. Jacob Wachtl has the contract for cutting the logs.

John Krieg, Town of Emmet, and Susie Rondeau were married at St. Paul's Church in Mosinee.

A grand masked ball will be given at Halder next Friday. Tickets for the dance, including supper, will be \$1.00.

Our old Democratic friend, Thomas Newman, of the Town of Emmet, was in the village last Saturday, and took occasion to pay the Times Office a pleasant call and renew his subscription for another year. Mr. Newman is a jovial Irishman, liberal in his views and square with his dealings. He is one of those generous farmers who believes in supporting and patronizing home industries and enterprises. While he cusses our politics, he praises our paper and principles and is one of our most esteem patrons. We like to deal with men of Mr. Newman's make-up.

1898

Miss Elmere Gervais closed a successful term of teaching at a school in the Town of Emmet on the 18th. of February. She will teach the summer term in the same school beginning in June.

Robert Freeman placed another supply of trout spawn in the creek on his farm near Halder.

W. F. LaDu closed a very successful season sawing at his mill at Halder. The crew with scarcely a change in its personnel, has worked winter and spring, without losing more than a week time altogether and cut about three million feet of pine and hardwood. The lumber will be hauled to Mosinee in summer.

Felix Maguire, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the Town of Emmet, passed away Saturday, July 23, 1898. He had been a prominent figure in church and town affairs since his advent to this country. The Wausau Daily Record says "Mr. Maguire was one of the pioneers of Marathon county having come here nearly half century ago. In those days the country was still almost a wilderness and the Indians still built wigwams on the sites of what are now brick and blocks. Maguire was one of the kind of men particularly fitted for the task of opening up a new country. He was young, hardy and of disposition not easily daunted by disappointments or difficulties. He hewed himself out a home in the very heart of what was then almost a wilderness and has much to do with his country's prosperity and growth." He died at 71 years of age.

Postmaster Blair was notified that after August 31st. he should forward no more mail from the Mosinee office to Halder as that office will be discontinued after the above date. No reasons are assigned for discontinuing the office at Halder, but it is presumed that the receipts do not cover the expense of carrying the mail between here and there. This move on the part of the post office authorities will do a great injustice to the people of Halder and vicinity, who by the act will have to come a distance of from seven to twelve miles for their mail or to post a letter. If the office was worth retaining four years ago it certainly is worth retaining now, for the business has increased each year.

The road leading to Halder from the village limits to the marsh has been cleared of trees and stumps four rods wide, and now, if properly graded would be a creditable piece of highway.

A ladies Chatelaine bag was left at the Times office. It was found on the Halder road, about three miles west of Mosinee and it is suppose to belong to Miss Shields, who rode down from Wausau and out to Halder on a bicycle. We believe a couple of ladies rode with her from this village.

The question has been asked what is the difference between Uncle Sam, a rooster and an old maid. This might be a good question for the query box at the institute, but it is said that Uncle Sam sings, "Yankee-doodle-doo", the rooster says "cock-a-doodle-doo", and the old maid wails "any old dude'll-doo."

The road grader, belonging to the Town of Emmet, was used to grade portions of Second, Third and forth streets last week. The grader saved the work of several men and teams with the ordinary road scraper.

Nine wagon loads of lumber were hauled from Mosinee to the Andrew Vetter farm in the town of Marathon, where the new creamery is being erected by a stock company of the farmers from that vicinity. The milk from two hundred cows is already guaranteed. The creamery will be ready for business in December.

The post office at Halder has been re-established, with Mike O'Conner as postmaster. The office will be ready to receive mail as soon as Mr. O'Conner receives his commission.

A preacher in a town near by announced that he would discuss a family scandal from the pulpet. As a result every seat in the church was filled long before service and a look of satisfaction was on the faces of the entire congregation. The shrewd master of the flock then proceeded to discourse on Adam and Eve.

Miss Nellie Fitzgerald and Paul Edwards were married at St. Patrick's Church at Halder. The bride has been a cook at Hotel Gorman and the groom is a butcher by trade.

Louis Masanz of the Town of Emmet, passed away Nov. 21, 1889.

Frank Krieg Jr. of the Town of Emmet has purchased the Michael Fitzgerald farm near Halder. Consideration \$1,200.

Dan Hayes exchairman of the Town of Emmet stopped at the Times office Dec. 2nd. and reported that a branch railroad is being built from Stratford to a point a mile north of Halder. When completed it will be used as a logging road by the R. Conner Co. for a while, and possibly afterwards will be operated by the C. & N. W. Ry. in connection with their line at Stratford.

You can tell a one-horse farmer. He comes to town on Saturday and remains all day, buys 25¢ worth of sugar, a pound of coffee, a dollars worth of tobacco and a tank of whiskey. He pays cash for the whiskey and stands the merchant off for the sugar, coffee and tobacco.

After long deliberation, Rev. Dickoph decided to join the ranks of the Mosinee bicyclists, and purchased himself a fine wheel. He is learning to ride rapidly and may soon be with us in our journey awheel through the country.

An agent representing a Creamery Supply Company of this state has been out in the Town of Emmet the past month, trying to organize a stock company to build a creamery at Halder, which is nine miles from any shipping point. He wanted the farmers to raise \$3,200 and did not succeed in getting one third of that amount subscribed. The farmers in the vicinity of Halder are too shrewd to be caught paying \$3,200 for a \$1,400 plant outfit.

1899

Andy O'Conner has disposed of his saloon property at Halder to John Schirpke. Mr Schirpke will celebrate the occasion by giving a grand free ball April 3rd.

W. F. LaDu was compelled to shut down his mill at Halder on account of high water in the creek which runs within a few feet of the boiler room. Mr. LaDu will finish cutting within a month and will have about 1,200,000 feet each of pine and hardwoods.

If you have a little farm and are out of debt, don't fret and work yourself and good wife into premature graves for the sake of getting more land and making more money. You have one life to live and it is a very brief one at best. Take a little comfort as you go along day by day, and try to do a little good to others. A morbid insatiate desire to possess the earth, to grab everything in sight, lies at the foundation of more unhappiness in the world than any other one thing. After you are gone the world will not long remember you by the size of the estate you left behind you, but a good life well lived will long keep your memory green.

George Kronenwetter will operate the saw mill at Halder this winter.

1900

Michael Conners, the Halder postmaster, has resigned his office and the appointment falls upon Frank O'Conner, who will receive and distribute mail for the Halderites for some time to come.

Mr. Schirpke of Halder gives a ball tonight at Halder Hall.

Robert Freeman, last week sold two nice farms. One of 80 acres in the Town of Emmet, to Wm. Dahlke and another known as the Canada farm to Thomas Maguire. Mr. Freeman also holds for sale several other desirable farms, one especially, the Morrow place.

Martin Keffe and Frank O'Conner are at work lining up the Mosinee, Moon and Halder road.

Jos. Schirpke is extending his business. He is now building a creamery and placing in a wagon scale. The creamery, will equal anything in the county. The plant, when finished will represent an outlay of \$2,000.00.

The Town Boards of Mosinee and Emmet held a joint session Tuesday, May 15, and decided to build a road on the town line between sections 14 and 23 leading east into the Town of Mosinee. The latter town will complete the road to the Marathon City and Mosinee road. It will open the way to some valuable farm lands.

Robert Freeman, John Kurtzweil and Andy Michal attended a convention at Wausau, Aug. 17, 1900.

Halder was gay this day. The occasion was the Annual Harvest picnic. From the surrounding country, the farmers came to join in food fellowship with their neighbors. Wausau sent a good delegation which joined heartily in the festivities of the day. Robert Freeman and Thomas O'Conner rolled ten pins and told of early days. The ladies never looked prettier and the boys saw that no one was idle upon the dance floor. Dinner and supper were served under the trees, and it was the fat of the land. The picnic was full of good cheer and told of Marathon County prosperity.

Joseph Dessert and Robert Freeman Journeyed over the western part of the County by carriage. They were on a tour of sight seeing and visiting the villages of Colby, Spencer, Athens and Marathon City.

County Board proceedings, Dec. 28, 1900.

The following have been fixed as full value in personal property per head or each.

Horses...	\$25.00
Cattle...	9.00 in city
"7.00 outside city
Mules and Asses.....	\$10.00
sheep	1.00
Swine	1.00
Wagons, Carriages and Sleighs.....	\$ 9.00
Pianos & Organs etc,	\$20.00 in city, \$10.00 outside city
Full Value Town of Emmet	
Personal Property....	\$ 9,813
Real Estate	86,454
Total amount of County tax levied in 1900,	\$93,475.

1901

Mike Connor suffered a painful injury when a tree he was felling flew back striking him in the face and shoulders. He managed to get home by crawling and dragging himself, but was unable to give an account as of what happened. He was unconscious from the time he reached home until several days after.

Ladu's mill in the Town of Emmet is a single rotary mill with a capacity of seventy five thousand feet every 24 hours. Sixty men are employed in its operation night and day. 6 million feet of logs came from six camps employing about twenty five men each. The mill now in its second year of operation is under contract to the Joseph Dessert Lumber Co. It will have about eight years of sawing in the area.

The largest load of logs ever was hauled to the Halder sawmill last week. The load scaled 6,242 Feet and was hauled one and one half miles by a team weighing 2,000 lb. and driven by Leander Deiler.

The Halder Creamery has a new proprietor as Anton Schirpke will take over. Prompt and constant attention to customers and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Chicago market price for butter, four cents per pound for making. Full test is guaranteed and all through the season will, now pay the highest market price with payment every thirty days.

St. Patrick's congregation held a harvest ball with over 400 people attending. The event netted \$204.00.

John Keefe, one of the earliest settlers of this area passed away at age 92. He came to the Town of Emmet in 1859 and settled on a farm. In 1862 he enlisted in the infantry during the Civil War. he was wounded in the battle of Shilo, where he lost the sight of his left eye. Seven of his ten children are survivors.

John Shirpke will replace Frank O'Connor as postmaster at Halder.

The steel for the new Hog Creek bridge in the Town of Emmet has arrived on site and workmen are busy erecting the same. The new structure will cost about \$500.00.

Honorable Thomas O'Connor, an early resident of the Town of Emmet passed away at age 86. He had served many years on the town and school district board. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Assembly receiving 1,758 votes against 530 for his opponent.

The Halder area is the busiest spot on earth these days. There are five new buildings going up and plans are being made for many more. The following gentlemen are erecting new buildings. William Freeman is building a large two story barn 40x80 with a stone basement. Edward McHugh is building a barn on the same plan as William Freeman's. John Shirpke is building a two story frame store and residence about 40x60, with a large basement. Thomas McHugh is erecting a brick residence, full two story with basement. Paul Staeck is building a two story residence and saloon building about 20x40. With all that building in its plan it is plain to see that the little town of Halder is fast coming to the front as a business center.

1902

January 31-Big Fire At Halder

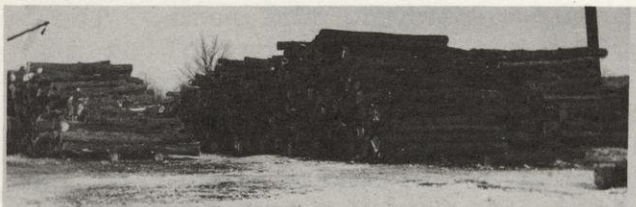
Two of The Finest and Largest Buildings in
the Town Reduced to Ashes

Early this morning, about four o'clock, fire was discovered in a saloon building of Paul Staeck in the Town of Emmet, and in almost less time than it takes to tell it, two of the largest and best buildings in that little town, John Schirpke's large double store and saloon building and the big saloon building owned and occupied by Paul Staeck, together with their contents were heaps of ashes. How the fire originated is not known at this time. It was only by the most heroic efforts of the citizens of the town that the adjoining buildings, the post office and creamery were saved. The loss was a heavy one as the buildings were only partly covered by insurance and were only erected last summer.

Two big land deals took place in the Town of Emmet recently. Robert Freeman sold to Marshfield parties, a 120 acre farm for \$2,000.00 and purchased 80 acres from William Kennedy.

A team of horses belonging to John Masanz of the Town of Emmet, were frightened by dogs while parked in front of Paronto's hardware store in Mosinee and started to run away. Mr. Masanz kept his seat, but was unable to hold the frightened animals, who were finally stopped by some men.

One of the busiest saw mills in the county at the present time is the Joseph Dessert Lumber Company mill at Spokane in the area of the Town of Emmet. There were no less than forty five men employed here through the winter and will be increased to ninety five within a month.



The average cut at this mill is 45,000 ft. of hemlock and hardwood per day. There is over 1,200,000 feet of logs banked at the yard waiting to be sawed.

Robert Freeman of the Town of Emmet returned home from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had been for the benefit of his health.

Joseph Maguire went to Milwaukee, where he will visit the State Fair.

1903

Thomas Ross, who lived at Spokane for a year or so, moved out to the H. Kronenwetter farm near Halder, where he will be the superintendent.

1905

Town of Emmet, population in 1905 was 866.

The Thomas Hayes barn in the Town of Emmet was struck by lightning. The barn, adjoining grainery and all contents were lost in the fire.

Arrangements are being perfected for construction of a telephone line from the village of Edgar south, to the line of the Town of Emmet, a distance of nine and one half miles.

Duncan Brothers, of Wausau, have purchased of Robert Freeman of the Town of Emmet, sixteen shorthorn cattle. These cattle are of various ages, all registered stock and is a choice lot.

1908

The town board of the Town of Emmet has let the contract to S. D. Burnett of this place for surveying and subdirecting the lands within its boundaries and for erection of cement quarter posts and corners throughout the township. This is a very commendable work on the part of the Town of Emmet, and the members of the town board certainly are deserving of much credit for their enterprise.

The funeral of Mrs. Leander Deiler of Halder, who died suddenly after an illness of but a few days, was held at St. Patrick's church, Rev. Father Laurer of Mosinee officiating. The choir from St. Paul's, Mosinee also attended. About a week ago, while picking berries, Mrs. Deiler was bitten on the arm by some insect presumably a spider. Blood poison set in and death is attributed to this cause.

A large numger from Mosinee, Wausau and other points attended the harvest festival at Halder on Monday, September 7th. The attendance was not as large as in former years, however, socially it was equal to any that has ever been had.

Civil service examinations for Rural Mail Carriers on mail Route No. 1, which will run from Mosinee to Moon and Halder, will be opened November 1, 1908. This route will take the place of the Star route now running between Mosinee, Moon and Halder, serving the people of Moon and those living on the main road to Halder to the Halder post office and from Halder North on Town Line road to the town on Marathon.

Joseph Maguire and William Freeman of the Town of Emmet, have been attending the Circuit Court at the County Seat this week.

Invitations have been issued to the wedding of Miss Anna Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy of the Town of Emmet and Mr. Peter Vanish of the Town of Mosinee at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Halder on October 14, 1908. Dance will be held at Vanishville.

A hard times dance will be held at Schirpkess Hall at Halder.

Mr. William Brigham reported a yield of potatoes, 504 bushels from $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres, which is the best yield we have heard of in this vicinity (This is the Frank Zebro farm).

Ad: Hay for sale \$9.00 per ton.

Mr. Simon Baur is quite seriously ill with blood poison in his arm. It is hoped that he will soon be on the road to recovery.

The cheese factory is in full bloom this season and is receiving nearly 4,000 lbs. of milk daily.

William Kennedy's team became frightened one day last week and ran away throwing Mr. Kenneky out and breaking the buggy quite badly.

J. Kafka's horse became frightened and ran away spilling the milk cans and livening things up for a few moments.

William Taft was nominated for president on the Republican ticket.

John Shirpke has been circulating nomination papers for County Sheriff.

Rob Bowes made a round trip to Marathon and Mosinee in his auto.

Nearly 400 invited guests from the Town of Emmet and surrounding areas attended the wedding of Anna McHugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McHugh and Mr. David Gleason. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McHugh and is described as a lady of worth and character.

The groom is a young man who by dint of hard labor has won for himself a position of honor and trust with his employers.

Robert Freeman was severely kicked by a horse at his home in the Town of Emmet and he is laid up at his home.

Robert Freeman, Frank Krieg and W. F. Ladu went to Wausau in the latter's touring car.

1909

The machinery in the Kronenwetter mill has been moved the past week out onto the Eau Pleine, about four miles the other side of Halder, where it is being installed in a mill being built by Fred Waunch.

Miss Helena Thanig and Thomas Maguire were married, February 7th., at St. Patrick's Church and the wedding dance was held at Schirpke's Hall in Halder. The groom is counted as one of the thrifty and substantial young farmers of the Irish Settlement.

Bills were printed announcing an opening spring sale at Nic Streveler's store at Halder.

1910

Albert Martin from the Town of Emmet, was in Mosinee one day selling Maple syrup.

Andy Michal returned from Rib Lake, where he was scaling logs for the Dessert Lumber Co.

The Mosinee Land, Log and Timber Co., commenced work tearing down the Old Spokane Mill, located about ten miles west of Mosinee, in the Town of Emmet.

The R. Conner Company of Marshfield, has purchased a large tract of timber from the Mosinee Land, Log and Timber Co., in the Town of Emmet. It is said that the Conner Company will extend their railroad through Halder to this timber sometime this summer or fall.

Five business places, three residences and several barns burned in Mosinee. Quite a few from Halder came in to view the ruins of the fire.

Forest fires are raging to a great extent in various parts of the county and a great deal of damage is reported. One fire burning in the northwest part of the Town of Emmet did considerable damage to the farmers in that vicinity.

Miss Grace Deiler, daughter of Leander Deiler, of the Town of Emmet, passed away at the home of her father. she was 21 years old.

The best preparation for a woman who contemplates marrying a man to reform him, is to take in washing for a year. If she likes that sort of thing, she can then set the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby son, born at their home.

School closed this week for summer vacation. Miss Clara Kennedy as a teacher has given good satisfaction.

Mr. Wm. Brunner in the Town of Emmet has recently sold his farm to Thomas Maguire, consideration we understand is very satisfactory.

Leo Maguire of Halder, transacted business at Wausau the past Week.

Taken Up

Two year old bull, Brown Swiss with a white spot on each side below hips, with a clip in the end on each ear. Came into my enclosure June 1st. Owner is hereby notified to call and get same and pay costs of keeping and advertising. John Huiling, Town of Emmet.

An automobile party from Marshfield, along with a large crowd from Halder, spent Sunday fishing in the Halder Creek. Some returned home as disappointed as those who watched for Hailey's Comet.

John Foubear has purchased the George Michal butcher shop and plenty of fresh meat can be gotten at all times.

A new telephone line is being built from Stratford to the Town of Emmet and should be completed by July 1.

"Grandma" Masanz sustained severe injuries last week and Dr. Vedder of Edgar, was called and sewed up large gashes which she received to her head. she is much improved at this writing.

The Lord had the right idea when he made man. He said it was not good for man to be alone, but had he made more than one wife for Adam, there would have been more trouble than there was in the shade of that old apple tree.

The hay crop in this section is a failure this year due to the extremely dry weather. No rain has fallen in over three weeks and in most cases the crop is only about eight inches high. This is the worst drought experienced by this section for years. One of our citizens, who has lived here for the past forty years and more, says that he cannot remember a time when the Wisconsin River has been as low as it is at present.

Hottest day in thirty nine years according to government reports. The thermometer registered 102° in this section for a record high and no one is anxious to see the record broken.

Blake Shambeau, substitute main carrier, had a rather strenuous experience while out on his mail route. His bicycle broke down near Halder and he was compelled to finish the route, some twenty miles on foot and push along his wheel with him.

Bad fires were reported in the vicinity of Joseph Handrick's farm, south of Halder. The danger of fires increases daily and only a drenching rain will relieve the situation.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maguire of Emmet, July 22, 1910.

A baseball game between the east and west end of Halder was played and resulted in a tie. At the rate they are progressing, the boys will soon challenge Wausau Players.

During the severe storm last week, the Catholic church at Halder, was struck by lightning and about \$200.00 damages were done to the roof and ceiling of the building.

The threshing outfit of Curtis and Majeski of the Town of Cassel, caught fire in some manner last week while threshing at the Melder farm near Halder, and the separator, together with the barn straw stacks, Machinery and other contents of the barn were entirely consumed. So quickly did the fire spread that not even the belt on the separator was saved.

Mr. William Melder is erecting a new barn which will replace the one lost by fire recently.

The Halder baseball team lost to Stratford, 25 to 6.

Miss Clara Kennedy is teaching school at Vanishville.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Handrick, September 24.

The Halder ball team defeated Cassel 7 to 6.

Husking bees seem to be quite the fad these moonlight evenings and they are thoroughly enjoyed by all the young people.

Thomas Maguire has built a large new modern barn on the farm he recently purchased from W. W. Brunner. Mike Connor has the foundation built for a large barn of the basement type.

Joseph Streveler is attending the University at Madison.

Ella Werner came from Wausau and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Werner at Halder.

Mrs. Wenzel Wachtl, a resident of the Town of Emmet the past thirty four years, passed away. Mrs. Wachtl came into the Irish Settlement when fertile fields, that now dot that region, were covered by vast forests, and like others of the pioneers, has lived to see it the home of prosperous farmers and fertile farms. She was one of the best known of all the early settlers.

Some say the mornings are too cold and the days too hot, but Magnus Christensen says that it is the only time of the year to

hunt wild geese, and as a proof of his statement, brought one home hanging on his belt. There has been a good many stories told about that goose though, and Hank Kronenwetter was mean enough to say it wasn't a goose at all, but a mud hen that forsook its natural haunts this summer and fed on Jim Lynch's corn. There has been a good deal of discussion as to just which one of the party did shoot it though. Harry Peterson says it was a tame goose that he didn't propose to take any chances with any of the Beans Eddy farmers, while Buggie insists that Peterson chased the goose into a hole and kept it there until Christensen came along and shot it. Anyway Christensen got the goose and brought it home with him and now Paul Abel comes along and says he shot the goose two days ago and couldn't find it after it fell into the water.

Corn Show- Over 100 exhibits- Corn, potatoes, wheat, barley and other crops. 1st. Corn Show, December 16 & 17, 1910. It was a grand success. Some of the winners from the Town of Emmet, at the first corn show were, Ed. McHugh, who displayed some turnips weighing 17 pounds. For his prize Ed. won a hundred pound sack of flour. Ed. says he's going to enter again next year and win a barrel. George Krieg, 1st. on oats, Robert Martin 2nd. on cabbage, John Clark 2nd. on oats, F. W. Kurtzweil 2nd. on wheat, John Gorman 1st. on peas, Thomas Maguire 1st. on rye and 3rd. on barley, W. Brigham 1st. and Mike Connors 2nd. on potatoes, Maguire's 3rd. on barley won him a shave and a hair cut.



Nic Streveler is attending the Annual Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association Convention at Milwaukee.

A local area man was sentenced to eight months at Waupun for stealing a cow.

The mask ball at Kurtzweil's Hall, Halder, was thoroughly enjoyed. The unique feature of the dance was the fact that the two prizes awarded went to one person. Ed. Fitzgerald and Walter Krueger were to be the judges and had no trouble in deciding that John Kurtzweil, who was masquerading as George Washington, was the winner of the first and second prize as he was the only person attending in masquerade costume.

Paul Abel had an experience with an infuriated bull Wednesday, that he is likely not to forget for some time. The animal has always appeared docile and when it attacked Paul, it was so sudden he had

no time to escape. As good fortune would have it, when the critter attempted to paw him after he had the ring in its nose, a twist or two of which brought his bullship to terms.

A party of young people consisting of Theresa Baur, Joe Streveler, Kate Streveler, William Kurtzweil, Helen Streveler, Leo Baur, Margaret Handrick, Edward and Louis Kurtzweil, Albert Griesmer, enjoyed a ride to Moon where they attended a show and dance. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Ignatious Boehm.

Leo Baur gave a sleigh ride in honor of his sister, Mrs. Ig. Boehm, Tuesday evening. 'Twas quite a novel affair. The party experiencing a ride in a horseless sleigh part of the time. Ask Leo Baur for particulars.

A large crowd of young people from the Town of Emmet, attended a mask ball at Moon Friday night, and although one of the sleighs turned turtle on the road, making the occupants walk part way, the other load cheered them on with a few of the latest songs and all reached Moon and report a very enjoyable time.

The Foubear Saloon property at Halder was purchased by William Kurtzweil. The deal was closed last week.

John Maguire of the Town of Emmet is attending a farm course at Wausau.

Says an elderly man in his farmer's garb, I want a little piece in your paper: Wanted a woman who can cook, wash, iron, milk four cows and manage a market wagon. Shall I state wages? "Wages Nothin' I want to marry her."

1911-1912

The Italian mill in the Town of Emmet has just finished its season run and turned out a cut of 20,000,000 ft. of lumber.

Population of the Town of Emmet in 1911 was 804.

Nick Streveler, F. J. Krieg, Jake Wachtl and John Maguire all of the Town of Emmet, went to Madison to protest against a raise in railroad rates.

Paul Abel left for Glendive, Montana, where the Abel family will make their future home. Mr. Abel, having secured work on a ranch near there.

Mike Connors of Halder, raised his new barn Tuesday, and gave one of the old time raising bees. It was largely attended by neighbors and friends from miles around.

Mrs. John Belohlavek passed away June 27, after a lingering illness, she was a resident of the Town of Emmet.

An interesting baseball game was played between the "Emmet Stars" and the "Married Outcasts" on the Philip Maguire farm. No score given.

The Marathon county Railroad Co., locally known as the Connor line, is now building its line through this section of the Country. The line will pass through the village of Halder and will give the people the benefit of railroad communications to outside cities and markets. The new railroad will be used principally to convey the logs and the timber products of the Conner Co. to Stratford.

The State Legislature enacted a new law. It fixed the bushel weight of all commodities. Instead of bushel by measure, example: thirty two pounds for a bushel of oats, fifty six pounds for a bushel of corn.

Two prominent Town of Emmet people passed away on the same day this week. They were Mrs. George Schedlo and William murry.

1913
John Dahlke and Joe Martin have returned from Milwaukee where they were employed for the winter months.

Ethel Kurtzweil and Elizabeth Kennedy are attending the Wausau Training School.

Horses for Sale-A nice bunch of young horses ranging in age from 3 to 7 years, just received from Illinois. Sound, well broke, I can suit you if you are looking for a team or single horse. A. P. Schilling.

John Kennedy has purchased the John Foubear residence.

A new industry has been started in Halder. Mr. Strahota of Stratford has moved his tie mill here for the time being.

Eighteen barrels of ginseng, weighing 1,343 lbs. were sold, netting the owner \$8,061.00. The crop was grown on a half acre of land.

Marriage license, Jacob King, Town of Emmet to Emma Fochs, Town of Cassel.

Miss Ella and Phoebe Werner visited friends in Mosinee.

The mariages of Mayme Deiler and William Krieg and Maggie Handrick and William Masanz were announced by Father Klein. Mr. and Mrs. Krieg took a wedding trip to Minocqua, while Mr. Masanz, who was described as a prosperous young farmer, along with his new bride, took a wedding trip to Milwaukee, Kewaskum and Rhinelander.

Mariage license-Joseph Baur and Edna Wachtl, both of the Town Of Emmet. Attendants at the above couples wedding were Margaret Wachtl and Leo Baur. The groom is employed in the capacity as a cheese maker.

The Wonder Crop for farmers, a nation wide campaign is under way to encourage every farmer to grow alfalfa. Alfalfa has no equal and should make the farmer money. Alfalfa increased the milk flow and fills the hay mow and pays for the privilege.

A severe hailstorm was reported from the western side of the Town of Emmet with much damage to growing crops.

Wisconsin took over 1st. place as the leading State in the Dairy Industry in the United States. There are presently 2,630 factories manufacturing butter and cheese.

Miss Margaret Wachtl gave a marshmallow party for her intimate friends. Those present were Theresa, Lizzie and Leo Baur, Iona, Mary, William, John and Peter Dahlke, Hattie, Nettie and Hazel Bradley, Nora Hayes, Albert Griesmer, Tom Boehm, Tony Schoenfuss, Earl Gorman, James, John and Henry Wachtl. Ice cream and refreshments were served. An electric shock was given afterward and the young folks were glad to spend a moment in eternal bliss.

Mr. A. P. Schilling went to Miles City, Montana, where he expects to purchase a car load of horses.

Miss Katherine Streveler and Ed. H. McHugh were married September 1. The reception was held at the Streveler home and the dance was held in the Halder Hall. On September 2nd., Hattie Bradley and John C. Wachtl were married. The bride is a teacher in public schools and the groom is a prosperous young farmer.

William Masanz and his wife of the Town of Emmet escaped serious injury while returning home from a wedding in Halder. The horse became frightened and went in a ditch, tipping the buggy completely over and pinning them beneath it.

November 27, 1913, a new state law that was passed by the legislature, provides that a town and village shall hold caucuses to nominate candidates for office. The law states candidates are to be nominated at caucus or by nomination papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abel, who have spent the past three years in Glendive, Montana, returned to Halder, where they will make their home in the future.

A sawmill is being set up at Bower's Landing in preparation for the winter's sawing.

1914

The young ladies of St. Patrick's congregation are going to give one of those good old time weighing parties at Schirpke's Hall. These will be old time dances and it is expected that the old people will turn out en Masse to enjoy the fun. Leander Deiler will be the floor manager. Each lady is requested to bring a lunch.

Mike Connor of Halder sold 24 six month old hogs, weighing 4,200 lbs., which netted him \$300.00.

John Clark, Town of Emmet, fell from a load of logs, injuring himself to such extent he had to be treated by a physician. The peculiar part that John's neighbors are trying to figure out is, that he struck his head and hurt his knee, but accidents are mighty funny things some times.

The fat in whey can be used in making butter under State Statutes. This process has been employed in the Streveler Cheese Factory at Halder for several years and it is said that the product is equal of other butter.

Quite a number of young men from Halder and the Irish Settlement left for the Dakotas where they will be employed the coming summer.

Bills were printed announcing a big Easter dance to be held at Kurtzweil's Hall, Halder. The Mosinee Orchestra will furnish the music.

Ad: Men's stripped overalls, regular price 75¢ - Sale price 59¢.

Nic Streveler, the Halder Merchant, has acquired a new Mercury auto delivery truck, which is being used to haul freight from the Mosinee Station to his store at Halder.

Master Mark Maguire, who recently had his arm broken is able to be around again.

Chariman Handricks, of the Town of Emmet, was in the city making arrangements to take care of those injured in the Kutchmarek barn disaster. Nurses have been secured and everything possible is being done to relieve the situation.

John Kafka and Miss Margaret Michals, both of the Town of Emmet, were married at the catholic church at Halder. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Michals and the groom is a prosperous young farmer from the township. The wedding dance was held at the Michal's home.

The day is not far distant when no Wisconsin farmer will be considered up to date, who does not have a silo. This was the first state in which silos were used.

The Halder district is becoming noted for its herds of fine dairy cattle and the disposition of its residents to get the very best sires possible to head their herds. A pure bred red polled bull calf was recently purchased by Mike Connor from Minnesota. Mr. Connor believes in getting something good and has for the past several years owned as fine a herd of Chester White hogs as one would find anywhere.

John Maguire, one of the prosperous farmers of the Town of Emmet is erecting a substantial modern residence and has the work well under way.

The barns and graineries on the Robert Boehm farm near Halder, were completely destroyed by fire, September 9, 1914, together with all the contents. The fire started from sparks from a threshing outfit that was working on the place. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.00 with insurance at about \$600.00.

The County Board of Education will hold a meeting in the Town of Emmet, at which time arguments will be heard for and against the formation of a new joint school district from territory in the Towns of Emmet, Green Balley and Cleveland.

St. Patrick's Church at Halder will hold another of their old time popular picnics. Meals will be served starting at 11:00 A.M. Among other attractions, will be a baseball game in the afternoon and dance afternoon and evening.

September 18, 1914, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maguire of the Town of Emmet.

Chris O'Connor of the Town of Emmet, had his chicken coop raided one night last week and twenty two nice, plump chickens went to tickle the palate of the marauder. Seven dead chickens were left on the ground outside of the coop, as a memento of the thief's visit. Arrests were made the following day and restitution in the form of a cash settlement was affected. A jail sentence is about the only real punishment fit to mete out to human skunks of this nature.

An important meeting was held at the graded school at Halder last Friday night, which was largely attended by the farmers of that community. The meeting was addressed by principal A. C. Burg of the Agricultural School, his topic being the importance of contests. The meetings will be held monthly hereafter.

Frank Wachtl of the Town of Emmet has been in Mosinee much of the time lately, overseeing the building of his new home at the lower end of Third St. This will be one of the most substantial and pretentious residences of the village.

Ed. McHugh reported a serious accident that recently befell Mrs. McHugh, who sustained a fractured limb and collar bone in a fall.

The Times was informed that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maguire and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of the Town of Emmet.

Mr. John Belohlavek held a dance for the purpose of raising funds for widows and orphans in Austria.

Ad: Corn Falkes-per package-5¢. Sugar 20 lb\$.-\$1.00.

1915

John Prain's sawmill on the Eau Pleine, south of Halder was destroyed by fire January 14, 1915, just as he was about to start his seasons cut. The capacity of the mill was 25,000 feet per day.

Mrs. Julia Staeck passed away Fevruary 8, 1915. She was a Town of Emmet resident for about 25 years and was one of the best known ladies in this section of the County. She was 72.

John Prain is making preparation to rebuild his sawmill in the Town of Emmet, which was recently destroyed by fire. He decided to change the location, however, and will build this time at Halder, where he will be handy to the Marathon County railroad line.

An old Chippewa Indian weather prophet in the Couderay Reservation is predicting an early spring and claims sleighing will break up within 10 days.

Ed. McHugh, one of the prosperous farmers of the Town of Emmet has purchased an overland touring car and is having all the fun there is in the thing, trying to drive it, he says he is afraid of the contraption, but appears to be getting the hang of it alright.

Ad: I will extract teeth Free of Charge on Monday and Friday of each week from 10:00 to 12:00 A.M. Dr. A. P. Lusk, Mosinee, Wis.

Farmers from the Town of Emmet sold 40 cows to settlers in the town of Green Valley.

Law went into effect, April 20, 1915 requiring every school board to purchase and display from the flag staff of each school house or grounds, a United State's flag during each day's session.

Mr. Schedlo's large barn in the Town of Emmet burned to the ground. A buggy and wagon also were destroyed. The fire was caused by lightning.



Standing: Mrs. Wm. Maguire.
Seated-Mrs. George Hayes (Mary),
When an infant, thinking she was
dead, Captain of the boat ordered
her thrown overboard. Her mother
noticed her breathing.



Children of Wm. Maguire-Besse,
Mag, Sadie, Ethel, Lucy, Mae, Elsie
and Lula.



Mr. & Mrs. Albert Deiler



Mr. and Mrs. William Handrick

Mike Connor one of the most successful farmers in the Town of Emmet purchased a full blooded Chester White pig to head his herd of pure breds. Mr. Connor stated to the Mosinee Times that this particular pig has a pedigree as long as a rail fence.

Work has started on the new house of Ida Murry's.

A party of young folks met at the William Kennedy home Friday evening and spent an enjoyable time dancing, playing games and other sports.

Mrs. Amelia Martin and Edward Kurtzweil were married at St. Patrick's Church. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin.

A severe frost, August 30, killed all the crops and even formed ice.

John Dahlke was in town from Halder Saturday to interview his physician. It seems Johnnie stopped a full charge of fine shot one day last week, that was intended for a rabbit and something like 45 pellets were picked out of his epidermus. He has been able to get around however and attended his duties, but favors one leg a little in his preambulations.

1916

The Blue Ribbon Crowd at Farmer-Banker Conference, Madison. The Town of Emmet was perhaps the best represented of any as twenty one from there turned out for the conference. They are George Krieg, John Gorman, John Kofka, Robert Martin, John Maguire, Robert Maguire, Felix Maguire, Leo Maguire, Thomas Maguire, Joseph Maguire, Howard Krieg, Felix Michal, John Handrick, John Connor, William Dahlke, John Belohlavek, Leander Deiler, Robert Clark, Martin McHugh and Nic Streveler.



Frank Staeck of Halder returned home from Waukesha, where he had been to accompany his brother Ben to the baths.

William Handrick had the misfortune of being mired in a sink hole near Halder one day. One of his horses was unable to get out and another horse had to be hitched to it before the animal could be extracted out of the mud.

John Maguire lost one of his best horses recently. We feel sorry for you John, but every dog has his day.

Nic Streveler has begun work on a new cheese factory to be located four and three fourths miles west of Halder. The building will be up to date in every respect and will be run by the only woman cheese maker within the area. She graduated from the University of Madison, and has had three years experience. So it's up to you Lizzie, to make good for daddy now.

Frank Wachtl of Mosinee was demonstrating a Studebaker six to Thomas Maguire.

The severe electrical storm killed three horses owned by John Masanz of the Town of Emmet.

Earl Gorman and John Dahlke attended the Junior Prom in Mosinee.

Joe Kurtzweil, James Schara nad Albert Nest were on business in Mosinee.

A pretty girl with a cigarette breath is about as attractive as a rosebud picked out of a barroom cuspidor.

John Kafka and Tom Maguire each bought a new Ford car.

William Kennedy, the biggest man in the Town of Emmet and also the most truthful, was in Mosinee on one of his visits and stopped in the Mosinee Times Office.

A cow testing association was organized in Halder. The association has enrolled over 400 cows.

The Kurtzweil Construction Company is building a new house for William Melder.

Leo Maguire and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

The Misses Kate and Nell and Ray Maguire were at Sparta, where Nell has entered the convent.

Joe Martin went down to Camp Douglas one day to get a peep at the soldier's life. Joe would like to enlist, but when he thinks of his fair damsel, he has to leave behind, he thinks he would sooner follow the plow than face the greaser's lead pellets. He says he likes it around the camp, but feels safer around home.

George Krieg was elected treasurer of the Mosinee-Emmet Testing Association. A cow owned by Joe Kurtzweil, of the Town of Emmet, had a record 49.5 lbs. of butter fat for a month. Third high was a cow owned by John Maguire with 46,9 lbs. of fat.

It cost Alex Mattusek of the Town of Emmet \$34.17 to settle the fine and costs of an assault and battery case in Judge Marchetti's Court. Scrapping sometimes relieves a man's nerves, but it's generally quite apt to relieve him of a piece of surplus cash as well.

The Mosinee Telephone Company has just completed arrangements with the Edgar-Halder Telephone Company and the Stratford Company, whereby a switching station has been installed at Halder, giving the patrons on this line interchangeable service. This will be greatly appreciated for those living in the Halder district, as well as the patrons of the Mosinee Company.

A number of boys from the Town of Emmet have gone to Chippewa Falls to work on a large dam that is under construction. Someone told the boys that they are paying \$5.00 per day for common labor. They boarded the first train and left for the land of little work and big pay.

A crew of men are engaged in putting in a short stretch of state road beginning at the bridge at Freeman Creek and running east for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Good roads are the best boosters a town has and we all hope it will boost this town to where it belongs.

John Belohlavek shipped a carload of stock to the Chicago markets. Mr. Belohlavek will make shipments from this point twice a month and plans to arrange for a regular market day. There is a great need for this service and no doubt will prove popular with stock raisers.

Frank Krieg is having a large modern home constructed, replacing the one which burned down last summer, also Frank Hughes is busy building a substantial residence on his farm.

Joe Fischer won second prize for cheese making at the County Fair with a score of $95\frac{1}{2}$.

Our good friend John Clark, had a bit of an experience one day that will remain in his memory for some time. In Company with other farmers of this area, he took a load of hogs to the Marathon Market. Just as he was entering the city, he discovered a cigar in his pocket and decided the time was ripe for a smoke. As forthwith struck a match and proceeded in full enjoyment thereof, mean while casting up in his mind the probable proceeds from his load of pork. His reveries were cut short by a burst of smoke and flame and the shrill squeals of hogs. It seems the match wasn't out and started a fire in the litter in the wagon, that had gained so much headway it was impossible for him to put it out and at the same time maintain control of his team. There was quite a scattering of pork about the peaceful village of Marathon for a time that ended when

they were all rounded up in a butcher's pen somewhat singed and a little smoky, but good merchantable hogs just the same.

Pat Handrick returned from the harvest fields of the west recently.

Two towns in the county, Cleveland and Emmet have concluded to invoke the law to settle their difference in relation to a joint bridge to determine who shall pay for said structure. Therefore the former town has commenced a suit against the latter town. The complaint states that in June 1916 the towns jointly agreed to keep in repair a piece of road between ranges 4 and 5 east known as the Kurtzweil road. The bridge was constructed, costing \$1,447.00 of which cost the county paid sixty percent and the Town of Cleveland \$578.80. One half of the amount should have been paid by the Town of Emmet, so the Town of Cleveland contends, and on this the suit is based.

Fire destroyed Bert Austin's big barn consuming 80 tons of hay, five horses and one hundred bushels of clover seed.

Congressman Edward E. Browne will give an address at Shirkpe's Hall at Halder on October 21st. Everyone should hear him.

Mary Handrick and Jacob Kurtzweil two of Halder's most popular, young people were married at St. Patrick's Church. The bride was attended by Anna Kurtzweil and Lizzie Kennedy. Groomsmen were Louis Kurtzweil and Pat Handrick.

Mrs. Ed. McHugh passed away November 4, 1916. She was born in Ireland and was 62 years old. She was a kind and devoted mother and by her many generous acts of kindness, has won a large circle of friends.

John Shirkpe of Halder was found guilty in Judge Larner's Court of selling intoxicating liquor to a minor and assessed a \$10.00 fine and costs.

1917

New State Law will permit qualified voters to vote by mail, absentee voting.

Mr. Joe Staeck passed away at age 40 years.

Judge Ried of Wausau, has handed down a decision in the Town of Cleveland vs. the Town of Emmet, finding in favor of the plaintiff town. The case has attracted considerable attention by reason of the precedent established in the decision. An arrangement was made between the two towns, whereby each was to build and maintain a certain amount of road on the town line between the two towns. At one place a bridge costing \$500.00 was necessary and this was built and paid for by the Town of Cleveland. A bill was later presented to the Town of Emmet for half the cost and was disallowed. The town board of the Town of Emmet claimed the agreement did not include the bridge. Judge Ried in his decision held that the bridge

being located on a town line was a joint bridge and for that reason the Town of Emmet must pay for half of it.

Election is drawing near, everything is rather quiet. Candidates like bad weeds spring up at once.

The train carrying the passengers home from the Banker-Farmer Conference from Madison, became stranded when one of the worst blizzards of the year struck the area. The train was laid up 32 hours at New Lisbon because of drifts blocking the tracks, but officials finally decided that the journey back to Mosinee could be completed. Worse conditions were encountered at Grand Rapids, because of huge drifts in the area between Rudolph and Grand Rapids. Even the locomotive with the double headed snow plow became stalled at Rudolph, so the Clover Leaf Crowd, as they were called, were held over at Grand Rapids for another day and one half. Finally the train was able to leave Grand Rapids on Monday forenoon, finally arriving in Mosinee Monday noon. The snow bound crowd will long remember this four day ordeal. The following from the Town of Emmet were in on this memorable journey: Thomas McHugh, John Clark, John Maguire, L. Kurtzweil, Maurice Clark, Norman and Felix Maguire, A. J. Lyon, William Maguire, R. Woods and Edwin McHugh.

There was a fight on in the Town of Emmet this election between the wets and the drys and the latter won by a vote of 112 to 51 to go dry.

Ed. McHugh returned home after spending the winter at Electric Mills, Alabama, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Gleason.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fitzgerald are the proud parents of a baby girl.

John Gorman, Joe Martin and F. W. Kurtzweil went to Stratford on a business trip.

Frances Martin, Sara Gorman, Mary, John and Peter Dahlke autoed to Mosinee and took in the baseball game.

Mrs. Thomas Maguire and son Emeron, returned home from the Wausau Hospital where Emeron was being treated for blood poison.

The round barn on the ground where the Central Wisconsin Fair in Marshfield has just been completed and will be used for the first time when the fair begins August 20. It has a diameter of 160 ft.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schilling, a daughter, August 13.

Thomas Maguire's new house is well along under way and when completed will be one of the best farm residences in this vicinity.

Robert Smeaton, an early settler of the Town of Emmet passed away in Minocqua, where he had been residing. Mr. Smeaton and Miss Ann Keefe were the first couple to be married at Halder. He was 85 years old.

The third contingent of drafted men to leave for training at Camp Rockford contained these from the Town of Emmet, Peter Dahlke, Ralph Kurtzweil and John Connor.

John Belohlavek, who regularly ships livestock from this point every Monday, was unable to secure cars this week to handle his shipment and as a result sustained considerable loss by the delay.

William Dahlke and son John, and Rob and Tom Boehm went on a business trip to Auburndale.

John Schirpke of Halder, pleded guilty in Circuit Court for the selling of hard liquor and was fined \$100.00 and costs.

Peter Dahlke and Joe Martin arrived home from Camp Grant to spent Christmas with their parents.

1918

A local young lady, who has been busy knitting socks for the soldiers, recently found that sample of her work had finally reached France. Although intended for mates, in one pair there was a very large one and one quite small. On a slip of paper in one, was her name and address. She has just received the following acknowledgment scrawled on a piece of paper. "I got your kit, I'm in the trenches doing my bit: I wear one for a helmet and one for a mit. Where in hell did you learn to knit?"

Mr. Nic Streveler accompanied his daughter Miss Margaret, to Chicago, where the young lady will enter St. Elizabeth Hospital to fit herself as a trained nurse.

The liquor question will be up again in the Town of Emmet this year and the contest promises to be warm. Last year the saloons were voted out and the dry forces are confident they can hold the town in the dry columns.

Pvt. James Maguire was killed in action November 11, 1918 in France. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maguire, prominent Town of Emmet resident. Services were held at St. Patrick's Church, Halder. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in Marathon County. The procession formed at the house, lead by the American Legion, from Mosinee and Stratford and the line of cars extended over one mile. The spacious St. Patrick's Church was filled to overflowing and many were compelled to remain outside.

1919

George Deiler, Town of Emmet, returned home from military service overseas.

William P. Kennedy and Ella Werner were married at St. Patrick's Church on Monday, June 30, at 7:00 A.M. Attending the couple were Clara Schreiber and Peter Werner. An elaborate three course breakfast was served at the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Robert Freeman.

The most noticeable farm improvements in the Halder area are at the Ray Maguire farm, where a fine modern residence and barn are in the progress of construction.

The minimum teacher's salary was set at \$60.00 per month with the average pay being \$70.00 to \$80.00 per month.

Some lucky people witnessed the first ever flight of an airplane over this area and it attracted much attention.

Mr. Robert Martin has some of his fine apples on exhibit at the State Bank of Mosinee, off trees he raised from seedlings. Mr. Martin is one of the most successful apple growers in this section.

Miss Christina Schuella of Rocky Ridge and Albert Griesmer were married October 7th at Halder. Maggie and William Melder were the attendants. After a wedding trip to Milwaukee, they will make their home on the groom's farm in the Town of Emmet.

Joe Martin returned home after two years service in the Army. Most of that time was spent overseas.

George Krieg has rented out his farm in the Town of Emmet and has purchased the stock and merchandise of Nic Streveler at Halder. Mr. Streveler will engage in farming.

The farmers of the Town of Emmet are building a saw mill one half mile south of Halder on the John Handrick Sr. farm. The Barths Bros. of Dancy will operate the mill.

The Town of Emmet voted 102 to 5 against Marathon County borrowing \$4,000,000 for road construction and improvements.



John Maguire Family-Kate, Frank, Norman, S. Robertine, Ray, Robert and Margaret. John helped finance the new church. 1917
Seated: Mary & John

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Kurtzweil are the proud parents of a baby girl.

John Kennedy and family moved to their new home in the town of Cassel.

The Harvest picnic and dedication of St. Robert's school at Halder, on August 15, was a real letter day for the community. Many people from all over the county were there and especially for the excellent chicken dinner that was served by the ladies of the Halder church, in the basement of that big structure. Dedication services of the new school were held during the afternoon. Halder is to be congratulated on having a school which can cater to the needs of its children without the necessity of their going to the City for an education.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maguire and Phylis and Jack spent two days in La Crosse with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Masanz and children attended the Indian Pow-Wow at Wisconsin Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall and baby, visited relatives in Halder recently.

Rudy Meyer took the following boys to White Lake Monday, to work in the woods, the coming winter: William and Herman Meyer, William Streveler, Thomas, Henry and Joe McHugh. It did not take William Streveler and Joe McHugh long to decide that they did not like the looks of the big timber, for those two walked from their camp to White Lake, a distance of nine miles and overtook Mr. Meyer before he had started home and returned with him back to Halder.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy and daughter Mae, of the town of Cassel, visited friends and relatives in Halder.

William Kennedy, who recently lost his house by fire, is putting up a fine two story residence in its place.

The Misses Marie and Rosalie Dahlke, Frances and Caroline Martin and Lucile Baur departed for Evanston, Ill., where they will be employed for the winter.

Ludwig Martin has returned home from North Dakota, where he had been running a tractor during harvesting.

The mild weather cannot fool the farmer into neglecting to put in a supply of fuel for the winter, as the wood machines are running full blast around here.

It's a pretty good sign that Halder is not as rough as it is painted by some of our neighboring towns as all of our boys who went north a week ago to work in the woods for the winter, have returned to civilization. They say it is not an uncommon thing up there to see revolvers and knives flourish right in the camps and they did not feel like risking their lives for ninety cents a day.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maguire July 10.

A dramatic play will be rendered at St. Robert's school at Halder. The play entitled "The Iron Hand", cast the following students, Norman Handrick, Thomas Krieg, Bob Maguire, Bessie Maguire, George Handrick, Alfred Handrick, Kathryn Mae Handrick, Katherine Maguire and Lucile Deiler.

Elizabeth Kennedy is attending the teachers institute at Wausau.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ehster and daughters, Marjorie, Jane and Dorothy went visiting relatives in Marathon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schreiber came from Mosinee to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, at Halder.

Population for Town of Emmet in 1920 was 923.

The Misses Mary and Margaret Clark and Lulu Maguire returned to Marathon, where they are attending school.

The Fair Store Co. of Mosinee has acquired the store at Halder from F. J. Kreig.

Joseph Dahlke and Joseph McHugh are attending business college at Wausau.

Robert Maguire, who is attending Champion College at Prairie du Chen, Wis., is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Maguire.

William Hayes, principal of the Boulevard School, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes.

1921

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Staeck are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born January 20,

One of the prettiest church weddings ever solemnized in Halder, took place last week at St. Patrick's Church, with Rev. Father Multerer reading the Nuptial High Mass, when Kathryn McHugh of the Town of Emmet and Anthony L. Masanz of the same town were united in marriage.

Husband and wife were at a movie show. During a love scene she nudged hubby and inquired: "Why is it you never made love to me like that?" "Say," he said, "do you know what that guy gets paid for doing that?"

Miss Josephine Streveler and Thomas L. McHugh were married, June 23rd. Both are from the Town of Emmet.

New Ford 1 ton Truck, price \$495.00.

Harry Paronto of Fenwood and John Kafka of Halder were returning from Moon last week in the evening, when their car collided with a cow which was being driven by John Belohlavek along the road near his farm. Before they could stop the car, it ran over the animal injuring it so that it had to be killed and the car was overturned tipping the occupants out. The car was damaged considerably. Fortunately the occupants escaped with only slight injuries.

The dance at the Palace Pavilion, Wednesday evening, was the last dance of the season at the pavilion.

Miss Elsie Nest entertained parents and children at a Halloween party at the Washburn School. Guests were met at the porch by ghosts, who led them to the hall where they were welcomed by witches. After the program, a delicious lunch was served.

Articles of incorporation of Emmet Fox and Ginseng Farms have been filed in the office of the register of deeds. The incorporators are A. P. Schilling and Walter G. Nieman. The company has a capitol stock of \$60,000 dividends into 600 shares of \$100.00 each. The Company is licensed to buy, raise and sell fox of all sorts, ginseng and buy and sell lands for that purpose.

The pupils of St. Robert's School at Halder are giving a Christmas program on Wednesday at 8:00 o'clock. Part of the program follows Dialogue, a Scene at the Ticket Office, by Wm. Handrick, Wm. Baumann, Mabel Krieg, Bernard Condon, Forest Kurtzweil, Margaret McHenry, Margaret Krieg, Genevieve Staeck, Sarah Lark and Lucy Maguire. Dialogue, Black on One Side, Victor Dahlke and Wm. Handrick. Farwell By Mae Maguire.



Joe Morrow's- Jim Wachtl lived there after he was married. Jack Dahlke lives on that farm now, 1st. Pat Hayes, Jim Wachtl, Nora (His wife), Henry Wachtl holding Kenneth, Jim & Nora's son.



Joe Rase

Willard Nest



In James Maguire's Woods

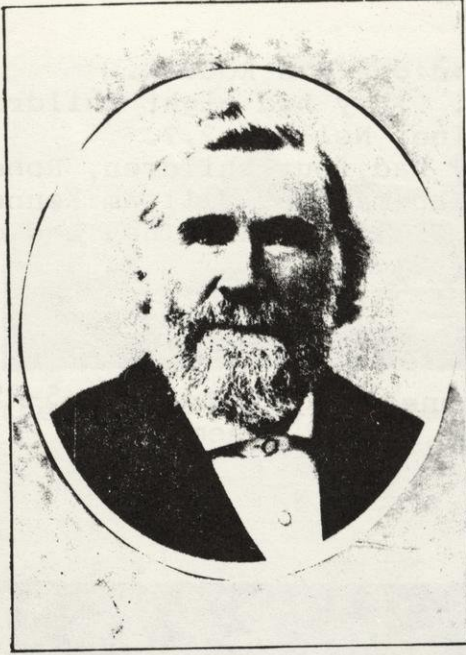
This building was erected about 1902 by Nic Streveler. At that time it was the Halder Mercantile Store, which handled groceries, dry goods and hardware. The fire was in June 1959.



FIRE WRECKS HALDER LANDMARK — The frame landmark at Halder which housed a tavern, grocery store and apartments of the Arthur Hirsch family was nearly completely ruined by fire after being struck by lightning yesterday afternoon. The lightning bolt apparently hit the building after a heavy rainfall

in the area had ceased but the more than 50-year-old building burned rapidly. Two families of 11 persons were made homeless and lost most of their furniture and personal belongings. (Story on page 1.)

Robert Freeman & Ellen McSherry



ROBERT FREEMAN.



MRS. ROBERT FREEMAN.

by Dolores Maguire

Robert Freeman, who was born August 1, 1830 in County Cavin in the north Ireland. His parents were of the blue blood of Irish nobel men for generations.

In 1850 he and his aunt left Ireland to come to the United States. A young girl, Ellen McSherry, came with them to care for the aging aunt, who took sick on the boat and died. He married Ellen in Milwarkee, July, 1850. They lived in Green County one year and their first child, Margaret Ann was born there.

October, 1851, he moved to Mosinee (known as Little Bull) with his family, two miles west of Mosinee. Three more children were born to them, William, Mary Jane, and Ellen.

Surrounded by dark, dismal forests, they began clearing land. It proved to be too rocky, not too fertile and sandy for farming, so he bought a compass and became a land cruiser. In 1861 he settled on land he discovered, west along a creek, soon known as "Freeman's Creek". He made shingles the old fashioned way with a froe and drawing knife. He also cut logs and floated them down into a larger stream and sold them.

In 1883 he entered into a partnership with Frank Fellows of Mosinee. They built a saw mill in four mile creek north of Mosinee. After fourteen years it was sold to the Gardner Brothers.

He then dealt quite extensively in real estate, owning land in every town in Marathon County.

He was always ready with his time and money to develop this fine adopted county.

Their children are as follows:

William, married Marie O'Connor (Tom O'Connor's daughter). They lived on the farm presently owned by Neil and Margaret Baur. They had one adopted son, Sam. They later adopted Mary Hine, a niece, who later married Frank Kronenwetter.

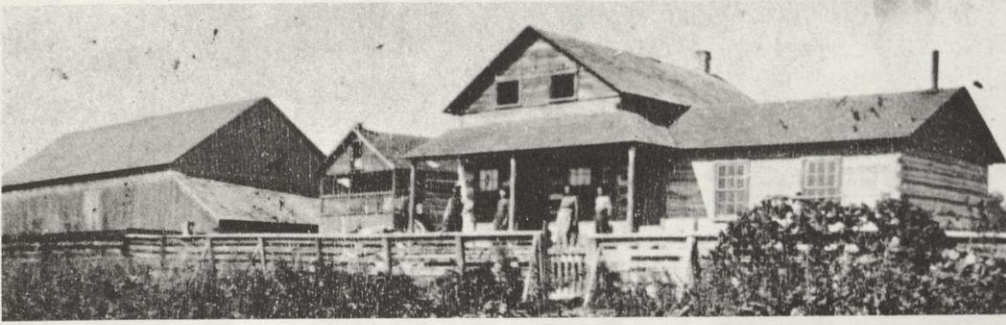
Maggie, married Jim Bowes. They had one son Robert.
Mary Jane, married Chester Dillion. They had eight children,
Robbie, William, Joe, Henry, Caroline, Nellie, ?,?.
Ellen, married Andrew Werner. They had four children, Robert,
died in 1914, Peter was killed, Ellen married William Kennedy and
later Robert Hall, Phoebe, married Willie Ress. They had one son
Bobby, who was killed at the age of 21.

Ellen Werner-Kennedy-Hall. Age 97 5-25-89
Granddaughter of Robert Freeman.



Ellen and Robert Hall

Some of the First Homes



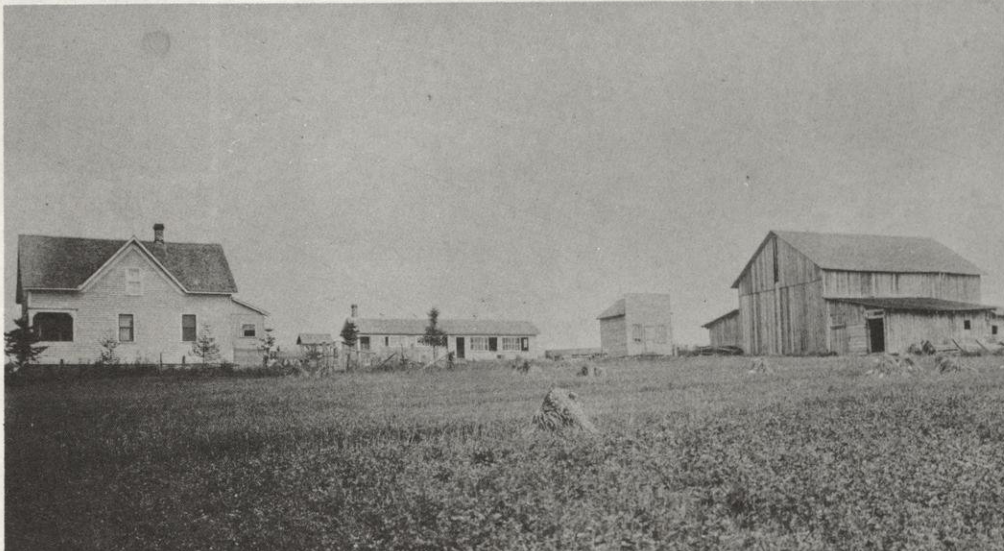
One of the oldest homes in the area was this home of George Kurtzweil



Wenzel Wachtl Home 1800's



Ethel, Hazel, Lillian, with Mary & Frank Kurtzweil, Grandpa Reichel (now owned by George Burger)



First home of Tom & Elizabeth Boehm. It was all trees when they married in 1915. They cleared the farm and sold it to Joseph Streveler and moved to farm on 153. It was the McCloud or McFadden in time when Halder first began. Larry Murry owns this farm now. One of the last pioneer farms of Halder-Town of Emmet.

Some Early Weddings



Leo Francis Maguire and Margaret A. Handrick's wedding Nov. 4, 1912
 Attendants: Josephine Handrick, Jim Maguire, Kate Maguire, Patrick Handrick.



Ray & Ethel Maguire



Martin Schreiber and Clara Kennedy Wedding, June 20, 1920
 Attendants: (Unknown) Con Kennedy, Joe Kennedy and Lizzie Kennedy

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS (excerpts)

December 23, 1889 - Aggregate amount of tax roll was set at \$3,235.00. Fourteen Town Board meetings were held the first year.

June 21, 1890 - Board apportioned State School Fund to various school districts within the Town after deducting 10¢ for each pupil of school age as credit.

July 1, 1898 - The following town orders were paid on above date:

Wm. Murry - road work	\$ 1.50
Robert Smeaton, cleaning hall	1.50
John Werner, road scraper	4.00
John Kurtzweil, on salary	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$22.00

County of Marathon)

) S.S.

Town of Emmet)

On the application of James Bowes a resident of said town the following is recorded this ninth (9th) day of May 1898 as a description of his mark for marking his horses, cattle sheep and hogs.

A band ring with stamped numbers from number one to one hundred and letter J.

John Kurtzweil
Town Clerk

February 21, 1910 - A special town meeting held in the Town Hall for purpose of determining by vote the sentiment of the people in regard to the division of said as was done by the County Board last November. Fifty-two votes cast at meeting of which there were 17 for division and 35 against said division - about the six Sections on Range 6.

March 27, 1915 - Town Board disallowed bill of Mike Kczmarick for \$20.00, being amount paid by him for coffin for member of family.

May 7, 1923 - John Conner was appointed Path Master for roads in District No. 5, comprising the 6 sections in range 6 East.

August 11, 1923 - A special meeting was held on the school house grounds of School District No. 3 for the purpose of auctioning off the school house building and all the contents. Fred C. Marsh bought the school building for \$190.00. Total proceeds of the sale was \$336.70. Wm. Dahlke bought outhouse for \$19.00 and James Handrick bought one outhouse for \$20.00.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

July 8, 1926 - A resolution authorizing the Wisconsin Northern Light, Heat & Power Co. to furnish electricity to the Town was approved on condition that service is provided within 1 year from date of signing.

March 19, 1927 - Results of Town Caucus

<u>Chairman:</u>	Jos. Baumann	<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Nic Streveler Peter Dahlke
<u>Supervisors:</u>	Louis Ahlquist Jos. Baur F. W. Kurtzweil	<u>Assessor:</u>	Wm. Masanz Paul Abel
<u>Treasurer:</u>	George Krieg Ed. H. McHugh		

June 28, 1927 - Soft drink license was issued to Mary Magadance & Anna Meidel at a fee of \$15.00 per year.

January 5, 1932 - To comply with the new banking insurance law, the State Bank of Mosinee was named as Towns Depository when bank opens.

July 2, 1932 - The Board decided to erect a cottage on the Ludwig Martin land to house families who need relief.

June 28, 1935 - Town Board borrowed \$2000 from John Kordus & \$2,800 from Felix Maguire to buy the cat tractor and to borrow \$1,250 from John Kordus for a road grader.

December 14, 1935 - Resoulation to borrow \$2,100 from Felix Maguire to buy a new snow plow was approved.

February 29, 1936 - Motion was approved to open polls at 8:00 AM and to close at 5:30 PM.

June 15, 1936 - Liquor licenses were granted to Chas. Schroeder, Jos. Dahlke, August Schumacher and Leo Knetter.

June 17, 1938 - Town entered into a Project Agreement for a Federal Grant toward a new community hall.

August 20, 1938 - The following were appointed to serve on the advisory building Committee on the new town hall project, Joe Martin, Ray Maguire, George Krieg, Martin McHugh, Roman Gorman, John Wagner and Leo Baur. Said Committee to serve without pay.

November 17, 1938 - Contracts were signed with the low bidders on the Community Building.

1946 - Liquor licenses were granted to Leo Knetter, Roman Abel and Philip Kohl.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

April 6, 1946 - Hall rent was set at \$6.00 for a regular dance and \$3.00 for small parties.

June, 1948 - Joe Kusiak presented joint petition to Towns of Emmet and Green Valley to lay out highway in Section 33 T.27R5E. Towns were unable to acquire land by gift or purchase. Judge Gerald Boileau appointed three Commissioners to appraise land and damages. They were Fred Habbert, Ignatz Lang and Frank Nicholi. Damages were awarded as follows, Claude Nest \$137.50 for 1 1/2 acres of land and \$150.00 for fence, Paul Kijak \$112.50 for 1 1/2 acres and \$150.00 for fence. Nest accepted, Kijak rejected offer at the meeting.

July 1, 1950 - Town Board borrowed \$3000 at 3% interest from Rob Boehm.

March 10, 1951 - The following were nominated for town offices at this Caucus:

Chairman: R. E. Kurtzweil & Ben Novitzke

Supervisors: Henry Osterbrink, Joe H. Baumann, Albert Deiler & John Conner

Clerk: George Krieg & Frank Maguire

Treasurer: Ed McHugh & Stanley Zebro

Assessor: Wm. Masanz

June 2, 1951 - Town Board decided to post Town granite pit as dumping ground (present landfill).

December 1, 1951 - The following were picked by the Town Board to run the cat & grader - Merlyn Maguire, J. P. Brusky, Mars Leonhardt, Tony Schilling & John Martin. John Martin to pick his choice of man to work with him on the cat.

July 14, 1952 - Motion was made and carried to transfer liquor license of James Bundy to Daniel Dahlke.

September 6, 1952 - Contracts were signed to transport High School students to Mosinee, Stratford, Edgar & Marathon High Schools.

January 3, 1953 - Moved by Rupert Kurtzweil, second by Jos. H. Baumann to give a card party and basket social in the town hall on Sunday evening January 25, 1953, 2/3 of the proceeds to go to the Infantile Paralysis fund and 1/3 to the Red Cross fund.

March 7, 1953 - Results of caucus:

Chairman: R. E. Kurtzweil, Henry Osterbrink

Supervisors: Jos. H. Baumann, Claude Nest, Jerome Sonnentag

Clerk: George Krieg Treasurer: Ed. McHugh Assessor: Wm. Masanz

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

October 5, 1953 - Liquor license was granted to Loyd Baur who is taking over from Daniel Dahlke. George Krieg being absent from the meeting, so Earl Krieg was named acting clerk.

February 2, 1957 - The solicitors for the March of Dimes reported collecting the following amounts - Jerome Sonntag \$17.07, Claude Nest \$42.05, R. E. Kurtzweil \$28.80, Frank Zebro \$28.00.

December 2, 1957 - Special Town Meeting gave approval to purchase new grader (Allis-Chalmers was purchased).

January 22, 1958 - A special Town Board meeting was called to appoint an Assessor to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Wm. Masanz. Harold Brusky was appointed to fill out the 1 year balance of term.

April 7, 1958 - Harold Brusky resigned as Assessor and Aloys Brusky was appointed to fill out the term of office.

June 2, 1958 - Tavern licenses were granted to Art Hirsch & Lawrence Niewolny, license to Loy Baur was denied.

July 7, 1958 - Wm. Wirsbinski was awarded a contract to transport high school students to Mosinee High School.

June 1, 1959 - Tavern licenses were granted to Art Hirsch, Lawrence Niewolny and Mike Kusiak and taverns be allowed to stay open until 2:00 A.M. during daylight savings time.

August 7, 1959 - Leonard Rieche and Raynold Fischer signed contracts to transport Emmet High School students to Edgar and Marathon High School at \$11.00 per pupil per month.

November 7, 1960 - The Town Board approved building a skating rink and to allow \$35.00 to cover expense with Charles Swita to be caretaker.

June 1, 1961 - Moved by Martin Wagner second by James Maguire that the Town of Emmet enter into an agreement to include Public Employees under Social Security coverage but to exclude Town officers and to appoint Frank Zebro as agent in matters pertaining to all record-keeping with the Social Security Administration. Lawrence Niewolny, Art Hirsch and John Deiler were granted tavern licenses.

November 8, 1961 - Grader operators wages were increased from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hour.

January 7, 1963 - The Town Board granted the Clerk \$75.00 and the Treasurer \$20.00 for the additional workload that was caused by applying State credits to all Real Estate and Personal Property taxes, a new State law.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

1963 - Tavern license were approved for Harold A. Kelbley, John Deiler and Lawrence Niewolny.

December 9, 1963 - Ed. H. McHugh resigned as treasurer, Art A. Baumann was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

January 7, 1964 - The Town Board approved the purchase of a Victor Calculator at a cost of \$560.00.

March 2, 1964 - Truck and grader operator wages were increased from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per hour. Governed by State law, the Town Board approved an ordinance allowing local taverns to be open election days.

May 4, 1964 - Highway forms for rebuilding Sugar Bush Road from Eau Pleine Park road to Badger Road were submitted to the County Highway Department for approval.

October 13, 1964 - Moved by James Maguire second by Martin Wagner to accept the bid from International Harvester Co. for a 32,000 lb. G.V.W. truck for \$4,388.50.

September 7, 1965 - Bids were received for plumbing & heating installation of fixtures and remodeling for the restrooms in the Community Hall. Three bids were received the bid submitted by Norman Brod for \$4,960 was accepted.

February 7, 1966 - The following were appointed as election workers - Elda McHugh, Brigetta Hilgemann, Joan Dahlke, Henry Martin, Frances Bau r & Marie Boehm.

April 11, 1966 - The Board appointed Henry Osterbrink Assessor upon the resignation of Ed. Stankowski.

June 6, 1966 - Tavern licenses were approved for Lawrence Niewolny, Alice Mae Deiler & Leo Michlig.

July 5, 1966 - Motion was made and carried to borrow \$5,000.00 from Wagner Bros. at 5% interest. Speed zone through Halder was set at 35 miles per hour.

December 5, 1966 - Rates for grader hire was set at \$10.00 per hour.

September, 1967 - Bids for sand and granite were received from various venders. Material to be applied on Halder Drive and Eau Pleine Park road. Bid from Knauf Bros. was accepted at the following rates - sand 58 1/2¢ and granite 58¢ per yard delivered to the sites.

February 5, 1968 - Truck & grader operators wages were raised from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per hour. Town will place ad to sell the caterpillar to highest bidder.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

March 4, 1968 - Bids for cat were received with the following quotes. John Martin \$250.00, Larry Hughes \$505.00, Ray Fitzgerald \$375.00 and Lawrence Ladick \$575.00.

April 8, 1968 - The Town Board voted to join the Wisconsin Towns Association at \$50.00 per year.

January 13, 1969 - A special Town Board meeting was called to appoint a Town Chairman to fill the unexpired term of Jerome Sonnentag who passed away January 7. Gerald Fitzgerald was appointed Chairman while Kenneth Nest was appointed to fill the balance of term as Supervisor.

August 19, 1969 - A special Town Board meeting was called to approve tavern license for Robert Doll.

July 6, 1970 - Motion by Martin Wagner second by Clarence Griesmer to raise price of granite to farmers at \$5.00 per 6-yard load, tax included.

April thru August, 1970 - Several meetings were held in an attempt to restrain Mid-State Disposal from constructing a sanitary landfill on abandoned gravel pits in the Town of Emmet. The services of Attorney Richard Weber were rendered for legal action to resolve the issue.

June 5, 1972 - A representative from Check Writer Co. was present to demonstrate the machine. No action was taken to purchase one.

July 3, 1972 - A 45-mile per hour speed limit was set for Eau Pleine Park road.

July 12, 1972 - The low bid of Philip Knauf to deliver granite anywhere within the town at 75¢ per yard was accepted.

December 4, 1972 - Area fire departments presented a proposal to charge townships \$30.00 per section as a standby charge, in addition to the regular charges. The proposal was tabled.

January 8, 1974 - Moved by Kenneth Nest and second by Martin Wagner prohibiting establishing a shooting range anywhere within the Town of Emmet without first obtaining a permit from the Town Board.

October 1, 1974 - The Town Board approved increasing election workers' wages to \$2.00 per hour.

January 9, 1975 - The Town Board will enter into an agreement for uniform signing of all town highways. Costs will be 90% federally-funded, and towns share 10% or about \$380.00.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

March 4, 1975 - The Town Board adopted the Town of Emmet Zoning code and made the following appointments: Board of Appeals, Ray McHugh, Kenneth Nest, Martin Wagner. Planning Commission: Earl Streveler, John Gorman, John Martin, Marlin Novitzke and Victor Dahlke.

July 1, 1975 - Moved by Sid Brubacker second by Don Dahlke that Town purchase a time clock at a cost of \$185.00.

April 8, 1976 - Rena Maguire and Joyce Kusiak were present and reported on their progress of naming town roads.

May 4, 1976 - The Town Board will attempt to organize a Bi-Centennial celebration in honor of America's 200th birthday.

September 22, 1976 - The Town Board ordered the road name signs from the Wisconsin Correction Industries with the lowest price quote.

March 1, 1977 - The Town Board appointed Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. as Assessor for a 2-year term at a salary of \$2000.00 per year, plus expense.

April 11, 1977 - Arthur Michlig was hired to put up the road name signs at \$1.50 per sign complete.

November 1, 1977 - The Town Board voted to install an all-night light for a cost of \$6.40 per month.

January 3, 1978 - An agreement was signed with S.C.S. in a cooperative plan for roadside and ditch seeding of erodeable areas along town roads. The town has been mandated by State law they must pay into the Unemployment Compensation Fund for regular fulltime and part time employees.

August 22, 1978 - The newly organized Halder Lions Club approached the town board to state their intentions of installing lights and a fence on the ball diamond.

October 24, 1978 - A meeting was held to explain that the Town of Emmet could apply for a recreation grant that if approved could pay for 50% of the costs of lighting for the ball diamond.

December 5, 1978 - Moved by Sid Brubacker second by Keith McHugh to adopt resolution for outdoor recreational plan and forward to the Marathon County Planning Commission for further action.

January 27, 1979 - The following were nominated to be candidates for town officers - Chairman: Gerald Fitzgerald, Keith McHugh Supervisors: Don Dahlke, Neil Baur and Larry Lang. Treasurer: Jos. Dahlke and Clerk: Frank Zebro were unopposed.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

February 6, 1979 - A motion was made and carried that Assessor remove value of all silo unloaders and not assess them hereafter. Reason, assessing these items is not uniform throughout the County.

September 4, 1979 - Bid for re-roofing the hall for \$5,789 was accepted.

February 5, 1980 - Two bids were received for the ball diamond lighting system - Scenic Signs of Wausau bid \$18,784 and Mid-State Electric of Wisconsin Rapids at \$19,890.

March 4, 1980 - Because a majority of the Halder Lions Club voted for the preference of Mid-State Electric to install the lighting and they are funding this project, the Town Board accepted Mid-State proposal.

July 1, 1980 - Town Board to petition State Department of Transportation for additional highway aids due to damages from severe flooding.

October, 1980 - Recreation grant of \$9,950 which represents half cost of the ball diamond lighting was received from the State Treasurer.

April 14, 1981 - A permit was granted to the Halder Lions Club to construct a concession stand by the ball diamond.

July 7, 1981 - Parties installing holding tanks will no longer be required to maintain a surety bond, as Town Board has no control to insure renewal of same...The house on the Ed McHugh property was sold to Art Michlig for the sum of \$1.00 and dwelling to be removed or razed within 60 days.

December 7, 1981 - A resolution was set forth by the Town Board extending the half payment of taxes to February 28 of each year.

April 13, 1982 - The Town entered into an agreement with the Edgar area townships to pay \$960.00 a year for three years toward the purchase of a new tanker truck.

July 16, 1982 - A new State law mandates that Town appoint official relief administrator and, in event relief is denied to persons, there must be appointed an appeal officer to conduct a hearing on why relief was denied. Neil Baur was appointed Appeal Officer.

November 9, 1982 - Tavern owner John Deiler, Jr. requested attaching anchor wire to tree on Town property across from his tavern so he can attach Christmas decorations and lights. Permission was granted.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

April 12, 1983 - Town Clerk was instructed to notify all owners on Halder Drive that all dogs must be secured by tying or penning them up or Humane Society will be called to have dogs removed at owner's expense.

July 5, 1983 - The sealcoating contract for Halder Drive was awarded to Wolf Pa ving for \$7,000.00.

September 6, 1983 - Town signed and forwarded petition to County Highway Commission to begin construction design for bridge on Freeman Creek on Sugar Bush road.

May 15, 1984 - Personnel from an engineering firm and State Department of Transportation were present to show designs and concepts of a bridge over Freeman Creek and stated the most feasible would be an 80-foot 2-span structure.

October 9, 1984 - All areas east of Highway S contracted to the Marathon City Fire Dept. for fire protection.

December 27, 1984 - The DNR offered the Town two options in regard to the landfill - No. 1, pay a fee of \$1,000 per year and comply with all new regulations. 2, pay a tipping fee of \$100.00 per year and agree to close by 1999. The Town Board chose option two.

September 10, 1985 - Reimbursement for residents' fire runs was set as follows: Owner to pay \$500 or 1/3 of amount, whichever is greater, and 100% of all brush or grass fires. If two fire departments are called, fees are doubled.

July 7, 1986 - Petition was received from Labor Relations Board that town employees want a Union within the membership.

August 12, 1986 - Petition to authorize collective bargaining was signed.

March 30, 1987 - Labor contract between Town of Emmet and General Teamsters Union was signed with pay retroactive to March 1, 1987.

August 11, 1987 - A bid of \$5,000 for onemile of sealcoating on Eau Pleine Park road was received from Wolf Paving.

October 13, 1987 - Wolf Paving notified Town Chairman they are unable to complete Eau Pleine Park road project. The Board's action was to cancel bid and re-advertize in 1988.

February 13, 1988 - New EPA landfill regulations were read, which will force the closure of landfill in the near future.

BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

April 11, 1988 - A letter read, whereby the County would transfer a portion of County Highway S and P in exchange for Eau Pleine Park road. The Town Board refused acceptance of the proposal... Granite bid at \$2.43 a yard was accepted from Dale Ladick.

September 14, 1988 - EPA regulations were read, whereby old underground storage tanks would have to be monitored or replaced and the towns would have to carry a liability to cover costs of clean-up if pollution is found in the area. The Town Board must address this issue in the near future...City of Mosinee advised it will charge \$1.00 per head standby for ambulance service.

December 13, 1988 - The Town will investigate the feasibility of the Cardtrol System at the Marco Co-Op station for fuel for the truck and grader...1988 aggregate amount of tax roll - \$401,553.95.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Excerpts)

April 5, 1898

Motion was made stating if Clerk overdraws any amount fixed by the electors at the Annual Meeting, he will be liable for same.

April 4, 1899

The electors at the Annual Meeting voted an order stating that saloons must be closed during church services and funerals.

April 3, 1900

No obnoxious animal shall be allowed to run at large; also no gambling of any kind shall be allowed.

April 5, 1904

Motion was approved, whereby the Town should have a public cemetery.

April 4, 1905

All horses and swine are to be restrained from running at large. All saloons in the Town are to be closed from Saturday night until Sunday noon and to close at 6:00 P.M. Sunday night until Monday morning.

April 7, 1908

The Town Board recommended cornerstones be established on all section corners.

August 30, 1911

Because of the new State aid highway law, the amount of \$400 was raised for roads and \$400 for bridges - the amounts to be paid to County Treasurer.

April 7, 1914

Motion to raise tax for State highway appropriation was defeated; motion to have Governor call special session of legislature to reduce amount of appropriation carried.

April 6, 1916

Road Superintendents elected were Ignachius Boehm, John Kurtzweil, Frank Kurtzweil, James Schara, Louis Lee, Gust Ahlquist, Fred Petrowski, and John Thanig.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

April 2, 1918

It was voted to build three bridges this year - one at Halder, one on George Hayes road, and one on Town Line road near Jake King's farm.

The vote in favor of a dry town was as follows: For license, 75 - against license, 83.

April 1, 1919

It was voted to change the highway districts of the Town from 8 to 4, giving each district about 12 miles of road and to pay 30¢ an hour for man and 60¢ per hour for man and team. It was also voted to pay a town bounty of 10¢ each on woodchuck scalps and 5¢ for gophers. By a majority of 9 votes, all cattle must be kept off Town highways, unless attended by a driver.

June 20, 1922

Town residents voted 160 to 85 to favor a proposition to raise \$1000 as prospective aid to build a State highway between range 5 & 6.

April 7, 1925

Resolution was introduced to appoint a dog catcher. Resolution was approved.

April 6, 1926

A levy of \$1000 was approved to finish State Highway 153.

April 3, 1928

A resolution was passed that Town Board take out accident insurance on employees working for the Town.

April 2, 1929

Town Board was instructed to insure employees through Employers Mutual Insurance of Wausau.

April 4, 1933

Wages were set at 20¢ per hour for hand labor and 35¢ per hour for man and team.

April 8, 1935

The following were elected road foremen - John Thomsen, Frank Novitzke, John Wachtl, Ed Kafka, John Murry, and John Conner

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

June 10, 1935

A petition was presented to the meeting, signed by 149 voters of the Town of Emmet, asking for the purchase of 6 1/10 acres of land from George Kronenwetter for use as a ball park. Motion was made by Louis Ahlquist, second by Albert Griesmer to purchase the property for \$610.00. Motion carried.

April 7, 1936

Motion was approved that Town pay high school tuition for students in the ninth and tenth grade in St. Robert's School.

July 27, 1938

Town Board was authorized by the petition to borrow from the State Trust Fund, \$13,000 for building the Community Hall. Loan to be repaid in 13 years at 3 1/2% interest.

August 18, 1938

On the question that Town Board borrow funds from State Trust Fund for building hall, the results of the vote were 124 in favor and 65 opposed.

April 4, 1939

The Town Board was authorized to sell the old Town Hall.

April 2, 1940

A motion was debated posing the questions - should the Town raise 2 1/2 mills road tax and have granite hauled by team or 1 mill and have trucks do the hauling. The vote was in favor of trucks hauling, 57 to 51. Town Board was instructed not to hire anyone under legal age for Town work.

April 1, 1941

Town Board was given the power to hire a caretaker for the hall. All other motions made was to leave everything same as last year.

April 6, 1943

The Town Board was given the right to enter under contract with the various villages for fire protection and owner to be charged 1/3 of the amount.

April 6, 1946

Motion was made and carried to add 1 mill levy to the budget for the purpose of buying a new power grader.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

November 1, 1948

Approval was given to purchase the new power grader for price of \$12,000 and to build a new garage for storing grader and cat for a price of \$6000. 22 residents attended the meeting and all were in favor of both proposals.

April 5, 1949

Common labor wages were set at 75¢ per hour. Town reports are to be received at least 3 days before election.

April 4, 1950

Wages were set at 75¢ per hour for common labor and 90¢ to \$1.10 per hour for machine work. Town reports showed a deficit of \$3,908.48.

1953

Blacktop through Halder in 1953 voted down at Annual Meeting. Moved to leave Halder in the dust.

1956

Purchased first Town truck in 1956. Bids ranged from \$3,998 to \$4,599 for a 25,000-lb. GVW, plus \$900 for 6-yard box. Vote at special meeting to purchase truck was 22, yes - 8, no.

1957

Cost of blacktopping through Halder was discussed, which could exceed \$9000. Project was voted down.

1961

Blacktop issue came back in 1961 with approval from Annual Meeting. A petition was then presented to the Town Board requesting a special Town Meeting to rescind the action of the Town meeting. A special Town meeting was held May 2, 1961 and voted 84, no to 113, yes to rescind motion passed. School District Jt. 1 sold 11 acres to Town for \$500 as schoolhouse will become property of Mosinee School District. Land to be used for park purpose only.

1962

Motion was made and approved that Town of Emmet buy a share in the Edgar and Marathon area fire department tankers for better fire protection.

1963

Discussion was held on blacktopping the Halder road in front of St. Patrick's Church, with a motion to leave the decision to the Town Board. The issue of permanent heating for the Community Hall was brought up, but no action was taken.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

1964

Motion was made and carried to start a contingency fund for future machinery purchases beginning with a levy of \$2000 on next year's taxes. Motion was made and carried to pay all common labor and election workers a minimum of \$1.00 per hour. Town officers' salaries were left at the following scale: Chairman - \$625, Supervisors - \$275, Clerk - \$600, Assessor - \$475, and Treasurer - \$495 per year.

1965

Motion was made and carried that Town Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer salaries be increased \$200 per year. Assessor salary - \$150 and Supervisors - \$75. Discussion was held and motion made and carried that Town Board be authorized to contract for installing restroom facilities in Community Hall and add permanent heating in these facilities to keep from freezing in winter. A Town levy of \$5000 be assessed for the installation of the plumbing and heating.

1966

The problem of blacktopping the road through Halder surfaced again at this meeting. A motion was made and carried to table this project this year and again leave Halder in the dust. A motion was made and carried to levy a tax of \$5000 for stepped-up bridge and road rebuilding. A motion was made that the Annual Meeting designate to the Town Board certain roads to rebuild and repair. Motion failed. Motion that selection of roads for rebuilding and repairing be the decision of the Town Board carried.

1967

Motion was made and carried that all Town officers' salaries be the same as set at the 1964 Annual Meeting. Chairman Jerome Sonnentag explained a proposal from Marathon County, whereby if the Town of Emmet would apply the sand lift and granite on what is now Eau Pleine Park road, Marathon County would furnish and lay the blacktop without cost to the Town. Motion was made and carried that should this become a reality, the Town should take advantage of this offer. The annual topic of blacktopping the road through Halder arose again and after a period of pros and cons, a motion was made and carried to regrade, apply the sand lift and granite in preparation for blacktopping Halder Drive and to set a levy of \$7,500 to defray the costs.

March 11, 1967

The Emmet caucus nominated the following candidates be placed on the April 4, 1967 ballot: Chairman: Jerome Sonnentag, Charles Swita Supervisors: Martin Wagner, James Maguire,

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

Gerald Fitzgerald Treasurer: Art Baumann, Ed H. McHugh Clerk:
Frank Zebro Assessor: Henry Osterbrink, John Deiler Constable:
Carl W. Baumann

April 2, 1968

Motion was made to raise salary of Town Clerk. Motion defeated.
Motion was made and carried to levy a tax for purpose of black-
topping the road through Halder, with the amount to be levied
\$7,500.

April 1, 1969

A motion was made by Marlin Novitzke, second by Don Baumann to
raise Clerk salary \$200 per year and Assessor \$50 per year. A
vote was taken and ended in a tie vote. The motion was defeated
on the second ballot vote. Motion was made and carried to set
levy at \$7,500 for general town purposes. Motion was made and
carried that landowner be liable for total cost of fire charges
for suppressing grass, brush and woods fire when said owner is
responsible for setting fire. Town Clerk alerted Annual Meeting
attendees that Department of Natural Resources will be setting
standards for solid waste disposal. Motion made and carried that
Town truck continue the practice of delivering granite to Town
residents desiring this service and Town continue billing for
collection of accounts. Clerk to be allowed \$200 compensation
for this additional workload.

April 7, 1970

Motion made and carried to raise Assessor salary \$100 per year.
Town levy set at \$7,500 for general purposes.

April 6, 1971

Motion made and carried to set Constable salary at \$25 per year.
A motion carried to negotiate with the Marathon Fire Department
to buy coverage with their tanker from six to 18 sections.
Discussion was held on changing Annual Meeting to evenings -
motion made and carried to leave meetings in the afternoon. Town
levy set at \$10,000 for general Town purposes. The meeting was
attended by 75 Town residents.

April 4, 1972

Residents at the meeting were informed that the Allis-Chalmers
grader should be replaced. Repairs are getting costly and it
was stated that a special Town Meeting should be held later in
the year to review the possible purchase of a new grader.

A Town levy of \$10,000 was set for the ensuing year to pay
toward the purchase of new equipment. It was approved by this

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

Annual Meeting to hold the 1973 meeting at 8:00 P.M. Approval was given that Town Board be empowered to begin compiling provisions for a Town of Emmet Zoning Code. About 40 people attended the meeting.

September 20, 1972

By a vote of 37, yes to 9, no, approval was given that Town Board purchase a new grader.

October 17, 1972

A special Town Board meeting was held to review bids and compare quality of the grader bids received. Six representatives placed quotations and a motion was made and carried to purchase a Wabco 555 for \$31,380.00.

April 3, 1973

Town Board was granted village powers for purpose of adopting the Town of Emmet Zoning Code rather than be governed by the County Code. Town Board was instructed not to sign Fire Department contract with Stratford - that this area be served by the Edgar Fire Department. Motion was made and carried that Town Board be authorized to begin numbering system for residents property and naming Town roads. No surnames are to be used in naming roads. Town Board salaries were increased by 25%. Minutes of the 1889 meeting were read. Fifty residents attended this first evening meeting.

April 2, 1974

A motion was made prohibiting the Town Board from designating Town roads for snowmobile trails. Sixty people attended the meeting.

September 17, 1974

Special Town Meeting was called and approval given to purchase new truck. A levy of \$10,000 was set toward payment of same.

April 1, 1975

Motion was made and carried to rescind action from previous Annual Meeting, prohibiting designation of Town roads for snowmobile trails and give Town Board authority to designate certain roads for snowmobiling for the purpose of connecting with the trails.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

April 6, 1976

Town received notice that Assessor must be certified by State to be qualified for that position. It was then moved by Wm. Springer, second by Ray McHugh that Town Board be authorized to appoint Assessor, thus this position will not be put on the ballot from this point on. Town received notice that landfill must be closed. Town Board was authorized to go the limit re opposing the DNR closing order.

April 29, 1976

Eighty Town of Emmet residents were present at a hearing advising the Town Board to withdraw from the Regional Planning Commission and such action be taken by deadline date of June 30, 1976.

February 5, 1977

The following persons were nominated to be candidates for Town officers for a 2-year term: Chairman - Gerald Fitzgerald, Donald Dahlke Supervisors - Larry Lang, Keith McHugh, Sidney Brubacher and John Obernberger, Jr. Clerk - Frank Zebro Treasurer - Jos. F. Dahlke

April 5, 1978

By a motion of approval, the Town Board was ordered to appeal landfull closing and let the Circuit Court decide its fate. Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr., the newly appointed Assessor, addressed the attendance on new assessment procedures.

April 7, 1978

The Edgar Fire Department is inviting neighboring municipalities to share costs in purchase of a new ambulance. The Town meeting favored the Town of Emmet's participation in this venture.

April 2, 1980

Postmaster Frank Kaminski and Marathon County Planner, Joe Prebanich, explained the new address grid system. They hope it would be implemented in the Town. This would replace the present rural route and box numbers. Under the grid system, the road name and house number would be a permanent address. The majority favored the proposal - a commitment must be made by June 30, 1980. The Veterans Administration notified the Clerk it would sell the Ed McHugh property next to the hall for \$18,000. The residents at the meeting informed the Clerk to pursue this offer but negotiate for a better price. NOTE: After a year of correspondence and phone calls, the Clerk negotiated the property for \$317.27, which was the year's taxes.

ANNUAL MEETINGS/SPECIAL MEETINGS (Continued)

November 10, 1980

Approval was given to raise a levy of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for purchase of a new truck.

April 6, 1982

No important business - only 16 people were in attendance.

April 5, 1983

Assessor Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. reported State law demands all properties must be assessed at 100% of full market value by 1986.

April 3, 1984

As Town officers' salaries were at the same scale for four years, a motion was made and carried to increase Town officers' salaries by 10%. This salary schedule is in effect until 1991.

April 9, 1985

Marco Co-Op proposed buying the Ed McHugh property from the Town to install gas pumps. It was stated that it would be the Town Board's option to sell. Jack Martin stated the Town should keep the property, and the Co-Op to pursue other alternatives.

April 8, 1986

Assessor Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. estimated the cost of re-assessment would cost \$10,000.

April 14, 1987

First Annual Meeting where lunch and refreshments were served - 55 people attended.

April 12, 1988

It was announced that due to EPA regulations, the Town landfill must be closed within a year or so. A motion was made and carried that when this becomes a reality, each individual will be responsible for their own garbage disposal.

In reading through the minutes of the Town of Emmet's annual and town board meetings, it was evident that there were many problems and challenges facing the early settlers, but the town residents and town officials were able to meet that challenge.

When the Town of Emmet was first established there were 51 sections included in its territory. It remained this size until several controversial actions reduced the town to the present 42 sections. This final boundary was set in 1910. The original area as established in 1889 included an area of 3 square miles east of what is now Badger Road.

Town residents took a very active part in town affairs, especially business pertaining to schools and highways. Adding to the fact that town officers were elected at the annual meeting always insured a good attendance at these meetings. This is noted by the fact that from an official poll list dated 1892 showed a total of 192 voters registered and this was before the 18 year olds and women could vote.

Much of the business during the early meetings was redistricting school boundary lines and laying out of new highways, as the town was being developed, and also maintaining the present roads.

Because all pupils had to walk to school, much of the business at the annual meeting was taken up with restructuring the boundaries of the school district according to the distance that the pupils had to walk to attend school. It appeared that at one time, there was a school house at every junction of a four section corner crossroad, in addition to a joint school district located within another township.

Funds for highway construction and maintenance were levied through taxes at the annual meetings. Usually a mill tax was levied for what was called highway warrants.

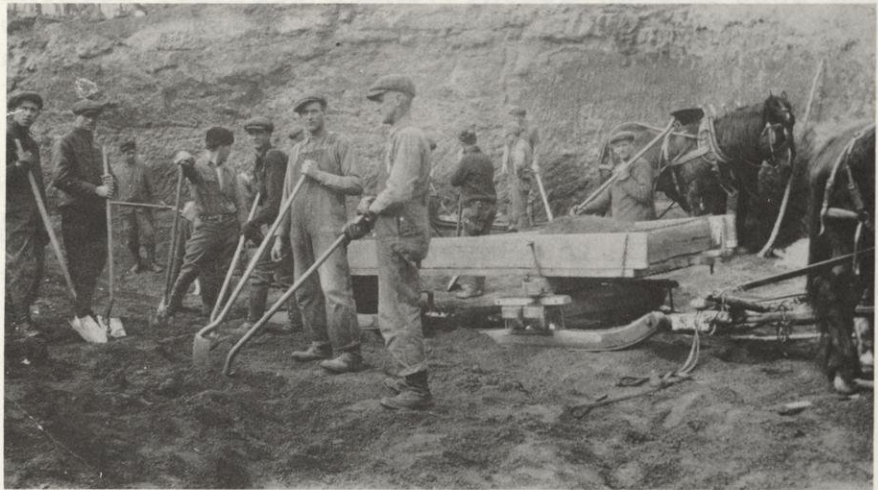
The highway warrants were unique in that the sum of money levied for this account was raised as a tax levy which was collected at tax time. Its main purpose was to alleviate a current cash flow problem.

Under the highway warrant system, farmers would be hired by the town for highway maintenance with the following duties assessed to them: some would work in the gravel pit, shoveling the granite onto the wagons; another man and team of horses would work the granite loose with a rudder which resembled a plow; others would haul granite to the site with team and wagon. At the road site another man would be stationed to help the teamsters unload and also do a little leveling with his shovel. The unloading was done with one man on each end of the wagon, working out the 4 X 4's that formed the bottom of the wagon in such fashion that practically no shoveling had to be done in unloading. Wages received were generally 25¢ per hour for a man and 35¢ per hour for man and team. The town at that time was divided into eight highway districts. Each highway district had a man titled differently in some years a highway overseer, highway superintendent or path master. Those positions were elected annually within each district, the same as town officers. The voters within each designated district could vote only for the candidate within the district. Thus when road work was to be done only those residing in their respective highway district were eligible to be called to work. The gravel was hauled from pits nearest the area that was being maintained.



Team pulling plow or rudder to loosen the gravel in the Kurtzweil gravel pit. Pictured on photo are, George Schedlo, John Kafka, Bernard Martin, Wm. Melder and Louis Neumann.

Crew of men hard at work loading granite pictured are: George Masanz, Wm. Masanz, Ed. Kurtzweil, Tony Schedlo and John Kafka.



Maintenance was the responsibility of the path master. This shows Tom Boehm at work with his team grading the road.

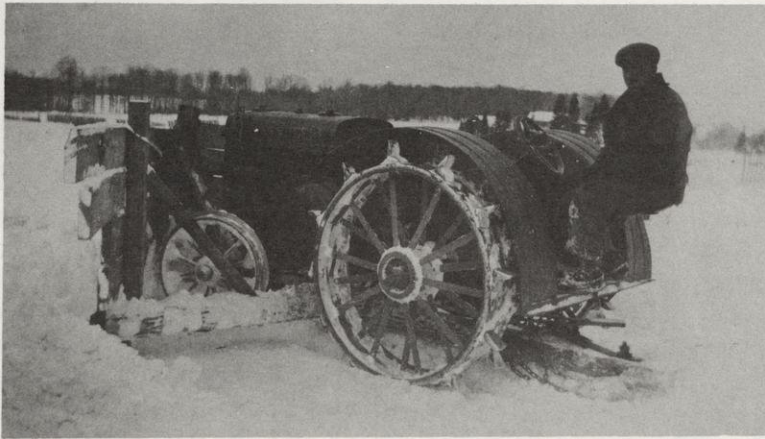
The amount levied on the road warrants was not paid directly to the farmers performing these tasks, for services rendered at the time, but was given as a tax credit on the property taxes at years end when the warrant levy was collected.

As time progressed, trucks and the motorized road grader came into being. The path master position was abolished as was the need for men and teams. Only fond memories remained.

Another fascinating change was in the assessment of personal property. The 1892 assessment roll shows that values for tax purposes was placed on horses, mules, wagons, sleighs and buggies, watches, pianos and organs, and bank stock, plus the cattle, swine and sheep.

The 1892 assessment roll which was the earliest on record carried the following numbers: 173 horses, 729 cattle, 317 sheep, 5 mules, 277 swine; 143 wagons, sleighs or carriages; 2 pianos and \$800 of bank stock. There were 255 personal property tax holders in that year. For comparison, in 1980 which was the final year these items were assessed, the cattle count was 6,116 head, 155 swine and 28 sheep. The number of personal property tax holders was 122.

From an era when a man had to be twenty one and older to vote, when gasoline engines replaced the original horse power, the first one hundred years was climaxed by the breaking of the gender barrier in this town. In 1985 the first two women to serve on the town board of the Town of Emmet were elected to office.



Albert Griesmer, plowed town roads in his area with his 1926 John Deere tractor and home made snow plow.

Snow plowing crew changing shifts in the township. Men are Joseph Baur and Art Ahlquist.

Late 1930's



CHAIRMEN

	<u>Year Elected</u>
Felix Maguire	1889, 1890
Thomas Hughes	1891, 1892, 1894, 1896
George Kronenwetter	1893
Thomas O'Connor	1895
Dan Hayes	1897
William Kennedy	1898, 1899
Frank O'Connor	1900 thru 1905
Frank Krieg	1906 thru 1908, 1910 thru 1913 1916 thru 1917
William Handrick	1909, 1914, 1915, 1920, 1923
Andy Michal	1918, 1919
Joe Baumann	1924 thru 1929
Louis Ahlquist	1930 thru 1946
Ray Maguire	1947
Rupert E. Kurtzweil, Sr.	1949 thru 1958
Jerome Sonnentag	1959 thru 1968 - died in term
Gerald Fitzgerald	1969 thru 1988
Donald Dahlke	1989

TOWN CLERKS

Thomas Hayes	1889 thru 1891
John Kurtzweil	1892, 1893, 1896 thru 1913
John Gebauer	1894
Joseph Morrow	1895
Frank Staeck	1914 thru 1919, 1921
Richard McHugh	1920
Nic Streveler	1922 thru 1928
Ray Maguire	1929 thru 1935
Jake Kurtzweil	1936 thru 1938
Frank Maguire	1939 thru 1948
George Krieg	1949 thru 1954
Frank Zebro	1955 to present

NOTE: Beginning in 1945, terms were for two years

TREASURERS

	<u>Year Elected</u>
John Heisell	1889
Felix Maguire	1890 thru 1898
Joe Maguire	1899 thru 1914
George Krieg	1915 thru 1928
Frank Krieg	1929 thru 1933
Ed McHugh	1934 thru 1944, 1947 thru 1962, Resigned
Joe McHugh	1945
Arthur A. Baumann	1963 thru 1968
Ray McHugh	1969 thru 1974
Carl F. Baumann	1975 thru 1976
Joseph V. Dahlke	1977 thru 1984
Sharon Raatz	1985 thru 1988
Luella McHugh	1989

ASSESSORS

Andy Michal	1890, 1902
William Kennedy	1891, 1896, 1905, 1912 thru 1923
John Kennedy	1892, 1895
Dan Kennedy	1893
William Maguire	1894, 1904, 1909
George Michal	1894
William Handrick	1897 thru 1901, 1903, 1906 thru 1908
Thomas Hughes	1910, 1911
Paul Abel	1924, 1925, 1929 thru 1933, 1935, 1936
William Masanz	1926 thru 1928, 1937 thru 1957, Died in term
Jake Kurtzweil	1934
Harold Brusky	Appointed 1958, Resigned 1959
Alois Brusky	Appointed 1959, thru 1960
Ed Stankowski	1961, Resigned 1966
Henry Osterbrink	Appointed 1966, thru 1976
Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr.	Appointed position, 1977 to present

NOTE: Beginning in 1945, terms were for two years

SUPERVISORS

	<u>Year Elected</u>
James Kennedy	1889, 1890
Wm. Keefe	1889, 1890, 1891, 1893
Andy Michal	1891, 1892, 1897, 1903, 1904, 1916, 1917
Andrew Werner	1892
Wm. Kennedy	1893
John Wachtl	1894
John Clark	1894
Dan Dayes	1895
Thomas McHugh	1895, 1901, 1918, 1919
John Murry	1896
John Handrick	1896, 1905, 1908, 1911
Wm. Handrick	1897
Robert Martin, Sr.	1898 thru 1900, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915
Frank Krieg	1898, 1899
Xavier Ress	1900, 1907
Martin Keefe	1901
John Gorman	1902
Ben Staeck	1902
Leander Deiler	1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914
John Masanz	1905, 1906, 1909, 1910
W. W. Brunner	1908
Thomas Newman	1913
Joe Kurtzweil	1914
John Kurtzweil	1915
John Oatman	1916
Frank Kurtzweil, Jr.	1917, 1918, 1919
Joe Karlen	1920, 1921
Bill Nest	1920
James Handrick	1921, 1922, 1923
Joe Baumann	1922, 1923
Louis Ahlquist	1924 thru 1928
John Connor	1924, 1929, 1937 thru 1941
Joe Baur	1925, 1926

SUPERVISORS (continued)

	<u>Year Elected</u>
Frank W. Kurtzweil	1927, 1928
Wm. Masanz	1929 thru 1932
MIke Nowak	1930, 1931, 1933 thru 1936
Jake Sonnentag	1932
Roman Gorman	1933, 1934
Albert Griesmer	1935
Albert Deiler	1936, 1942
Roland Bannon	1937 thru 1939
Ben Novitzki	1940 thru 1945, 1947, 1949
Martin McHugh	1943 thru 1945, 1947, 1949
Henry Osterbrink	1951
Joseph H. Baumann	1951
Jerome Sonnentag	1953 thru 1956
Claude Nest	1953 thru 1956
James Maguire	1957 thru 1966
Ernest Soczka	1957
Martin Wagner	1959 thru 1974
Gerald Fitzgerald	1967
Kenneth Nest	Appointed Feb. to Apr. 1969, Elected 1971 thru 1974
Clarence Griesmer	1969
Donald Dahlke	1975, 1979 thru 1984
Sidney Brubacher	1975, 1979
Keith McHugh	1977
Neil Baur	1979, 1981, 1985
John A. Deiler, Jr.	1983
Floreine Kurtzweil	1985, 1987
Randy Brusky	1987
Duane Knetter	1989
John Martin	1989

NOTE: Beginning in 1945, terms were for two years

JUSTICE OF PEACE

	<u>Year Elected</u>
Frank Krieg	1889 thru 1891, 1897, 1900 thru 1905
Wenzel Wachtl	1889
Alexander Dieler	1889
John Gebauer	1890, 1892, 1896, 1901
James Bowes	1891
Thomas Hayes	1892, 1893
Martin Burn	1892
Robert Hughes	1893
George Hayes	1894
Ed Sanders	1894
George Michal	1895
James Kennedy	1896
Louis O'Connor	1898, 1899
Frank Baker	1898, 1899, 1903 thru 1910
Frank O'Connor	1899
Thomas Birns	1900, 1901
Andy Michal	1899, 1901
John Kurtzweil	1900 thru 1915
John Forbear	1902 thru 1905
William Handrick	1903, 1907
George Ehester	1906 thru 1911
John Gust	1906
William Melder	1907
George Krieg	1909 thru 1914, 1923 thru 1929
Nic Streveler	1912 thru 1919, 1922 thru 1929
Frank Staeck	1915, 1917, 1921, 1922
Richard McHugh	1920
Ray Maguire	1929, 1931
George Krieg	1933 thru 1936, 1938, 1941 thru 1943, 1949 thru 1954
Mark Maguire	1936, 1939
Ethel Maguire	1939
John Dahlke	1955 thru 1962
Frank Zebro	1955 thru 1968

NOTE: Beginning about 1900, terms were for two years

CONSTABLES

	<u>Year Elected</u>
William Hayes	1889
James Handrick	1889, 1890, 1895, 1900 thru 1905, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1915, 1917
Dan Hayes	1891 thru 1893
John Blossomer	1892, 1893
Leander Deiler	1892
William Kennedy	1892
John Wall	1893, 1899
Lamond Jackson	1894
George Hayes	1896 thru 1898, 1903
Milo Weiss	1897, 1907
Joseph Staeck	1898 thru 1902
John Kordus	1904, 1905, 1930
Joseph Res	1906, 1912
Fred Guillamane	1906, 1908 thru 1910
Louis Kurtzweil	1911, 1913, 1914
Fred Marsh	1911
Joe Rase	1914
Paul Abel	1916, 1917, 1920 thru 1929, 1949 thru 1954
August Nest	1918, 1919
Chris O'Connor	1921
Albert Griesmer	1923, 1924, 1927
John W. Connor	1924
George B. Handrick	1925, 1926
Walter Masanz	1928, 1929
John W. Kurtzweil	1930
Bernard Martin	1930
Anthony Schedlo	1932
Robert Maguire	1932
Walter McHugh	1933
George Masanz	1934
Herbert Connor	1934
Joseph Martin	1934
John Newman	1934

CONSTABLES (continued)

	<u>Year Elected</u>
John Wagner	1935, 1936
Roman Gorman	1937
Mark Handrick	1937
Robert Maguire	1938
Wilson Bannon	1938 thru 1940
Charles Ehster	1939, 1940
Mark Handrick	1941
Roman Abel	1941
Leon Boehm	1942
Henry Martin	1942
Felix Maguire	1943 thru 1948
Jacob Handrick	1943 thru 1948
Martin Wagner	1955 thru 1958
Charles Swita	1959 thru 1962
Gerald Fitzgerald	1965
Carl F. Baumann	1967
Harold W. Kelbley	1969
Paul Hawkins	1974
Jerome Clark	1975
Michael Maguire	1977

NOTE: Beginning in 1945, terms were for two years

ROAD OVERSEERS

	<u>Dist. No.</u>	<u>Year Elected</u>
Michael Fitzgerald	1	1889
John Murry	2	1889
William Hayes	3	1889
Joseph Kurtzweil	4	1889, 1893, 1894
C. D. Rifleman	5	1889
Joseph Kammaneck	6	1889, 1893
John Gebauer	1	1890, 1891
Andrew Werner	2	1890
Dan Hayes	3	1890
John Burns	4	1890 thru 1892
William Handrick	5	1890
Sylvester Hughes	6	1890 thru 1895
Joseph Kammaneck	7	1890, 1893 thru 1895, 1917
William Freeman	2	1891, 1893, 1894
Edward Fitzgerald	3	1891
Thomas Newman	5	1891, 1904
Peter Pauls	7	1891
Edward O'Connor	1	1892, 1894, 1895, 1900, 1901, 1904 thru 1911, 1914, 1915
William Murry	2	1892, 1908
Michael Fitzgerald	3	1892
John Birns	5	1892
Max Battie	7	1892
John Kirkpatrick	1	1893, 1894
John Handrick	3	1893, 1894, 1895
Xavier Res	5	1893, 1894, 1895
Mike Connor	2	1894, 1895, 1911 thru 1915
Robert Hughes	4	1894, 1895
Frank Schara	6	1894
George Hayes	3	1896, 1897, 1900
Wendelin Hein	6	1896, 1900
Bat Lupine	5	1897
Tom Clark	2	1897
Felix Maguire	1	1897
Ernest Ackermann	6	1897, 1899
Andrew Hemrich	7	1897 thru 1902
Tom Hughes	4	1897 thru 1903
Herb March	1	1898, 1899
Martin Keefe	2	1899, 1902
Robert Smeaton	3	1899
Frank Kurtzweil	4	1900
Alexander Lacharity	5	1899 thru 1903
Val Nowitski	6	1899
Andrew Franz	7	1902 thru 1913
Leander Deiler	3	1899, 1902
Tom O'Connor, Jr.	2	1900, 1901
Robert Martin	5	1900, 1910
Joseph Weis	8	1900, 1901
James Handrick	3	1901, 1905 thru 1912, 1915, 1918

ROAD OVERSEERS (Continued)

	<u>Dist. No.</u>	<u>Year Elected</u>
Martin Kowalski	6	1901 thru 1908, 1915
Peter Lahr	1	1902
A. McCloud	2	1902, 1907
Paul Ryan	8	1902, 1903, 1907, 1908
Ira Woods	1	1903
	9	1910, 1911, 1914
George Ehster	3	1903
John Burns, Jr.	4	1903, 1906
Joseph Kurtzweil	5	1903 thru 1908, 1917
Anton Fisher	2	1904
Frank Krieg	3	1904
Martin Kurtzweil	4	1904, 1907, 1912 thru 1915
Frank Peters	8	1904 thru 1909
John Belvhlavak	2	1905, 1917
Andy Meickal	3	1905
John M. Kurtzweil	6	1905
Joseph Burk	2	1906
Bill Melder	3	1908
Albert Nest	4	1908, 1911, 1912
James Bowes	2	1909
Emil Nest	4	1909, 1910
William Masanz	5	1909
Frank Kurtzweil	6	1909, 1910, 1911
John Peters	8	1910, 1915
Chris O'Connor	2	1910

(Beginning 1911, referred to as Superintendent of Highway)

Joseph Res	5	1911, 1912
Fred Petrowski	8	1911, 1912, 1916, 1917
Fred Guillaume	6	1912
Dave Thanig	9	1912
James Schara	5	1914, 1915, 1916
Stan Nowitzke	6	1914
Jacob Thanig	7	1914
Joseph Imhoff	8	1914
Jake Franz	7	1915
John Thanig	9	1915 thru 1918
Ignatius Boehm	2	1916
John M. Kurtzweil	3	1916, 1917
Frank Kurtzweil	4	1916
Louis Lee	6	1916
Gust Ahlquist	7	1916
William Nest	4	1917
John Petrowski	6	1917, 1918
John Kurtzweil	4	1918
John Kafka	5	1918
G. Ryan	8	1918

ROAD OVERSEERS (Continued)

The minutes of the April 1, 1919 Annual Meeting state "highway superintendents to serve under appointment by Town Board... changed highway districts of the Town from 8 to 4, giving each district about 12 miles of highway."

There is no record of the appointments until 1937:

	<u>Dist. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>
Maurice Clark	6	1937, 1944, 1945
James Schara, Jr.	1	1937, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947
Frank Novitzke	2	1937
John C. Wachtl	3	1937
Ed Kafka	4	1937, 1942, 1943, 1944
Gerald Fitzgerald	5	1937
Henry Osterbrink	6	1937, 1942, 1943
Paul Wiesman	2	1942
Claude Nest	5	1942, 1943
John Newman	3	1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947
Paul Springer	2	1943, 1944
Douglas Heraldson	4	1945
Roman Kurtzweil	2	1945, 1947
Leonard Novitzke	3	1947

TIMBER FRAUD

In order to encourage farm settlement, the government allowed would-be farmers to pre-empt parcels of government land. That is, a man who filed his intention to farm a given piece of land was given 33 months to clear the land, and to get a crop down and harvested, before he was required to pay for it. Lumbermen would use these laws to their advantage by filing on a parcel of

land—or more often having their underlings file on it—and then using the 33 month grace period to strip the land of its desirable timber, thus getting that timber for nothing. This kind of fraud was so widespread that it's been estimated that 99 out of every 100 pre-emptions filed at the Wausau Land District office in 1888 were bogus.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

From time to time itinerant missionaries would stop and arrange to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for the people of the area. This took place three or four times a year at the Murry or O'Connor homes. They came on horseback and would spend a couple days to hear confessions, baptize babies, perform marriages, and pray for those who had died since their last visit.

A few years later Father Spitzlberger, Pastor at Marathon City, was assigned care for the spiritual needs of this locality. It became apparent that the people of "the Irish settlement" wanted and needed a church. After Mass and a meeting called at the home of James and Jane Murry, under the leadership of Father Spitzlberger, a congregation was formed November 18, 1871.

Because there were four saloons near the sawmill, they did not want the church built in Halder. So James Murry donated land at the top of the hill for a cemetery and a church, provided it be called "St. Patrick's Church." A 35' X 45' frame building on the spot where the large cross and altar stands in the cemetery, was built. J. C. Briery of Wausau was the contractor and carpenter. Logs were donated and Joseph Dessert, owner of the sawmill in Mosinee, sawed the lumber free of charge. Labor was also donated. 15,000 feet of lumber was used for the church and the entire cost was \$400.00. The altars and other furnishings came from William Hackner Co. of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The same altars are still being used in the present church. Some of the pews are in the choir loft.



Interior of First Church - 1872



First Church - 1872

The church was dedicated November 3, 1872. From then on, mission priests came regularly to say Mass and administer the Sacraments. The first to be listed on the baptismal record was Thomas Maguire. He was born in the Town of Emmet in July, 1871, the son of the former Margaret Murnagh and Felix Maguire. He, Mary Snyder, and Catherine Handrick were baptized on November 19, 1871, the day when Father L. Spitzlberger organized the parish.

The first wedding, that of David Gleason and Catherine Hayes, took place November 17, 1873. The first funeral was that of Gerhard Hughes on March 21, 1873; the first Confirmation was administered September 22, 1875 when 42 children were confirmed.

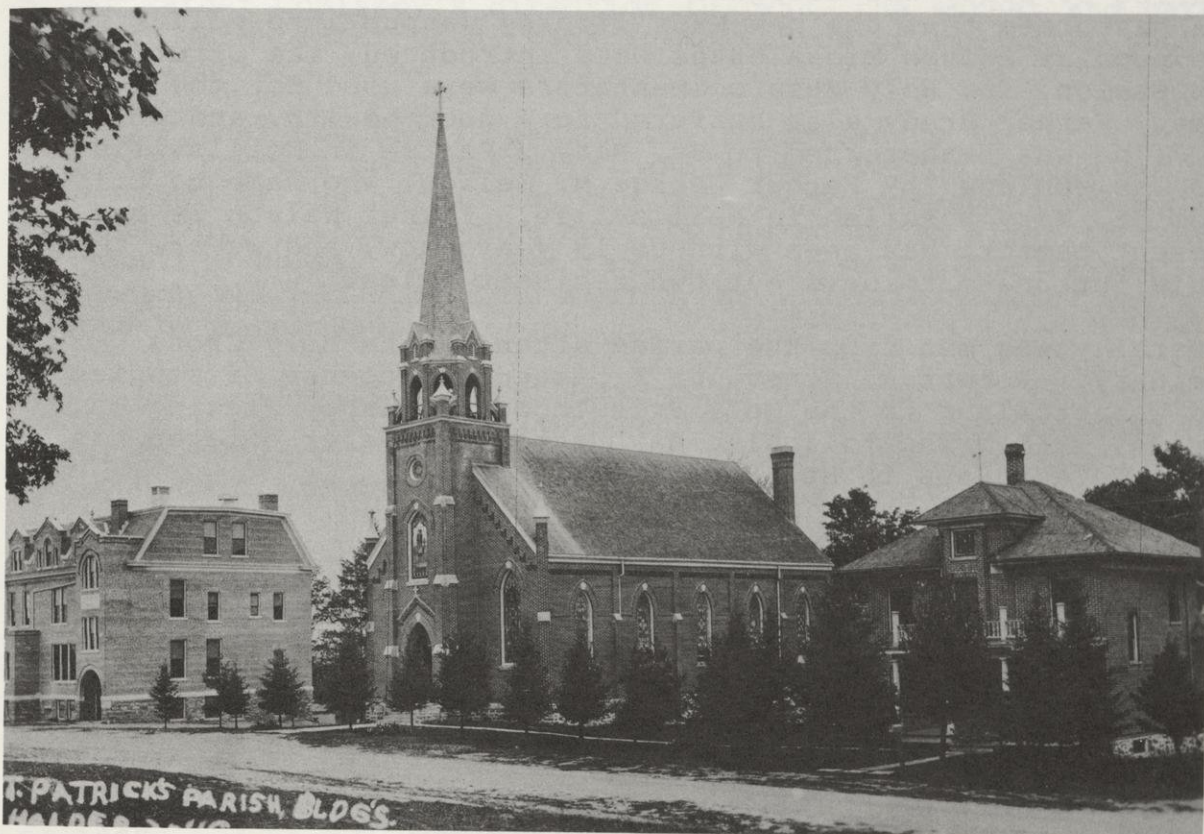
Father Reisser, the priest at Marathon, replaced Father Spitzlberger from 1875 until 1883, when the Most Rev. Killan C. Flasch, Bishop of LaCrosse, made Halder a mission of Mosinee. Priests who served the St. Patrick mission congregation were Fr. Gilbert Nuonne, 1883-87; Fr. Albert Mendl, 1887-90; Fr. Constantine Nau, 1890-94; Fr. Peter Dickopf, 1894-1901; Fr. Gerhard Vadder, 1901-07; Fr. John Laurer, 1907-1909; Fr. Bernard Klein, 1909-13.

As the congregation grew, a new sanctuary and sacristy were built in 1889. The new additions provided only temporary relief and the congregation under the leadership of Father Vadder proceeded with plans to build the present edifice of brick, stone, and tile. In 1906, six acres of land were bought from Mrs. Jane Murry for \$30.00, across the road. The new church was built on the Roman style of architecture and cost about \$12,000. It was dedicated May 13, 1908, during which the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to a class of 38. At the time, 87 families comprised the congregation.

Then housed in one of the most modern church buildings in the area, the congregation petitioned the Bishop of LaCrosse Diocese to be given their own resident pastor. To support their plea, they built a modern rectory and the Bishop in 1913, recognizing the steady progress, sent Father John H. Stromberg as the first resident pastor, assuring regular services. Ten resident pastors have served St. Patrick's congregation since 1913.

In 1916, Mrs. Lizzie Maguire donated a church bell bought from Stuckstede Bell Foundry Co of St. Louis, Missouri for \$281.92. She also donated a beautiful organ in 1937. The beautiful leaded windows, the confessional, the statues, and the pulpit all were donated by people of the parish.

Father Wenzel Multerer became pastor of St. Patrick's in 1918. A major accomplishment of his pastorate was the construction of a parochial school and convent. St. Robert's School was finished in September 1921, and it was opened for classes on September 9 that year, with 72 children enrolled. The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration were placed in charge.



St. Robert's School-1921; St. Patrick's Church-1906; Rectory-1913

After 25 years of spiritual guidance at St. Patrick's, Fr. Multerer was transferred to St. Mary's Parish in Marathon where he was later elevated to the title of Domestic Prelate, Rt. Rev. Monsignor. He died May 28, 1959.

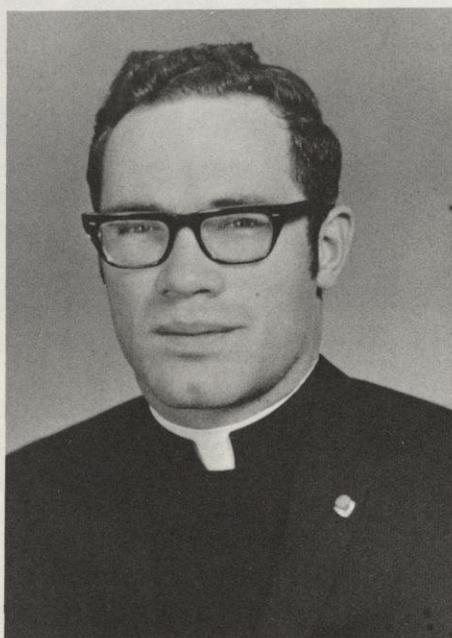
In 1943, Father William Muehlenkamp came but because of poor health, his stay was very short. On November 29, 1943 he was

succeeded by Fr. Herbert J. Hoffman. During his pastorate, parish progress was helped considerably. The men of the parish had organized a Holy Name Society in 1922, with a membership of 135. The Society was active and helpful in various parish projects and in furthering the Catholic Action program of the Diocese. St. Patrick's Day pancake breakfasts were very popular.

Father Diers became pastor in 1957 but only stayed a few months because of ill health. Father Eugene A. Comiskey took charge of St. Patrick's Parish on December 10, 1957. In June, 1960 Father Nicholas B. Beschta became pastor. He celebrated his 35th ordination anniversary in June, 1968. Due to ill health, he retired from active ministry and he moved near Wausau where he died January, 1983. He is buried near the altar in our cemetery.

Upon the retirement of Father Beschta, Father Joseph Rafacz was appointed temporary pastor for three months. At that time Fr. Charles D. Brady was assigned to St. Patrick's and it was during his pastorate that the new Mass liturgy was put into full effect. The popular Paluch Missalettes were introduced, the Offertory procession, and Holy Mass commentators were used for the first time. Father Brady also suffered from poor health, and in July, 1970, he was transferred to St. Mary's Parish in Neillsville and was replaced by Father George M. Nelson, who came to Halder from St. Mary's Parish in Neillsville. Father Nelson is our present pastor, has been with us 19 years now, and we are truly fortunate to have our own resident priest.

Several young men from the parish attended the Holy Cross Seminary. Robert A. Streveler finished his course of studies and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Freking on May 24, 1969. The following day Father Streveler offered his first Solemn Mass in St. Patrick's Church.



Father Robert A. Streveler
1969

Since the original construction of the parish buildings, major improvements have taken place. The church was remodeled and re-decorated in 1931, then redecorated in 1958, and again in December, 1982. The basement was converted into the parish hall in 1931. The kitchen was expanded and modernized in 1951 and was used for the school's hot lunch program. Again in the 1980's many new appliances were added to accommodate the fish fries served on the seven Fridays of Lent. Wedding dinners, funeral lunches, and other parish meals are served. In the early 1900's into the 1960's, the annual parish picnic in the fall with its chicken dinners and home baked pies - plus games of chance and skill, operated in stands by the men - was enjoyed by everyone for miles around.

In 1944, the rectory was completely modernized.

Under Father Comiskey's direction in 1958, the street and parking lot were blacktopped, plus installation of sidewalks and street lights.

During Father Beschta's pastorate, improvements included hearing aids for the confessionals, and a new two-car garage built by the men of the parish for the rectory. In keeping with the new liturgy, Father Beschta built a new portable altar to make it possible to say Holy Mass facing the people. The 29-year old organ which had been donated by Mrs. Lizzie Maguire was replaced by a new Hammond organ.

In October, 1966, the water supply was diminishing, so several wells were drilled before one was discovered to supply adequate water to serve the needs of the school, church, and rectory. The church steeple was painted and sidewalks were replaced.

With Father Nelson's direction, the church was redecorated in December, 1982, which included the glass doors and new carpeting. In 1986, the new stairway was built.

One of the remarkable accomplishments of the parish has been the unusually large number - between 25 and 30 - of its daughters who have entered the religious life.

Trustees John Martin and Arthur Baumann were elected in the fall of 1968, and standing committees representing the entire parish were voted to make up the Parish Board.

After much discussion between the Parish Board and the Diocesan Board of Education, due to rising costs it was decided to close St. Robert's School at the end of the school year - June, 1970. The school building is now used for CCD classes, instructing children from the first grade through high school in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith.

St. Patrick's Altar Society (since 1967, named "Parish Council of Catholic Women") was organized in September, 1892 under the title of "Confraternity of Christian Mothers." Mrs. William Freeman was the first president, ably assisted by Mrs. John Cassidy. The main objective of the Confraternity then was first and foremost to gain spiritual benefits as members, and the duties consisted mainly of caring for the altars. Due to limited funds, most of the flowers were made and donated, as the only source of funds came from the 25¢ yearly membership dues. When a financial need of the church or community arose, the women did their part of helping to raise funds - basket socials, bake sales, raffles of quilts and embroidery work, and card and bunco parties. Now, the fund-raiser is the fish fries, with as many as 675 meals being served in one evening. Presently, activities include weekly cleaning of the church, flowers for the altars, preparing funeral meals, hosting confirmation meals, working at Circle of Joy clothing store and nutrition center in Mosinee, mission contributions, Roses for Life program, and scholarships. The PCCW also gives money toward school, rectory, and church maintenance and repairs. The current officers are: Mrs. Dorothy Murry, President; Mrs. Rita Kafka, Vice President; Mrs. Cecelia Benz, Secretary; and Mrs. Phyllis Kaiser, Treasurer.

The people of St. Patrick's parish celebrated the parish Centennial Celebration on Labor Day September 6, 1971. It included a concelebrated Mass with the Most Reverend Frederick W. Freking, D.D., Bishop of LaCrosse, and former pastors of the parish. Many former parishioners attended, including Mr. Halder and his family - the unincorporated Halder was named after his grandfather.

We conclude our brief history of St. Patrick's Parish with the knowledge that God has blessed this parish and its people in the past almost 118 years, and it is our prayerful hope that He will continue to do so.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1918 in Treasury	\$ 59.15
From pew rent	1,816.05
Sunday plate collections	327.36
Sale of old church building	306.00
Collection for Catholic Missions	20.68
Collection for our Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	38.80
Collection for ecclesiastical students of the diocese	92.85
Collection for the Holy Land	3.75
Collection for the Catholic University	4.00
Collection for the Orphans	132.00
Collection for relief of Central Europe	41.00
Photographs of Father Vadder	6.00
Sale of old pump-jack	4.00
Donation	2.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Salary	\$ 900.00
Cathedraticum for the Rt. Rev. Bishop	40.00
Organist's salary	40.00
Janitor	25.00
For church sweeping	20.00
Fuel for Church and Rectory	201.50
Sanctuary Supplies:	
Candles	50.80
Candle burners	8.50

FROM ANNUAL REPORT OF 1919

Oil for Sanctuary lamp	24.75
Lavatory	10.50
Palms and Holy Oils	2.50
Confessional Register	2.75
Missal stand	3.00
Wine	15.00
Bracket for Sanc. lamp	48.00
Stable for Christmas crib	24.00
Large crucifix	1.75
Repairs on Parish buildings	38.45
Insurance on church, \$146.25, on house, \$28.50	174.75
Kewaunee pump and plumbing in rectory	151.35
Paints, brushes and brooms	27.95
Linoleum for Sacristy floor	18.27
Parish ledger	1.85
Furniture for rectory	76.98
Goldplating one chalice	16.00
Lumber for garage	56.32
Silverware	10.75
Fruit Jars	8.00
One storm door, 1 storm sash and 2 windows	11.35
Freight and drayage during year	23.32
56 ft. 10-inch gal. stove pipe for church furnace	48.25
Sundries for church and rectory	23.48
Paid on church debt	114.02
Repairs on well at rectory	72.80
Kitchen stove repairs	3.82
Cut of school building	2.85
Sent to Rt. Rev. Bishop for all 1919 collections	333.08

Balance on hand January, 1920

\$2,853.64

Some Pastors of St. Patrick's Parish



REV. GERHARD VADDER
Under his leadership the present church was built in 1906.



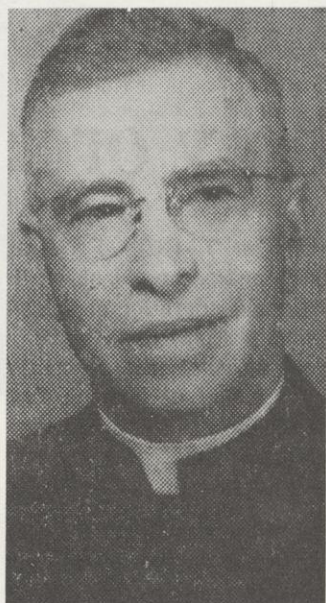
MSGR. W. MULTERER
He served St. Patrick's parish for 25 years (1918-43).



REV. HERBERT HOFFMAN
He was St. Patrick's pastor for 14 years, leaving in 1957.



REV. EUGENE COMISKEY
The present pastor of St. Patrick's parish. (1957-60)



Rev. N. Beschta
1960-1968



Rev. C.D. Brady
1968-1970



Fr. George M. Nelson
1970-19



The Rev. George Nelson of St. Patrick's Church, Halder, says an outdoor mass for Memorial Day. An altar and large crucifix stand against a backdrop of evergreens in the church cemetery at rural Mosinee, on the site of the original church, which was destroyed years ago by fire. The present church, seen in the background, was built across the street from the cemetery.

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SCHOOL HISTORY TOWN OF EMMET

By John Martin

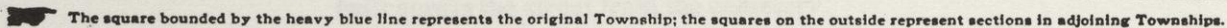
The Emmet School System consisted of Eight one room schools. The Sunnyside School in Section No.8, the Weis School in Section No.9, Granite Hill in Section No.1, Ludington School in Section 15, Washburn School in Section 29, Twins School in Section 26, which consisted of 2 one-room schools side by side, and Shady Lawn School in Section 30. This School is where the first Town meeting was held and the Town of Emmet was organized.

These schools served a very useful purpose in the early days of the Town besides teaching children the Three R's. Many were used for Social events like wedding's and anniversary's. They were a place where neighborhood children could gather in the summer and have a game of softball and in the fall a game of touch football. Many times I can remember the neighbors gathered and finished a keg of beer. Back them days there wasn't age restriction's, if you could drink it you could have it. There were many meetings held at the School besides the school meetings. A real social center.

Here I should pay a tribute to the many teachers that taught these One Room Schools. I suppose the best way would be to look at the end results of their labor. The Citizens they helped create have done well. Many have entered convents of various Religious orders, and came back to teach and also many have become teachers in the public and parochial school system.

The Teacher's were a role model citizen, whom everyone looked up to, and I think many people were influenced by their actions. The many I knew personally, I admired and respected.

The following is a correct plat of Emmet School District No. _____, drawn and numbered in accordance with the foregoing descriptions of the boundaries of said district.





Lundington School in it's early days



Front Row: L.to R. Margaret Kreig, Stacy Masanz, Arthur Pyan, Mike Katzmarek, Roman Martin, Louie Newman, Edwin Pyan, Mark Schara, Tony Schedlo, Bernard Martin. Second Row: Esther Pyan, Clara Schara Anna Handrick, Helen Schara, Lillian Masanz, Caroline Martin, Magdeline Newman, August Trisal & brother. Third Row: Teacher; Signa Johnson, William Guliamme, Janes Schara, Thomas Newman, Frank Guliamme.

HISTORY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.8--LUNDINGTON SCHOOL
by John Martin

Town of Mosinee, August 31, 1875

To the Electors of School District No.8

I the undersigned treasurer of School District Number Eight of the Town of Mosinee, have the honor to submit you the following report of all money's received and disbursed from August 31st 1874 to August 31st 1875 on account of the District namely

August 31, 1875 total amount of cash recieved from town treasurer \$170.12

I have disbursed as follows

1 broom	\$ 0.45	
1 dipper	0.25	
paper	0.10	
1 pail	0.30	
Ink	0.10	
pen & pencils	0.10	
8 lbs. Shingle nails	0.56	
2 lengths of Stove pipe	0.70	
cash to Thomas Birnes	10.00	
cash to Mr. Frickey	10.00	
1 pass book	0.15	
cash paid John Birnes	1.50	
1 cash crayons	0.50	
1 box matches	0.10	
1 cord fire wood	1.50	
School district orders	143.59	
Total	\$169.90	-169.90
August 31st Balance in cash on hand		\$ 00.22

Respectfully yours

J.R.Bruneau

With a bank balance of \$.22 Town of Mosinee started school District No.8 also known as the "Lundington School" in what is now known as the Town of Emmet. The Town of Mosinee run the school until 1889. John Masanz Sr. became treasurer in 1880. The first years the records are not wrote out completely until 1884, then they became more concise. Following is a chart showing who taught, what year and their wages, per month.

Cecila Keefe	1884	\$30.00
Y.W.Hules	1885	30.00
Anna Black and Mary Clark	1887	30.00
Frankie LaDu	1887	30.00
R.E.Cuners	1888	40.00
Maggie Bucklin	1889-90	28.00
Ollie Olesan and Matta Soik	1891	28.00
Ollie Olesan, Matta Soik and Emma Van Order	1892	25.00
Emma Van Order	1893	30.00
Katie Hughes	1894	28.00
Katie Hughes and Anny Briest	1895	28.00
Katie Newman and Anny Briest	1896	28.00
Katie Newman and Anna Hughes	1897	28.00
Harry Lawrence	1898	26.00

Katie Newman	1897	28.00
Harry Lawrence	1898	26.00
Harry Lawrence and Maria Hughes	1899	26.00
Maria Hughes	1900	26.00
Maggie Hughes	1901-02	27.00
Katie Newman	1903	30.00
Katie Newman	1904-05-06	35.00
Carrie Van Kleeck	1907	34.00
4 years missing from record book		
Lucinda Geary	1911	40.00
Susie Lamson	1912	40.00
Viona Kath	1913	40.00
Signa Johnson	1914	45.00
Signa Johnson	1915	50.00
Katherine Maguire	1916	45.00
Mary Raleigh	1917	45.00
Mary Raleigh	1918	50.00
Elizabeth Kennedy	1919	60.00
Mary Raleigh	1920	80.00
Klara Smith	1921	99.00
1922 missing		
Ella Kamenick	1923	90.00
Transported Children	1924-25	
Lula Maguire	1926	75.00
Lula Maguire	1927	85.00
Leona McHugh	1928	90.00
Transported Children	1929-30	
Lula Maguire	1931	75.00
Lula Maguire	1932	71.25
Lula Maguire	1933-34	61.75
Helen Vesely	1935	75.00
Helen Vesely	1936	71.25
Grace McHugh	1937	75.00
Grace McHugh	1938	80.00
Grace McHugh	1939	85.00
Grace McHugh and Lucille Sorenson	1940	85.00
Adeline Baeseman	1942	85.00
Transported Children 1943-46		

At this time schools consolidated to form School District No.1

Leona McHugh	1947	166.25
Leona McHugh	1948	188.00
Leona McHugh	1949	192.40
Leona McHugh	1950	202.50
Mrs. Helen Novak	1951	173.60
Mrs. Clara Kusiak	1952	191.60
Mrs. Clara Kusiak	1953	200.40
Mrs. Clara Kusiak	1954	224.26
Mrs. Leona McHugh	1955	228.96

At this time Lundington school closed and students attended classes in Halder.

Mrs. Eulalia Saindon	1956-58	238.96
Mrs. Eulalia Saindon	1959	245.00
Mrs. Eulalia Saindon	1960	253.94
Mrs. Eulalia Saindon	1961	252.39
Mrs. Eulalia Saindon	1962	259.76

In 1901 & 1902, a new school house was built at a cost of approximately \$600. There is an entry in the record book for \$17.50 for moving the school, (this remains a mystery). From 1907-1911 four pages are missing as the book is old and in bad need of repair. The book is the property of my brother Joseph D. Martin, who had the good sense to save it.

In 1911 one entry is paid to Joseph Karlen for \$35.75 for building an outhouse. In 1912 Robert Martin Sr. received \$10.80 for 9 cords of firewood.

In 1920 & 1921 is about when St. Robert's School started. The enrollment dropped a lot. The schools faced with the reduced enrollment chose to pay tuition to nearby schools and pay the parents for transportation. 1924-25, 1929-30, 1943-46 are a fine example of this practice.

In 1923 C.F. Dunbar was paid \$2 for a clock. 1925 Connor Co. received \$45.74 for shingles and nails. Joseph Martin received \$20 to install them. 1926 a water fountain and bubbler was purchased from Eau Claire Book and Stationary for \$13.40 while Lula Maguire taught. 1927 Dr. Jackson was paid \$10 for examining the children for goiters. I can well remember taking goiter pills in school to prevent enlarged goiters. This was before salt was iodized.

In 1931 Joe McHugh received \$25 for 12½ cords of wood. I talked to some of the old timers and they insist these are full cords or pulp cords 4'x4'x8'. \$2 as compared to about \$50 in 1989.

1936 Halder Mercantile Co. received 65¢ for 1 broom, this was Nick Streveler's store which stood where Bob & Jane's Bar parking lot is now.

From 1943 to 1946 Lundington School stood empty.

1947 brought about the consolidation of Dis. No. 5, Dist. No. 1, Dist. No. 8, Dist. No. 6 and Dist. No. 4, all cash reserves were pooled. Schools and supplies were auctioned off with the exception of Lundington school which was now called Consolidated School District No. 1 and with the purchase of a school bus from Beske Motor Sales in Mosinee for \$4,679.95. Transportation of school children was started. About the same time St. Robert's School also purchased a bus which Franklin Baker operated. He was paid for transporting some pupils to the public school. 1948 John Wagner continued this service. In 1947 The school board purchased coal to heat the school as wood was selling for \$4 a cord. Electric lights were also added in 1947. Fuel oil heater was installed in 1950.

In the fall of 1954 the enrollment outgrew the Lundington school. The school board purchased the Granite Hill school from the Marathon Public School District for \$1610.61. They hired Schuette Builders to move it for \$1215.90. It was moved to a site just east of the ball diamond that the school owned.

This building was quite large, so the road from the original site on the corner of Springbrook and 107 had to be brushed out. Schuette Builders needed 50 ft. of clearance west on Springbrook and South on Maple Leaf road to the site in Halder.

Hubert Lang was paid \$575 for a well and Louis Ahlquist was paid \$500 for pump and plumbing

This building was being prepared with indoor plumbing, running water and all modern convenience. According to the records Earl Kreig, Elroy Ahlquist, Felix Streveler did a lot of the inside work. This building was to be put in service in the fall of 1955.

This brings to a close the life of Lundington School, it was sold on sealed bids to Warren Masanz for \$408 and moved to a site on his farm which is on the corner of 153 and Cedar Hedge Road and still serves as a garage.

In the fall of 1955 we find Mrs. Eulalia Saindon teaching a new larger school with indoor plumbing and better recreation facilities. Eulalia taught this school till it closed in the spring of 1962.

This school system started out with a bank balance of 0.22¢ in 1875 and closed in 1962 with a bank balance of \$309.15. To bad our federal government can't operate as well as some of these old pioneers.

The Town of Emmet was then divided into four school district's Marathon, Edgar, Stratford, Mosinee, with Mosinee getting the school house and the bank balance.

School District No. 8

Emmet Twp., Marathon Co., Wis.

1919



Eliabeth Kennedy, Teacher
J. E. Giessel, County Supt.

OFFICERS

George Krieg, Clerk
Robert Martin, Director
Wm. Handrick, Treasurer

PUPILS

8th Grade

Bernard Martin	Roman Martin
Anastasia Masang	Mabel Krieg
Marguerite Krieg	Joseph Guillaume
Lewis Newman	

5th Grade

Helen Kurtzweil	Lauretta Triechel
Frances Karlen	Mark Schara
Joseph Baumann	Catherine Baumann

4th Grade

Gustav Triechel	Elvina Kurtzweil
Elizabeth Marcon	William Baumann

2nd Grade

Leonard Kurtzweil	Henry Martin
Henry Schara	Raymond Schara
William Schara	Theresa Baumann

Jacob Handrick

1st Grade

Agnes Martin	Martha Schara
Anthony Schara	Raymond Kurtzweil

A SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE

Lest we forget our school associations this Souvenir with best wishes is presented to you by your teacher.



CLASS OF 1908--TWIN SCHOOLS

Front Row: L to R, ?, Pete Dahlke, ?, John Dahlke, George Deiler, ?, Jim Maguire, Eddie Polasek, Joe Dahlke, William Melder, Pat Handrick & brother, Leo Baur. Second Row: Bessie Maguire, Elsie Maguire, Sister Robertine, Sadie Maguire, Lizzy Baur, Marie Dahlke, Lucille Baur, Theresa Baur. Starting at the top: Theresa Hayes, (teacher), Kate Maguire, Maggie Handrick, Nora Hayes, Mrs. Clara Schreiber, (teacher). Next Group: Lizzy Kennedy, Maggie Maguire, Mary Hayes. Next Group: Maggie Maguire, ?, Christina Polasek & her little sister, Josephine Handrick, Mary & Anna Michael, Kate Hayes, Margaret and Theresa Melder. Notice the lamb on the steps behind Leo Baur.



Teachers & Students from Twin Schools

From Row: L to R: George Handrick, Loy Baur, Clyce LaCharity, Ann Melder, Elsie Maguire, Marie Krieg, Roman Gorman, Violet Stack, Second Row: Margaret Melder, Rose Lee Dahlke, Kate Mae Handrick, Ethel Kurtzweil, Thomas Krieg, Norman Handrick, Robert Maguire, Third Row: Con Kennedy, Earl Gorman, unidentified, Frank Maguire, unidentified, Howard Krieg, Cyril Michael, Kitty Krieg, Fourth Row: unidentified, Bess Maguire, Nell Maguire, Katie Hayes, Sadie Maguire. Top Row: Teachers, Ann Howard and Clara Kennedy.



This picture shows the back corner of the West Schoolhouse of the Twin Schools. After 1920 the better school was moved to the sawmill for a boarding house and the other one mysteriously burnt.

SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL
By Joanna Michlig

Sunnyside School was my first teaching job. 1929-1930. Eno Slagel--Clerk, Mike Nowak-Director, John Kordus-Treasurer. I had all eight grades with some forty plus children. School started at 9 AM, one hour noon and were excused at 4 PM. All children walked to school.

The School had a big furnace in the class room, to keep us warm in winter. The children carried wood from the wood shed behind the school. This was done the last recess.

Water for drinking was carried in a pail from the well across the road where John Landwehr lived. This was hard work, especially when it was cold or rainy. But the boys as well as the girls took their turn.

Besides teaching, I did the janitor work such as, made fire in the morning, kept the fire agoing during the day and done the sweeping after school.

The first 4 grades had 10 minute classes, while the 5-8 graders had 15 minute classes. My biggest class in the upper grades consisted of about 5 students. This gave me a chance to supervise each child individually doing seat work the last five minutes of the class.

We had no playground equipment on the school yard. In the fall and spring the boys brought bats and ball from home. The girls as well as the boys joined the ball game.

In winter, weather permitting, the children played Fox and Goose or tag in the snow.

One boy has Muscular Dystrophy, he could not play ball or any other game. After about a week of watching the rest play, he became disgusted with himself. He crawled under my car and told the children that I should run him over. I went out to coax him to come out, but to no avail. So his little sister sat by him for a while. Then she told him, how his Mother and Father would cry if he died. This worked. He never tried it again. He wanted to be loved for what he was.

The only time I met the parents of the children was at Christmas time, when we had a Christmas Program. After the program there as a Basket Social. From the Basket Social money the School Board bought a Victrola for School. We used it for playing games, action songs and studied the different sounds of instruments that were played in the band. The children enjoyed this at noon. They didn't have to go out for fresh air, especially when it was cold, stormy or rainy, because they got that when they walked to school and home again.

The only teachers that I know, were Susie Lamson and Leona McHugh that taught in this school.

Rural Schools in the 1930's & 1940's

by Grace (McHugh) Schilling

One room schools were still in existence in the 1930's and 1940's. My first years of teaching were at the Ludington School in the Town of Emmet, starting in September 1937.

My experiences, while somewhat unique, were representative of the rural schools of that day. One teacher taught all the classes from Grade 1 through 8. Inside those walls she became teacher, janitor, psychologist and disciplinarian.

Classes consisted of 10 or 15 minute periods of teaching, usually in a circle of chairs at the front of the room. The balance of the period the students spent at their desks doing follow up work or preparing for the next day's class. Many times when their work was done they listened to what was being discussed by another group. This served as a review of lessons learned in prior years or possibly prepared them for their own future assignments. As the teacher conducted her class at the front, she was obliged to keep a watchful eye on the rest of the room.

One quarter of the school day was spent in teaching reading skills, another math, a third social studies (which included health, geography, history and science) and a fourth period was devoted to language arts and spelling. Music and art were also taught with whatever abilities the teacher happened to have in that area.

When the weather began to chill the teacher arrived at the school early and started a fire in the jacketed wood heater so that it would be comfortably warm by the time the children arrived.

Water for the day was pumped from a well on the grounds and poured into a large bubbler which stood in the corner of the room next to a wash stand with a wash dish and soap dispenser. Children lined up at the noon hour to wash their hands before eating their sack lunches.

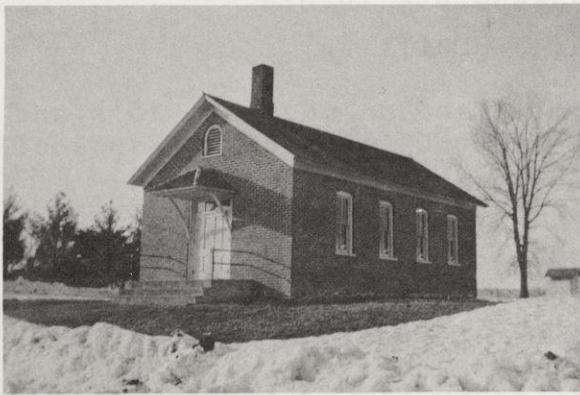
Then there was a short period of play in the school yard--every school generally had an acre of land. There was no playground equipment so the time was spent playing group games or baseball. The teacher usually accompanied the children outdoors to supervise and often participated in their games. During this time the children took their turn at visiting the outdoor toilets.

The county provided a certain amount of money with which to buy library books. This was determined by the number of children living in that particular school district.

The teacher was visited at least twice a year by the county supervisor who would spend about an hour observing the teacher at work and making a report.

With all these responsibilities you would probably conclude that teachers were paid a handsome salary. Wrong! My first teaching contract awarded me \$75 a month, mandated by law as minimum, and paid only for the nine months that school was in session. The next year brought \$80 per month and the next \$85.

In spite of many disadvantages the teachers of that day were very dedicated to their profession and children graduated from the one room school educated in the basic skills.



Lundington School March 1939



Front Row: L to R.
Carl Masanz, Patricia Schedlo,
Phyllis Wentzel.
Second Row: L to R.
Merlin McHugh, Elroy Ahlquist,
Carol McHugh, Keith McHugh,
Irene Wentzel, Reuben Ahlquist



An early class of Shady Lawn School, which includes Mae and Bill Murry.



THE WEIS SCHOOL
Sister Aloysia Streveler

WEIS SCHOOL 1942-1946

By Joanna Michlig

SCHOOL BOARD: Art Michlig-Clerk, Mike Streveler-Treasurer,
Jerome Sonnentag-Director.

The Weis School was closed for a couple of years because there weren't enough children in the District to attend.

In 1942 the School reopened with four first grade and three third grade children. The next year I had five first grade, four second grade and three fourth graders. Every year after, more came until I had all eight grade classes. Some twenty five plus.

One year Adeline Baseman, from Lundington School and I prepared a combined Christmas Program. This was better. We had a bigger and better program. In one play Leo Michlig sat under the table eating a doughnut, almost choking on it because I didn't give him any water. He still reminds me of it. One year Santa Claus came to school, but forgot to bring the candy along, so he had to go back home to get it, and the little children couldn't figure out why Santa left.

Miss Wilson, our Supervising Teacher came to see me every six weeks. She picked my classroom, because I had ideal children for a teaching demonstration. The teachers brought their own books along. All the schools used the same books, so they could follow my teaching.

I taught Math, English and Spelling, Reading, and Social Studies. Had a Reading class with the first and second grade demonstrating BlackBoard work, Work Books and Phonics.

I taught these classes in the forenoon and excused them at noon. In the afternoon we had pro and con against my style of teaching and the answers the children gave me.

I had Ronny Wentzel, the only one in eight grade reading class. He had reading of phrases from the blackboard telling the story as he understood it from his reading book, but he always

got ahead of the phrases so I had to back him up, (in a nice way so as not to embarrass him). At last he got so excited that He told me the bridge collapsed before the steam engine rolled over it. The teachers clapped and cheered him. This ended the demonstration.

I got a wonderful report from the Superintendent's office, for having this demonstration.

Twelve Teachers attended this, from Miss Wilson's Supervision District, some of the teachers I didn't know personally.

After the four years the school was closed for good-the property and buildings were sold.

Later the country schools were consolidated. The buses picked up the children. This was better, because some had to walk over two miles and that was to far to go.

Halder Parochial School District bought its own bus to transport some of the children from Weis School to their school.

I will always remember Weis School because we were a Happy Family. All children worked and played together without any trouble. The Weis School was one I enjoyed teaching in.

Teachers at the Weis School besides myself were Alvina Halverson and Leona McHugh.

Office of the
County Superintendent of Schools
Wausau, Wis., August 31, 1923.

To Nic. Strexeler
Clerk of Town of Emmet

This is to certify that the number of children residing in the several districts and parts of districts of your town are, according to the census reports of the several district clerks, as indicated below:

Dist. No.	<u>3</u>	<u>63</u>
Dist. No.	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>
Dist. No.	<u>6</u>	<u>80</u>
Dist. No.	<u>8</u>	<u>87</u>
Dist. No.	<u>4 Mosinee</u>	<u>56</u>
Dist. No.	<u>7 Cleveland</u>	<u>25</u>
Dist. No.	<u>12 Mosinee</u>	<u>21</u>
Jt. Dist. No.	<u>3</u> with <u>Mosinee</u>	<u>5</u>
Jt. Dist. No.	<u>1</u> with <u>Cleveland</u>	<u>16</u>
Jt. Dist. No.	<u>1</u> with <u>Green Valley</u>	<u>5</u>
Jt. Dist. No.	<u>9</u> with <u>Ida</u>	
Jt. Dist. No.	with	
Jt. Dist. No.	with	
Jt. Dist. No.	with	

Total - 383

Yours truly, A. R. Thiede
County Superintendent.

School Census on a Penny
Postcard for the Town of
Emmet

WASHBURN SCHOOL MEMORIES

Reported by Lillian Handrick, who attended school there

"The Strigel's lived on the Southwest corner of the Town of Emmet, southwest of the Eau Pleine river. They had to walk over 2 miles & also cross the river, either by boat or on the ice. They missed a lot of school. As the river conditions changed they were unable to cross or were often late".

Connor company also had a landing for loading logs just north of the school. At recess the children enjoyed watching the crew load logs on the train destined for the sawmill at Stratford. The children also enjoyed walking the rails to see who could go the farthest without stepping off.

On one of the nice spring days, according to the grapevine, Eleanor Kafka set the clock ahead on the teacher, Gordon Holtman, and she got away with it.

Some of the teachers at the Washburn school included Eileen Maguire, Leona McHugh, Susie Lamson, Gordon Holtman & Lizzy Clark.



Washburn School 1941



Eileen Maguire,
Teacher

Front row: L to R: Frand Austin, tie & suspenders?, Maxine Bradley, Ronald Graveen, Joe Austin, Donald Albrecht, Janet Bradley, Ann Austin, possible Richard Goff, Second row: Ruth Nest, Lila Kafka, Mildred Masanz, Joyce Nest with wavy hair, Eleanor Kafka on the end. Back row: Evelyn Austin, Maggie Maguire, some unidentified, Helen Graveen with Virgean Bradley right behind her, Betty Albrecht right behind Eleanor Kafka.

SHADY LAWN SCHOOL



Elizabeth (Kennedy) Hall, Teacher 1914

The school district of Jt. No. 4, township of Emmet and Mosinee has a very long legal description of lands in the Town of Emmet, Marathon County. The legal description was fixed by a meeting in the town hall August 9, 1926. Signed by Nick Streveler, Town Clerk.

The district was very large. The census was taken of the children of the families living within the district area.

The name Shady Lawn School was given about the year of 1926 when the district was legally organized.

I have records that date back to the year 1906.

In 1906 the teacher's name was Jessie Van Kleeck. The names of the children are still familiar in the township. They are: Anna, William, Benjamin and Joseph Burk, Herbert and Alice Connor, Milo and Hazel Brunner, Lester and Guy O'Connor, Robert, Emma, Leo, Anna, Anton and Mary Fisher, Robert Clark, John and Joseph Belohlav-ek, Nicholas Hahn, Fanny Murry, Margaret, Emma and Bertha Schilling, Clifford and Lucille Hughes, Gladys Hayes, Mary Belohlavek, James and John Murry, William Clark, John Douville, Bertha Belohlavek, Anna, Bonnie, Caroline and Frida Cezlewicz and Phoebe Werner. The enrollment was 39 pupils. The enrollment continued to be large until St. Robert's School was built in St. Patrick's parish about 1920.

The summary that Mr. Jessie Van Kleeck gave at the end of the year was a detailed report of the progress each child had made. He named the reading books completed which were Primary Baldwin, Middle Baldwin and Upper Baldwin. The subjects the teacher reported on were Reading, Arithmetic, Language, Physiology, Constitution and Geography. In his report he said the children read and then had to report the substance of the lesson and also make some drawings.

Irene Kurtzweil was the teacher in 1908, Susie Lamson 1910, Margaret Maguire 1912 & 1913, Elizabeth Kennedy 1914, Annie Person 1915 & 1916. In 1917 Margaret Maguire taught another term. In 1918 Frida E. Wagner followed. She became ill and Mary R. Miller finished the term. This group of teachers received a salary of about fifty dollars a month. In 1918 the school was closed early because of the outbreak of influenza.

The teachers that followed had very few pupils. They were Helen McEwen, Cecilia Dahlke, Adelia Anderson, Dorothy Brookhyser, Margaret Fehl, Margaret Doyle, Lorraine Fisher, Helen Davis, Eulalia Abel, Ellen Ewert and Margaret Baur. This group of teachers received a salary ranging from seventy five to eighty five dollars a month.

There may have been later teachers that were recorded in proceedings kept by someone other than my father John Clark.

Through the years the school board members names were John Thanig, Leo Maguire, John Clark, Ignatuis Boehm, Thomas Maguire and Thomas Boehm. There may have been others that I do not have the records.

The earliest fanincial statement I have is for the year 1922. The total cost for running the school for the year was \$1,405.57.

The teachers boarded at homes within the community. The Mike Connor home, Archabald McDonald, Tom Maguire, and John Clark were the places that kept the teacher. The teacher paid part of her salary for room and board.

Through the years in the one room country school the teacher did all her own janitor work. She would arrive at the school early in the morning to build a fire in a big stove that had a protective jacket around it, to have the room warm when the children would arrive. She would also shovel a path to the mail box so the mail man could deliver the mail. At times the older boys would help her with the snow problem and also carrying in wood to be piled in the hall for the following day.

The teacher also was expected to have organized games at recess and during the noon hour. The games were so very different than the athletics we have today. The names of the games were, Pump, pump, pull away, Red Rover, Red Rover Let (Nancy) Come Over, Lunden Bridges Falling Down, Drop the Handkerchief, Fox and Goose, Leap Frog and Follow the Leader.

On April 26, 1946 a public auction was held to sell the school property and all the furnishings. Francis Fochs bought the school and the land it was on. He sold it to a person in Milwaukee. Then Armin Boehm bought it and is still living there in 1989.



Courtesy of,
Elizabeth (Clark) Condon

About 1935- Left end : John Belohlavek, Right end: Stewart Thanig.
All others unidentified.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST CENTURY

By John Martin

Ludington School has some memories, one is how Tony Schedlo used to come to school early in the wintertime. He would carry snow to the attic and place it over the teacher's desk. When the water started to drip the teacher would notify the school board that the roof leaked. I believe the roof was replaced more often than necessary.

One of the hazards of the outhouse was to get out there and back without being pasted with snowballs in the winter.

My Mother, Mayme (Masanz) Martin told of walking half a mile south to the Connor Co. Railroad right-of-way, and for a nominal fee could ride the logging train into Stratford. The next day they could return when the train came back out.

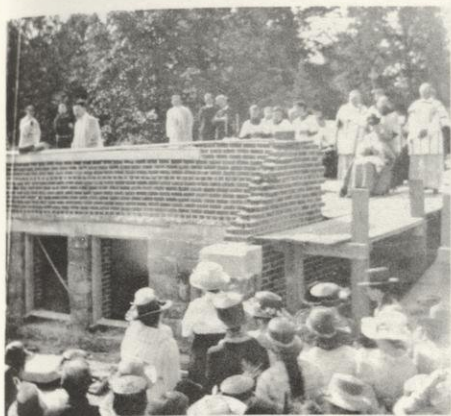
When I was a little boy, a funny thing happened when we were threshing. Walter Masanz and Tony Schedlo had to carry 100 pound sacks of oats about 100 yards and then up the grainery steps-a very demanding job! One day Tony put a huge rock in Walter's sack and when Walter saw the rock as he dumped his sack of oats, he vowed he would get even.

Walter then chained the front bumper of Tony's '28 Chevy pickup to the clothes line post that he was parked next to. After Tony ate supper and went to leave, he did everything with "gusto" include backing up with his pickup. When the chain tightened, there was an awful racket in the yard. The clothes line post held, the chain held and the bumper ALMOST held. I think today Walter would be sued for whiplash.

One of my fondest memories during threshing in my childhood, was especially when Albert Griesmer was moving from farm to farm with his bid D John Deere and large thresher. He had the big D fitted with a exhaust whistle and he would blow the whistle as he moved from farm to farm.



Threshing on the Wachtl farm near Halder 1895



Laying the Corner Stone of St. Robert's School.



School before windows were installed.

Finished School



1921-1st. Class of St. Robert's School 80 Students

Row 1: (Sitting) Mark Maguire, x,x, Joe Kurtzweil, Dick Streveler, Art Schilling, Jerome Maguire, Roy Staeck, Marvin Karlen, Eileen McHenry, -Kurtzweil, Mae Schilling, x,x, Kathleen Staeck
 Row 2: Vernon O'Connor, Raymond Schara, Mark Handrick, Gerald Fitzgerald, Tony Schilling, Louis Schara, Tony Schara, Audrey Kurtzweil, Jim Kurtzweil, Ronald Baur, Eugene Wachtl, Grace Maguire, Mae Maguire, Agnes Boehm, Elizabeth Clark, Agnes Martin, Romana Baumann, Clara Maguire, Irene Hughes, Gladys Condon, Beatrice Baur, Ellen Staeck.
 Row 3: John Clark, Wm. Handrick, Mark Schara, Mike Streveler, Louie Connor, Emeron Maguire, John Handrick, Wm. Schara, - Steder, Felix Maguire, Jacob Ross, Helen Alt, Eulalia Abel, Gertie Boehm, Martha Schara, Elenor Streveler, Lucy Maguire, Margaret Murry, Margaret Krieg, Margaret McHenry, Tilly McHugh, Mabel Kreig.
 Row 4: James Kennedy, Forest Kurtzweil, Wm. Krieg, Victor Dahlke, Felex Streveler, Wm. Baumann, Charles Boehm, Arthur Boehm, Clyde Krieg, Jacob Handrick, Henry Martin, Allen O'Connor, Eunice Wachtl, Dorothy Maguire, Marie Melder, Irene Hughes, June Kurtzweil, Theresa Baumann, Helen Krieg, Julie Maguire, Mae Kurtzweil, Sadie Clark, Frances Karlen. Teachers are Sister Basilla and Sister Lucy.



1st Graduation Class from St. Robert's-1922
Back Row: Margaret Krieg-Margaret McHenry-
Claire O'Connor-Genevieve Staeck-
Mabel Krieg.
Front Row: Rev. W. Multerer-Victor Dahlke.



Six Mass Servers from John Wachtl Family
Roger, Robert, Eugene, Fr. Multerer, Maurice
Donald and Norman.



Clara Maguire- 1927
Solemn Communion
Grace Maguire-
Candle bearer.



Sisters Fabian, Verean, Lucy
and Bacilla.
Frickey (Fr. Multerer's dog)



Bottom Row (sitting on ground) L. to R. - Clement Boehm, Owen Fitzgerald, x,x,x,x,
Jerry Wachtl, x,x,x,x, Kennedy, Leo Kurtzweil, Jim Maguire, Claude Streveler,
Roman Abel, Jack Maguire.

1st Row (kneeling) L. to R. - Katheryn Karlen, Elaine Dahlke, Esther Krieg, Marie
Klinger, Margaret Fitzgerald, Phyllis Maguire, Irene Baumann, Lorraine Baur, x,
Alma Meidl, Dorothy Kurtzweil, Frances Rase, x,x,x,x, Imhoff, Schara, x,x, Pat
Maguire, Bob Wachtl, Don Wachtl, Dick Streveler.

2nd Row (kneeling) L. to R. - Ellen Staeck, Grace Maguire, x, Katherine Kurtzweil, x,
Grace Wachtl, Eileen Maguire, x, Norma Baur, x, Lorraine Meidl, x, Marcella Abel,
x,x, Steder.

3rd Row (standing) L. to R. - Marvin Karlen, Ancilla McHugh, Margaret Martin, Rita,
Grace McHugh, x, Rita Kurtzweil, Angie Boehm, x, Agnes Boehm, Audrey Kurtzweil, x,
Henry Furger, x,x, Imhoff, Earl Krieg, Ronald Baur, Roger Boehm, Felix Boehm,
Eugene Wachtl, Harry Boehm, Walter Fitzgerald.

Top Row L. to R. - James Meidl, Esther Meidl, Louie Schara, Mae Kennedy, Helen Rase,
Peggy McHenry, Romona Baumann, Marion Sickles, Clara Maguire, Roy Staeck, x, Beatrice
Baur, x, Kathleen Staeck, Kathleen Condon, Anna Boehm, Helen Maguire, Nora Condon,
Eunice Wachtl, Mae Maguire.
(101 students)

St. Robert's School History

As is true of any worthwhile endeavor, our forefathers had a dream. They now had a beautiful new church of which they were very proud, now they wanted a school in which they could not only teach their children about the world, but more importantly, about God and His people in the world.

Thus begins the history of the school. Under the direction of Father Wenzel Multerer. the parish became involved in a major building project of the school and convent.

It was decided to have a fund drive and whom ever contributed the largest sum of money, the school would receive that name. Records show that Robert Freeman contributed \$4,000.00, which was the largest sum, so the school was called "St. Robert's School".

The parish already owned the land near the church, so men from the parish started digging the basement. It was dug by using two wheeled horse drawn earth scrapers, picks and shovels. Sometime in 1919 the corner stone was laid as neighboring priests and religious helped celebrate. The parish's dream of a parochial school was becoming a reality.

In 1921 the school was finished and dedicated in time for opening day. The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration began their service to our community, September 9, 1921. Eighty students were enrolled, taught by Sister M. Bacilla, who served as the first superior and teaching the upper four grades. Sister M. Lucy taught the lower four grades and Sister M. Fabion served as cook sister. In the almost fifty years those sisters served the parish. They really left many fond memories, as all were excellent teachers and truly great people of God. They did everything from teaching, directing the choirs, taking care of alters, directing plays and training the Mass servers. One thinks of them often and the influence they had on your life. Many rural children hadn't attended kindergarten so first grade was their first taste of school. All of the good sisters tried to make you feel as comfortable as possible on that first day.

Transportation to and from was mostly by horse and buggy or cutter in the winter with many children keeping their horse at school all day. In 1926 a horse barn was built for the convenience of those students. Each student was responsible for bringing feed and for feeding his or her horse during noon recess. One little girl, because her caretaker wasn't in school one day, had to feed the horse, as she was about to leave another horse reached over and grabbed her ear lobe and bit it off. After being taken to the doctor, the only consolation she received was "Don't worry about it no one looks at both sided of your head at the same time anyway". In the early days some children stayed right at school, as the two upper class rooms served as a dormitory for boys and girls. The sister's convent was in the school building too. It is said that when the wake up bell rang, the children who stayed there, washed up with cold water and ran down the hill where the toilets were. They also had to run as far as Murry's gate and back before breakfast.

In the 40's transportation was done mostly by cars. Dads that hauled milk to the Halder Cheese Factory, dropped the children off at school. Some walked when the weather was nice, or got rides from neighbors who were picking up their children. In the late 40's a bus owned by Franklin Baker, hauled the children to and from school. It was a small square bus, heated with a blow torch like, heater. He made two trips in the morning and evening. Later the parish pur-

chased their own bus, which John Wagner, Mars Leonard and later Robert Maguire drove. When the Wisconsin school bus law passed, the buses were sold and all children going to St. Robert's School were transported by the Mosinee school district.

Each morning started with Holy Mass being offered in St. Patrick's church. The children would line up in school and march over two by two to the church. They were not allowed to run, or talk. During the winter months, Mass was said in one of the school rooms which had a lovely little chapel. Everyone knelt on the wooden floors. The sisters had a long kneeler which they also used for their private evening prayers. Today the chapel is still intact but never used. After Mass, which was in Latin, the children filed back to school, where they had a breakfast break. Then you had to fast from midnight on, so you could receive Holy Communion. The usual classes of reading, writing, arithmetic were taught, but there were other activities which included art classed and music. When you excelled in your class, you received a gold star or a special holy card of a saint you truly admired. There were 3 grades in one room. First, second and third in one and forth, fifth and sixth in another, seventh and eighth in another and ninth and tenth in the other. Each class consisted of about 39-40 children. It was hard at times to study when other classes were going on, or Sister was talking to them. Sometimes that gave one a chance to whisper or pass a note or two.

The Pastor visited each room once or twice a week for religion and bible study. Every first Thursday, everyone from grades 3-10 filed over to church in grade order for confessions before First Friday.

Recess was always fun. During the winter month, everyone played in the snow. The hills around the school made for nice sliding. Sometimes the girls were afraid to go out, as the boys would throw snow balls at them. That happened mostly when grades lined up for their trip to the toilet. In the 50's bathrooms were installed in school. As soon as the snow melted, jump rope and marbles became the fun. One would see if they could collect the largest amount of marbles. Many students still have their bolders, cat eyes etc., they won in those games.

When the ground was all dry, softball became the game most played. Each room played on their assigned playground, always supervised by the sisters. They even joined in the games. Father Multerer loved the game. While he served as pastor, you could always find him umpiring the boy's games. One story is that Father Cy, from Mosinee came to visit him at noon. Father Multerer told Father Cy to wait till noon hour was over, then he would be free. Father Multerer was always out-doors with the children. They loved to tease him about his Buick car. He in turn liked to pick the boys up by the ears in fun. With due respect, he should be called Msgr. Multerer as he was later made Msgr., but all the priests who served the parish were always Father to the children.

A merry-go-round was added as playground equipment and later swings. The swings were donated to the Halder Lions Club when it was formed and are being enjoyed during ball games today.

There was no hot lunch in the earlier days. Everyone carried their lunch in a lunch box or paper bag. They were left on the hallway on a bench, where the coats and boots were kept.

The Hot Lunch program began sometime in the early fifties. Father Herbert Hoffman was the Pastor then. He saw to it we could get the government help. His housekeeper, Marion Placke, became the first hot lunch cook, with the help of Mrs. John Brusky. They served many nutritious meals. At this time the cook sister was no longer sent here, so the sisters ate their noon meal with the children. A screen was placed around their table for privacy. Later hot lunch cooks were, Lucille Swita, Helen Maguire, Kate Clark, Julia Maguire, Phyllis and Al Brusky.

Of course, there was the usual mischievous behavior. Everyone always liked to get a peak of the sister's living quarters. sometimes the girls took turns watering their flowers. A few boys did get caught roaming around there and all the many children that climbed up in the belfry in church during noon hour, making soup on the cook stoves in the church basement, the dancing to piano music in the auditorium (I guess we thought no one could hear), the smoking in the furnace room and in the cemetery while on a "holy retreat". The graduation class always had a retreat before graduation, along with a "General Confession", what a worry that was. Then there was the young chap, who kept on checking his traps on the way to school only to find a skunk, which he freed and kept going to school. Of course, everyone suffered from the smell all day. He almost was sent home. That was about the extent of trouble one could get into, which always ended with punishment.

As discipline was strict contrary to the present. You were not allowed to talk, or walk around during class. Some forms of punishment were, a crack on the knuckles with the side of a ruler, ears pulled and a good old talking to. If all else failed a visit to the rectory or worse yet, they told your parents. All in all they did produce well behaved pupils.

Mr. John Wagner was janitor for many years. He had a room in the basement, where he stayed in the winter. Both buildings were heated with boilers, so his duties were to keep them going. The church's furnace was started on Thursday in the winter so it was warm by Sunday. Slab wood and coal were used. In 1942 John served his term in the Army and Leo Baur Jr. took over his duties. Other duties were cleaning classrooms and horse's barn, snow shoveling and in general keeping everything working well. Their salary was \$30.00 per month until in the mid-forties it raised to \$40.00 per month.

As the years progressed, the high school was dropped. In 1957 the last class for 9th and 10th grades were held. With an extra classroom, classes were divided into 2 grades in each room.

There were many special events at St. Robert's, such as the plays in the auditorium in spring. The sisters were very talented and made many of the costumes, like ruffled skirts made of crepe paper. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy coming to see the plays.

Also the choir, for Christmas consisted of boys and girls (four part harmony) practiced for hours and the music was beautiful.

Rogation Day was another special day. All the school children marched to the cemetery. Behind the priest and servers, followed by parishoners all singing the "Litany of the Saints" in latin. prayers were for good weather and crops.

In October there was the Living Rosary and in May, May Crowning, with the First Communicants dressed in white and the high school girls in colored formals. The selected Queen wore a white brides dress. She crowned Mary, while everyone sang the beautiful May crowning songs. The pageantry of it was "outstanding".

The sisters prepared the children for the sacraments. Prayers were said over and over so they were memorized and embedded forever in your memory. Then on that special day both you and your parents and the sister beamed with special pride.

In 1969 our first lay teacher was hired. Mrs. Ignatz Michlig taught until the school closed. She was a dedicated teacher. She taught the children to square dance. As time passed the sister shortage was a real concern and in 1968 another lay teacher was hired, Mrs. P. A. Stensberg, as only two sisters were staying here. Mrs. Arnold Miller was hired to teach in 1969. All the lay teachers were beautiful people and St. Robert's welcomed them, and also thanks them for their dedication to the school. I think everyone knew what was in store for St. Robert's School. In 1968 a parish board was formed consisting of Father Brady, Sister Suzanne, John Martin, Arthur Baumann, Leona Dahlke, Elda McHugh, Earl Streveler, Robert Dahlke, Margaret Baur and Francis Fochs. At the close of 1970 school year, after much discussion between the parish board and the Diocesan Board of Education, due to the rising costs and sister shortage, it was decided to close the school. What a major loss this was.

With the closing a very through C.C.D. program was necessary. Sister Florence, who had been at St. Robert's that last year, agreed to take charge of the program, with Father Nelson. This meant begging parents to become involved. The first teachers under her direction were Mrs. John Gorman, Mrs. Joseph Dahlke, Mrs. Henry Martin Barb (Baur) Dahlke, Mrs. Neil Baur, Mrs. James Happli, Mrs. Carol Baumann, Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald, Mrs. Duane Gorman.

Being in-experienced these ladies attended training classes at St. Anthony's Monastery, a total of 6-2 hour sessions were needed to become certified. When school started in the fall of 1971. St. Robert's had something very new. On every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock there were religion classes held in school with Sister Florence coordinator. Sister stayed at St. Mary's in Marathon, so someone had to transport her here each week and the C.C.D. teachers took turns returning her to Marathon when classes were over. She was a great help, without her we could not have done so well. With well over 150 students, the job of doing what the sisters did for nearly 50 years seemed impossible, but with the grace of God, it worked. Mrs. Neil Baur became the next coordinator. Many of the programs such as the living rosary, stations of the cross, conducted by the children, and May crowning, closing each year, are continued as taught by the sisters. After 12 years of coordinator, Mrs. Baur handed the reigns over to Mrs. John Martin, who today is in charge, as classes become smaller. About 30 grade school children attend.

High School C.C.D. was dropped in 1986 and students are transported to Newman High School for their Confirmation training. This year, 1989, the first class was Confirmed of those attending Newman.

Those warm, happy memories come flooding back and all the students and sisters faces, without a doubt, those were the "Best Times of One's Life".

Submitted by Margaret Baur,

With the help of: Joe Martin, Mrs. Joan Bauman, Mr. Francis McHugh, Mrs. Joan Zell, Mrs. Mary Bloom, Mrs. Margaret Garbowski, Michael Maguire and Michael A. Kaiser.



Sister Theodorita-1945
High School Teacher-9th & 10th gr.

- Row 1: John Martin, Norman Wachtl, John Osterbrink, Merlin McHugh, Francis McHugh, Norbert Krieg, Denny Dahlke, Maurice Krieg, Glen Dahlke.
- Row 2: Warren Masanz, Neil Baur, Mark Adams, Jerome Boehm, Streveler, Roger Maguire, Pat Osterbrink, Billy McHugh, Mark Rase.
- Row 3: Sister Paparata, Harriet Wachtl, Faith McHugh, Maryann Connor, Hildagarde Schara, Glorianne Baur, Helen Connor, Margaret Connor, Theresa Masanz, Edith Maguire, Joan Bickel, Lottie Kijak, Verene Kurtzweil.
- Row 4: Anna Jane Obernberger, Beverly Clark, Marion Kennedy, Dolores Baur, Theresa Martin, Dorothy Boehm, Grace Handrick and Helen Wachtl.



May Alter

1940- Flower girls- Veronica Masanz, Mary Ann Streveler
Merlin Maguire, Celeste Martin, x,x, Patty Schedlo, Marion Hensler, Lee Kreig,
Lawrence Connor, Anna Jane Obernberger, x.
Anthony Adams, x, Marlene Dahlke, Jeanette Obermeierm Magdeline Schara, Joann
Maguire, Margaret Obernberger, Daniel McHugh.
Martha Adams, Betty Boehm, Lenore Hytry, Rosemary Hytry, Francis Abel, x, Ann
Maguire, Beatrice Martin, Ann Kowalski and Mable Staeck.



Santa, ?, Bill Newman, Carl
Baumann, Mary Dahlke, Dog-
Robert Nest.



Mary Dahlke &
Robert Nest.
1953



Ray Swita, Ernest soczka, ?,
Mary Dahlke, Marian Austin,
Phyllis Michlig, Robert Nest.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND REPORT

Receipts

School Play, June 1919	\$ 61 00
Picnic 1919	738 85
Sale of Timber	21 66
Picnic 1920	1075 82
Entertainment, Aug. 1920	87 26
Fair, Oct. 1920	914 87
Picnic 1921	706 64
Interest on Liberty Bonds	9 56
Sale of old material	213 15
From Parish Account	1000 00
Subscriptions paid	17680 00
Loans	28600 00
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Depreciation of Liberty Bonds	224 28
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Disbursements

School Building	\$41788 29
Heating and Plumbing	5950 00
Well	1274 45
Engine and Pump Jack	79 00
Pumps (2) and piping	169 50
Lightning Rods	175 00
Lumber for outhouses	106 61
Labor on outhouses and furniture	135 00
Insurance on School	350 00
Black Boards	120 14
School Desks	347 50
Altar and Art Glass	162 14
Paid to Parish Account	220 90
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	\$50,884 53



After three short but fruitful years' teaching as a sister of the Franciscan Order of Perpetual Adoration, Sister Mary Emmett, 29, succumbed Saturday morning, Dec. 24, in St Francis' hospital, La Crosse.

Sister Emmett, the former Mary Ellen Anthony, was graduated from Aquinas high school in La Crosse in 1939 and entered the convent Aug. 15 of that year. She was professed in August, 1941, and took her final vows as Sister Mary Emmett Aug. 9, 1947.

Before her profession she spent three years teaching at Auburndale, and later at Loyal. Until her illness in November, Sister Mary Emmett taught in Halder. All her teaching posts were within the Diocese of La Crosse.

Sister Emmett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emmett Anthony of 525 N. 24th street, La Crosse. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, Emmett and Kenneth; and three sisters, Roberta, Rita Jeanne, and Monica. Funeral services for the deceased nun were held in Marie Angelorum chapel in St. Rose's convent Tuesday morning, Dec. 27.



Sister M. Charista

1972



Sister Emmanuel, (Agatha Krieg), Sister Lourde, Sister Alexine & Sister Rita. Christmas Party.

Sister Alexine's Classroom-3rd, 4th & 5th Grades.

1st Row- Front to Back: Susan Obermeier, Lorraine Schedlo, Mary Dahlke, Keith Krieg, Kenneth Brusky, Carl Stankowski, Mary Alice Maguire, Robert Streveler, Michael Kaiser.
 2nd Row- Front to Back: Nancy Hirsch, Thomas Soczka, Earl Baumann, Carl Belohlavek, Catherine Austin, James Belohlavek, Mary Katherine Streveler, John Steder.
 3rd Row-Front to Back: Marie Fochs, Patricia Krieg, Mary Daul, Audrey Hirsch, Bernard Daul.
 4th Row, Front to Back: Joan Wolowick, Helen McHugh, Carol Schara, George Griesmer.
 Standing-Left to Right: Duane Schara, Richard Masanz, Betty Murry, Gregory Kaiser, Billy Baumann, Diane Fochs, Carol Streveler, Judy Stankowski, Deidre Clark, Edwin Schwartz, Marvin Schara, Ernest Soczka, David Kaiser and Adrian Michlig.



Sisters Alexine, Mardella, Rita & Dennis.

Last Graduation Class-1969

Row 1: Roselie Brusky, Jeffery Novitzke, Judy Hytry, Michael Maguire, Fr. Brady.
 Row 2: Sister M. Susanne, Mitchle Maguire, Debbie Simonton, Michael soczka.
 Row 3: Elizabeth Krieg, Brian Deiler and Judy Taylor.



Sisters Austina, Carmel, Rita and Jeremy.

Class of 1971

The first 1st Holy Communion Class of St Robert's C.C.D. Classes,
 Back Row: Jerome Draves, Roger Stankowski, Richard Miller, Ref. George Nelson, Ernest Stankowski Jr., Bernard Stankowski.
 Second Row: Keith Michlig, Robert Taylor, Terri Dahlke, Donna Baumann, Claudette Kusiak, Laurie Miller, Alan McHugh, James Nest.
 Front Row: Kurt Wozniak, Ann Gorman, Geraldine Bohman, Julie Walker, Thomas Baur, David Strasser. Teacher, Leona Dahlke.



C.C.D. children helping Father Nelson celebrate his 35th Ordination Anniversary- Mrs. Jim Happli, Barb Baur and Nancy Gorman (teachers).



1965-May Crowning- Margaret Maguire, Diane Lang, Mondelle Maguire-Grace Fochs with Georgene Baumann-Crowning Mary.



4th grade C.C.D. Class with Lenten Cross they constructed. Back Row: Ted Kijak, Bernard Martin, Cindy Kusiak, Mike Daul, Mike Maguire, Bruce Baur & Dorene Dahlke. 2nd Row: John Draves, Lisa Brusky, Jacky Taylor, Marietta Maguire, Genny Maguire, Debbie Osterbrink. 1974



C.C.D. learning 10 comandments. Mrs. Neil Baur, instructor.



Janet Happli, Louise Dahlke, Lisa Kaiser, Joseph & Brian Streveler. Singers: Bernard Martin, Bruce Baur, Mike Maguire, Beth Benz. Shephards: Terry Johnson, Kevin Streveler, Dick Maguire, Brendon Maguire & Matt Burger. Christmas Play by C.C.D.



Singers: Genny Maguire, Beth Benz, St. Patrick's Crib. Bernard Martin, Bruce Baur, Mike Maguire & Bob Murry. Players: Dorene Dahlke, Mary Martin Karen Daul: (violin). Christmas Play.



Charles Benz as Joseph & Kristine Obernberger as Mary. 1981 Christmas Play.



OVER 300 AT EMMET HALL DEDICATION

CONDITION OF ROADS HALTS FULL ATTENDANCE; MANY UNABLE TO ATTEND

SPEAKERS LAUD JOB

Dinner and Program is Followed by Dance
Local School Adds to Entertainment

The new town of Emmet hall, recently completed at a cost of \$24,000 as a PWA project was officially dedicated with a dinner, program and dance held in the new structure Thursday night at Halder.

A near capacity crowd, estimated at about 300 persons, was present at the dinner and program. Outside communities were well represented. The city of Mosinee delegation, the largest outside group present, numbered 62 persons, exclusive of the Mosinee high school band which was there in full strength to furnish music for the occasion.

The condition of sideroads and highways almost impassible at some points because of ruts and soft spots, prevented a capacity attendance at the dinner, it was believed.

A program, which featured brief talks by local personages and visitors and vocal and instrumental numbers by members of the high school band, followed the dinner, served by the ladies of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Halder. The Rev. W. Multerer, St. Patrick's pastor, acted as master of ceremonies.

Louis Ahlquist, town of Emmet chairman, first speaker called upon by Father Multerer, thanked the hearers for coming to the dedication.

Speaking of the new building he said that if compliments were to be passed out they should go to the town advisory committee of seven members which worked with the town board on the project.

"The hall is opened to the public and we want all of you to come out here often. We will assure you a good time and the best of order." he concluded.

Following the chairman's remarks, Father Multerer introduced members of the town of Emmet board, among them John M. Connor and Frank Maguire, clerk, and Ed. McHugh, treasurer.

Gus Krasin, Marshfield, architect on the project, called upon for a short talk, briefly traced the history and details of the project and expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation which existed between town officials and the various contracting firms taking part in the construction. "I hope you make use of

this fine building the year round and that you will get full enjoyment from it." he said.

Charles Lang, Wausau, general contractor for the construction of the building, also made comment of the spirit of cooperation which he said, "included everybody connected with the work, down to the last man."

"We had no slackers on the job," Lang said. "You won't find no slackers in a farming community. All the men were hard, willing workers."

Referring to the hall, he stated that it should be of valuable use particularly to the youth of the community. The children of today have different problems to face than the children of the last generation. Anything done to help our children of the last generation is a real constructive effort.

Charles Sargent, representing the National Heating Company, Wausau, who installed the heating, Peter Polster, Stratford, electrical contractor on the project, and Lester Manteufel, Wausau, resident PWA engineer and inspector, were introduced by the toastmaster following Lang's remarks.

William Moore, county superintendent of schools, termed the new hall "a symbol of community cooperation."

"You have provided a wholesome place of recreation for young and old," he told town of Emmet citizens. "The use of this building will furnish an outlet particularly for excess youthful energies. May this community go forward as it has in the past."

County Judge Frank P. Regner termed Emmet people "real American citizens" "You have shown a fine spirit of citizenship in building up your community, your church and your school and now this splendid hall," he said. "I congratulate you."

Recalling the old days when the Emmet community was of different appearance than it is today, George Cook, Unity, veteran county board member, extended his congratulations to Emmet citizens for the progress made in the past as well as the present.

Speaking in behalf of the Mosinee delegation, Fred W. Fisler, Mosinee Advancement association president, stated that the new community building was "really something to talk about."

"We from Mosinee have always regarded you as good neighbors and friends," he told Emmet citizens. "This is a happy occasion and we feel that we want to be happy with you."

Fred Nuxoll, president of the village of Marathon City, and C. J. McAleavy, county 4-H club director, called upon for remarks, also extended their congratulations to the town of Emmet citizens in behalf of their respective organizations.

Vocal and instrumental numbers presented during the course of the program included a saxophone solo by Patricia Doherty, selections by the high school boy's glee club and vocal selections by a boys trio made up of Gilbert Hendricks, Raymond Brose and Leo Fobart.

The high school band played numerous selections while the dinner was served.

In behalf of the town of Emmet, Father Multerer thanked the various persons and organizations who assisted in arranging for the dedication and making its success possible.

Courtesy of the Mosinee Times

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - August 20, 1938

Labor Rates per Hour

Asbestos worker	\$.75
Boiler maker	.80
Brick layer	1.12 1/2
Carpenters	.75
Caulking men	.75
Cement finishers	.65
Composition tile layer	.70
Cut stone setters, mason	1.12 1/2
Dynamite men, blasters	1.00
Electricians	.75
Glaziers	.75
Iron workers rivetors	.80
Lather	.80
Painting and varnishing	.75
Linoleum floor layers	.75
Plasters	1.12 1/2
Plumbers	.75
Roofers	.75
Sheet metal workers	.75
Steam fitter	.75
Stone cutters	1.00
Terrazzo mechanic	1.00
Tile setter	1.00
Tuckpointers	1.00
Welder	1.00
Shovel operators, 3/4 yard or less	.75

Be it further resolved that the foregoing hourly wage rates for the respective trade or occupations listed above shall and are hereby fixed as a minimum hourly wage rate for all employees in each trade and occupation that will be engaged in work of said project



Louis Hart delivering mail during winter months in the early era of the Town of Emmet. Photo also shows buildings of Theresa Schedlo, 4488 Fairview Rd. The mail in this area was serviced by the Edgar Postoffice.



Fred Kroll with his horse and carriage delivering mail on his route started in 1919. He served much of the southern part of the Town of Emmet. This was then called the Dancy Route 2 area and was serviced out of the Dancy postoffice.

Some Interesting Figures

Total miles traveled 620,450,
a little short of going around the earth
25 times.

On this long, long trip there
were 3,281,800 boxes and the popula-
tion was 13,127,200.

It took 16,409 working days to
make this trip. It started on April 16,
1917, and 43 years, 7 months, and 14
days later I reached the last mail box
on November 30, 1960, at the age of
70 years and 26 days.



*Thanks to all my patrons for
your thoughtfulness and con-
sideration, the many nice ways
you have helped me during
the years of bringing your mail
to you. Now that I'm retiring,
I'd like to say it's been a lot
of fun, and a real privilege
to have served you fine folks
all these years.*

*Thanks again for everything
and best wishes to you and
your family.*

*Your Mailman
Fred Kroll*



Mail Man, Fred Kroll delivered new chicks to Maggie (Leo) Maguire.
Pictured are: Tim, Fred Kroll, Maggie, Donna and Patricia. They
are the children of James and Dolores Maguire.



The "Cat" - Art Ahlquist, Operator

V-7 plow and diesel Fifty 1E1533 sold to the Town of Emmet near Wausau, Wis., by Otto Schaekel of Brebner-Binz Mach. Co. During the snow season of 1936 and 37 this tractor and plow operated in snow removal over 600 hours without one minute's time off for repairs on either tractor or plow. In their operation they plowed drifts as deep as 10 feet, and all their plowing was extra heavy due to the excessive amount of moisture in the snow, but the old "Cat" and LaPlant-Chaote plow always came through. The plow was new in the fall of '36, but at the beginning of the snow season the tractor had had over 3,000 hours of operation, and on May 22, the tractor had operated approximately 4,000 hours with no repair expense to date. Operating costs in snow removal were 25 gal. of fuel oil every 11 hours of operation. No cylinder oil added except for regular motor change every 60 hours. Used during 600 hours of plowing 10 gal. of oil hydraulic unit on the plow at a cost of 63¢ per gal.

In benching they handled 4 ft. banks in high and with wings spread they would open a full width of plow and wings in high in 2 ft. snow.

This outfit alone, took care of 87½ miles of tough roads due to large cuts in rolling territory. They not only kept the 45 miles of road open in the town of Emmet, Wis., but also took care of 14½ miles in the town of Mosinee, Wis., and 28 miles in the town of Cassel with occasional widening for other towns. The town of Cassel tried to keep their roads open via truck, but gave up early in the season and hired the Emmet tractor outfit. During the season they opened up 216 farm drive-ways at a charge to the farmer of 40¢ each.

The cost of the "Cat" was \$4,781.00, and the snow plow \$2,123.00.



Albert Griesmer with 1926 John Deere and home made plow. Plowing some town roads in his area.

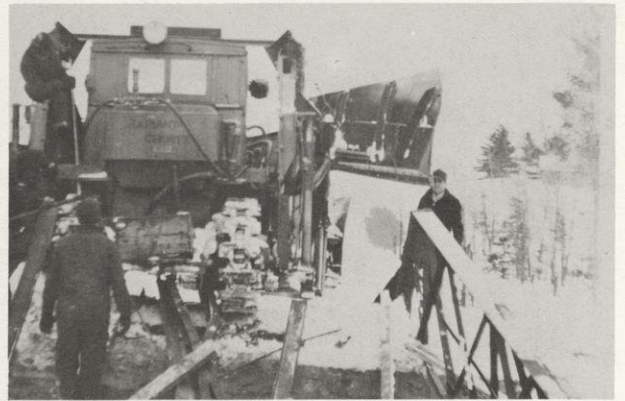


Late 30's-- Opening up the roads after snow storm--Albert Griesmer-left



1989 employees--Zig Kusiak and Kenneth Kurtzweil.

1948



Crew raising "Cat" from collapsed bridge



Crew setting street culvert together.



Bridge out on Hilltop Road 1958



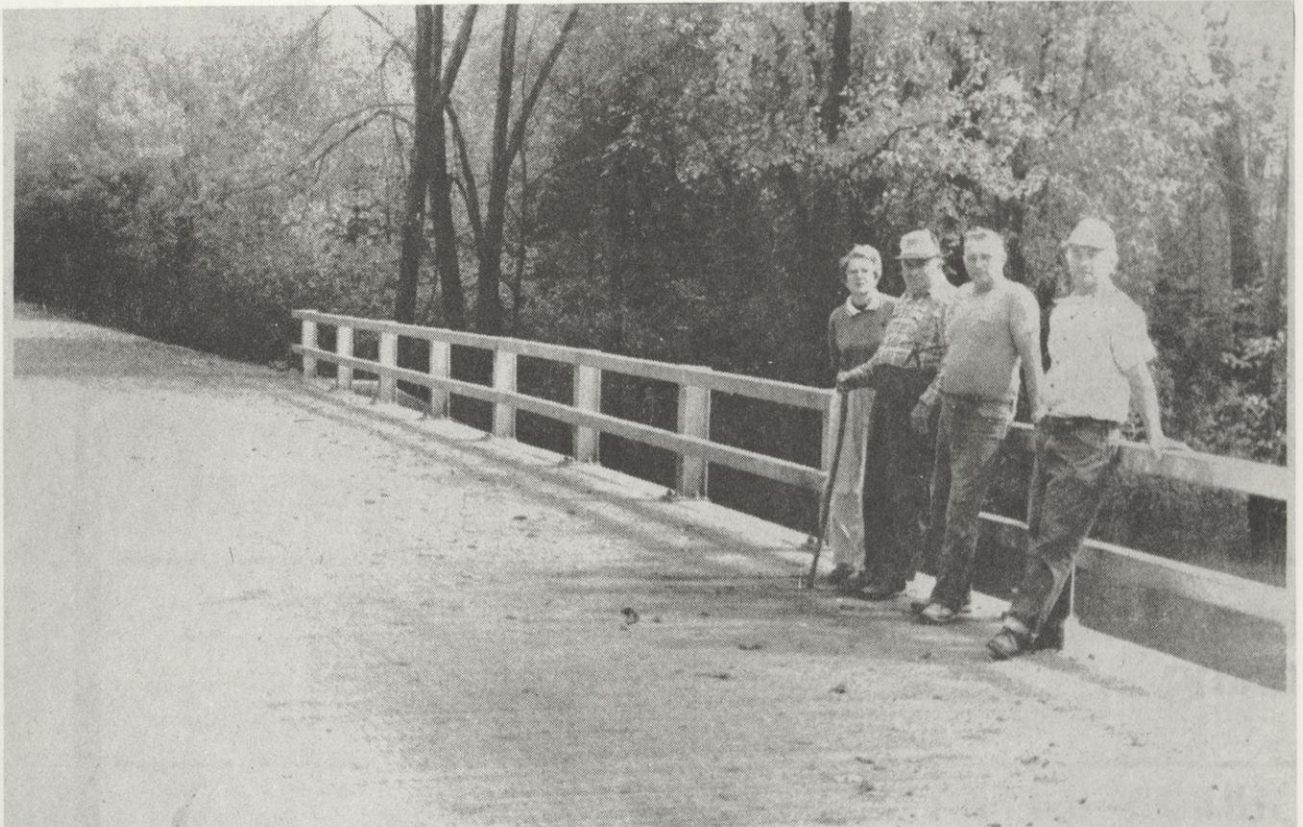
Town's 555 Wabco Grader-Neil Baur in the cab. Present operator Zig Kusiak. 1974



Modern Granite operation. 1989



Working on the "Freeman's Creek Bridge" on Sugar Bush Road--1986



Town Of Emmet Bridge Completed

The bridge crossing Freeman's Creek on Sugarbush Rd. in the Town of Emmet has been completed about a month ahead of schedule. The 24x80 foot span replaces a 16x38 foot bridge that stood at the site for many years. The town's share of the project will be about \$12,000.00.

Pictured above looking over the bridge are: L to R, Floreine Kurtzweil, town supervisor, Gerald Fitzgerald, town chairman, Frank Zebro, town clerk, and N Baur, town supervisor.

THE TOWN LANDFILL

Most of the garbage and refuse of town residents was disposed of by taking it out on your own back forty or the old stone pile. The Town Board noted there was a need for a centralized site for the convenience of town residents to take their refuse and debris rather than cluttering up all properties.

It was in 1951 that the Town Board posted a notice that would allow dumping on a parcel the town owned in section 13 in an area where granite had been quarried.

This method, though it had its pitfalls, did provide a location for dumping. There was no order of dumping. Paper and other materials were scattered throughout the area, leaving an unsightly mess. Probably about once annually a bulldozer would be hired to push the debris to one area to make room for more scattering.

In 1971, the Department of Natural Resources issued rules and regulations governing landfills, or operations such as were going on here and at other landfills would have to cease.

The regulations stated mainly that an attendant would have to be posted. Open burning would be allowed and covering would have to be done monthly, except in the winter months. Things went along well until 1976, when the D.N.R. issued an order stating the landfill would have to close within 6 months from date of notice. The town had 15 days to appeal this order, which it did.

It was to nobody's surprise that the D.N.R. examiner ruled that the evidence presented by the D.N.R. investigators was proof and evidence that indeed the landfill was creating problems, and would have to be closed.

This information was passed along to the people of the town at the annual meeting and the question was presented as to what direction the Town Board should take, surrender, or keep on fighting.

By unanimous vote the Town Board was ordered to fight the closure order so the landfill could remain open and continue to serve the town needs.

The case was finally resolved in the courts, where the judge ruled that the D.N.R. did not have sufficient evidence or did adequate testing to force closure of the site. Thus the town has continued to operate until present and is continually serving from 35 to 40 residents weekly.

This however, does not have a happy ending. Now big brother E.P.A. has issued regulations that will make it prohibitive for towns to meet the required compliance, so the Town Board will be making plans for closure of the landfill in 1989-90.

So as in the case of the corner cheese factories and the rural schools, another era is forced to come to an end, which has served the people's needs well.

By Frank Zebro



John Obernberger, right
Landfill attendant from
March 1971 to Nov. 1985.



The town purchased this old
van for shelter for the land-
fill operator. It had a wood
stove and salvage brought in
was used for heat. Vandals
destroyed this by fire.



Ray McHugh took over in Dec. 1985.
Only the 2nd attendant in 18 years.



Ray McHugh built portable shelter
which he transports to & from
the landfill. Vandals haven't
caught him yet.

Rupert Kurtzweil Jr.
Patricia A. Kurtzweil
Douglas J. Kurtzweil
James L. Kurtzweil
Carl W. Moeller

Kurtzweil Appraisals Inc.

5022 Fairview Road
Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

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The local assessment force: Left to right, Jim Kurtzweil, Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. and Carl Moeller

Born of necessity in the 1970s, due to mandates calling for State of Wisconsin Certification of all Assessors, KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. is a localized property tax assessment firm operating in 33 municipalities in Marathon County including two cities, four villages, and 27 townships, plus two villages and six townships in Portage County. In addition, Doug Kurtzweil independently operates in 12 municipalities in the Hayward area, where he resides near the Chippewa Flowage. The combined totals of Marathon and Portage counties alone, make this firm the largest private assessment service in the entire State in the number of municipalities served.

KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC., since its founding, has never been asked to discontinue service to a municipality after performing a service, whether the original agreement has been for maintenance or revaluation. Conversely, KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. has never asked to be relieved of its responsibilities, thereby providing stability to the local assessment process.

KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. offers maintenance of existing assessment rolls for the municipalities with an annual visit to each of the premises within the municipality in an effort to maintain the highest possible level of contact with the taxpayers. In addition, KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. performs several total reassessments of municipalities each year, preparing a complete and accurate card file for each parcel of land and each improvement.

KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. is a family-oriented service business founded by Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. and employs only members or adopted members of the family, permitting the responsibility of the operation to be directly centered. This has been proven to be an invaluable asset and is probably the greatest single factor in the success of the business.

KURTZWEIL APPRAISALS, INC. believes strongly in local control of the property tax assessment system. Rupert Kurtzweil, Jr. is presently serving on a State-wide committee for approval of the continuing education courses for local assessors as a representative of the Wisconsin Towns Association. Rupert also serves on another State-wide committee to improve the image of the rural assessor at the request of the Wisconsin Association of Assessing Officers.

In addition, Rupert also is under contract with two cities, three villages, and five townships as a Wisconsin Certified Bldg. Inspector to administer the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code. He also serves on the Marathon Cty. Zoning Dept. Board of Adjustment as an appointee of the Marathon Cty. Board.



Residence and Offices, 1989

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE

William Kennedy
Thomas Clark

as principal and _____ as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Wisconsin John Hewell, Treasurer of the Town of Emmet in Marathon County, and State of Wisconsin in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid to said Treasurer, or his successor in office for which payment well and truly to be made, we hereby bind our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally by these present.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 30th day of May, 1889.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said William Kennedy has made application to Board of Supervisors of Town of Emmet aforesaid for License to keep a saloon within the limits of said Town for the sale of strong spiritiours, ardent and intoxicating liquors to be drunk on said premises, in a quantity less than one gallon and on the North E 1/4 of Sec. 26 Township 27 R5E. Whereas said Board of Supervisors has determined to grant to the said Wm Kennedy such license upon the said Condition filing in accordance with law such bond as is required by the Board in such case. Made and provided that Wm Kennedy shall during the continuance of his license so to be granted as foresaid, keep and maintain an orderly and well-regulated house; if he shall permit no gambling with cards or dice or any other device or implements used for that purpose, within his grocery, saloon, shop or building of any name whatsoever kept by him or within any outhouse yard or shed appertaining to the same and shall observe and obey all requirements of the Board of Supervisors of said Town of Emmet or any member thereof made in pursuance of Chapter 35, of the Revised Statues of the State of Wisconsin or any act amendatory thereof, then this obligation to be null and void; otherewise to be of full force and effect

Executed in the presence of

Thomas Hayes
John Kennedy

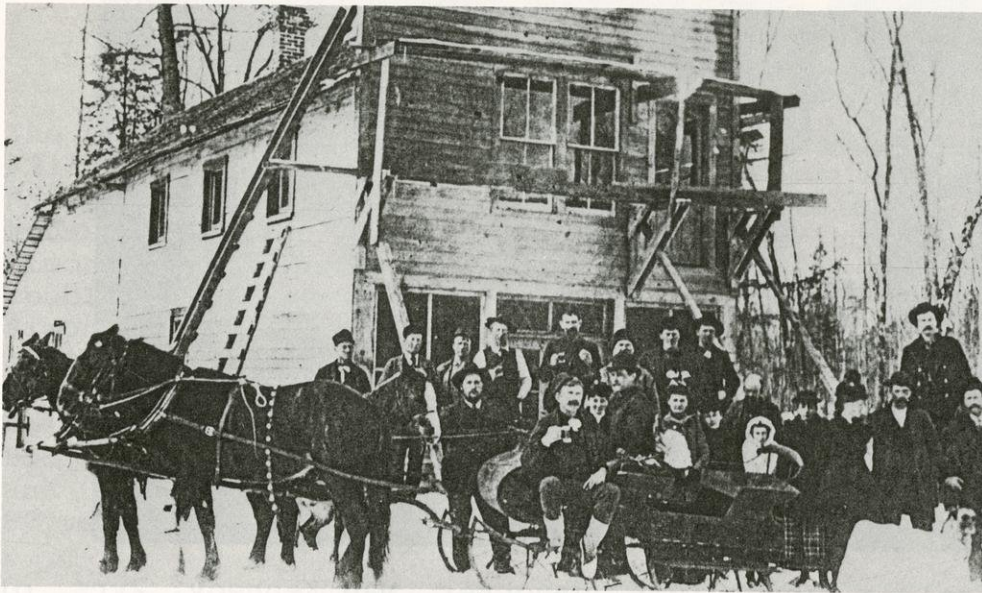
SEAL William Kennedy
SEAL Thomas Clark
John Hewell SEAL

State of Wisconsin

Marathon County, the sureties named in the above obligation being first duly sworn, on oath each for himself, says that he is worth over and above all debts exemption by law, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 30 day of May A.D. 1889
We hereby approve of the sureties of the above bond

Felix Maguire Ch.
William Reece Super Supervisors of Town of Emmet
James Kennedy Super



Building
Wm. Kennedy's
1st. tavern

1910

Joe Staeck's
Saloon



Customers: Simon Baur-Chet Dillon-George Michal-Wm. & Tim Kennedy,
Rich. LaCharity, Ben Staeck, John Michal, John Masanz & Wm. Kurtzweil



1908

John Foubear
Tavern & Rooming
House

(South side of
street)

Standing with Bicycle: John Michal, Behind him to right John Masanz,
to left is Geo. Michal-the rest are unidentified.



John Kennedy's saloon, about 1915, daughter, Mae Kennedy, 2yrs. old, standing on the bar. Left to right: Pete Wilson, Al Schmidt & Tim Kennedy - John Kennedy behind the bar.



John Kennedy's Tavern, later Jack Deiler's



Ben Staeck & Ed Kennedy



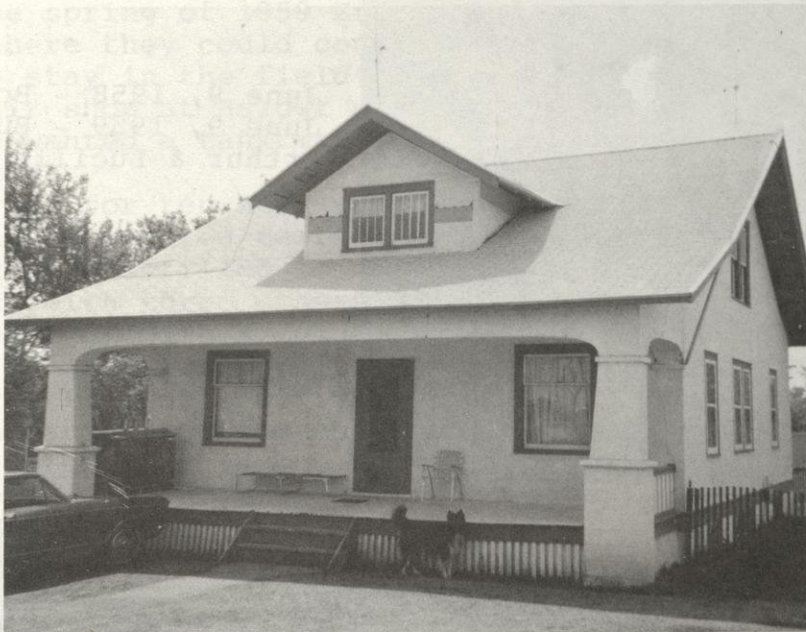
Bottom: Joe Streveler
2nd Row: John Kennedy & Louis Kurtzweil
3rd Row: Simon Baur, Wm. R. Dahlke



Jack Deiler Tavern, now
Halder Beach Club

BOB AND JANE DOLL TAVERN & RESIDENCE

The house next door to Bob & Jane's Bar, Halder, was built in 1916 by Jacob Kurtzweil, who lived there until he went to Manitowoc where he became a shipbuilder during World War I. The house was bought by Bill Dahlke, who later sold it to Simon Baur. Simon lived downstairs and rented out the upstairs to various couples. John Kennedy purchased the house after the death of Simon Baur - Kennedy remained in the house until his death in 1960. The house was vacant until 1963 when Harold and Mae Kelbley bought it. In 1969, the house was rented by Bob and Jane Doll, and later purchased along with the tavern. The Dolls - Bob and Jane, and their children - Stacy(16), Chad(13), Scott(12), and Danny(6) still reside in the house along with Mrs. Doll's 87 year old father, Ervin Bilgrien.



Doll Home

The tavern in Halder now known as Bob & Jane's Bar was built in 1902 - by Nick Streveler. He ran it as a mercantile store and he sold almost everything. Nick stayed in the store until the early 30s when his son-in-law, Ellis Bower, assumed ownership. Bower wanted a license for a tavern but Town Chairman, Louis Ahlquist, didn't think there was business enough in Halder for two taverns. Townspeople put pressure on Ahlquist, and Bower got his license. The bar was later rented by Charlie Schroeder who ran it until 1942. Then it was rented by Phil Kohl and his wife until 1944.

In 1944 it was bought by Rudy Karlen who ran it until 1947 when he sold it to Clayton Blonien. Blonien ran it as a store and

tavern and later added a bowling alley. Blonien later took the bowling alley out - and the property was sold to Art and Lucille Hirsch in 1958. A fire started by lightning in June of 1959. Art Hirsch tore down the remains of the fire and ran the tavern from the bowling alley portion.

In 1963, Hirsch sold out to Harold and Mae Kelbley - after the Kelbley's death in 1967, the tavern was run by the two Kelbley sons - "Porky" and Joe. On August 15, 1969, Bob and Jane Doll leased the bar and later purchased it in 1971. They are still the present owners.



June 9, 1958 - Bought
June 9, 1959 - Burned
Arthur & Lucille Hirsch



Bob & Jane's Bar

From a Garage in Halder to Business Nationwide

The Story of Schuld Mfg. Company, Inc.

The fabulous success story of the Schuld brothers who manufacture bulk storage tanks here in Mosinee with their parent shop located on the corner of 153 and Highway 51, was fraught with many setbacks and struggles in its early beginning.

A partnership was formed between LaVern, Leo and Ernest Schuld back in May of 1958 when they first proposed to manufacture something for the farm with an early attempt to produce a watering unit for use where water was not otherwise available. After the first five months, LaVern who was the oldest, returned to engineering studies at Madison.

At this point the brothers had been working from the family garage in Marshfield. Ernest went to Milwaukee to work until spring and Leo, who was married, stayed on in Marshfield.

In the spring of 1959 Ernest and Leo began to look for a small building where they could continue with their dream, LaVern having decided to stay in the field of engineering. They moved into a small repair shop at Halder where they were approached by a feed dealer who wanted a tank made to certain specifications for storage of bulk feed.

An order for ten such was placed but after one was in operation it was discovered certain feeds would not flow readily and once the tank was filled it could not be emptied. Six units had been built, with three others having been delivered.

Leo came up with a solution to this problem and it is the device of an agitator consisting of a shaft down through center of the hopper with chains affixed to it of varying lengths which established the fantastic success of their product today.

This enterprise is now known as "Imperial Industries Inc." and is located in the Town of Kronenwetter. It is now owned by Ed. and Bill Creske.



The Garage in Halder where Schuld Mfg. got its start.

South Emmet Cheese Factory Co-op 1919



When the farmers organized the factory, the shares were \$50.00 apiece, any one could buy a share. The factory went well, John Maguire was the president, John Clark the treasurer, Bill Krieg the secretary and Ed. Kurtzweil, Joe Condon and Frank Krieg the directors.

Joe Baur was the first Cheese Maker. Later on they had two vats. Ed Kroening and Alvin Staeck worked the two vats. The factory paid a dividend then.

The next cheese Maker was Bob Fuller. He made cheese until 1935. Then a Mr. Schroeder took over. He made very good cheese. His wife was partially paralyzed. He was short and had to have a platform along both sides of the vat to stand on.

Joe Streveler rented the factory in 1937. In the fall of 1939 the factory was sold to Frank Bickel, the value if the factory was down. Mr. Bickel had to put in a new boiler, new vats and a new separator.

William Wolowick bought the factory next. When he quit, the milk went to Clearfield near Marathon. Finally Dale Simonton bought the house and the factory was torn down and a garage was built onto the house.



Joe Streveler, Cheese Maker

Cedar Hedge Co-op



Articles of incorporation filed with the State of Wisconsin on March 3, 1947.

Persons forming this association:

John Handrick
John Newman
George Masanz
Howard Austin
William Nest

John Newman was Secretary-Trustee until 1966.

Mark Kafka-1966 until closing 1970.

Julius Mellanthin was the last Cheese Maker

Closed June 30, 1970.

Halder Co-op Dairy, Halder Drive
by Diane Knetter



Life in the early 1900's was not the easy life we know today. Nick Streveler and others like him had to be very strong people. Nick Streveler started the first milk processing plant in Halder in 1907. Later on the farmers purchased the plant from him in 1919.

The original articles of the Halder Dairy Co. were set up by William Dahlke, John Belohlavek and John M. Kurtzweil, and signed October 18, 1919.

On January 4, 1940 the Halder Dairy Co. was converted into a Co-operative association, changing the name to the Halder Co-operative Dairy Company.

Late in 1960 the plant was destroyed by fire. On January 25, 1961, Joe Burger was hired to rebuild the plant. Along with donated help of a lot of the producers, the plant was rebuilt. One of the changes we saw in 1973 was the switch from using milk cans to haul our milk in, to buying and installing bulk tanks. Most of the farmers had to build new milk houses to accomodate the large bulk tanks.

Because of the low volume of milk and the falling farm prices, the plant was closed, November 15, 1985.

The Co-op enjoyed some of its best years in the 50's and early 60's, again in the 70's and early 80's. One of the better years of the Co-op was 1981, with total sales of \$2,806,062.00 going to 62 producers.



Halder Co-op Dairy Fire 1960



Rebuilding of the Co-op 1961

There are two other Cheese Factories that operated in the Town of Emmet, both being constructed in the early 1900's. Our Ladie's Cheese Factory was built by Nic Streveler in 1916 and was located on the corner of State Highway 153 and County Highway H. Elizabeth Streveler, Nic's daughter was the first cheesemaker there, and had the helping hand of her sister Josephine (McHugh). Their daily output amounted to eight to ten, twenty lb. lugs of cheese per day. They lived upstairs above the factory until the disturbing noise frightened them one evening and they packed up and moved across the road to stay with the John Masanz household. The last known owner was an Alberct and operated it into the 1940's

The other little factory had a short life span and was located in Krejci City which is a small parcel of land located in the extreme northwest corner of the Town of Emmet at the junction of County Highway P and H. Ignatius Krejeci purchased this small parcel from Mike Alt on which he erected a small cheese factory and saloon in about 1914. From information received from Peter Kuyoth, this factory operated one small vat and made cheese here about three years. After production ceased, the building was razed by Paul Weisman, who built a shed for storage on his farm. The saloon was moved across the road into the Town of Wein and served as Jack Kuyoth's first repair shop.

Leo Knetter then purchased the land and moved a small house from the Town of Cassel onto the property and began operating a tavern. He made several additions onto the dwelling in latter years. The present owner is LeRoy Woldt.



Jerome & Lillian Sonnentag
Jerome-Former Town Chairman



Descendants of George Halder, after whom the village was named, participated in the centennial celebration of St. Patrick church, Halder. In wheel chair, Eleas Simonis of Rosholt, a great grandson, and his wife at left. Standing in rear, Rita Halder Huppert of River Falls, her father Frank Halder of Bird Island, Minn.; and Mrs. Frank Halder; Mrs. and Mr. Israel Halder of Pocahontas, Iowa. Frank and Israel are grandsons of George Halder.

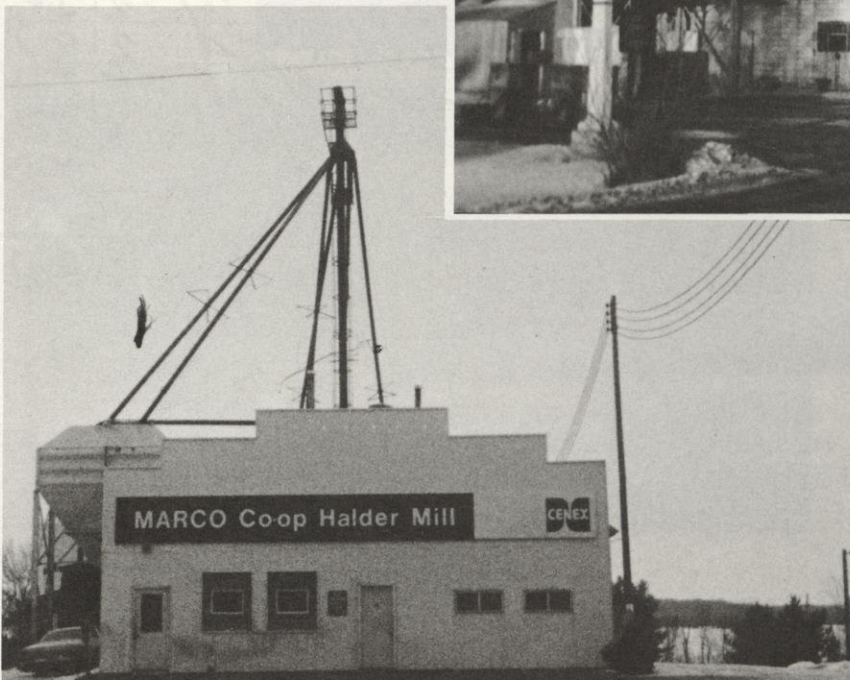
Marco Farmers' Union Co-operative
3412 Halder Drive, Mosinee, WI

This building was originally built by William Dahlke. It was a garage and an auto dealership for Hudson cars. It was also a sort of a variety store, at which an assortment of hard goods for that particular era could be purchased and a variety of seed and feed were also available.

It was acquired by the Farmers' Union Oil Company Co-operative better known today as the Marco Co-op Halder Branch in 1945. At that time the feed grinder and the diesel engine to run it, and a one and a half ton mixer were located from the red barn to this location. In 1954 an elevator, an auger and inside bulk bins were installed. In 1962 three bulk tanks for storing feed were installed. In 1972 a new elevator and a new eight ton mixer and addition as holding tanks were installed. During the 1980's a Self Service cardtrol fuel system was installed and the building was given its present face lift.

Today its primary function is the grinding and processing of animal feeds. Along with the Self Service cardtrol fuel system, a garage service area is available. Commodities which include a variety of feeds, fertilizer, seeds, tires, petroleum products, plumbing, electrical, auto accessories and hardware items can be purchased by the local patrons.

Marco F. U. Co-op



This little red barn was built by Phillip Maguire, who milked a small herd of cows in it. Later it was converted to a sawmill, and operated by Frank Maguire. At a later date it was once more converted, at that time to a feed mill, which was known as the Halder Feed Mill, also operated by Frank Maguire.

In 1943 it was purchased by the Marco Co-op, which utilized it as a feed mill until 1945. Now it is basically used to store fertilizer.

A partial list of the employees that were known to have worked for the Marco Halder Branch through the years is as follows: Ludwig Martin, John Emmon, Louis Kusiak, Joseph Martin, Jack Dahlke, Clarence Streveler, Nan Streveler, Mars Leonard, Neil Baur, Leo Daul, Elmer Daul, Keith McHugh, Richard Suebert, Alfred Hendrick, Henry Martin, Frank Heil, LeRoy Heil, James Schantz, Cecil Dahlke, Arthur Connor, Joseph Banz, Patrick Osterbrink, Kurt Wozniak, Michael Daul, Michael Gorman, Norman Lemmer and there are those whom we cannot readily recollect.

Some of the Emmet personnel who served on the board of directors of Marco include, Frank Krieg, Frank Krieg Jr. John B. Martin Lawrence Murry and Mike Maguire. William Zenner also served as General Manager from 1950 to 1961. The present manager is Todd Rosvold.



Barn built by Phillip Maguire, now used for storing Fertilizer.

Marathon Co. Farmers Union Coop. Oil Co.

Marathon, Wisc., 2/24/1945

Name Mr. Kusiak

Address Marion

300	Corn	630
100	Wheat	225
100	Wheat	230
100	Wheat	225
100	Wheat	225
100	Wheat	225
100	Wheat	225
		75
		1960

paid

07071

FEED DEPT.

L. & J. Feeds



John Swiderski built the Halder milling Company in 1948. He operated it until 1951, when he sold it to Charles and Lucille Swita, who operated it until 1967. Gaylord Falks bought it in 1967 and operated it until he sold it to Leo and Janice Michlig in 1978. They have owned and operated it since. The name has been changed to "L. & J. Feeds".



Halder Beach Club
(owned by Chris Lechnir)

Bob & Jane's
(owned by Bob & Jane Doll)

John & Martin Wagner

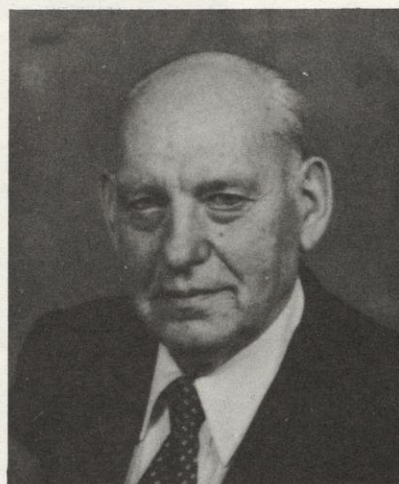


John Wagner Left and Martin Wagner right, have provided many services to people in the area. Besides operating a large farm with other members of the family, Martin make the rounds to farmers to shoe horses. He also custom sawed firewood throughout the area for many years, usually starting in early fall and continuing all through the winter. He also operated a repair shop, repairing and sharpening plow points, by heating them on his forge, besides welding and building wagons. He did custom chopping, combining and corn picking. He served as Town of Emmet supervisor and director for the Halder Dairy Co-op.

John Wagner was custodian at St. Robert's School, and boarded there during the winter months, to keep the fires burning for heating the school. He was a faithful Treasurer of the Halder Baseball Club. They both served as ushers at St. Patrick's Church and as Father Nelson said "They're the pillars of the church".

Jacob Vetter

Jake began barbering in Halder in 1928, in a little room off the barroom in the tavern that is now the Halder Beach Club. He concluded his service here in 1969 for a total of 41 years of journey to Halder every Tuesday and Thursday. When he began, the price of a haircut was 25¢ and when concluded he was charging 75¢ per haircut. Jake states that his busiest days were prior to Holidays. He remembers starting at 1:00 P.M. one day and cut hair continuously until 2:30 A.M. When he finished he had a total of forty haircuts for the day. "Shear was a long day".



Jacob Vetter



Emeron Maguire



Identical Twins
Mrs. Maria Kuhn &
Mrs. Jim Handrick
daughters of Mr. & Mrs. George
Kurtzweil.



Martin & Clara Schreiber

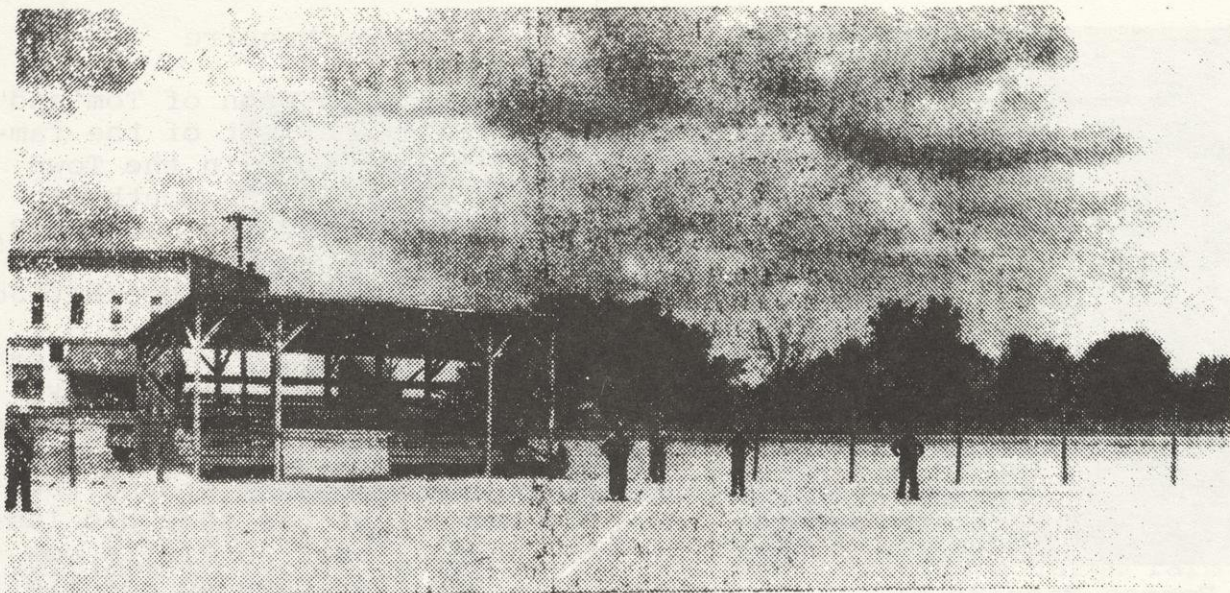
Frank Staeck
Mosinee Ginseng Grower Wins
World Championship Award

We started planting ginseng in 1975, on land formerly owned by the late John Handrick. The trophy was won in 1981 for the best roots, based on size, color and texture.

In the second annual ginseng growers contest sponsored by Condon Enterprises, held at the Thunderbird in Wausau and attended by 150 growers, Frank and Mary Staeck of 1001 14th St. Mosinee, were awarded the championship trophy emblematic of the 1981 world championship for their entry of four year old winning ginseng roots. This is the first time a grower from the this area has been so recognized.



Frank Staeck



... Record-Herald photo:
"RED-HOT" BASEBALL FANS

—Perhaps two of the most ardent baseball fans in Marathon county as well as the most baseball-minded community in the county are represented in the above photos. In the photo above is the Halder baseball diamond and grandstand, and at the left are two of the town's rabid baseball fans, Joseph W. Martin, of the town of Emmet and, right, Ray Maguire, town of Emmet chairman, who have been instrumental in organizing a baseball team in the eastern division of the Marathon County Baseball league at Halder. The grandstand, completed early this summer, seats around 200 fans. Halder boasts of the only enclosed grandstand in the league. Because Halder draws large crowds, considering the size of the unincorporated village, the grandstand has already proved inadequate. The stand is 42 feet long and was built with funds appropriated by the town board, which also included the complete rebuilding of the diamond. On August 10, when Halder plays host to Palace Clothiers of Wausau, the grandstand and diamond will be dedicated to the fans and ball club of Halder.

Wausau Record Herald
 July 31, 1947.

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THE BASEBALL ERA

Recreation, especially baseball was a long standing tradition in the Town of Emmet.

With Halder being recognized as the "Community Center" the games that focused most attention from early on were played in the area where the Halder diamond is located. Naturally, the first teams that played on the local diamond, played on anything less than ideal surface conditions.

It was noted though, that even before the Town of Emmet acquired and improved the present property for the ball park, Halder teams were very competitive in area baseball.

Some of the local talent from the early 1920's were the Bours, Dahlkes, Maguires, Kennedys, Albert Griesmer, Bob and Bill Ralieggh. After a few years the Kriegs, McHughs, Boehms, Strevelers, and Pete and Sylvester Sharkey worked into the lineup. In the 1930's many of the above names played for Halder with a sprinkling of outside talent from Mosinee and the Town of Cassel. The team was then and continued to be a member of the tough Marathon County League.

It was through the foresight of local interested citizens and baseball fans, that improvements were continually made. It was with that thought in mind, that a petition was presented to the Town Board in 1935. It was signed by 141 residents to call a special town meeting to purchase the property where the present ball diamond is located.

The area was developed with a fence enclosure and small open bleachers.

In 1947, led by efforts of Ray Maguire and Joseph Martin, a new grandstand complete with roof was erected.

Records show the cost of this venture was \$492.00.

This was then and still is the only local diamond in Marathon County with a roof for the spectators comfort.

In the era from 1940 until the Marathon County League disbanded in 1969, the teams consisted of mostly local area athletes. It was the next generation Bours, Dahlkes, Maguires, McHughs, Boehms, Bruskys, Gormans, Kriegs, Zebro and Pliske, and in the later years, names like the Austin Brothers and Nests were added. Who as a fan or player could ever forget catcher, Roman Abel's chattering behind the plate, or Othen Sutt's towering home runs over the left center field fence? He had a disappointing day if he didn't get at least one home run on a Sunday. Then there was John Wagner, the ball club's dedicated treasurer, taking up "offeratory" at about the sixth inning. This would pay for the bats and balls.

Ballplayer's uniforms were donated through the generosity of the local merchants and business men. Their name and business was displayed on the back on the uniform as a proud purchaser for outfitting a player.

All through the years these teams were always in the thick of the battle for an upper division finish. No doubt it was because it was mostly local talent that brought the large number of fan support to these Sunday afternoon events.

After the league disbanded in 1969, activities at the diamond became almost dormant, except for an occasional beer league game. For a period of 10 years, sports were on the decline. Things were dull at Halder.

Then a new spirit of enthusiasm took root. This is not a community to stand still. In 1977 the Halder Lion's Club was chartered and it's members brought new ideas to the community.

Slow pitch softball fever was spreading throughout the area and the Lion's Club was going to take advantage of it. Through the cooperative efforts of the Lion's Club and the Town Board, it was agreed that the town would continue to own the park and the Lion's Club could utilize it to their best interests.

The Town Board's first move was to apply for a recreation grant through O.R.A.P. in the amount of 50% of the cost of installing lights. The grant was approved in the amount of \$9,450.00 with the Halder Lion's Club matching that amount. The only cost to local residents was the clerk's paper work in applying for the Grant.

In the spring of 1981 the lights were turned on for night softball and a new era began. Once again fans are congregating to Halder discussing the weather, talking politics, having a few refreshments and hoping their team wins.



On May 9, 1988, when a tornado ripped through the Town of Emmet, it demolished the old grandstand roof. The photo above shows workmen putting the finishing touches on the new roof the week of July 24th. Costs of replacement were shared by the town and the Halder Lions.

By Frank Zebro

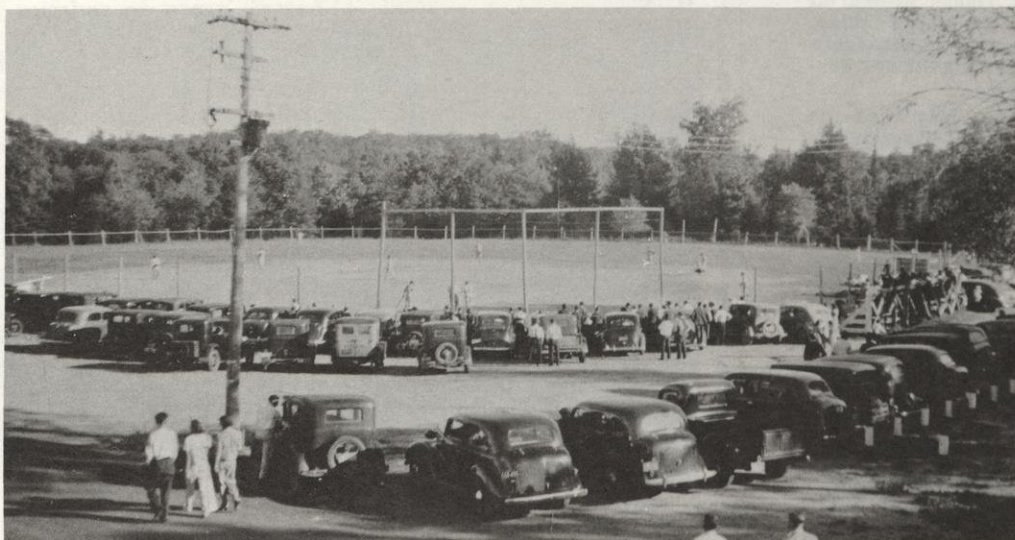


BASEBALL TEAM ABOUT 1930:

STANDING: Henry Martin, Dick Streveler, Bill Schara, Louie Schara, Marvin Karlen.
KNEELING: Frank Kammenick, Bernard Martin, Bill Giese, Melvin Kennedy, Donald Kennedy.



1937 TEAM IN COUNTY LEAGUE: Marvin Karlen, Earhart Lang, Earl Krieg, Harry Boehm, Aloys Streveler, Joe Maguire, Wally Lang.
BOTTOM ROW: Jack Maguire, Loy Boehm, Leon Boehm, MGR., Roman Abel.
Bill Obermeir, Buddy McHugh.



This 1938 photo taken on a Sunday afternoon, shows the large number of fans that came out for their favorite pastime.



1943 BASEBALL TEAM;
STANDING: Jim Maguire, Joe Maguire, Edwin McHugh, Cecil Dahlke, Arnie Steines, John Pliskie, Leon Boehm, MGR.
BOTTOM ROW: Del Rasmussen, Merlin Baur, Neil Baur (Bat Boy), Leo Baur.
This team had won the County Championship. Arnie Steines, the pitcher had just pitched a perfect game. Facing 27 men in trimming the Marathon County League Allstars 3-0. That explains the big smiles.

Steines Hurls A No-Hitter

Arnold Steines, Halder pitcher, is the first one in the Marathon county league to ever hurl a no-hit, no-run contest.

Facing an all-star county league team, composed of players of the other five teams, Steines did not allow a hit, give up a base on balls and his mates played flawless ball so that only 27 batters faced him. Not a single one reached first base. He struck out 12 batters.

The Halder team won 4 to 0. Steines was the only batter to hit an extra bases. Halder scored an unearned run in the second inning, and added three more in the eighth on three hits, including Steines' double, and two errors.

The defensive gem play was made by Merlin Baur, third baseman for Halder, who went way to his left to grab the hot smash off F. Szymanski's bat for a throw-out at first base. The box score:

Halder (4)			All-Stars (0)		
	AB	H		AB	R
Rasmussen, 1b	4	1	F. Szyman, cf	3	0
L. Baur, ss	4	1	Buehler, 2b	1	0
Steines, p	4	1	Vogedes, 2b	2	0
Piskl, c	4	1	Erdman, 3b	3	0
M. Baur, 3b	4	0	Krause, 1b	3	0
Jim Mag're, lf	4	0	Kresbach, ss	3	0
Joe Mag're, 2b	3	0	Bellke, c	1	0
Dahlke, lf	2	0	Schafer, c	2	0
McHugh, rf	3	2	Kallen, rf	2	0
			Tess, rf	1	0
			E. Szyman, p	1	0
			Gensman, p	2	0
			Hack, lf	2	0
			Denzin, lf	1	0
Totals	32	6	Totals	27	0

Errors, All Stars 3. Halder 0. Struck out by Steines 12, by Szymanski 6, by Gensman 2. Hits off Szymanski, 2 in 4; off Gensman, 4 in 4. Bases on balls, off Gensman, 1. Losing pitcher, Szymanski. Two base hits, Steines.



1945 TEAM:
STANDING: John Pliskie, Jack Dahlke, Frank Zebro, Roger Maguire, Joe Maguire.
KNEELING: Neil Baur, Arnie Dahlke, Vernie Handrick (Bat Boy) Leo Baur, Cecil Dahlke, Jim Maguire.



1946 BASEBALL TEAM:
STANDING: Roger Maguire, Joe Maguire, Leo Baur, Frank Zebro, Jack Dahlke, Rudy Karlen (Scorekeeper)
SECOND ROW: Roman Abel, Carrol Maguire, MGR.
BOTTOM ROW: Sonny Baur, Merlin McHugh, Neil Baur, Jim Maguire, Cecil Dahlke, Vernie Handrick, (Bat Boy)



Top Row: Cecil Dahlke, Roger Maguire, Joe Maguire, Frank Zebro, James Maguire.
Bottom: Leo Baur Jr., John Pliske, Neil Baur, Arnie Dahlke, Merlin Baur. 1944 Team

Dick Austin Tosses Two-Hitter, Halder Wins, 3-1

Dick Austin was in fine form Sunday as he tossed a two-hitter to put Halder back on the winning track.

At that, it took Austin's best effort to turn the trick against Marathon by a 3-1 count, as Osterbrink, Marathon pitcher, was pretty stingy with base hits himself, limiting the hard-hitting Halder team to just four.

However, two of the four were for extra bases and figured in two Halder runs. John Austin doubled in the eighth and Ron Deiler delivered a bases-empty home run in the third.

IN SUNDAY'S game played at Marathon, Halder held a 2-0 lead until the Marathon seventh when Buttke scored Marathon's lone marker. Halder added an insurance run in the eighth.

The results of Sunday's game left the two teams in a second place tie in the second round of league play. Both have 2-1 records.

AUSTIN STRUCK out 10 and walked only one, while Osterbrink fanned nine but issued passes to seven.

Halder's defense sprung a few leaks with four errors, but, except for the seventh inning, no damage was done.

Still chasing undefeated Hamburg, Halder and Marathon take on Athens and DuBay respectively next Sunday. It will be Athens at Halder and Marathon at DuBay.

THE BOX SCORE:

Marathon (1)	AB	R	H
Thurs, lf	4	0	0
Osterbrink, p	4	0	0
Dreikosen, c	4	0	1
C. Buttke, 3b	4	0	0
Hanke, 2b	4	0	0
B. Buttke, 1b	4	1	1
Volhard, ss	4	0	0
Martin, cf	3	0	0
Butalla, rf	4	0	0
Totals	35	1	2
Halder (3)	AB	R	H
K. Krieg, 3b	5	0	1
Dahlke, cf	3	0	0
John Austin, ss	3	1	1
D. Austin, p	3	0	0
Joe Austin, lf	3	0	1
Baur, 2b	4	0	0
L. Austin, c	3	0	0
Deiler, rf	2	1	1
G. Krieg, 1b	3	1	0
Totals	29	3	4

Halder Old-Timers Defeat League Team in 9-4 Game

The Halder Old-Timers apparently haven't lost their baseball know-how over the years. They trounced the current Halder ball club Sunday, 9-4, at Halder.

Dick Austin, who pitched Halder into league leadership for a number of years, tossed an assortment of stuff for the Old Timers and had things pretty well under control, except for Ron Deiler, who smashed two home runs.

Unfortunately for Halder, however, both clouts came with the bases empty.

THE OLD-TIMERS scored enough runs — five — in the second inning to win the ball game, getting to Halder starter Gary Krieg for four hits. Krieg also walked two and hit one batsman before the third man was retired.

Joe and Len Austin and John Happli each rapped two hits for the winners. Bob Nest ranked next to Deiler in batting effectiveness for Halder with two singles.

The annual Old-Timers game filled a bye in Halder's Mara-

thon County Baseball League schedule.

THE BOX SCORE:

Old-Timers 9	ab	r	h
B. Dahlke	3	1	1
C. Baur	3	0	1
L. Baur	2	0	1
Joe Austin	3	0	2
D. Austin	4	0	0
L. Austin	2	1	2
Connor	3	1	1
Joe Dahlke	1	1	0
N. Baur	3	1	0
M. Baur	1	0	0
Happli	2	2	2
L. Nest	2	0	0
Gorman	2	0	0
Zebro	1	2	1
	32	9	11
Halder 4	ab	r	h
R. Dahlke	4	0	0
Deiler	4	2	2
J. Dahlke	4	0	0
John Austin	2	0	0
Kramer	3	1	1
Maquire	3	0	1
Drake	2	0	0
B. Nest	3	1	2
Krieg	3	0	1
	28	4	7

Halder Wins 14 to 0
From Nutterville

Halder walked away with their game against Nutterville, 14 to 0, Sunday. The game was played on the diamond at Halder and was well attended.

The Halder team started out strong in the first inning; scoring five runs on a single by McHugh, a sacrifice by C. Maguire, followed with a nice two-base hit by C. Dahlke and a triple by Jack Maguire. This was followed by a base on balls to Leo Baur and a single by Jim Maguire.

The highlight of the game came in the fifth when Frank Zebro took a hot grounder through the pitchers box to stop a Nutterville rally. There were several nice running catches made by Jack Dahlke, Cecil Dahlke and Jim Maguire.

Following is the box score of the game:

Halder	ab	r	h
M. McHugh, ss	2	1	2
N. Baur, ss	2	0	0
C. Maguire, 1b	2	0	0
Joe Maguire, 1b	2	1	0
C. Dahlke, 2b	3	1	1
F. Zebra, 2b	0	2	0
Jack Maguire, p, cf	5	3	4
L. Baur, 3b	3	2	2
R. Maguire, cf	1	0	0
Jim Maguire, 1f	5	1	2
R. Abel, c	5	1	1
Ed. Baur, rf	2	0	1
F. Krieg, rf	2	0	0
J. Dahlke, rf, p	5	1	2
	39	14	15
Nutterville	ab	r	h
G. Wenzel, 1b	4	0	1
L. Tapper, cf	4	0	0
B. See, c	4	0	0
M. Bergeron, 3b, p	5	0	1
M. Block, rf, p	4	0	1
O. Wenzel, p, rf	4	0	0
D. Beese, 1f	2	0	0
C. Tapper, 1f	1	0	0
Mathie, ss	3	0	0
Smith, 2b	3	0	1
	34	0	4



Cecil Dahlke, left, manager of the Halder Baseball Team receives the Championship Trophy from Joe Szymanski after winning the 1964 league crown.



THE HALDER BASEBALL CLUB, although defeated in the championship play-off game with Athens Sunday after winning the second half title of the Marathon County Baseball League, could point with pride to the best overall record in league play, however, with a season's mark of eight wins and two losses

during the split schedule. Front row, left to right: Brusky, Baur, Keith Krieg, Deiler, Jim Dahlke, John Austin. Back row, from left: Manager Cecil Dahlke, Joe Austin, Gary Krieg, Len Austin, Bob Dahlke, Nest, Dick Austin. (M-T Hendrick Photo)

Winter Recreation

Claton Blonien arrived in Halder in 1948 from the village of Rudolph. He purchased the tavern which was occupied by Rudy Karlen. In 1949 Blonien added a bowling alley to the tavern.

This brought much enjoyment to young and old, men and women from September to May. The alleys operated until 1957, when they were moved to Mosinee. This sport seemed to shorten the winter and as you can see by the smiles on the ladies below, they must have won all three games.

MAGUIRE LUMBER BOWLING TEAM 1950's Sponsor: Frank Maguire



Members, left to right:

Mrs. Jerome (Helen) Maguire, Mrs. Felix (Isabel) Streveler,
Mrs. Robert (Alice) Maguire, Mrs. Patrick (Isabel) Maguire,
Mrs. Frank (Bernice) Maguire.

Emmet Snow Drifters

The club was formed in the fall of 1974.

Incorporated January 21, 1975.

Officers at that time were:

President.....John Martin
Vice President.....Keith McHugh
Secretary.....Violet Streveler
Treasurer.....Neil Baur
Reporter.....Kathy Stauke

Current Officers

President.....Joe Baumann
Vice President.....Fred Schreiber
Secretary.....Bernard Martin
Treasurer.....Cecile Martin



Emmet Drifter's trail groomer
built by Ray Streveler.
The Club maintains about 14 miles
of trails.

Taken From The Mosinee Times
June 25, 1914

THREE DEAD AND A SCORE INJURED

Cyclone Demolishes Barn and Home Near Halder
While Wedding Festivities Are in Progress
Most Appalling Disaster

OTHER BARNs ARE WRECKED

Neighboring Homes are Turned into Temporary Hospitals
to Care for Injured. Mike Kutchmarek's Farm a Scene
of Havoc and Ruin - Condition is Pitiable

The Dead

Lawrence Salzman, of the town of Cassel, aged 27.
12 month old child of Mike Kutchmarek.
Mrs. Frank Roushka, town of Marathon.

Seriously Injured

Mrs. Mike Kutchmarek, injured about the head and internally.
Three year old daughter, injured internally and leg broken.
Arthur Quade, skull fractured and injured about the shoulders.
Mrs. John Checlic, hip injured, serious bruises.
Joseph Wunder, Injured about the head and shoulders.
Carl Wunder, seriously injured.

Others Injured

Mike Kutchmarek and four children more or less injured.
Frank Kommenick, Henry Emmerich, Eddy Gtcher, Mary Kutchmarek,
William Kutchmarek, Constance Boushka, Peter Marifka, Casper
Wunder, Matt. Jesko, Frank Boushka, Frank Ladisure, Schofield,
Mrs Wm. Marifka, John Checlic, Mary Checlic, Tony Ostrowski
and M. Ostrowski.

Three are dead, five critically, if not fatally injured, and
seventeen others sustained injuries of a greater or lesser nature
when a cyclone broke over the farm home of Mike Kutchmarek, three
miles north of Halder about two o'clock Wednesday morning, com-
pletely demolishing the barn and home, and scattering the frag-
ments over a ten acre field.

Gathered beneath the roof of the barn and the home were
some sixty or seventy friends and neighbors in celebration of
the marriage of Miss Mary Kutchmarek and William Marifka which
had been solemnized the day before. The festivities were being
held on the floor of the barn and while the dancers were in the
midst of their merrymaking the storm burst in all of its fury
without a second's warning. Where a moment before merriment and
laughter had prevailed, the blinding flashes of lightning re-
vealed a scene of chaos and devastation, and the piercing screams
of the wounded were blended with the crashes of thunder.

Flashing glimpses of struggling forms beneath the heavy timbers of the barn quickly brought those who had escaped uninjured to their senses and the work of rescue was started. Hurridly secured lanterns revealed the fact that a vestige of a building remained. Word was dispatched to neighbors and assistance telephoned for. A number were soon on the scene and the work of rescue commenced. The most of the people were in the barn and it is hard to conceive how many escaped uninjured, and it is little short of a miracle that many were not instantly killed. Daylight coming shortly after the tragedy, the workers were aided in their search and as fast as the injured were released, they were taken to the homes of neighbors and cared for as best they could be until the arrival of medical attendance. Hurry up calls were sent to this village, to Edgar and to Wausau, and four phsicians were soon on the ground.

But little information could be obtained from those who escaped unhurt, but it would seem that the larger part of the crowd was on the west side of the building when the storm struck and the falling timbers were carried over them. When the work of rescue was started, Lawrence Salzman was found plunged beneath a heavy timber with a stake driven into his chest. He died shortly after being released. The twelve month old son of Mike Kutchmarek was crushed beneath a pile of bricks from the falling chimney of the house. At noon yesterday these were the only casualties, but the conditions of several others was very critical and it was thought that three or four casualties would be added to the list.

Carl Wunder was removed to the home of his parents as soon as possible after first aid had been administered. His injuries serious. His brother Joseph, is also in a critical condition, but it is thought there is a good chance for recovery. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau yesterday.

A storm had threatened nearly all the evening, and some of the guests at the festivities had already departed for their homes, but the greater portion of them still remained. When the first pattering drops of rain fell the women who had their children with them hurried into the house to comfort them. For a second the structure trembled and shook and then was lifted from its foundation and hurled over onto its sides, crumbling like a house of cards. Beneath this wreckage were pinned a dozen or more people, many of them children and only one of those escaped uninjured.

Damages in Other Locations

The route of the storm appears to have been a devious one, or the vicinity of Halder was visited by two separate tornadoes within a period of a few minutes. The large barn on the Robert Freeman farm, locality known as the McLeod farm was completely demolished. The new hog house recently completed by Mike Connors was scattered over part of his own farm and that of his neighbor. The wood shed of the Ignatz Boehm farm across the road was up-ended and a tier of shingles torn off from the house. The barn of Max Ritter's farm on the range line was also demolished.

At the Thomas Maguire farm the silo was twisted around and no other damage was done. The large Murry barn was moved on it's foundation. Fences were leveled, trees broken off and a wake of destruction marks the course of the storm, yet it is marveled indeed that more damage was not done than there was, but the storm seemed to travel high in most places.

Freaks of the Wind

The peculiarity of storms of this kind were to be seen in numerous instances. At the Kutchmarek farm, in the cellar of the house two setting hens were found sticking faithfully to their task in spite of the fact that debris and broken timbers and boards surrounded them on all sides, and apparently not a feather had been ruffled or an egg broken.

Shingles and pieces of splintered boards were carried many rods across the fields and driven into the ground like pins in a cushion. A three inch plank, presumably from the Kutchmarek farm, was found three miles away.

Giant elms, two feet or more through at the base were snapped off like pipe stems.

Many thousands of dollars of damage in the town of Emmet alone are the result of this storm. Mr. Kutchmarek, indeed is in a pitiable condition, not only as a result of the money loss he has been put to, but the loss of his child, his home and the accumulations of a lifetime.

July 2, 1914

NO WARNING OF IMPENDING DANGER

Jos. Kurtzweil Tells of The Kutchmarek Barn Disaster

Only Four Persons Appear to be Unhurt After Crash Came.

A Times representative visited the scene of the Kutchmarek cyclone disaster in the town of Emmet Sunday, and found things, as far as appearances are concerned, much as they were the morning after the catastrophe. Nothing had as yet been done to clear up the wreckage. The stench from decaying animal flesh is very noticeable, but it appears that the loss of life in this respect was confined to the chickens of the farm and a horse belonging to Frank Buska. Mr. Kutchmarek lost no live stock.

Several hundred people visited the place Sunday, and in fact for that matter the visitors every day have been numerous. From Joseph Kurtzweil, a neighboring farmer, who was in the barn at the time the storm struck we learned the following particulars:

"For perhaps half an hour before the barn went down it had been raining and quite a number of people had gone home. I had only returned from taking my family home, and in company with James Sharo was leaning against the pile of straw in the south-

west corner of the barn watching the dancers. The wind commenced to blow so hard that the rain was driven through the cracks in the barn. I don't think there was anybody outside at the time. The greater number of people were in the center of the threshing floor and on the east side of the barn. When the rain beat through the cracks we called to them to shut the door and stop dancing. The music had barely stopped and the doors had just been closed when the building began to waver and crack. It seemed as if the storm concentrated it's entire strength at this moment and after the first shock of the wind was felt, gathered itself for the fatal blow that swept away every building on the farm. It all happened in much less time than it takes to tell, and there was no time to prepare for anything. Not more than a minute elapsed from the time the first gusts of wind were felt until everything was darkness and ruin.

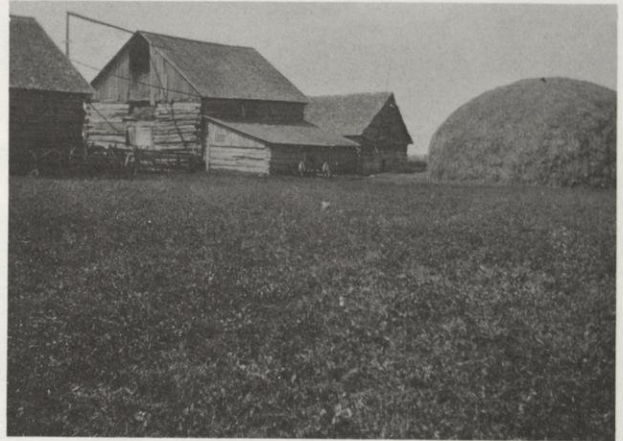
"I don't think, of the entire number present, hardly anyone escaped without bruises of some nature. Mr. Shara and myself were buried beneath the straw against which we had been leaning and to this due the fact that I was not injured. Mr. Sharo was struck on the head by a falling timber and for a moment was stunned. I made my way out of the straw, got hold of Mr. Sharo and we made our way around the south end of the barn. On the east side of the barn the flashes of lightning revealed a gruesome sight. Wreckage and debris from the barn was lying in every conceivable position, and amongst this were the bodies of those who a moment before were dancing and merrymaking on the floor of the barn. Horrified, we waited for the next flash of lightning to get more intelligent view of the situation. It was raining, but otherwise it was perfectly quiet, not even a groan was heard and when the lightning came, illuminating everything for a second, we concluded that all had been killed or seriously injured. We hurried on home to see what damage the storm had wrought to us, and on the road we were joined by Alvah Beach and William Marifka, the groom, whose wedding festivity this was. I found the storm had done practically no damage at my place and I at once telephoned to Halder for help and to Edgar for medical assistance, and securing a lantern and an axe, started back to the Kutchmarek place.

"I took as short a cut as possible across the meadow, and it swooped along the ground, stripping the grass from the earth. It passed completely over my house, but was so high that little damage was done. It carried my wagon into the field and wrecked the barn considerably.

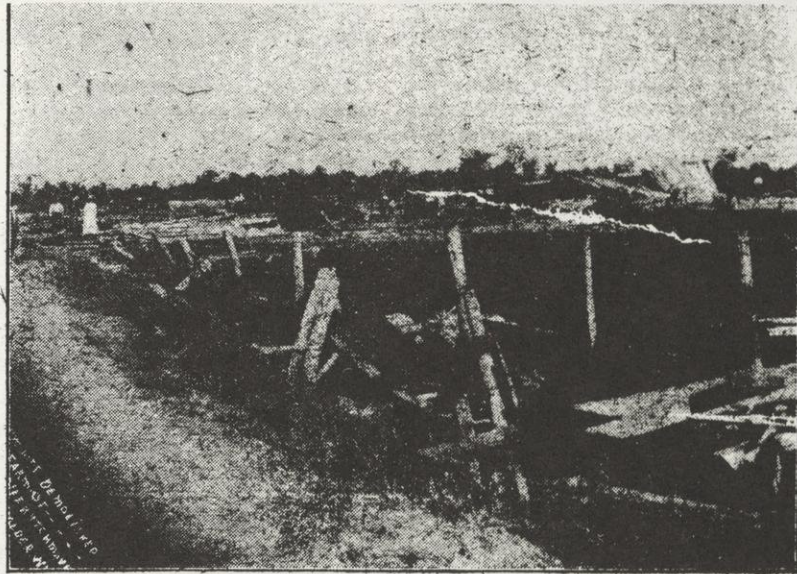
"Accompanied by Mr. Beach and Wm. Marifka we made a hasty examination. We found just one person, Tony Selieger, who showed signs of life, and as soon as we could we released him. Lawrence Salzman was the next one we came to. We were certain he was dead. It was apparent that single handed little could be done to relieve the situation and we went back up the road to cut some trees out which had been blown across. I went back to the house and called those neighbors it was possible to get by telephone, who responded with their teams and wagons. A few

minutes later the crowd came from Halder, where another dance was being held, and the work of rescue began. As fast as they were released we took them to my house and the Burns house. Some were taken directly home.

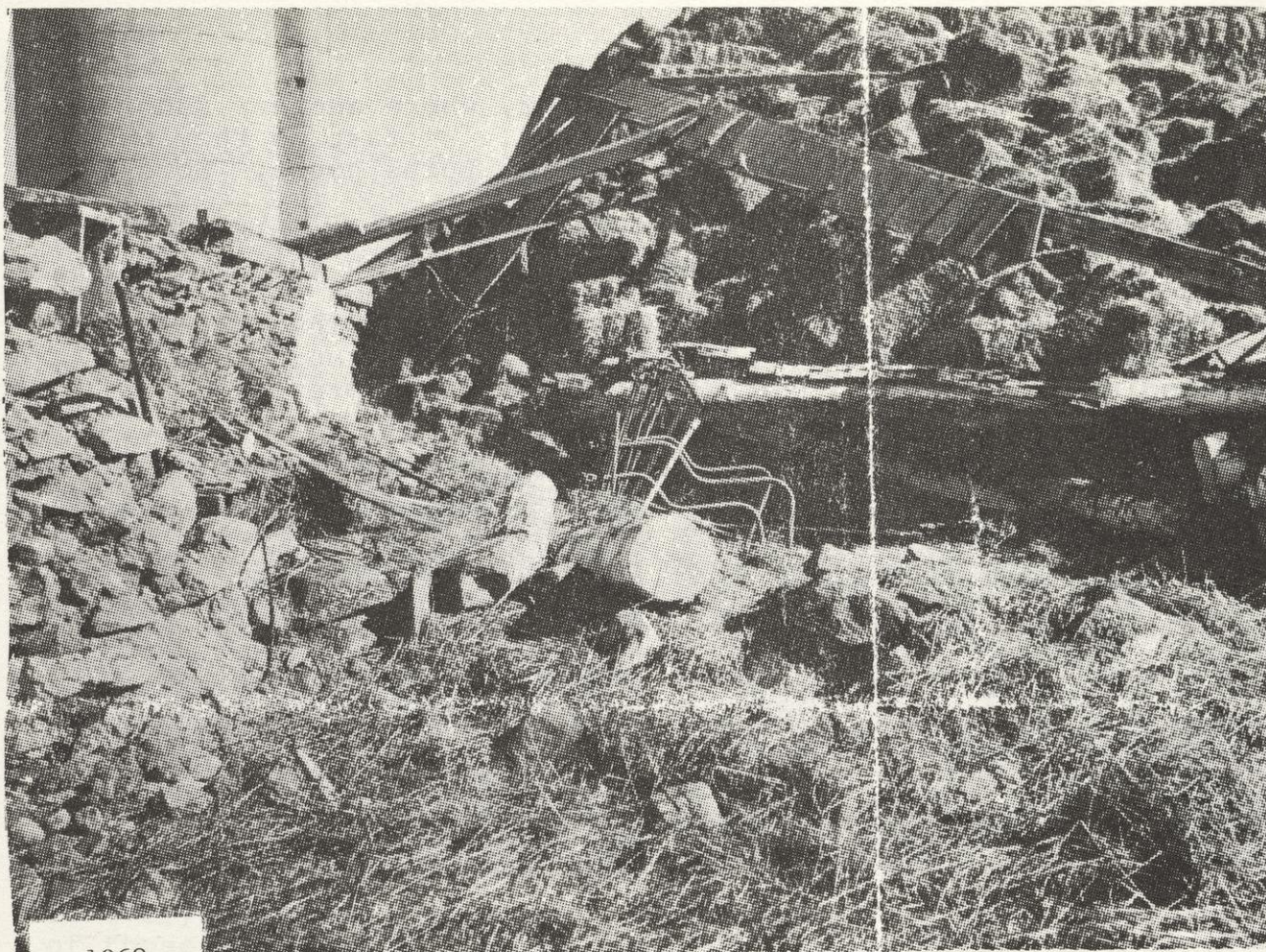
"The crowd was pretty well divided, the young folks being in the barn and the older people and the children in the house. Everyone was rendered unconscious by the shock and this gave the impression that more were not instantly killed. The people of this neighborhood and at Halder are deserving of much credit for responding so promptly under such conditions as prevailed that night."



Buildings on the Mike Kutchmarek farm



The above photo, taken by Thos. O'Connor, Moline, shows the condition of the buildings as they were the morning after the disaster. The barn is seen to the right, and further over to the left the foundations of the house may be seen. The barn was also moved off its foundation. In the left foreground is another building, an old log structure, which was also leveled with the ground. Another building, not shown on the picture was also demolished. The most of the persons injured in the barn were found on the east side, and of those in the house, Mrs. Boushka was taken from the cellar way, and the rest from among the ruins along side of the house.



1968

Four in Family Injured When Barn Collapses

... Record-Herald Photo

Marlin Novitzke, Edgar Route 3, his wife and two sons were injured when the dairy barn on their farm collapsed during the tornado Monday evening. They were treated at St. Mary's

Hospital. All the buildings on the farm and all its trees were damaged in the storm. At least one cow was crushed under the falling barn.



Tornado destruction on the Robert Dahlke Farm-Pictured are Paul and Robert Dahlke May-1988

Tornado Destruction May 8, 1988



Barn completely demolished on former John Obernberger farm, owned by Neil Baur. Residence of J. Obernberger Jr.



Wagons and machinery damaged on same location-owned by Neil Baur.



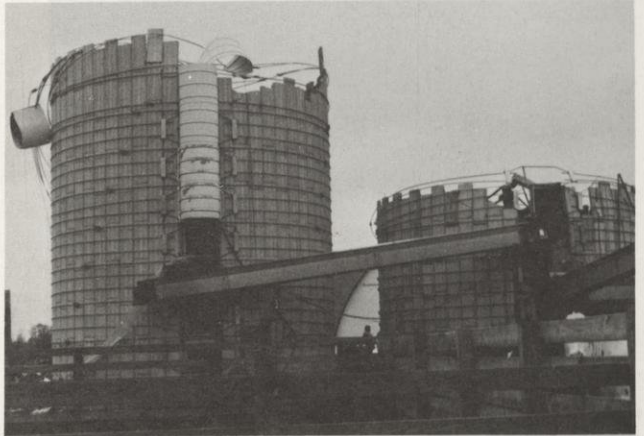
Grandstand roof blown off in tornado



Damages at "Twin B Farm" Walter Baumann and sons Lloyd and Floyd owners.



Damage to Baumann ginseng gardens.



Two silos blown down on Baumann farm.

1980 Flood

The flood damage shown below was the result of about a 4 inch rainfall that occurred in the summer of 1980.

An estimate of \$36,000 worth of damage was done to town highways and bridges.

The Town of Emmet was eligible for that amount for highway disaster aid, but because damages in other areas of the County and State were also serious, the established disaster fund would not cover the full amounts. By State formula, all requests for aid were approved at 60% of the total amount of damages.



Halder Drive, note $\frac{1}{2}$ roadway washed away.



Ray McHugh at bridge at Hwy. S



Culvert washout at Town Rowd.

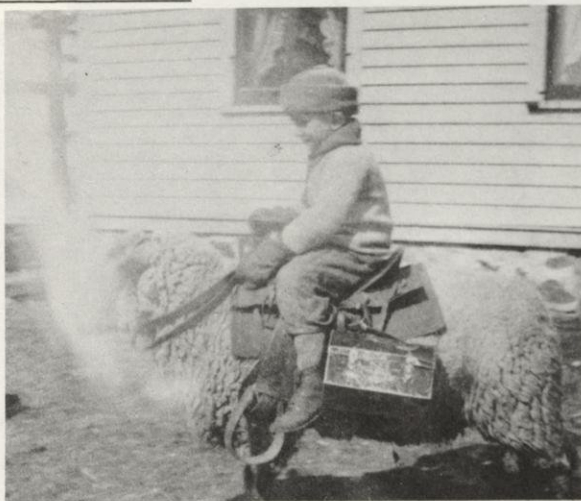


Washout on Bridge, Maple Leaf Road.



"Our Four Sons"

The McHugh brothers, sons of Bill and Annie McHugh. Back Row: Don & Hugh, Front: Danny & Billy. Don worked for the Town of Emmet many years, he worked under five different chairmen. He and Hugh also hauled much granite for the town.



"There'll never be Another Ewe"
John Belohlavek



"Me and My Dog" Louis Zebro



"Aren't We Cute"

Leo Jr. & Merlin Baur, sons of Leo and Frances Baur.

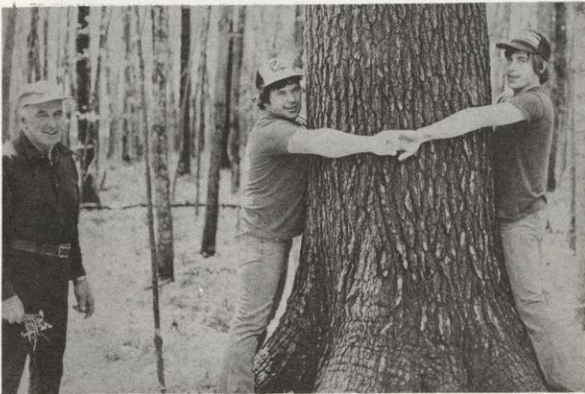


"Won't You be My Pony Boy"
Jim Maguire with his
Uncle Joe Welland and
pony "Beaut".



"Just Fiddling Around"

Leo Maguire with violin,
Frank Staeck with horn and
Ben Staeck the guitar.



Largest tree on James Maguire
farm-James, Kevin & Mike.
6-16 ft. logs before the
first limb.
137 ft. tall-31 in. diameter.



"Shocking Experience"

Alvina Schilling-Break Time.



"Trying to Get My Goat"
Frank Zebro



MARTIN SCHREIBER caught this 45-inch 25-pound Northern
while fishing on the Eau Pleine Flowage. It took 20 minutes
to land it. (Times Photo)

Bicentennial 1976



Town Board

Back Row: Sydney Brubacker, Frank Zebro, Don Dahlke, Front: Carl Baumann, Gerald Fitzgerald.

Centennial Planning Committee

Front Row: Gaylord Faulkes, Maggie Stedder, Frank Zebro, Gerald Fitzgerald.

2nd Row: Evelyn Austin, Violet Streveler, Joan Dahlke, Millie Maguire.

Back Row: Rita Kafka, James Maguire, Victor Dahlke, Loy Boehm, Leona Dahlke, Ray Maguire.



4-H Clean-up Committee

Donna Baumann, Genny Maguire, Dolores Connor, Leona Dahlke, Troy Dahlke, unidentified, Tammy Dahlke,
Front Row: Amy Connor, LuAnn Maguire.

Mr & Mrs John Blume
 Mrs & Miss Gilbert Drake
 Amy Drake
 Mrs & Mrs. Jerome Kappa
 Bill Kappa
 Becky Kappa
 Carl Kappa
 Mrs & Mrs Robert Haer
 Mrs Thomas Bachm
 Joseph Straub
 Al Straub

Scumpp, O. D. Olson
 Dora Conzán O. Olson

William J. Anterson
 Catherine Anterson
 State Representative Don Hasenshul family

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 Mrs. Thos. McHugh Jr. (book) as back
 Mrs Raymond Marathre book 313 So. 11th Ave
 Mr & Mrs Gordon Knoeck 313 So. 11th Ave & Harlan
 Mrs Edna Bauer 504 Pine St Mosinee
 Mr & Mrs Frank Knieg 309-4 - St. Marinee
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 Helen Johnson Halder
 Ned Maguire Halder
 Kevin Sean Doran Chicago
 Christine Baumann Halder
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 Clarence Gruenke Edgar Wis
 Dorothy Gruenke Edgar Wis
 James & Helen Maguire R4 Mosinee
 John Dahley R1 Mosinee
 Phil & Margaret Bauer R1 Mosinee

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Kent Watson	
Mike Gorman	
Mr + Mrs Nick Shebelski	Mosinee
Deane Lang Marathon	
Ken Buess Pittsville	
Emil Wasniewski	Mosinee
Jim Brad	Mosinee
Mr + Mrs. Tony Muehlig	R3 Edgar
Linda Muehlig	R3 Edgar
Mr + Mrs. Roger Nawak Family	R.3 Edgar
Mr + Mrs William Schae	Marathon R.1
Mr + Mrs. Frank Zebro	R1 Mosinee
Mr + Mrs John Murry	R1 Mosinee
Jan Zebro	
Davi Zebro	
Henry Stroner	
Mr + Mrs Robert Inhoff	Marshfield Wis.
Mr + Mrs Eugene Strasser Family	Mosinee
Mr + Mrs Gary Kuklinski	Mosinee
Al Busby Jr	Edgar R3
Lisa B. Busby	Edgar R3
Mr + Mrs. Robert W. Dahlke + Fam.	R4 Mosinee
John Gorman	R3
Allen MacAque	R3 # 52, Wis.
Dave Austin	R3 # Edgar Wis.
Mr + Mrs Edward Schreiber Jr.	RR #1 Wausau Wis.
Mr + Mrs Jerome Maguire	Mosinee Wis.
Mary Stepan	205 Wilson Mosinee
Mrs Clara Deiler	605 W. Redgett St.
Mrs Anna Hillman	Marshfield Wis.
Mrs Clara Furgur	Edgar Wis.
Frank Zebro	R1 Mosinee, Wis.
Ray + Leona Dahlke	Route 4 - Mosinee
Gary + Mildred Maguire	R4 Mosinee
Mrs Leonhard	R.3 Edgar
Gerald Fitzgerald	R4 Mosinee
Victor H. Dahlke	R1 Mosinee
Loy B. Helm	R4 Mosinee

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 Cecilia Peters Chicago Ill
 George & Beatrice Mohlenhoff Wausau
 Mrs. Dorothy Fischer - Tanager - Toddie
 Arthur Michlig Edgar Wis R#3
 Theresa Schedel
 Emma Hammett Wausau Wis.
 Maurice Krieg Mosinee R#4
 Brian Doran Rt. 4 Mosinee
 Dermott W. Doran " " "
 Mr & Mrs Leta Handrik Auburnable
 Grace O. Connor - Mosinee
 Elsie Bickel - Wausau
 Mr & Mrs Merlin Baur Family - Mosinee
 Mr & Mrs Frank Stack - Mosinee R#4
 Mrs Mabel Stuever R3 Edgar
 Mr & Mrs George Sweeney Rt Edgar
 Owen Doran Mosinee
 Mike Maguire Mosinee
 Mr & Mrs Edwin McHugh
 David McHugh
 Floyd & Lane Kennedy
 H. Jack Norwood
 Marie Schmidt Straeter
 Donald C. Witz Edgar
 Patricia Maguire R#4 Box 325 Mosinee
 Mr & Mrs Claude Nest.
 John Kappeli
 Bob Stack, 114 Marian St. Tomp River, N.J. 08753
 Mrs. Lelia Michal R#5 Mosinee
 Mrs & Mrs Lee M. Boyer Schiefel W. is.
 Mr & Mrs Mild Boyer
 Mr & Mrs William Telford
 Daniel Doran Mos.
 Mr & Mrs Lester Decker
 Mrs. Lillian Bauer, Palm. Mills
 Mr & Mrs John Stedie & Family Rte 4 Mosinee
 Mr & Mrs Earl Stuever & Family Rt 3 Edgar
 Mr & Mrs Howard Austin R 2 Stratford

Mr & Mrs Martin Schilling
Mrs Charles P Baur

Henry of Lee

Mr & Mrs Harry Milbeck

Mrs Laura Connor

Mrs Robert Maguire R1 Mosinee

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Mr & Mrs Tony Schilling Mosinee R1.

Delphine Lieb 711-16th St. No. This Rapids, Wis.

Mr & Mrs Clem Beckm 1241-13th St. N. W. Rapids Wi.

Jerry J. Thacker 3533 77th Ave. Wis. 53222

Mr & Mrs Mark Handrick - Marathon Wis.

Bob Tetzsche - 2302-28th St. Wausau (Ph 845-1964

Mr & Mrs Ray W Kage Marathon Wis Bx 443

Mrs Gus Roshwa S. Mosinee R1

Kevin McHugh Marshfield Wis Ph 387-1243

Mr & Mrs James McHugh 1622 24th, Marshfield Wis.

Collen McHugh Marshfield Wis.

Jim McHugh Marshfield Wis.

Caryl Maguire Coalinga Cal.

Rosemarie Brock Mosinee, Wis.

Sybil Maguire (Mrs Caryl)

Grant Grass Milwaukee Wis

Mr & Mrs Edward Lepke Cassel

Mr & Mrs Joe Weisman Wausau

Mr & Mrs. Leo Schuel Mosinee

Mr & Mrs Robert Brock Plover

Mr & Mrs. Alon McHugh

Mrs. Anne McHugh

Mrs Cecilia Storm - R1 Hamburg, W. 54438

Mr & Mrs Mark Kasper R. Hatfield

Mr & Mrs Carl Dahlke Mosinee

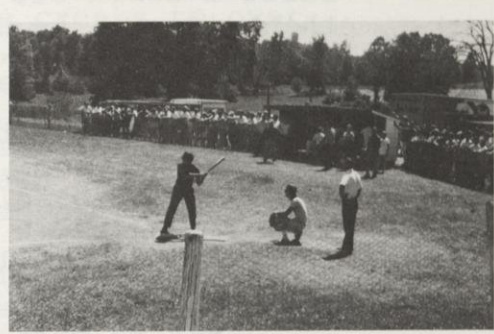
Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Szymanski

Alan Seiler The Champ

Doy Faulke
Sibyl Brubaker
Don Dahlke family

Steeleport
Edgar
R4. Mosinee





This Ole House is Afraid of Thunder

by Gerald Fitzgerald

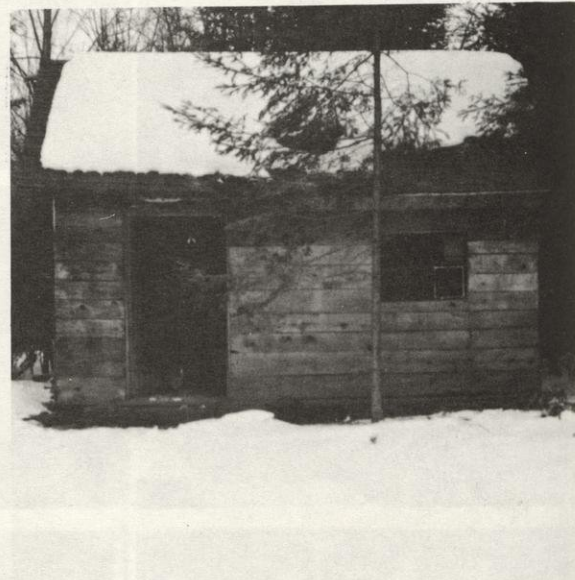


When Jack Kennedy married Nora Hayes, he bought his father's farm from Tim Kennedy, one of the first settlers. He built a hewed log house just back where Frank Staeck's new house was built, around 1920 or 21. The log house sat idle not for long, for some newcomers, Jake, Rosie, Joey and Lizzie Motike, came to the Town of Emmet, in 1922. The neighbors all pitched in and took the old log house apart. After they had the logs all apart, they hooked onto the floor with a couple of teams, and slid the floor on some sleighs. They slid the floor onto the new basement wall and put the hewed logs back together. They put a new roof on and those people moved in. It seemed everybody helped them. Those newcomers fed good and had refreshments.

The Hytry Cabin

The old house was torn apart again and moved. Mr. Vernon Hytry built a cabin out of it in 1970. The logs are good yet. I don't think it will be moved again. It's in its final resting place.

We built us this cabin
In this cool, shady nook,
with trees close around here
Along side a brook.
Away from all traffic,
So quiet and still,
Just to hear the birds singing
and the song of the wipporwill.
The walls of this cabin
have been trees in the past,
cut down by some woodsman
to make a home that would last.
It's been built and rebuilt,
three times, so they say,
to shelter many families and happy
children at play.
Now that it is finished
with the help of friendly hands,
May God bless our cabin,
as long as it stands.
Let us all remember,
to refrain from all sin,
so God may always
Bless the people within.



Another cabin owned by Todd Dahlke located near Halder.

Author, Mary "Grandma" Hytry. 1970

Kaiser's Woods



Lee, David Jr., Joey and Whitie Kaiser

Being a family that loves "Mother Nature" and all her beauty, it would be just a matter of time 'till the "perfect woods" would come along.

Watching the spring waters fill the little creeks to overflowing, and the suckers running their courses, waiting to be caught, the trees budding and animals moving about after a long winter, were some of the things this family truly enjoyed. Oh there were woods to the north, south, east and west-some had beautiful stands of trees, some may have possessed a swamp or two! But wasn't there something closer to be enjoyed by all? Then one day on a "pure hunch" they decided to seek out someone who owned a woods. It had that flowing creek (part of the well-known Freeman Creek), it had some young stands of timber, it had the sucker runs in the spring and deer in the fall. It was close to all and could be enjoyed by all.

After some months of negotiating the woods once owned by the Menzner Brothers, was now owned by The Kaiser's. Melvin Kaiser and his sons divided the 200 acre parcel located on Sugar Bush Road.

Since that purchase in 1971 many an "out of the blue" family gathering has been there. At first the sand beds of the creek were the scenes of many a bonfire. Afternoons of gathering wood for winter fires would end in roasted hot dogs, hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows over the fires. Then a few years later Melvin and Betty built a cabin, perfect for early spring and late fall get-togethers. It was the perfect place for young grandchildren to gather, playing along the creek, walking through the woods, and learning to appreciate all the beauty "Mother Nature" supplied us with.

Yes, nestled deep in the heart of this woods, grandparents, their sons and daughters and families can gather alone or together, they can hunt or fish, collect berries in summer-wood in the fall or just walk through and enjoy all its beauty.

MAPLE SYRUP TIME

Spring time is sweet syrup time. Every year about the time the robins make their appearance, you will see certain people who have syrup fever going out to the maple woods to begin their task of tapping trees and cooking down the sap. This annual event which lasts from four to six weeks, though hard work, is an enjoyable task for those who partake in nature's gift.

There are quite a few family operations in the Town of Emmet, but Leo Baur's operation from the late 1940's to about 1964 was perhaps one of the larger and more modern facilities in the town. At the peak years as many as 1,000 trees were tapped producing about 430 gallons of syrup. Up to ten people would be employed on the "good run" days. The Baur operation ceased in 1964, but there are still a number of producers within the town. Among them are: Earl Streveler, Daniel Oehmichen, Louis Novitzke, Kenneth Kurtzweil and Jack Martin.

Some are modern, but some continue to use the old style open pan. Regardless if it comes from a cast iron kettle like John Murry used in 1915, or the modern day evaporator, it sure tastes good on pancakes.



Tony Schedlo, right, with his son Roman, daughters Marion & Francis (Sister Antona) unloading the barrels of sap brought to the cooking shanty by sleigh.

Jos. H. Baumann, Left, with his team collecting sap in the Leo Baur woods. Man on right is



SAP'S RUNNING—Maple sap began to run in earnest this past week and sugar-bush operators are busy cooking maple syrup in this area. Leo Baur, Halder, who has almost 1,000 trees tapped this year, is seen above as he drew off hot syrup from the boiling pan on Monday. Leo has one of the most modern syrup set-ups in this area and is producing a high-quality maple syrup that is in tremendous demand by folks who have tasted his fine maple syrup. Last year he produced almost 300 gallons and he tells us that it was all sold by early last fall. A number of last year's customers have already ordered syrup from this year's run in order to be sure to get it. Times photo



The old cast iron cooker, cooking down the sap on the John Murry farm about 1915.



Tony Schedlo's crew taking a break from the task on hand. (making maple syrup)



Henry Martin (left) & Michael bringing sap in by the barrels, Note the modified Allis tractor.



Gladys Martin keeping a close watch on the finishing touch.



Xavier Martin looking over task ahead of him.



Joe H. Baumann, testing the syrup.

Donald Baumann
collecting sap.

1971



Earl Streveler's sap woods & shack.

Vernon Hytry bringing in another
load of sap.



James Maguire

1974 Brendon & Michael Maguire & Dan Doran

1930 Syrup made by Ed Happli, Maggie Leo Maguire & sold to Mosinee Paper Mill for \$1.00 per Gal. 1956- James & Maggie Leo family, 1974-James & Dolores Maguire family (last year to make syrup).

FINDING WORTH IN THE WOODS

By Bernice Martin

Springtime has always meant a variety of things to many different people. Some associate it with love, birth, cleaning up the yard or counting down to the end of the school year. For me, springtime has always meant maple syrup. Not Aunt Jemima's or Mrs. Butterworth's, but fresh, homemade, honest-to-goodness maple syrup. As a child, I eagerly anticipated and welcomed the warm sweet aroma of the syrup cooking on the stove in our kitchen. Even as an adult, I couldn't resist dipping my finger into the dark, hot, sticky liquid for a taste, and after 15 years of helping make it, I finally came to believe that the end does justify the means.

It was a gloomy Monday morning, following a depressing weekend, and I was happy to hear we wouldn't be going to the woods to gather sap. I had worked all weekend, hit a deer and smashed my car Saturday night, and celebrated a friend's birthday too much Sunday night. I felt miserable. Suddenly, it got worse. Dad changed his mind about going to the woods to gather sap and as Mom roused me from my restless catnap, I half-heartedly wished I was back in school.

"It's raining outside, so you better get a raincoat on," Dad said as I slowly made my way to the basement. I pulled on a thick pair of scratchy, red, wool socks before tugging on my heavy, black snowmobile boots. I fought with the stubborn zipper on my blue, down jacket, and after having successfully gotten it all together, I searched for a raincoat.

"What's this?" I asked Mom as I pulled out a long, olive-green coat. "It's an old raincoat we've had around here for years," she said, "Put it on."

It was a drab looking coat but I thought it would keep me dry and warm. When I put it on, I realized it weighed about 20 pounds and was unusually large. I rolled up the sleeves, pulled a stocking cap over my head and grabbed a pair of brown, worn, gloves; I felt ridiculous. Trying in vain to look poised in my new attire, I stepped outside, only to be greeted by my laughing Dad (he reinforcing what I had already felt).

"I ought to have a movie camera to get a picture of this," he chuckled.

"Why?" I asked, "Because I look ridiculous or because you're finally going to see me work?"

He continued to laugh and commented that my raincoat had been his brother's from the war. I felt like a young, naive private waiting to do battle, with the wind and the rain and the mud. Mom and I crawled into Dad's old, green Ford truck, which smelled of leather and oats, and bumped down the muddy lane that led to the heart of the woods, the sugarbush. I stared out the dirty window into the dreary, grey sky; I heard the rain lightly tapping on the cab of the truck; once again, I felt miserable.

Once in the woods, we parked the truck and loaded three 50-gallon barrels on the flat, wooden stoneboat along with some five-gallon plastic pails used for collecting sap. Dad told Mom and I to start gathering some pails as he started to build fires

in the old, iron cookers.

"We'll head towards the east end of the woods first," he yelled.

It was like a bad dream. Everywhere I looked, there were white pails hanging on old maple trees just waiting to be relieved of their sap. Mom and I went in separate directions, sloshing through mud puddles and weaving through gangly branches.

"This one's full," Mom called out from behind a wood pile.

I echoed, "This one's full too!"

The rain began to fall more steadily, I shrugged inside my coat; it would not be an easy battle, I thought.

When Dad had the fire roaring, he jumped on the cat (short for caterpillar) and pulled the stoneboat towards the east end of the woods. The first shots had been fired; the battle had begun. I weaved in and out, up and down, through and around trees, puddles, brush and stumps. My arms were sore, my back spastic, my hands were soaked. Yet I still fought, pail after pail, barrel after barrel.

Back at the sugarbush, we had just emptied the sap into containers from our original three barrels for the third time. Dad stood with his hands on his hips looking toward the west, shaking his head, "Nine barrels already and we still have the west end to gather. Boy, I can't remember the last time we had this much sap in one day." I could only comment to myself that it would have to fall on a day when I was home felling miserable.

On our last trek to the west end, Mom and I tried desperately to keep the barrels in place on the stoneboat as Dad recklessly drove over bumps and around trees.

"He's such a maniac," I yelled to Mom above the noise of the cat.

Just then he slowed and shouted to us, "Grab the pails off the boat, they might float through this puddle." One had already started to drift but I grabbed it before it got too far. I could feel the water seeping through the liners in my boots but I no longer cared; the battle was almost over. We gathered the sap from the remaining trees as the rain kept falling. We were soaked when we finally pulled up to the sugarbush for the last time.

"We gathered almost eleven barrels of sap today, I just can't believe it," Dad mused while he threw more wood on the fire in the big cooker.

"Well, probably eleven and a half if you count the stuff I poured down my leg," I said, trying hopelessly to pull my sticky pant leg from my skin.

Mom and I sat down on two old, steel milk cans to warm ourselves by the fire, watching Dad as he took his plastic cup off the hook on the pine tree next to the cookers. He dipped it into the sap which had begun to boil and blew on it before taking a sip.

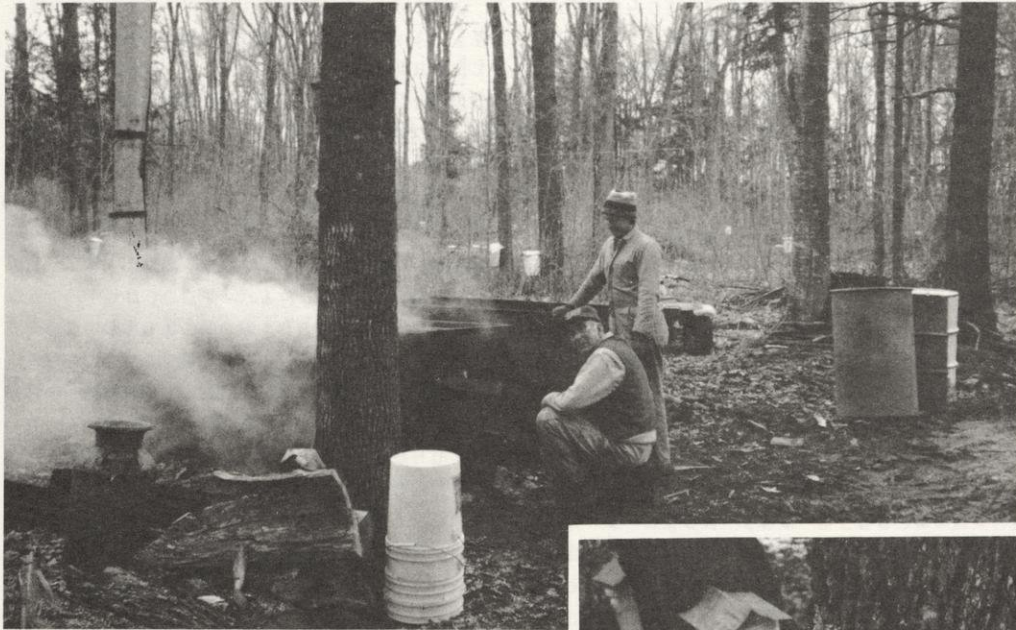
"Mmmm, this is gonna make a good batch of syrup," he told us. "Makes it all worth it, doesn't it."

Mom and I groaned, but sheepishly agreed.

A few days after our excursion, most of the family was home for a visit. Not intending to slave over the stove to feed the hungry savages lunch, Mom whipped up a couple batches of pancakes

with fresh maple syrup. As we sat down to eat, everyone was talking about how nice it was to go out in the woods and gather sap, and how nice it was to have fresh maple syrup on the pancakes. I sat quietly, looking out at the partly cloudy sky, the dry ground and the five animated faces taking about gathering three barrels of sap earlier. I glanced at Mom and Dad and piped up, "You should've been here Monday."

Only Mom and Dad could understand.

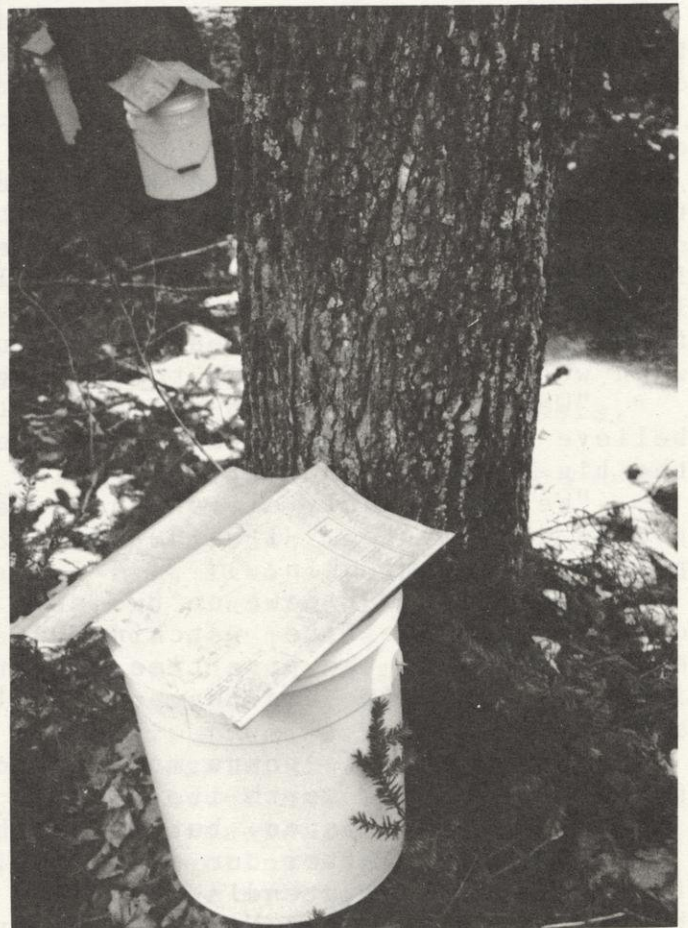


Martin's Sugarbush

John Martin

Bernard Martin

Bernice Martin



MARTIN'S APIARY AND DAIRY

By Joseph Martin, Jr. (Bud)

According to farm experts, for a successful agricultural area, bees are needed to pollinate crops. These bees can be bumble bees, wasps, yellow jackets or honey bees.

My earliest recollection of honey bees was on the farm of my grandfather, John N. Masanz (1859-1933). Later I remember Raymond Masanz (1899-1949) and my dad, Joseph W. Martin (1892-1967) having bees. Albert Deiler had bees at this time also.

In August of 1967 Dad died and I bought the bees from the estate. Since then I've tried to maintain about twenty-five swarms. Around the time dad died, Greg Kaiser started with a few swarms also. With his brothers help they increased the number of swarms, but in recent years they haven't continued the honey business. Carl Baumann, Jr. started with five swarms near the time of Dad's death, but he did not stay with it either.

My yearly average for honey is about 125 pounds per swarm. However, in 1987 we averaged about 180 pounds per swarm. In 1988, the year of the drought, we got a total of 6100 pounds. This is a "bumper crop" because it averages out to be about 240 pounds per swarm.

The yard where bees are kept is called an apiary and ours is registered in Madison as Martin's Apiary and Dairy at 4051 Fairview Road.



John Masanz, Sr. (1859-1933) in his beeyard.



Joseph Martin (1892-1967)
in his beeyard several
days before he died.



Bee House & Yard

Joseph Martin, Jr. (Bud)
in his beeyard at 4051
Fairview Rd, Edgar, WI.



VETERANS

Civil War

Jack Keefe, "Schilo Jack"
Little Jack Keefe

Spanish-American War

Paul Abel

First World War

August Nest
Jim Maguire
Ray Maguire
Joe Martin
John Connors
Charlie Connors
Big Pat Handrick
Little Pat Handrick
Joe Kennedy
Fred Semski
Alfred Handrick
Bill Dahlke
Peter Dahlke
Earl Gorman

George Dieler
Peter Werner
Bill McHugh
Thomas L. McHugh
John Newman
Rupert Kurtzweil
Rudolph Nest
Art Ahlquist
Albert Griesmer
George Masanz
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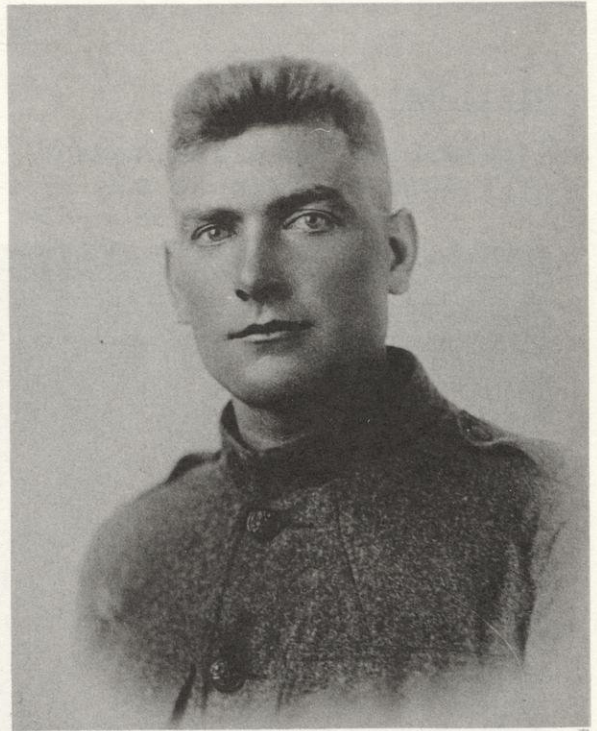
Second World War

F. Abel	R. Ahlquist	F. Meidle	R. Wachtl
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H. Baker	F. Kennedy	W. Nest	E. Werner
N. Bauman	K. Kennedy	G. Nest	E. Stankowski
R. Baur	C. Kennedy	L. Nest	S. Stankowski
E. Baur	S. Kusiak	J. Noonan	T. Stankowski
E. Boehm	G. Krieg	J. Newman	Cyril Michal
L. Boehm	G. Kafka	A. Novitzke	John Wagner
B. Boehm	E. Kurtzweil	L. Novitzke	Bob Clark
J. Boehm	J. Kurtzweil	R. Schara	Charles Baur
D. Baker	F. Kusiak	L. Schara	Neil Baur
H. Baker	J. Kusiak	F. Staeck	Joe Dahlke
W. Bannon	J. King	B. Staeck	Bob Krieg
L. Baker	R. Martin	C. Streveler	Al Nest
R. Dieler	A. Miller	J. Schroeder	Jack Maguire
J. Dieler	H. Miller	W. Striegle	Roger Maguire
Ewen	B. McHugh	L. Striegle	Warren Masanz
Ewert	B. Murry	D. Ehster	Don Maguire
W. Fitzgerald	B. Masanz	D. Wachtl	Norbert Krieg
D. Fitzgerald	C. Maguire	J. Wachtl	
O. Fitzgerald	J. Meidle	A. Wachtl	

Some of Our Veterans



Benny Daul - first
to leave and last
to come home



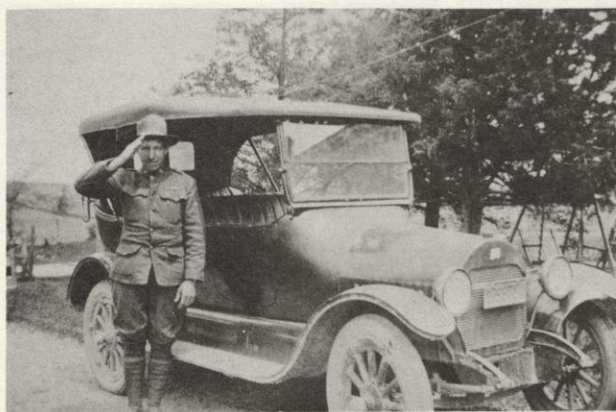
August Nest, died in
hospital in France, 1918



George Dieler - returned
home in May, 1919



Jim Maguire, left for
Army July, 1918,
killed Nov. 1, 1918



Albert Griesmer
with 1918 Buick



Ray Maguire in his
WWI regalia



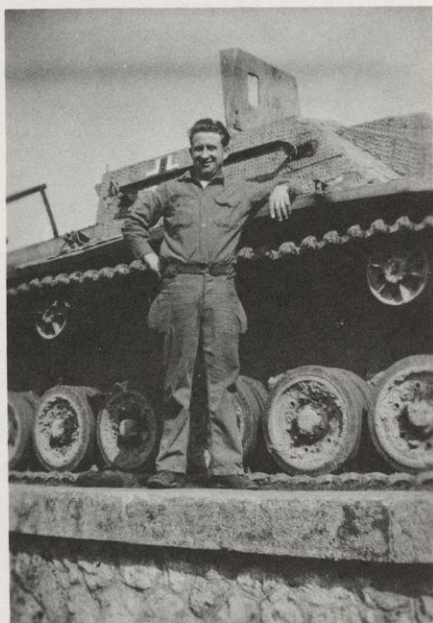
Oldest son of Jim and
Mary Handrick, known
as Little Pat



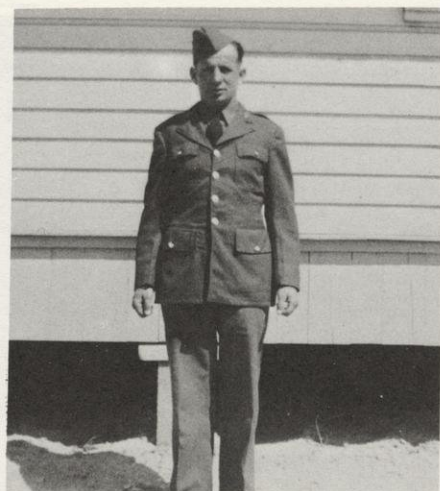
Alfred Handrick



Owen Edward Fitzgerald
born 11/9/1922. Killed
in Leyte 3/15/1945



Dan Fitzgerald
in France



Walter Fitzgerald,
in Army 1941-1945



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"EMMET CHUMS" HOMEMAKERS'

Learn Today-Live Better Tomorrow

By Gladys Martin

In 1919, Miss Mary Brady, Marathon Co. Home Demonstration Agent, began organizing Extension Homemakers' Clubs in Marathon Co. **HOMEMAKER'S CREED I**

We, the Homemakers of Wisconsin believe in the sanctity of the home, the cradle of character...blessed by motherly devotion and guarded by fatherly protection.

We Pledge Ourselves....

...To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life;

...To strive for healthier minds and bodies and better living;

...To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nations greatest asset;

...To be true to God and Country and of lasting service to to our home & community.

On Oct.26,1950, the above Creed opened the newly organized 85th Homemakers' Club in Marathon Co. Miss Eileen Neidermier, Marathon Co. Home Agent, met with 12 women from the Town of Emmet at the Emeron Maguire home.

Those twelve were: Mrs.Earl Krieg, Mrs.Mars Leonard, Mrs. Emeron Maguire, Mrs.Joe Martin, Mrs.Robert Martin, Mrs.Art Masanz, Mrs.Clara Masanz, Mrs.Kenneth Masanz, Mrs.Tom McHugh, Miss Lucy Schara, Mrs.Tony Schedlo, Mrs.Ernest Soczka. Of these twelve, Mrs. Tony Schedlo is still an active member today. Mrs. Martha (Schara) Leonard submitted the name "Emmet Chums", which was selected by the club. Officers elected were: President, Mrs.Julia Maguire; Vice-President, Mrs.Clara Masanz; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs.Irene Martin. And so Homemakers' activities were begun.

Homemakers Clubs are divided into Centers. They are Athens, Cherokee, Elderon, Marathon, Mosinee, Strarford, Wausau I and Wausau II. We belong to the Mosinee Center.

The early years Homemakers' Clubs consisted of meetings each month. Two members attend a lesson which the Home Economist of Marathon Co. prepares in some vital phase of homemaking (made up before-hand by a staff of University of Wis. specialists). The representatives of each homemaker's club present the lesson to their fellow club members. The lessons covered a broad range of subjects-clothing, foods & dietetics, spot removal, furniture, floor & carpet care, interior decorating, arts & crafts, appliance, safety, first aid & health care, family living, house plants, and numerous other subjects pertaining to family life. The lessons presented over the years covered a wide variety of interests for the members and many were fun sessions as well.

Extension homemakers is a good experience for any homemaker and it has a good educational program. We all like to learn improved methods and correct methods for things we do in our home. It offers an opportunity for fellowship with neighbors, friends, and homemakers. We help each other with any home problems we might have. We learn by doing, that is we have demonstrations to show comparison; or short-cut ways; or safer ways to do things.

Members make presentations of lessons which is a wonderful achievement many of us thought we couldn't do. Our Home Economist provides us with materials and outlines for all lessons and many craft lessons were put together by our own members. Everyone has a chance to be creative.

A yearly event is Homemakers County Day, which puts us in contact with all members of the county and offers a program both educational and entertaining. It shows us that in unity there is strength. It helps us all be better leaders because we're better informed. Besides being officers for the club, members serve as chairman for Cultural Arts, Housing, Energy & Environment, Safety, Family Health & Nutrition, International, Citizenship & Community Service committees. We also have the opportunity to be an officer for our Mosinee Center. Dorothy Murry is the President for the Mosinee Center 1988-90. We are very proud of her.

Yes, we live in a world of many and rapid changes. No reasonable person can choose to ignore changes. As a homemaker living in the 1980's we must be responsive to the changes taking place. Mary Crave, the University of Wis. Home Economist for Marathon Co. says people are surprised by the depth and scope of home economics which mainly includes helping people manage their resources. So our club has moved with these changes and is involved in helping and doing many community projects. They include making quilts for families who have a fire or other disaster, providing clothes, food, and our time for "Circle of Joy" in Mosinee, making neck pillows and lap robes for an area nursing home, birthday cakes for senior citizens home in Mosinee, items for Ronald McDonald House & Hospice in Marshfield, toys and books for the Cerebral Palsy unit in Wausau, birthday & Christmas cards to past elderly members, entertaining at nursing homes with bingo, prizes & cookies, sending flowers, cards & visiting our members in the hospital, working at the Wausau Fair demonstration booth, having a display in a Mosinee store window for National Homemakers' Week, (the first week in May), attending special interest lessons of different countries, special workshops in Wausau & Marshfield, and sharing our favorite recipes for the Marathon Co. Homemakers' cookbook.

While doing all the above, we maintain some of our favorite projects', surprising members on their 25th & 50th wedding anniversary, surprise housewarming parties. College week for women (changed to College Days), where Wis. adults become college students in Madison or Stevens Point for a few days in June. The campus and classrooms are opened and participants can live & eat in college dormitories, take classes taught by U.W. instructors & attend evening activities. The late Lucy Schara attended in 1956. We also donate towards Grace Albert's homemaker scholarship, (offered to a graduating senior or college student). To qualify, the student must be from Marathon Co. or a son or daughter of a Marathon Co. homemaker member. Mary Martin, daughter of John & Gladys Martin, was the recipient of the scholarship in 1979. Other projects include Pennies for Friendship, a fund used for our international organization which finds letter friends for members, links groups in different countries, arranges "Exchange Programs", sends representatives to meetings of the U.N. for understanding of various cultures, sending cards to our Secret Pal

whose name is revealed at our Christmas party gift exchange & new names are drawn for the next year.

Our club remains active-sharing-caring-& enjoying the valuable gift of belonging to the extension homemakers. The history of the Emmet Chums is a record of friendship & cooperation through learning, games, & entertainment, but most of all through being a good homemaker. We close with our creed used at our meetings. **HOMEMAKERS CREED II**

Dear God, give us the grace to see the blessings which have come from thee; Give us the strength to do our duty, To see in everything some beauty; Teach us that love and cheerful giving, Tolerance and decent living; Make of our home a place sublime, Where there's no room for hate or crime. A place where good friends gather 'round, Where laughter, mirth and cheer abound, Not selfish thought or wordly greed. Let this Dear Master, be our creed.



1989 Members-"Emmet Chums"

Front L.to R: Gladys Martin, Joan Dahlke, Evelyn Austin, Dorothy Murry, Dorothy Wenzel. Back Row: Elda McHugh, Ethel Masanz, Joan Baumann, Mary Zebro, Dolores Maguire, Shirley Dahlke, Theresa Schedlo, Carol Baumann.



"Emmet Chums" 10th Anniversary 1960

Front L. to R: Betty Kaiser, Gladys Martin, Julia Maguire, Irene Martin, Clara Masanz, Grace Zenner, Theresa Schedlo, Back L.to R: Irene Maguire, Marcella Soczka, Leona McHugh, Evelyn Austin, Marie Krieg, Lucy Schara, Mayme Martin.



"Emmet Chums" 25th. Anniversary 1975

Members & past members are front from left: Gladys Martin, Judy Dahlke, Betty Kaiser, Pearl Newman, Leona McHugh, Clara Masanz, Theresa Schedlo, Joan Dahlke. Back from left: Donna Kaiser, Patricia Kaiser, Lillian Handrick, Dorothy Murry, Shirley Dahlke, Carol Lary, Claire Payton, Carol Baumann, Marcella Soczka, Julia Maguire, Marie Krieg, Katherine Marx, Lucy Schara, Joan Baumann, Evelyn Austin, Grace Zenner. Past members missing from picture are Irene Martin, Celeste Weichman, Arlene Masanz, Arlene Croell, Jackie Newman, Leulla McHugh, Dorothy Simonton, Helen Schwingle, Rosalie Gorman, Diane Burger, Martha Wick, Joan Baumann.



Easter Bonnets 1956

Front Left: Evelyn Austin, Theresa Schedlo. Back Left: Martha Leonard, Arlene Croell Irene Martin, Julia Maguire Lucy Schara.



Easter Bonnets 1982

Front Left: Joan Baumann, Judy Dahlke, Dorothy Murry, Joan Dahlke, Theresa Schedlo, Patricia Kaiser. Back Left: Leona McHugh, Donna Kaiser, Elda McHugh, Carol Baumann





Halloween 1965

Front: Irene Martin, Joan Baumann, Gladys Martin, Back: Helen Schwingle, Rosalie Gorman, Lucy Schara, Theresa Schedlo, Dorothy Murry

Quilt
and
Lap Robe Project's



Upper Picture Left:
Judy Dahlke, Joan Dahlke,
Elda McHugh, Dorothy
Murry, Dorothy Wenzel,
Dolores Maguire, Carol
Baumann, Mary Zebro,
Joan Baumann, Theresa
Schedlo.

Left: Mary Zebro, Dolores Maguire, Joan Dahlke, Elda McHugh,
Carol Baumann, Theresa Schedlo, Dorothy Murry, Judy Dahlke, Joan
Baumann, Dorothy Wenzel.



Installation of Officers
1989-90

Left: Vice-Pres: Ethel
Masanz
Treasurer: Evelyn Austin
Secretary: Shirley Dahlke
President: Dorothy Murry

Town of Emmet 4-H Clubs

1946 Through 1989 History, by Shirley Dahlke

In 1946 forty nine members of St. Robert's School were enrolled in the Halder 4-H Club. Eileen Maguire and Albert Deiler were chosen as club leaders. Club officers were John Martin, president, Merlyn McHugh, vice president, Theresa Masanz, secretary-treasurer and Theresa Martin, club reporter. Warren Masanz gave a demonstration on "How to Build a Milk House" at the Wisconsin Valley Fair that year. Other projects of interest for the girls at monthly meetings included demonstrations on making cakes and cookies, given by Carol McHugh, Veronica Masanz and Theresa Martin.

Leadership for the boys passed to Warren Lensmire, Cheesemaker at Cloverdale (Cedar Hedge) factory. Club meetings were held at various places including St. Robert's School, Ludington School and Cloverdale Cheese Factory. Parents of members helped at adult leaders, Irene Martin, John and Lillian Handrick, Theresa Schedlo, Lucy Schara and Alice Martin, to name just a few who gave of their and talents. This club stayed active until the early 1950's. After a period of a few years without a club in Emmet, Mrs. John (Dorothy) started the Halder Hornets 4-H Club in 1957. Kate Clark and Ernie Soczka Sr. assisted as adult leaders. Junior leaders included Ernie and Tom Soczka and some of the members were Sharon Staack, Francis Clark, Billy Zenner, Clarence Soczka, George Baumann, Carol Streveler, Keith Krieg, Betty Murry, Luann Baumann and Pat Baumann. The club remained active until the early 1960's. Membership ranged between 15 and 18 members during these years. Softball was popular with members as well as sewing for the girls, whose instructor was Dorothy Murry. Fair projects were entered and a fair booth with a huge Hornet's Nest was set up emphasising the new club name, Halder Hornets.

In 1966 Mrs. Roger Maguire re-established the Halder Hornets Club and was it's General Leader for the next 16 years. The Club was involved in athletics, music and drama as well as the standard projects. In 1970 it was the 4-H Choir that started singing for the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Two of the Club's members were the organists, Diane and Donna Dahlke. The U. S. bicentennial year saw the Club enter a float in our township's celebration. Thirty-four members were enrolled in the club that year and club officers included Diane Johnson, president, Sheryl Bohmanm, vice-president, Betty Streveler, secretary, Carol Johnson, treasurer and Donna Dahlke, reporter. Adult leaders included many of the parents of club members, Mr. and Mrs Art Connor, Delores Nest, Isabelle Happli, Mavis Johnson, Virginia Gorman, Violet Streveler, Doris Dahlke, Margaret Baur, Roger Maguire and Tim Maguire.

In 1984 Delores and Art Connor became the Club's General Leaders. The club took on 11 new members, but had lost many of it's former members. Amy and Sara Connor were the only previous members left. The total membership was 13. New adult leaders included Carol Baumann, Mary Madison, Faye Pawlowski and Shirley Dahlke. The June Dairy Month promotions were undertaken by the club. The Halder Softball Games provided a setting for the promotion of dairy products. Ice cream, cheese and foods using dairy products were all given to the Softball Fans. Field trips to

grocery stores, TV stations and pizza places were favorites with the members. Each Christmas season would see members going Christmas Caroling to the town's elderly people. This tradition started many years ago within the different clubs in our township. Carol Baumann taught the members as well as the adult leaders, cake decorating. Fun in this project was had by young and old alike. Members took to this project so well, many blue ribbons were won and three members, Lynette Baumann, Leah Dahlke and Shannon Baumann, took home purple ribbons of merit for their efforts. Other popular projects with members were Music, Drama, Foods, Crops and Home Environment as well as Poultry. In the summer of 1987, our club erected a 4-H sign that stands by Halder on Highway 153. The design and the painting as well as setting up the sign was all done by members and leaders.

In 1988 Faye Pawlowski became the club's General Leader. At the present time the leaders are Carol Baumann and Shirley Dahlke.



4-H Club Picnic on Rib Hill 1948



U.S. Bicentennial Celebration
Left to Right: Ann Gorman, Amy Connor, Wendy Murry & Jenny Maguire.



Sentimental Scarecrow Play 1975
Back Row: Doreen Dahlke, Julie Connor, Betty Streveler, Donna Dahlke, Pat Connor, Mrs. Delores Connor. Front Row: Ann Gorman, Debbie Goodwill, Terri Dahlke, Bruce Streveler and Tim Connor.



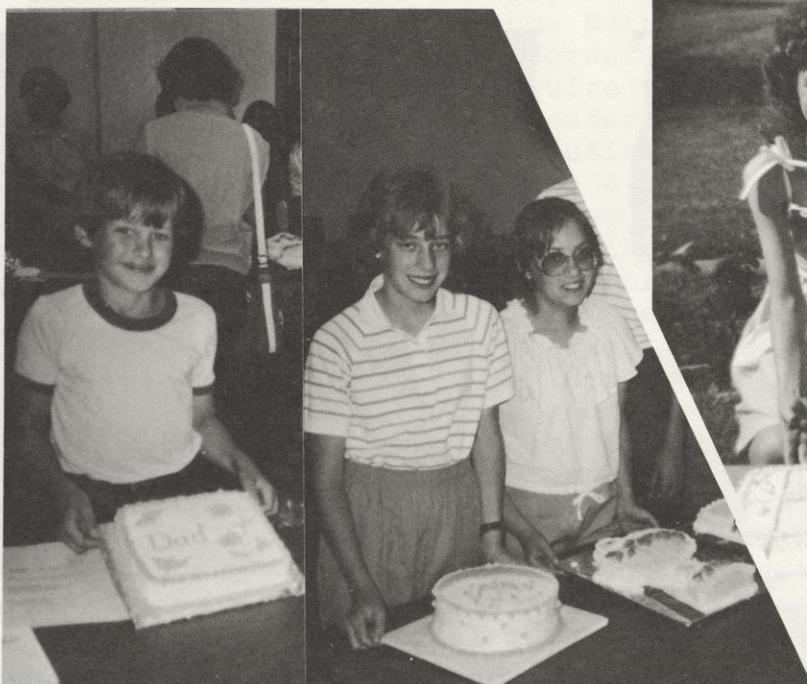
Group Picture 1984

Back Row: Cara Madison, Laurie Heil, Lara Dahlke, Peter Dahlke, Matt Heil. Middle Row: Amy Connor, Sara Connor, Janine Dahlke, Front Row: Yvonne Bohman, Lynette Baumann, Lea Dahlke & Rhonda Herman.



Cake Decorating Class 1984

Peter Dahlke, Janine Dahlke, Matt Baumann and Cara Madison.



Cake Decorating 1985

Blue Ribbon Winners: Shannon Baumann, Janine Dahlke, Lynette Baumann.



Cake Decorating 1985

More Blue Ribbon Winners: Leah & Lara Dahlke.



Halloween Party 1985

Back Row: Jesse Madison, Becky Pawlowski, Cara Madison, Maria Rosenau, Chris Kaiser, Lea Dahlke.
Front Row: Josh Madison, Shanon Pawlowski, Theresa Baumann and Lynnette Baumann.



Group tour of Halder Cheese Factory.



Halder Hornets Complete Sign

The Halder Hornets 4-H Club erected this sign along Hwy. 153 just north of Halder. The club completed this as a community service project. Pictured above are 4-H members: Front L to R, Rebecca Pawlowski, Sherri

Baumann, Shannon Baumann and Theresa Baumann. Back, Shannon Pawlowski, Marie Roseneau, Lara Dahlke, Lynnette Baumann and Matt Baumann.

The Halder Lions Club



Mike Fitzgerald, Ed. Habitz (Organized the Halder Lions Club)
Steve Baur and Duane Boehm

Written by, Mike Fitzgerald

The Halder Lions Club was organized and chartered in September of 1977. The club was chartered with 12 members, with Jim Happli Sr. being the first president, John Gorman the secretary and Jerry Fitzgerald Jr. the treasurer.

Lions Clubs are service organizations benefiting local, state wide and world wide projects. The Halder Lions Club works on several local projects during a given lionistic year. During the club's twelve year history, a few noteworthy projects completed were: supplied a typewriter to a local physically handicapped youth, in 1978, constructed lights on the Halder Ball Diamond, 1980, Built a chain link fence around the ball diamond, 1983-84, built a concession stand at the ball park, 1981, erecting a scoreboard at the ball diamond, 1988, held a benefit dance and tournament for one of the club's members, who was injured in a fall, 1988.

The club holds several projects annually including raffles, tournaments, pancake dinners and Christmas baskets for the elderly. Also the club runs men's and women's softball leagues annually, at the Halder Ball Diamond.

Presently the club consists of 40 members, with future projects planned for several areas around Halder. Developing a park and improving the playground for children, plus starting a Little League program.

The Halder Lions Club also donates moneys to state and world-wide projects. The state projects include the Wisconsin Lions Camp at Rosholt for the visually and physically handicapped, adults and children. Also the state Journey for Sight Program, which help the state's eye banks and eye tissue programs. Worldwide projects would include programs the Lions international organization supports: Diabetes screening, hearing and speech testing, drug awareness programs and third world health improvements.

Lions Clubs are very worthwhile organizations, which do accomplish many local, state and worldwide projects and goals.

Present officers are, President, Duane Boehm, Secretary, Mike Fitzgerald and Treasurer, Steve Baur.



Installing lights at Halder
Ball Diamond. 1980



Jim Maguire Sr., Neil Baur, Joey
Dahlke, Loy Boehm, Zig Kusiak &
Jimmy Happli. 1980

Halder holds benefit dance



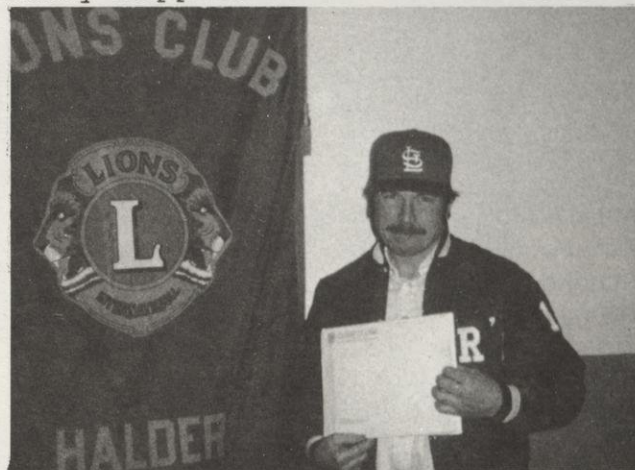
When Denny Boehm, a young man from Halder, was seriously injured in a fall this spring, the Halder Club went into action.

Knowing their job was "to serve," they organized a softball tournament and dance for the benefit of Denny.

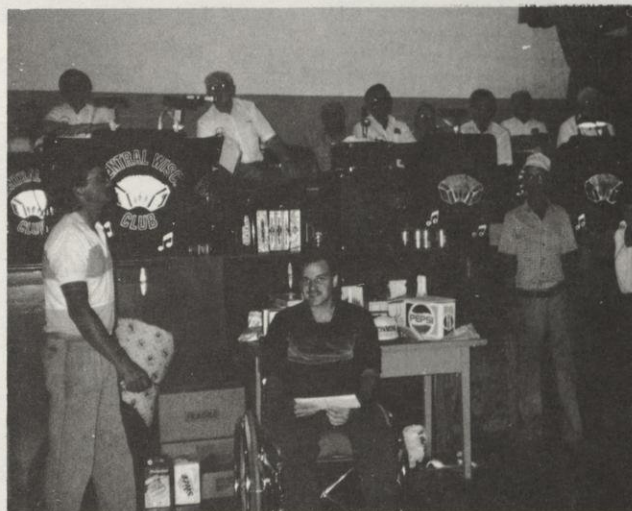
With great community support they raised \$5000 to help

defray the medical expenses for the young man.

Pictured above is Halder Club President Duane Boehm presenting the check to Denny at the benefit dance.



Jim Maguire Jr.



Concertina Club playing at
benefit dance for Denny Boehm



Back: Ken Sulzer, Mike Fitzgerald, Jim Fochs, Bill Dahlke, Ron Kusiak, Randy Brusky, Terry Nest, Ken Stankowski, Jim Happli, Front: Duane Boehm, Dale Boehm, Dennis Boehm, Loy Boehm and Larry Nest. (Halder Milling Team)



Back: Ken Zebro, Francis Martin, Ernie Walters, Tom Martin, Neil Daul, Mark Mahalek, Steve Zebro. Front: Al Jirgl, Steve Baur, Kevin Maguire, Dennis Domagola, Mike Gorman, Roger Baur, John McHugh, Manager Neil Baur, Gary Zebro. (L & N Team)



Cen-Pe-Co-1980-Back: Jay Gorman, Greg Stankowski, John Murry, Bruce Baur, Denny Boehm, Pat Gorman, Bernard Stankowski & John Draves. Front: Mike Maguire, Jim Nest, Jerome Draves, Kurt Wozniak, Bob Murry & Troy Dahlke.



Bob & Jane's-Jim Maguire, Marv Hughes, Michael Ray Kaiser, Bernie Wenzel, Casper Altman & Manager, Irene (Renie) Maguire.



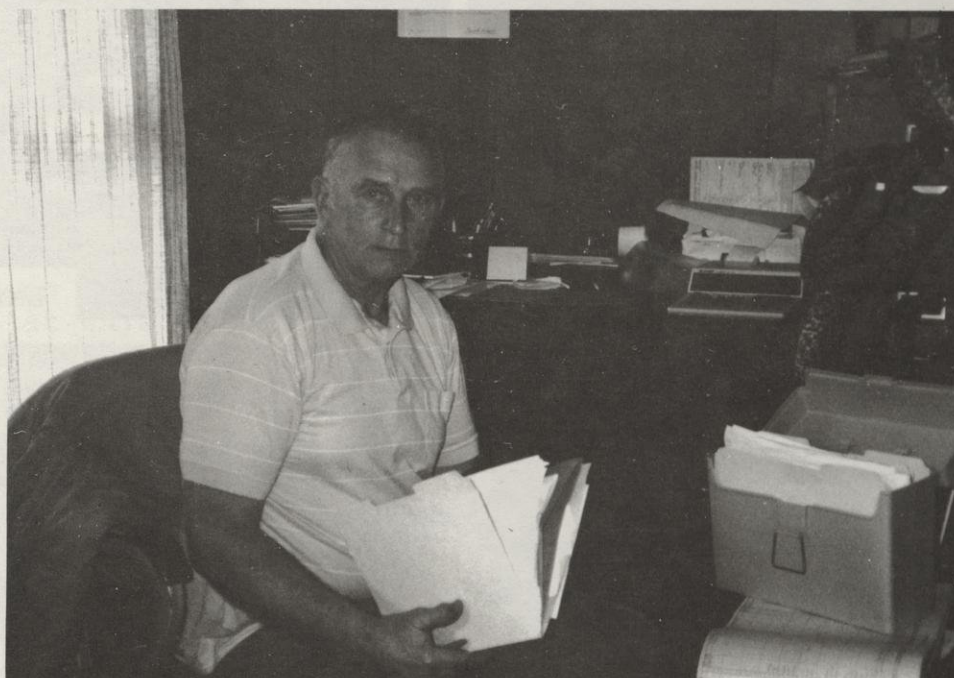
Brenda (Lilla) Deiler, Barb (Happli) Kaiser, Kelli (Kowalski) Zebro, Laurie (McHugh) Steiner, Connie (Zebro) Stanley, Mary (Zebro) McHugh, Vickie (Zebro) Martin, Julie (Walker) Kramer, Linda Majeski, Joan Baumann, Barb (Baur) Dahlke, Kim Brandt, Cindy Nest, Loy Boehm, Back: Bruce Baur, Kevin Maguire, Francis Martin. (Deiler's Girls)



L & J Girls, Front: Connie Bohman, Jackie (Baumann) Gorman, Cecil Martin, Bernice Martin. Back: Monte Maguire, Annette Bohman, Marietta (Maguire) Kern, Sarah Connor, Meldon Maguire, Kim Murry, Jean (Zebro) Griesmer, LouAnn Maguire, Shannon Maguire and Kathy Martin.



Election Workers taking oath of office for the new 2 year term
 Back: Elda McHugh, Anna Streveler and Lillian Handrick
 Front: Theresa Schedlo, Joan Dahlke, Margaret Baur & Mary Zebro



Frank Zebro - Town Clerk for 34 years 1955-1989



Annual Meeting 1989

The State of Wisconsin
Century Farm or Home Ownership Certificate
James P. Maguire

HAVING PRESENTED PROOF OF PRESENT OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED
IN MARATHON, COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND, WHICH PROPERTY WAS ACQUIRED
BY FELIX MAGUIRE IN 1861 AND HAS SINCE REMAINED
IN CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP IS AWARDED THIS

Century Ownership Certificate

BY THE

STATE OF WISCONSIN AND THE WISCONSIN EXPOSITION DEPARTMENT

DATED AND SIGNED AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 1967

[Signature]
Governor State of Wisconsin
[Signature]
Administrator, Wisconsin Exposition Department



Gerald Fitzgerald Farm



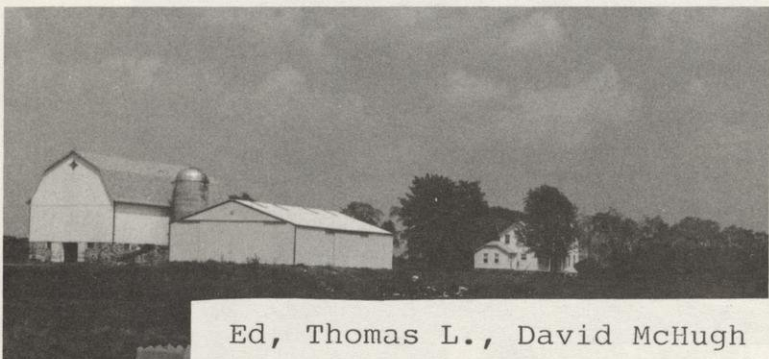
Frank 1876-Edward-Edwin Kurtzweil



Felix 1861-Leo 1910-James Maguire 1961



Larry Murry Farm



Ed, Thomas L., David McHugh



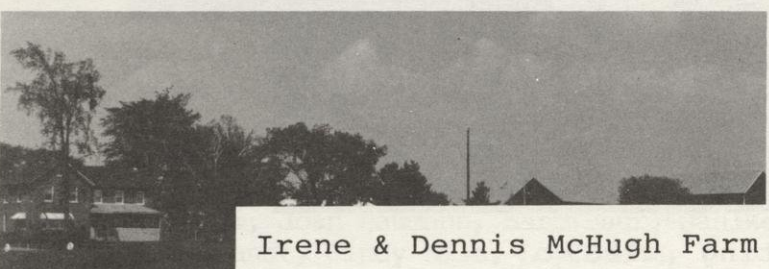
Mark Kafka Farm



Theresa Schedlo Farm



Mike Maguire Farm



Irene & Dennis McHugh Farm



Rupert Kurtzweil Farm

Baumann Farm -Three Generations



Jos. & Mary Baumann Farm
1928



Jos. & Mary Baumann Family 1955
50th Anniversary

Back Row: Norbert, Walter, Theresa
Schedlo, Katie Schara, Romona King,
Jos. H., & Carl W.
Front Row: Art, Jos., Mary, Irene
Dalsky

In 1917 Jos. and Mary Baumann purchased the farm from Jake Wachtl, which consisted of 160 acres in Section 15. They farmed until 1946 at which time their son, Art and Joan Baumann bought the farm. They farmed 320 acres until 1986. On April 1, 1986, it was taken over by their son, Gerard and Carol Baumann. The farm now consists of 620.



Back Row: Georgine Pagel, Gerard, Allan John,
Front Row: Art, Joan, Jackie Gorman, Connie, Louanne Markrof, Joan
Harris, Patricia Krause.

Art A. Baumann Family

Baumann Dairy Farm



Art Baumann, 3819 Briar Wood Rd., Edgar WI
Gerard Baumann, 3809 Briar Wood Rd., Edgar, WI

5-30-1986



Back Row: Theresa and Lynn

Front Row: Matt, Gerard, Carol, Andy

The Gerard Baumann Family



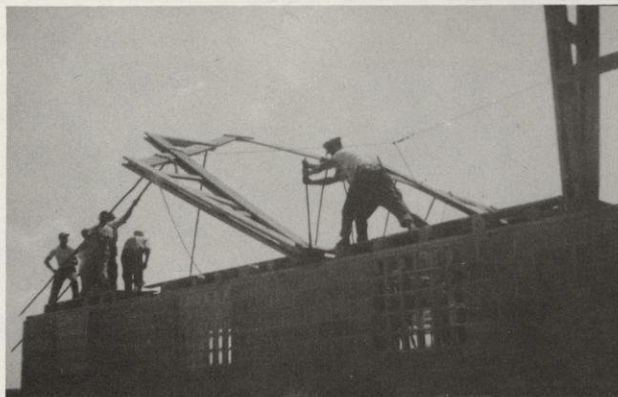
Cutting oats with a binder. Joe H., Don and Leander. Bernice and Arlene in the truck.



Silo built 1937



Don with his ribbon winning "Sally" 1949.



Building onto barn-1955.



Joe H. Baumann, cutting hay.

The Donald Baumann Farm, 3523 Briar Wood Road, Marathon, WI

Gideon Kaufman bought 80 acres from the United States on November 7, 1856. Mr. Kaufman was from Lancaster, Pa. Then John Quigley and John Kauffman bought the land from Gideon Kaufman on June 24, 1863. David G Swartz bought the land from John Quigley and John Kauffman on June 26, 1868. Edgar P. Shoomaker bought the land from David G. Swartz on February 23, 1872, then Harvey Lightner bought it from Edgar P. Shoomaker, November 11, 1872. Arthur Keithley bought the land from Harvey Lightner on May 1, 1889. David Jennings and Garrett Sullivan bought it from Arthur Keithley on September 25, 1891. Jacob Gensman bought the land on May 9, 1899 from David Jennings and Garrett Sullivan. W. D. Conner bought the land on May 25, 1908 from Jacob Gensman. Then Robert Freeman bought the land on July 25, 1912 from the Connor Company of Marshfield. Simon Baur purchased it April 25, 1919 from Robert Freeman, then Carl M. Baur bought it from Simon Baur on June 11, 1923. Joseph Baumann purchased the land April 26, 1927, from Carl M. Baur. On June 14, 1929, Joseph H. Baumann bought the Land from his father Joseph Baumann.

Joseph H. Baumann plowed the first furrow on November 2, 1928 and built the first building, the barn in 1930. He was married on September 11, 1934 and built a house there after.

Donald Baumann bought the farm, October, 1970 from Joseph H. and Dorothy Baumann.



Donald Baumann Farm



Don, Dorothy and Joe H. Baumann.



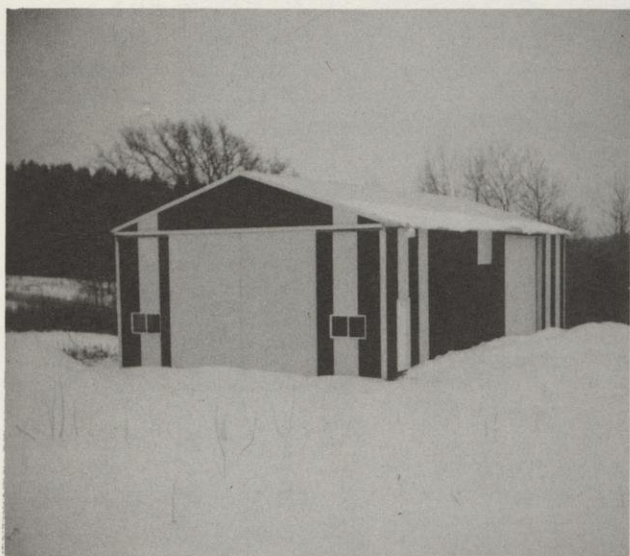
Making Maple Syrupy-1971.

Joe and Jeri Baumann Residence
1633 Maple Leaf Road.
Marathon, WI



Christmas Day 1988
Standing, Back Row: Shannon and Sherri
Sitting, Front Row: Joe, Little Joe, Jamie and
Jeri Baumann

January of 1981 we purchased 40 acres of land from Luke Schilling. In 1982 we bulldozed the area and constructed a machine shed. In 1983 we drilled the well and put in the septic system. On May 14, 1984 we moved in with four children, Shannon, Sherri, Joey and Jami.



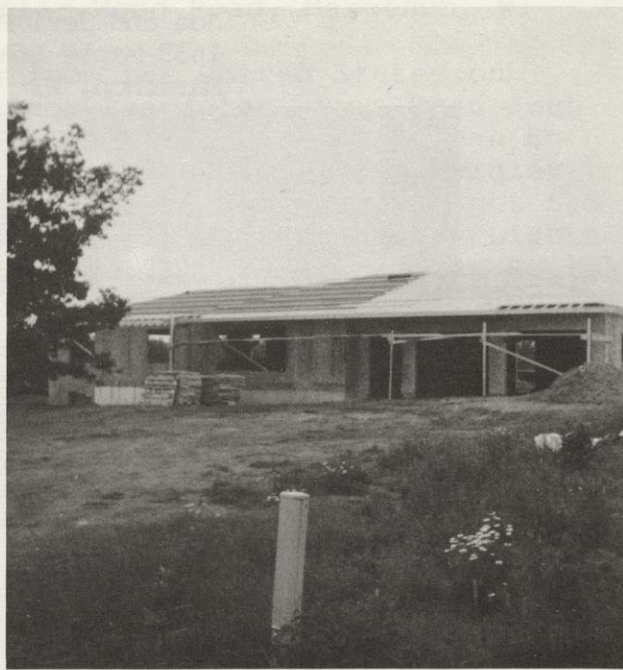
Machine shed built in 1982



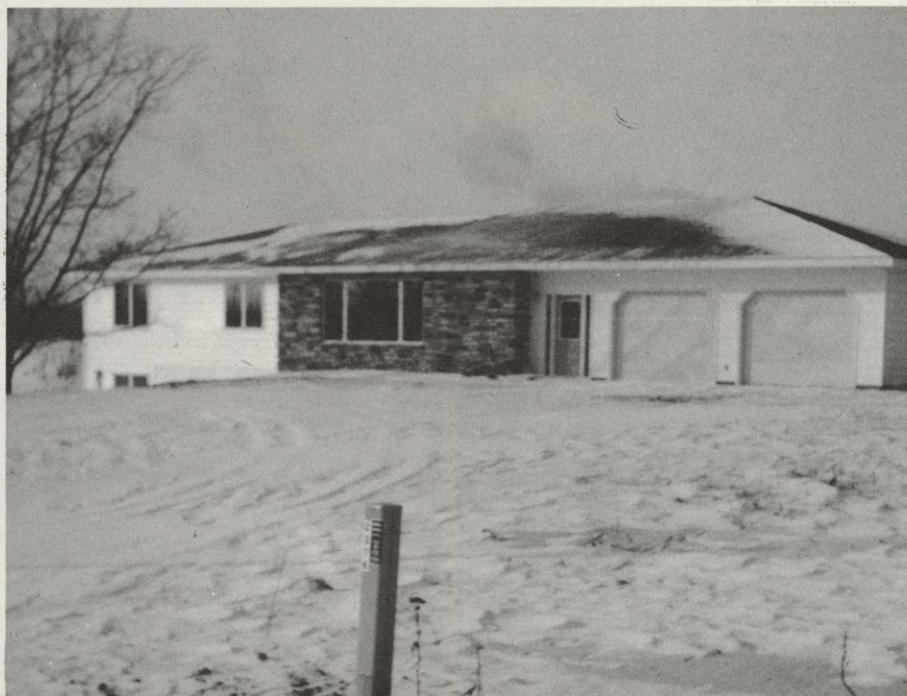
Ground breaking for our home
May 14, 1984



Shannon and Sherri Baumann helping shovel fill for the foundation of our home, while Little Joe and Jamie inspect.



Joe M. Baumann home in rough stage mid-June 1984



Joe M. Baumann completed home.

Joe, Dorothy and Joe M. Baumann.

Making Maple Syrup-1973

The first recorded purchase of the farm currently known as Twin-B-Dairy was made by John White on October 25, 1856. There were several owners before it was purchased by Balthazer Furger on February 28, 1896. Balthazer's son John was married to Anna Salzman in 1905 and they farmed the 80 acre farm. On January 3, 1917 they purchased the farm from Balthazer and raised four daughters. The youngest daughter, Mary Ann, married Walter Baumann on September 25, 1943. Walter and Mary Ann purchased it. Throughout the years they purchased several more pieces of land.

The first was 80 acres of land which was originally owned by John White on April 15, 1859. After several owners it was sold to Joseph Michlig on March 4, 1903. Walter and Mary Ann purchased it on June 5, 1963.

The second addition was a 40 acre piece which was originally owned by George T. Bigelow and John A. Stewart July 1, 1871. After several owners it was purchased by Anton Imhoff on November 8, 1915. Menzner Lumber purchased the 40 acre parcel on November 21, 1963 for lumber. Walter and Mary Ann purchased the land from the lumber company on December 10, 1968.

The third purchase was a 120 acre farm. The original owner, George W. Stoner purchased the land November 23, 1857. After several owners Louis and Kathleen Michlig along with F. X. Schilling purchased the land on November 2, 1935. Louis and Bernice Imhoff purchased the land on May 14, 1936 and sold it to Joseph and Eileen Imhoff on June 3, 1943. Twin-B-Dairy purchased the farm on October 15, 1981.

The fourth purchase was a farm which was originally owned by John S. Beall, on October 23, 1857. After several owners Balthazer and Josephine Furger purchased the land. They sold it to their son Joseph and his wife, Francis, on January 5, 1917. They sold the land to their son Henry and his wife, Marie, on March 18, 1937. John G. Paff purchased the farm on April 18, 1973 and resold it to Theodore and Kathy Weis on July 15, 1977. The farm was purchased by the Baumann Brothers on May 25, 1988.

Family contributions helped the farm become a success throughout the years. Walter and Mary Ann's twin sons Floyd and Lloyd, along with their wives Sandee Jo and Sandy Lee now operate the farm known as Twin-B-Dairy.

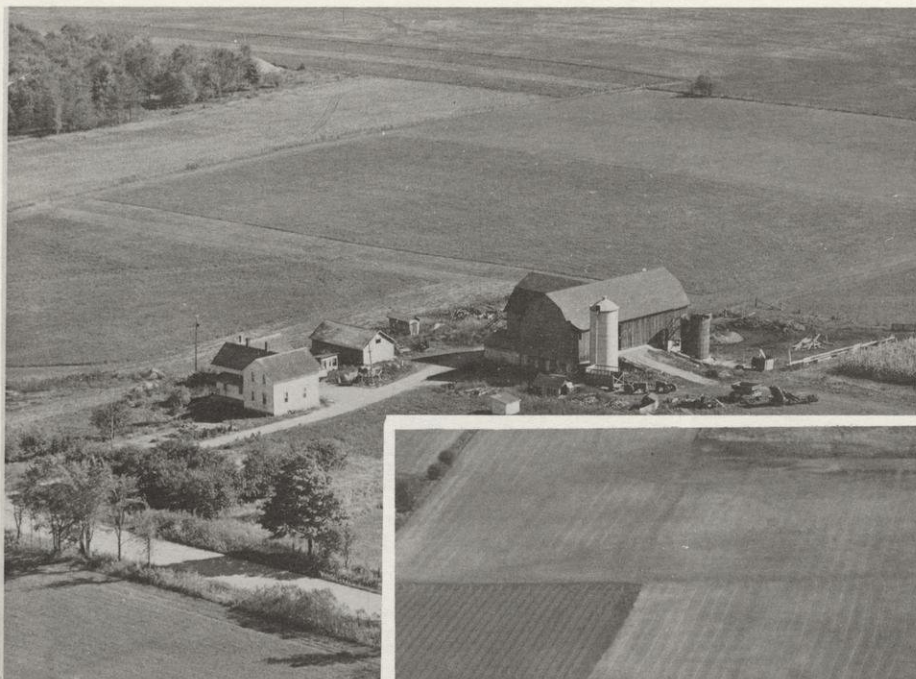
On May 8, 1988 the farm experienced a set back when a tornado hit the west side of the farm. A heifer shed and two 60 ft. silos were completely destroyed and several buildings and ginseng gardens were damaged.



Tornado damage, May 8, 1988.



Channel 9 with Lloyd and Dennis.



Twin-B-Farm

May 1981



Walter Baumann Family 1983

Back Row: Lloyd, Lawrence, Dennis, Floyd

Front Row: Janice, Mary Ann, Walter and Sandra.



Janice-Marathon Fun Days
Queen

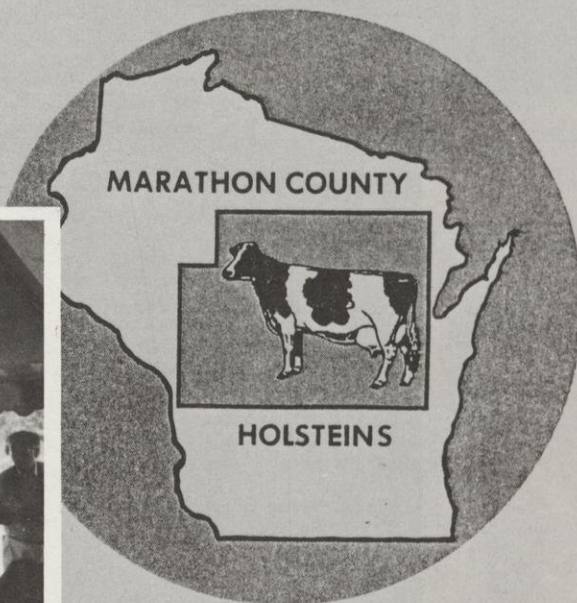


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Welcome To...

1986 Twilight Meeting

July 16, 1986, 7:30 p.m.



Your Hosts....The Baumann's

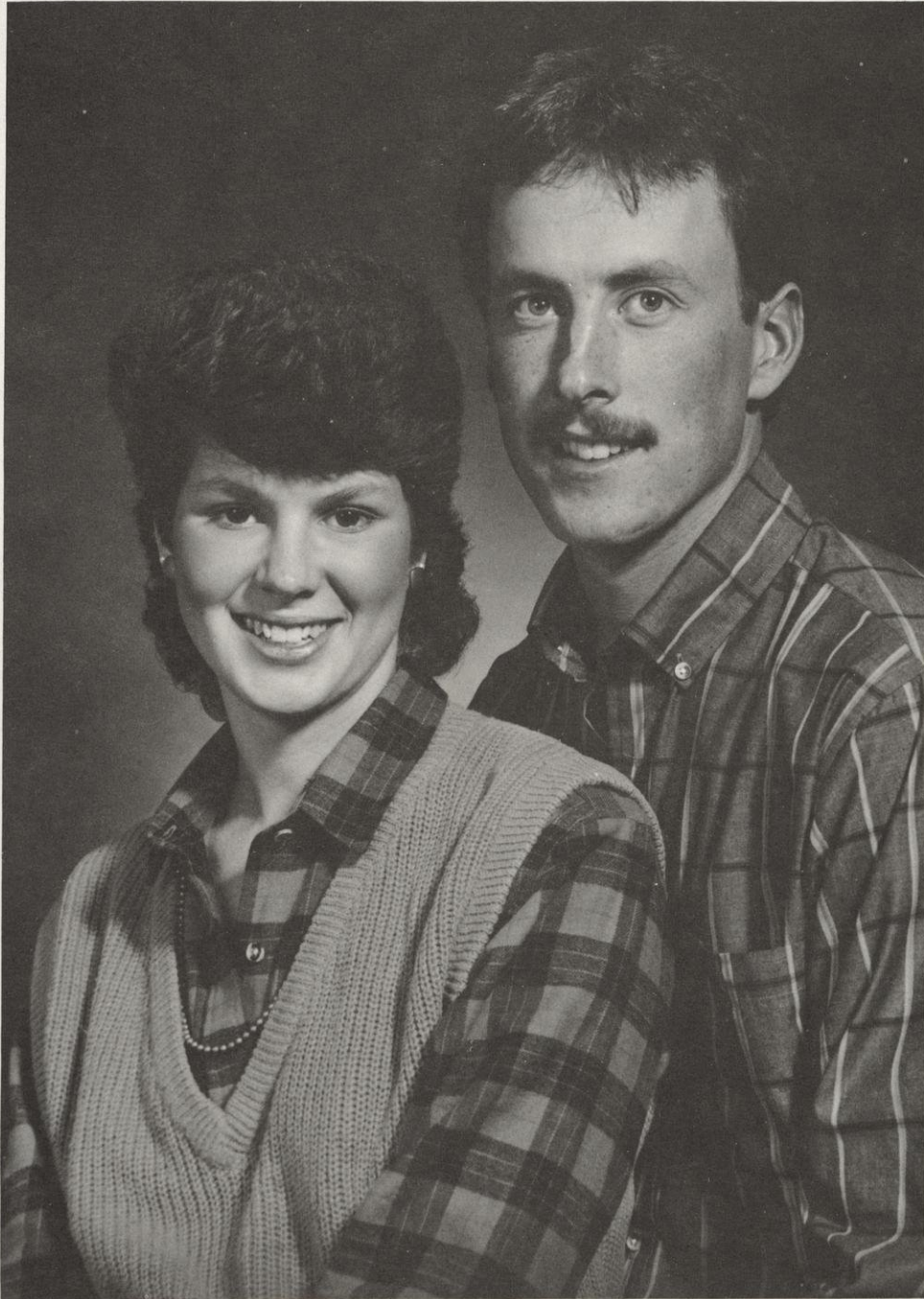
Floyd and Lloyd
Santee Jo and
Sandy Lee

Marathon, WI



Bruce and Lisa Baur Residence
3590 Sugar Bush Road
Mosinee, WI 54455

This property was owned by William Kennedy, when in 1940 John and Lucy Obernberger purchased it. On July 7, 1977, Neil and Margaret (Obernberger) Baur purchased it. Three acres were purchased in 1987, by Bruce and Lisa (Kaiser) Baur, where they built their new home. Bruce and Lisa moved in November 7, 1987.



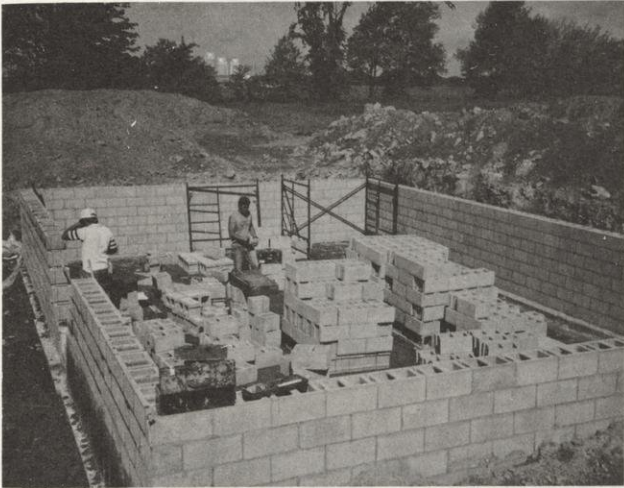
Lisa and Bruce Baur



Land purchased. 6-87



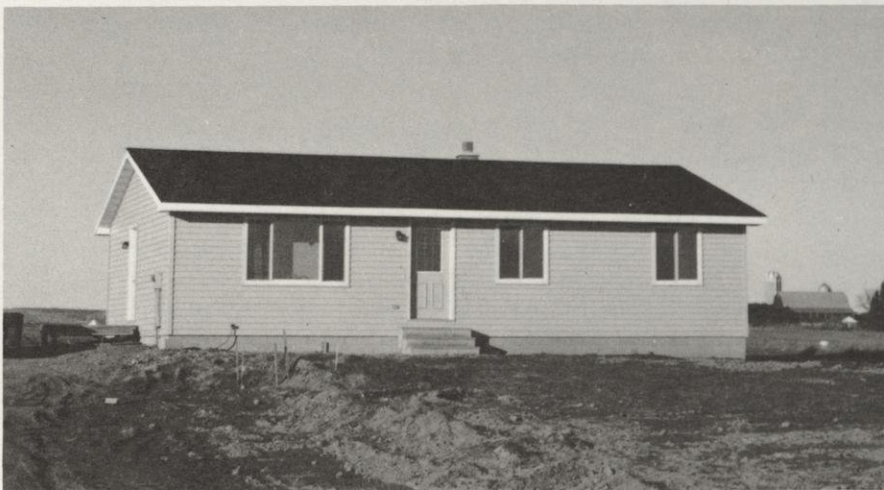
Brehm Bros. Digging basement.
6-87



Mike and John Hytry,
building basement. 7-87



Dennis Boehm & Jr. Bores,
building Home. 8-87



Finished Home. 10-87



Row 1, Baby Michael, Born 1-10-88, Jennifer, Kimberly.
Back Row: Roger, Mindy holding Laura, all the above are Roger Baur's.
Neil, Steve, Margret, Lisa, Bruce Baur, Barbara holding Maria, Bill
holding Sarah Dahlke.

THE NEIL BAUR FARM

Back in 1856 the U. S. A. sold this property to Asa Reed, in October of 1868 Asa Reed sold it to John Wells. Wells owned it until October of 1873 when he sold it to Mike Meylert. Later in 1873 Robert Freeman became owner. Robert Freeman built the barn in 1901. The same barn is still in use today. William Freeman became owner in 1908 until December 20, 1911, when he sold 120 acres to Ignatuis and Tillie (Baur) Boehm. William Freeman became owner again December 11, 1916 until June 1, 1920, when Ignatuis Boehm became owner again. Ignatuis Boehm then sold the property to Paul and Cristine Malariek in October of 1942. Malariek then sold it to John and Anne Folton, June 28, 1946. They farmed until November 12, 1959 when Neil and Margaret (Oberberger) Baur purchased it. We farmed the 120 acres with our family of three sons and one daughter, Roger (Melinda Kutchmarek) Baur, Barbara (Bill) Dahlke, Steve Baur, Bruce (Lisa Kaiser) Baur.

Although the Baur farm has changed in appearance over the years there are a few things that remain the same.

The Baur family still own and operate the farm although each owner made their contribution. The Freemans the barn, the Boehms the home that is still there, the Malarieks the grainery, the Foltons drilled a good well and built up the land on which great crops are still taken.

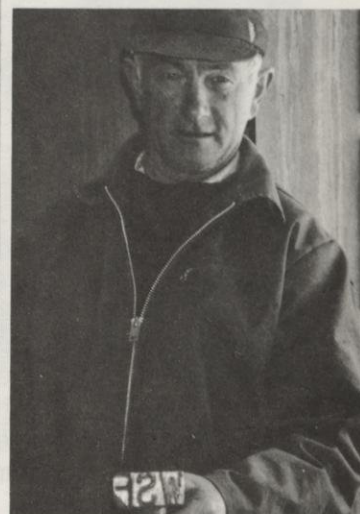
Neil Baur worked at Marmet Corp. after becoming owner, from 1959 to 1962. He then became grader operator for the Town of Emmet for eight years. He also served as supervisor for the Town of Emmet from 1979 to 1983 and 1985 to 1987.

Neil is also active in the Halder Lions Club and is now helping with the Town of Emmet celebration.

Hopefully the traditions of passing on the heritage from generation to generation will continue.



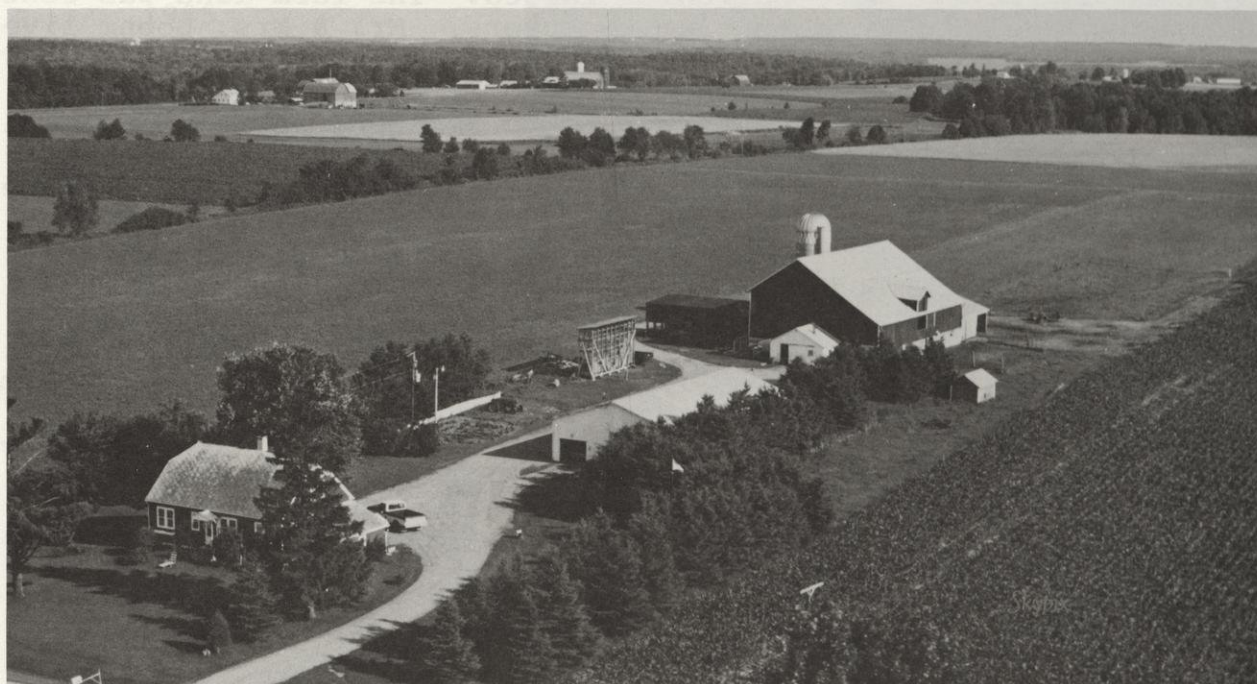
Mr. & Mrs. William Freeman Farm 1908-1916



Neil Baur with log marker found on his farm-belonged to Wm. Freeman.



Mr. & Mrs. John Foltin Home 1959



Mr. and Mrs. Neil Baur Farm-taken in 1981

Duane & Julie Boehm Residence,
(Owners: Loy Boehm, Dorothy Boehm & Duane Boehm)

In 1858 a U.S. Patent was issued to John Crane for 80 acres of land. John Connor purchased the 80 acres from John Crane in 1874, he and his wife, Sadie then sold the land to Ellen McCloud in 1889. Ellen McCloud and Alex McCloud sold the land to Joseph Maguire in 1903. In 1908 Robert Freeman bought the land from Joseph and Helen Maguire. Robert Freeman owned the land for 10 years and in 1918 sold it to Peter Hoffman. Three years later Peter and Veronica Hoffman sold the farm to Ignatius, Robert and Thomas Boehm in 1921. In 1927 Thomas Boehm and his wife, Elizabeth became sole owners.

Thomas Boehm was born July 26, 1887 and moved to this area from Durand, where his father and mother, Dominic and Rolalie lived. In 1915 Thomas married Elizabeth Baur, daughter of Simon and Elizabeth Baur. Thomas and Elizabeth moved onto the farm in 1927 from another farm, (the present Dorothy Murry residence). They moved the house from that farm with them. It took over two weeks to move the home on wooden rollers pulled by teams of horses. A crew of 25-30 men were on hand each day as the house was being moved. In 1935 that house burned down and the present home was built while the family with 8 children at the time lived in a small garage until the completion of the house. Thomas worked for 11 years as a grader man for the Wausau Highway Department, and also farmed. The couple had nine children, Roger, Leon, Loy, Hubert, Armin, Elizabeth (Betty), Dorothy, Loretta and Thomas Jr.

Throughout the years two additional plots of 40 acres each were purchased from Howard Dessert and from John Belohlavek, bringing the total acreage to 160 acres. In 1958 the barn was destroyed by fire and cattle were no longer raised. The farm land was rented out and gravel was sold to granite buyers. Mr. & Mrs. Boehm lived on the farm until Thomas died in December, 1974. Elizabeth continued to live there until she moved to Mosinee in 1981.

In 1979 Elizabeth sold the farm to her son, Loy Boehm and his wife, Dorothy and their son, Duane, the current owners. In 1980 the present barn was built as well as the first planting of Ginseng. The present acreage is 66 acres as the rest of the land was sold to granite buyers, in 1979.

In 1984 Duane Boehm began living at the farm and in 1985 he married Julie Happli, daughter of James and Isabella Happli. A son Joshua was born May 27, 1986 and a daughter, Amanda born Sept. 13, 1988 and died October 3, 1988. Duane works as a Ginseng farmer and his wife, Julie works at the Marshfield Clinic.

In June of 1986 one acre of land was set aside along Highway 153 for the construction of a new home for Loy and Dorothy Boehm. In October of 1986 Loy and Dorothy moved from their home farm (Dale and Janet Boehm Residence) to their new home.

50th. Anniversary

Thomas Boehm Family



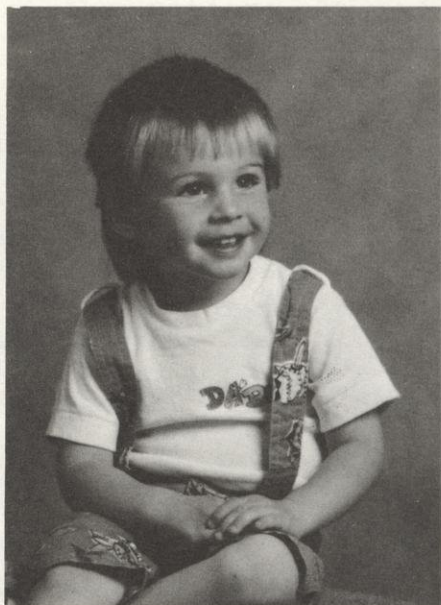
Thomas & Elizabeth Boehm 1965



F. Row: Loretta, Dorothy, Loy, Roger, Tommy, Betty, Leon.
Back Row: Armin, Hubert, Thomas and Elizabeth.



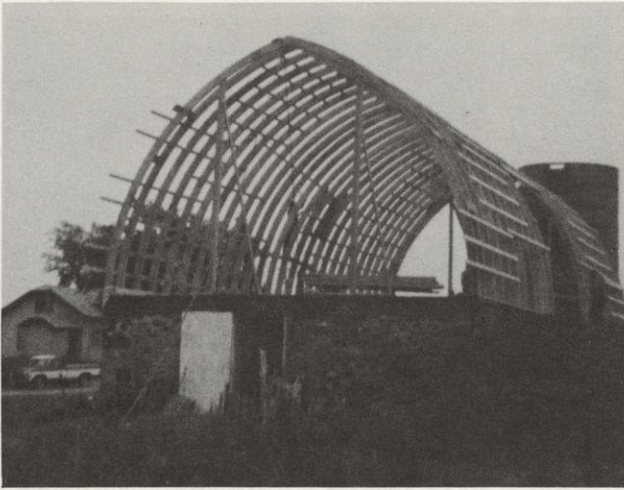
Dorothy and Loy Boehm
1985



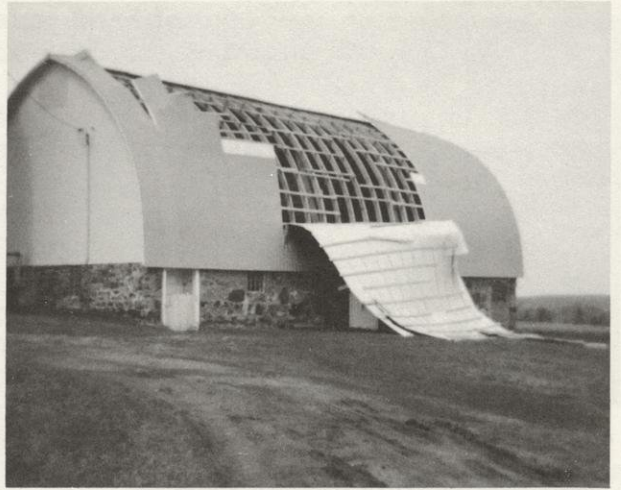
Joshua son of Duane &
Julie Boehm. 1988



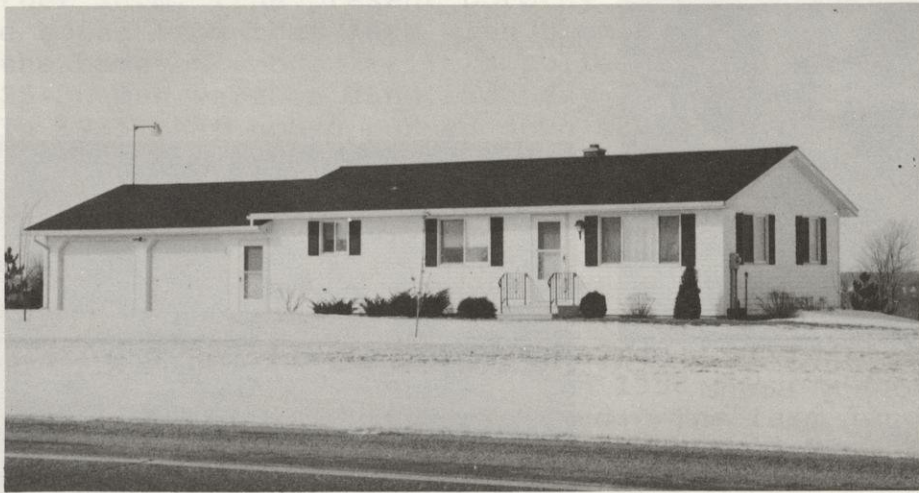
Julie and Duane Boehm.



Barn Raising in 1980



Storm damage 1985



Loy and Dorothy Boehm Residence 1986



Residing The House-Fall of 1987



Ginseng Garden.

HISTORY OF THE HUBERT & MARIE BOEHM FARM

THE OLDEST FARM IN THE TOWN OF EMMET

The oldest farm in the township of Emmet, is owned by Hubert and Marie Boehm. The following information has been found on the original Abstract of Title.

"The East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South East quarter of section No. twenty-four (24) in the township No. twenty-seven (27) North of range five (5) East, in the County of Marathon and State of Wisconsin."

U.S. Government to Thomas Connor: OCTOBER 30, 1856

Mr. Thomas Connor died in December of 1901. Upon his death, his son, Christopher, inherited the farm. This included the land, buildings, cattle and machinery. The original log house, which was already 40 years old, was razed in 1917. This was done to make room for the new house, which still stands. The cost for the new house, built in 1917, was a total of \$2000.00.

The farm was then bought in July of 1926 by John & Mary Hildensperger. It was then bought by Martin & Clara Schreiber in April of 1930. In May of 1953, Mr. Louis Kusiak purchased the farm, and it was then sold to Hubert and Marie Boehm, in July of 1954.

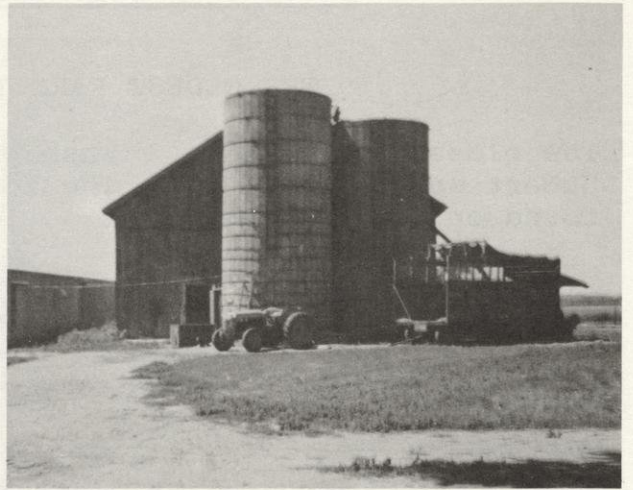
The new dairy barn was built in 1962 by Hubert & Marie Boehm. This was the first one-story, insulated dairy barn of it's kind ever built in the state of Wisconsin.

Hubert & Marie Boehm have 5 living children. They are as follows:

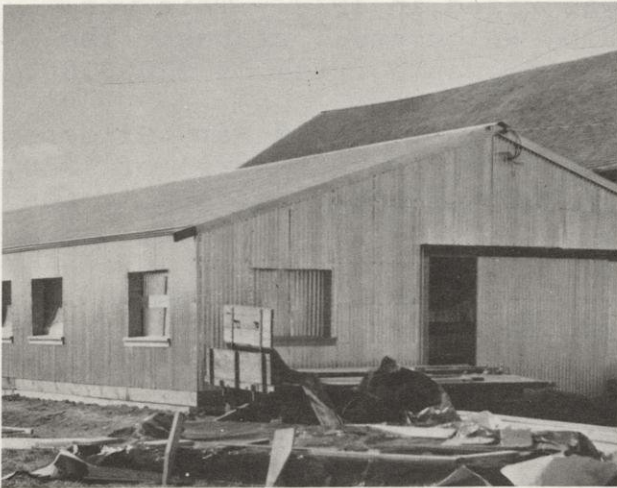
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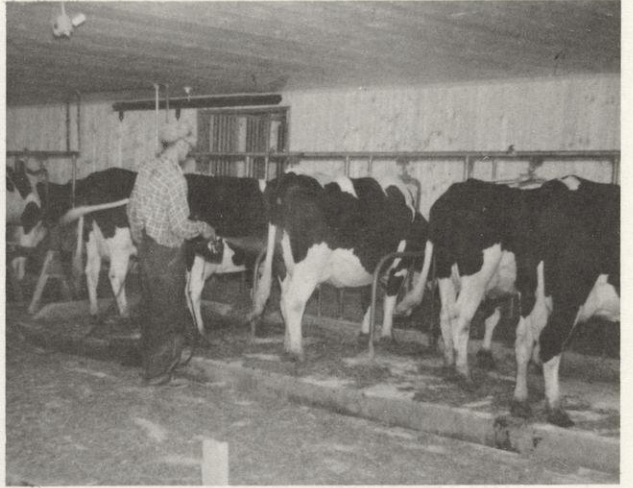
The house built in 1917 as it was when purchased in 1954.



The old barn was built with square nails.



First one story, insulated dairy barn ever built in Wisconsin. 1962



Hubert working inside the new dairy barn. 1962



Front: Joyce, Hubert, Marie, Julie.
Back: Steve and Bill. 1987



The house built in 1917 as it looks today. 1989



The Melder Family
George, William, Sister Willann
(Arlene) and Mary. 1955



Newlyweds 1947
Loy and Dorothy Boehm



Loy Boehm and daughter Shirley
and faithful dog, Buck. 1953



Children of Loy and Dorothy Boehm
Left to Right: Duane, Denny,
Shirley and Dale. 1966

Dale and Janet Boehm Residence

(Owners: Loy and Dorothy Boehm)

Eighty acres of this farm was obtained by William Hayes under the Homestead Act in 1867. In 1898 William Hayes sold the farm to William McFadden. William McFadden in turn sold the land in 1900 to Richard and Louise Schardt. In 1902 it was sold again by Richard and Louise Schardt, to William H. Melder & his wife, Theresa. William H. Melder was born on August 23, 1857 and died September 23, 1933.

In 1926 William H. Melder Jr. and his wife Mary bought the farm from his mother and father. William H. Melder Jr. was born August 31, 1894 and died October 16, 1961. His wife, the former Mary Schedlo, was born September 25, 1900 and died October 16, 1969. In 1936, William H. Melder Jr. and his wife Mary, sold the farm to Gertrude Spaeth, sister of William. Gertrude stayed on the farm until 1942, when she sold it to two of her sisters, Catherine and Marie Melder. Catherine and Marie farmed for only two years and in 1944 it was sold to it's present owner, Loy Boehm.

He married Dorothy Feltz in 1947. They have four children, Shirley, Duane, Dale and Dennis. An additional 40 acres was purchased from the farm of Norbert and Dorothy Baumann, when it was sold and they moved to Washington, in 1962. Another 40 acres was purchased from the farm that Charles and Betty Baur sold in 1974.

In addition to farming over 40 years, Loy also did some logging in the winters of the 1960's. In 1986 Loy and Dorothy moved off of the home farm and their son Dale, and his wife Janet, now operate the farm.



Back: Dale, Dennis,
Shirley & Duane.
Front: Dorothy & Loy



Boehm Farm

Cafarella Farm: Town of Emmet, Section 22, 160 Acres

The first settler on this farm was Robert Smeaton and his wife Anna, in the year 1868. Then it goes on to several other people for a length of one to three years because they were under marginal satisfaction of mortgages. Joseph and his wife Katherine Karlen resided on this farm for a length of time. They had purchased the farm from John and Susan Krieg in the early 1900's. They had raised the barn on June 14, 1908, and the brick house was built and finished in 1915. After Karlens retired, Joseph and his wife Frances McHugh bought the farm on April 10, 1939. They are the daughter and son-in-law of the Joseph Karlens. In 1946 the farm was sold to Ernest and Marcella Soczka. They farmed until the spring of 1969.

The Cafarellas purchased the farm from Ernest and Marcella Soczka on May 7, 1969, but the Cafarella family moved in July, 1969, to allow time for the Soczkas to relocate. Frank and his wife Lena Cafarella had farmed in the Township of Knowlton, along with four sons and three daughters. Frank Cafarella had lived for fifty seven years, on this farm, until the spring of 1969. The Cafarella farm was aquired as airport property by Central Wisconsin Airport. The Cafarellas then relocated on the Town of Emmet farm. The dairy farm consists of 160 acres, tillable.

Frank Cafarella Sr. passed away on June 29, 1975. In September 1975, a silo, 14 x 50 had been built. In October, 1977, a new front porch, on the north side had been enclosed. In the fall of 1980, a machine shed 48' x 120' was raised. On January 29, 1980, Lena Cafarella passed away. In April, 1980 the farm was incorporated and called, Cafarella Farm Inc. It consisted of sons and daughters of the late Frank and Lena Cafarella. On February 11, 1987, Frank Cafarella Jr., Known as (Frankie) passed away. At the present time, on the Cafarella farm, are Mike, Nick, Theresa, Rosemary and Juneann.



First house on the Cafarella Farm, before the brick house was built. Left to Right: Frances Hughes, Frances McHugh (in buggy), Katherine (Hughes) Karlen and Joseph Karlen. After the brick house was built, this house was moved to the James Schara Premises.



The brick house the Joseph Karlens built.



House after the front porch on the north side was enclosed.



Entire farm from the air.



Barn at present time.

Cafarella Family at Christmas 1988



Left to Right. Front Row: Theresa, Juneann, Rosemary.
Back Row: Nick, Danny and Mike.

CLARK Farm

Thomas Clark and Catherine Handrick Clark came to the township of Emmet about 1877. Their farm was located on Eau Pleine Park road.

They had three children John, Mary (Mrs. John Maguire), Elizabeth (Mrs. Ed. Hayes). John remained on the farm with his parents.

In June 1898 John married Anna VanOrder. They continued to build the farm which was cleared and enlarged with acreage of four hundred fifty four acres. Of this acreage forty was as inheritance from my father's uncle Ned Schields. This part of the farm later became part of the Maurice Clark farm.

John and Anna had seven children Robert, Maurice, Margaret, Mary, John, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Growing up at home was a joy and a busy place, as my father John Clark, was always planning and busy clearing land to expand the growing of crop space.

A crop that my parents always were very particular with was red clover. The first crop was harvested for hay. The second crop of the season was allowed to go to seed. A big machine was hired to thresh the seed. It was called a Clover Huller. This seed was kept to replace the hay crop and the excess was sold for cash. Dad would direct the family to pick every weed from the growing crop.

Logging was also a very important industry in our home. During World War I we had a very interesting group of men from Canada come to work at our place. They lived with us in our home. They cut and hewed shop timber from tall straight trees. The timber had to be free of blemishes and very carefully inspected by government inspectors.

During World War I my father also had a logging operation. The logs were sold to Desserts at Camp 4. Camp 4 was located on our property. In later years the road was named Sugar Bush Road.

Mr. Chet Davis was the foreman of operations and Mr. and Mrs. James Handrick were the head cooks. Christina Svehla was the hired girl. She had a little romance and married Albert Griesmer, one of the workmen.

The interesting part of this operation was the logs were hauled to Dessert sawmill by a Steam Hauler. It was powered with steam from a boiler that ran the caterpillar type of wheel that propelled the rollers under the machine.

The Steam Hauler was owned by Louis Dessert.

The logs were loaded on bobsleds.



The tracks for the runners were iced for easy pulling. The trip started from Camp 4 about four o'clock every afternoon and would arrive at the Dessert Mill about six in the evening



Icing down skidway.

The mill was located near the pond behind what is now the new city garage in Mosinee.

The neighborhood youngsters made regular trips to the camp because the cooks always seemed ready to treat us with raisin pie or freshly baked doughnuts. We weren't allowed to enter the sleeping shanty which was strictly kept for the workmen.

Our family grew up and left all but John Jr. In September 1937 he married Katie Belle Witz. They bought the farm from our parents in 1944.

Kate & John had six children, Lawrence, Barbara, Diedre, Eileen, Francis and Susan. They improved the farm and engaged largely in dairy farming.

One of the interesting things was making maple syrup every spring. The syrup was sold to the Mosinee Paper Mill for \$1.50 per gallon. They always had about 150 gallons each year. The syrup time was fun and an enjoyable operation, but still it was a lot of hard work.

The farm remained in the Clark name for ninety one years. Three generations of Clarks spent happy years on the farm in the Town of Emmet.



John Sr. and Anna Clark

Courtesy of
Elizabeth Clark



Annie Clark-Margaret, Mary,
Elizabeth (Lizzie) & Sadie



Back Row: Mary (Clark) Osterbrink, Margaret (Clark) Hughes, Maurice, Robert.

Front Row: Elizabeth (Clark) Condon, Sadie (Clark) Osterbrink, John Patrick Clark.



Back: John, Eileen, Kate, Larry
Front: Francis, Diedre and Barbara.



Susan

The Donald & Shirley Dahlke Farm

(Formerly The Robert & Appolonia Boehm Farm)

The present Don and Shirley Dahlke farm was first homesteaded by William and Catherine Keefe in 1879. The farm included the entire SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24 (160 acres). Catherine Keefe died that same year. William was a Supervisor on the first Town Board of 1889. He farmed and in 1910 sold (1) acre to James Bowes.

In 1912 the remaining 159 acres were sold to Dominic Boehm. In 1914 Dominic sold 80 acres to his son, Thomas, and 79 acres to another son, Robert. The 79 acres Robert purchased included the house and barn of William Keefe. This was the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24. The original barn was destroyed by fire from a spark from the threshing machine shortly after Robert purchased the farm. A new barn was built and the house completely remodeled. In 1927 Robert purchased 40 acres from his brother, Thomas, which is the present farm (119 acres).

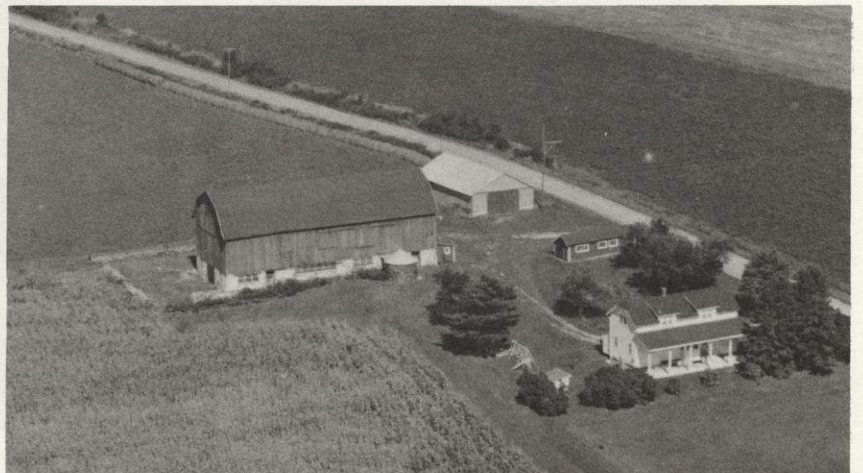
Robert's wife was Appolonia (Loney) Dahlke, daughter of William and Theresa Dahlke. They were married in 1914 and were married for 60 years. Robert died in 1975 at the age of 85. Appolonia was born in 1889 and will be 100 years old July 4, 1989. They had six children Agnes, Eugene, Alma, Leonard, Mark and Cecelia. The youngest son, Mark stayed on and farmed with his father until the farm was sold in 1970. Mark married Joan Horning in 1949 and they have five children, Glen, Katherine, Mark Jr., Jean and Lois. They moved to Wausau where they are presently living.

In 1970 the farm was purchased by Donald F. Dahlke and his wife Shirley. Don was born in the Town of Emmet to Victor and Joan Dahlke. Victor passed away in November of 1987, while Joan is presently living in Halder. Shirley's parents are Loy and Dorothy Boehm, who are also residents of the Town of Emmet.

Don and Shirley have two daughters, Leah, Born 5-27-1974 and Lara, born 10-16-1975. The farm is being used as a hobby farm, with the land being rented out for crops. Throughout the years the Dahlke's have had the farm, they raised sheep for a few years as well as having a couple of riding horses. Don was Supervisor for the Town of Emmet from 1975 to 1979 and again from 1981 to 1985. Don and Shirley currently operate the Don Dahlke Insurance Agency.



Home of Robert &
Loney Boehm & son,
Mark & wife Joanie.



Farm of Donald Dahlke family.



Robert and Appolonia Boehm's Wedding
 Tom Boehm, Marie Polster, John Dahlke, Anna Streveler,
 Bill Dahlke, Front Row: Appolonia and Robert Boehm.



Mark and Joan Boehm Family
 Back Row: Kathy, Mark, Joan, Glen, Mark Jr.
 Front Row: Lois and Jean.



Forth Generation Picture of Elizabeth Boehm, Loy Boehm, Shirley Dahlke, Leah and Lara Dahlke.



Shepherd girls, Leah and Lara Dahlke. Taken May 1980.



Donald and Shirley Dahlke
1988



Leah and Lara Dahlke 1988



Home built by Wm. & Theresa Dahlke
Left to Right: Joseph, Pete, Bill,
John, William, Theresa, Augusta,
Ablonia, Marie & Rosalie.

Wm. & Theresa Dahlke Family
Front Row: Georgine, Theresa,
Victor, William, Cecelia,
Back Row: Peter, Marie, William,
Ablonia, John, Rosalie & Joe.



Remodeled home of Peter
and Lucille Dahlke.



Home remodeled again by Joey and Leona
Dahlke.

Joey & Leona Dahlke Farm-878 Hilltop Road, Mosinee WI

From the records in the United States Land Office in Wausau, it appears that the land was deposited in favor of Maria Snell, widow of Salvanus Snell, private, Captain Jenkins Company, New York Militia was of 1812 and that on December 18, 1856, she conveyed land to Jacob J. Bush a bachelor. From then on it appears transactions took place on December 30, 1890 to Benjamin J. Bush, March 14, 1896 to Daniel Hayes, April 19, 1896 to Peter Dickoph a Catholic priest who made a deed of compliance to Catherine Dickoph August 18, 1896. On May 17, 1897 Robert Freeman purchased a sizeable amount of land from which he sold parcels to different people in the area.

In 1888 William and Theresa Dahlke, who were married at St. Mary's in Marathon came to Halder and purchased land from Robert Freeman. Mr. Dahlke built the present homestead along with a blacksmith shop on a corner of his farm, where he farmed and worked in his shop till after World War I. One of his sons, Peter was a blacksmith in the army in France and also helped in the shop. William and Theresa raised a family of ten children, who were; Ablonia, William, John, Peter, Mary, Joseph, Rosalie, Augusta, Victor and Cecelia. In 1924 they sold the present farmstead to Peter and Lucille Dahlke, who were married October 1, 1924. William died August 23, 1930 and she died in 1942.

Peter and Lucille Dahlke lived on the present farmstead raising nine children who were; Cecil, Lois, Arnie, Romie, Danny, Marlene, Mary Lou, Joey and Judy. Peter died in 1949. Lucille along with her eldest son Cecil and children continued farming till it was purchased by her son Joseph and wife Leona in November 1959. Lucille then moved to Mosinee and lived there till her death on June 30, 1983.

Joey and Leona presently are farming on the present farmstead raising five children; Todd, Tammy, Terri, Troy and Tyler.



Tammy, Troy, Leona, Joey, Todd, Terri & Tyler (in front)

The Robert & Judy Dahlke Farm--Joan Dahlke Residence
995 Hilltop Rd. 3361 Halder Drive
Mosinee, WI Mosinee, WI

On April 30, 1900, William and Theresa Dahlke purchased 160 acres of land from Robert Freeman. In 1926 William sold 80 acres to his son, Peter Dahlke and in 1930 another 80 acres to another son, Victor Dahlke.

In 1930 Victor Dahlke built a barn on his 80 acres and started farming. As he was a single man he lived in Halder with his parents. In 1933 Victor married Joan Berg and continued to live in Halder until 1936 when he built a house on his farm.

Victor and Joan had 5 children, Robert, born in 1936, James, in 1937, Richard, in 1938, Donald, in 1939 and Mary, in 1943.

In 1943 he purchased 40 acres from his brother, Peter Dahlke. In the 1950's he purchased 40 acres from the John Burns Estate, and 60 acres in Section 28 known as "Wonderland", from Frank Obermeier.

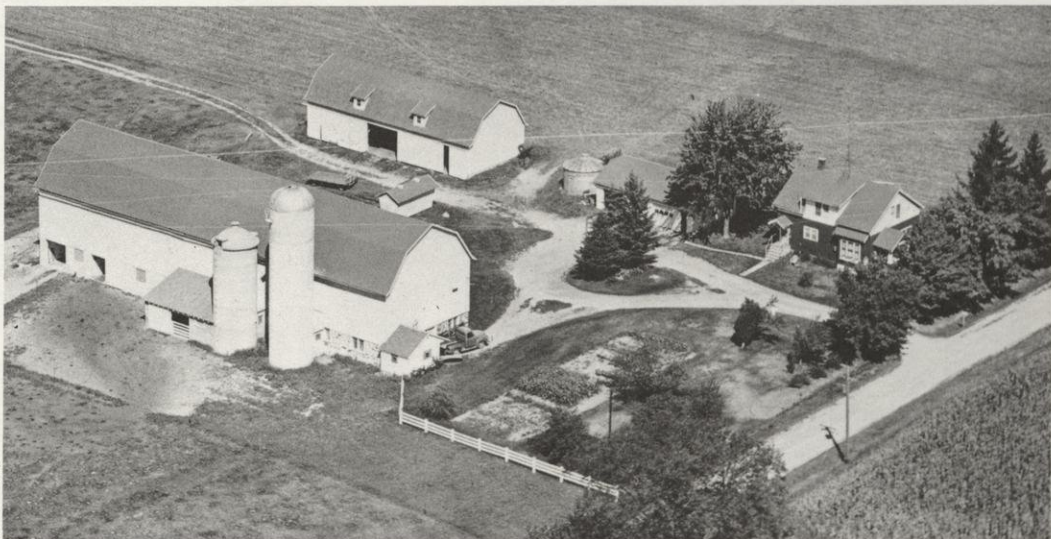
In 1964 Victor purchased the Granite Hill School in Halder and completely remodeled it into a home, which was sold to Robert and Judy Dahlke in 1967.

In 1973 a picture of the farm was displayed on the cover of the Marathon County Plat Book.

In 1974, Victor and Joan retired from farming and purchased the Robert Dahlke home and Robert and Judy purchased his entire farm except the 60 acres of "Wonderland". In 1978 "Wonderland" was sold to Ronald Retterath of Edgar.

Victor and Joan lived at 3361 Halder Drive enjoying their retirement until Victor passed away on November 1, 1987. Joan continues to live there.

Robert and Judy have 4 children, Paul, born in 1967, Louise, in 1969, Janine, in 1972 and Peter, in 1974. In 1988 the barn on this farm was completely destroyed by a tornado. The cattle were sold the same year, and Bob kept the machinery for raising crops on the farm.



Farm Photo 1950's

Family Photo-Robert Dahlke Family (1981)



Standing: Paul, Robert, Louise. Seated: Janine, Judy and Peter.



Tornado damage May 1988.

Tornado Damage May 1988
John Martin and
Robert Dahlke.





Joan Dahlke Residence



Victor & Joan, Christmas 1970



Victor & Joan Dahlke, Children & Grandchildren.

ROMAN DAHLKE FARM, 3070 West STH 153, Mosinee, WI

The front 40 acres was Homesteaded by Thomas O'Connor, October 30, 1856. The second 40 acres north of Homestead 40 was purchased from the U.S. Government on February 12, 1870. The 80 acre farm was sold to Thomas O'Connor Jr. October 6, 1899. After Thomas' death, Maria O'Connor, his wife, owned the 80 acre farm on February 2, 1911. Maria O'Connor sold the farm to Dominic Boehm December 20, 1911. Then Dominic Boehm sold the 80 acre farm to his son, Henry Boehm July 8, 1915. The back half of the farm history goes as mentioned below:

Robert Freeman Homesteaded the back 80 acres in December 4, 1865. Registered ownership December 15, 1873. He gave the back 80 acres to his daughter, Margaret Ann Bowes, in two parcels, 60 acres with 96 x 40 section with barn, and a near 20 acre parcel on October 31, 1893 and October 2, 1919.

A Railroad right of way 100 foot wide through the back 40 acres was sold to the Marathon County Railway Co. of Marshfield, Wis. on October 2, 1911.

James and Margaret Bowes sold under Land Contract, to Leonard and Anna Sharkey, the northern 60 acres and the 96 x 40 parcel of land with the barn on it on November 15, 1919.

This land was sold to Great Northern Life Insurance Co. on March 12, 1935. Margaret Bowes sold the remaining near 20 acres to R. W. Monk, May 2, 1935. Henry Boehm purchased the near 20 acres from R. W. Monk, February 9, 1943 and purchased the northern 60 acres plus the 96 x 40 parcel of land with the old barn on it on August 29, 1946. On February 26, 1951, Henry Boehm sold a 3 acre parcel of the west central part to Elmer Olson. Then on October 23, 1957, Roman and Doris Dahlke purchased the 157 acre farm from Henry Boehm. The old farm home was torn down and a new one was built in 1963.



Roman & Doris Dahlke with their team of Belgian Draft horses.

ROMAN DAHLKE FARM



New Home built in 1963



Roman Dahlke Home 1988

Right: Roy Dahlke driving a tractor built by his Grandfather, Henry Rosine. Tractor is built with a 1928 Chev. Motor.



ROMAN AND DORIS DAHLKE FAMILY

3 daughters and 1 son.

Our daughter, Diane, married Antony Kaiser and lives in Halder. They have three sons, Daniel, Matthew & Lucas.

Our daughter, Donna, married John Sauter and lives in Menasha. They have four sons, Roman, Timothy, Christopher and Steven.

Our daughter, Dorene, married Douglas Nash. They live in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Our son, Roy, lives in San Francisco, California.



Roman Dahlke
Family

Back: Roy, Roman,
Dorene,
Front: Donna,
Doris, Diane.
(Standing)

Left to Right:

Roman, Doris,
Dorene, Diane,
Roy & Donna.



Bernard Daul Farm
656 Eau Pleine Park Road
Mosinee, WI 54455

- 1863 - United States to Bridget M. Naafe - Homestead Entry.
1868 - Bridget McNeeve to Hugh McFadden.
1871 - Hugh & Catherine McFadden to Mary Jane Cassady, wife of John Cassady.
1912 - Mary Jane (widow) to John M. Connor & Charley M. Connor.
1921 - Charles Connor & John Connor.
1926 - John Connor conveys his $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in land to Charles Connor.
1926 - Charles and Christina Connor convey their $\frac{1}{2}$ interest to John Connor.
1961 - Charles Connor dies.
1962 - Christine Connor (widow) to Alfred and Rita Wegner.
1969 - August 7, Alfred & Rita Wegner to Bernard & Christine Daul.
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- 1856 - United States to John Moyhanan.
1896 - Elizabeth Moyhonan (widow) to John Clark.
1896 - John Clark to A. W. McDonnell.
1921 - Janet McDonnell to Charles Connor.
1962 - Christina Connor to Alfred and Rita Wegner.
1969 - Alfred and Rita Wegner to Bernard and Christine Daul.

Daul Dairy Farm, Bernard & Christine Daul

Christine Daul (Curl) Married April 4, 1964.

Dairy Farmer, housewife, employed part-time at Marathon Area Swim Center.

Bernard Daul

Dairy farmer and employed at Mosinee Paper Corp. since 1965 to present. Position: Superintendent Woodroom-Yard

Children:

Karen Marie	March 20, 1965
Matthew Robert	October 14, 1966
Michelle Marie	September 7, 1967
Ben John	August 27, 1972
Jennifer Jo	October 12, 1973



Gerald Fitzgerald Farm (Century Farm)
Two Residences, Gerald & Mike Fitzgerald
402 CTH S, Mosinee, WI 54455

Gerald Fitzgerald and Mary Moore were married in Delvan, Wis. right after they came from Ireland, they heard how cheap land was here. The nice big trees, good soil, but they didn't hear anything about the rock and rock and more rock. We had a three acre patch just below the present barn, that had thirteen stone piles, generally a big pine stump under each pile.

They moved here December 1, 1857. They wanted to be close to Edmund, his brother, who came earlier. When they got here they found out the land that they bought was in Section 27. Walter Fitzgerald lives on that property now. They had to go back to Stevens Point and buy a 40 acres close to his brother Edmund, where we are now living, in section 35. It was \$1.25 per acre. I always wondered where he got that much money. James Buchanan signed the deed. He couldn't Homestead because Lincoln didn't have the Homestead Act until 1862.

Their family consisted of seven children. Diphtheria set in and three of the children died. One girl passed away in Ripon, where she worked. That left Edward, Nell and Margaret to grow up in the woods and get an education one day. Grandma was hoeing in the garden, when she heard a pig squeal. She ran over to the pig pen to find a bear had a pig and was squeezing him. She jumped in the pen and hit the bear on the nose with the hoe. He dropped the pig and ran. She ran after him, pounding him on the back with the hoe. I bet the bear wondered what was after him. He didn't know it was a fearless old woman from Ireland. Then she had to carry water from the spring, heat it on the stove to butcher the pig.

The neighbors were good to them. It took a lot to get started. The "good shots" kept them in meat. They built the house that we live in, in 1883. Grandfather passed away in 1889. I still have the rocking chair he died in.

Now Mary Fitzgerald was a widow. She had four horses and fourteen head of cattle. In 1894 the horses were assessed for more than the cattle.

Edward and his mother stayed farming. They built a barn in 1899. The lumber was sawed at the Heisel Mill in Halder. John Shirkpke was the carpenter. The barn was 36 x 48 hewed white pine and basswood, all full length.

Edward and Anna Hayes were married in St. Patrick's Church in Halder, November 14, 1911. They had ten children, five living and five dead. The ones living are, Gerald, Walter, Dan, Town of Emmet, Marie of Mosinee and Margaret of Skokie, Ill.

Grandma Fitzgerald passed away in 1912. Grandma Hayes passed away in 1923. Grandfather George Hayes closed his eyes on this world in 1930. The last big three day and three nights Irish wake.

Then the depression came. No one will ever know what the depression did to the senior citizens of that time. They had nothing. Banks closed. If you had any money, you lost it. Then came the script, a different color every week, for four or more weeks until the banks opened again. We had to work for 50¢ a day.

In 1936, Edward went to his eternal rest. A real dry year, that was. That was the year they built the dam on the Eau Pleine river. I worked with the rock crew for 20¢ an hour. That year the Fitzgerald farm got rid of a lot more rock. They took sixteen piles of stone. The County took five piles of rock two years ago, when they were doing some "rip-rapping" on S near Halder Bridge.

The old farm got an addition in 1938, when 60 acres in section 28 were purchased from the R. Connor Company on a land contract for \$625.00.

Then in 1942 we built 22 feet on the barn for horses. Henry and George Osterbrink were the carpenters. Gerald purchased the farm in 1941. It took seven years to make the last payment. In 1948 we built 32 feet onto the south end of the barn. Joe Burger from Stratford did the work. On January 9, 1951, Gerald and Grace Krieg were married in St. Patrick's Church in Halder. Four children were born, Gerald Jr., Kathleen, Mike and Karen.

Gerald Jr. works at Equity Auction Barn in Stratford. Kathleen married Steve Engelbert. They live in Janesville. Mike married Vickie Wosniack. He built a new house on the farm. Karen married Paul Baietto. They live in New York.

Now the old farm is about to be sold again. We are making arrangements to sell it to Mike. Mike has a lot invested in the farm allready.

Farming today is a lot easier than years ago. Grain was cut with a cradle, then it had to be tied, then shocked and hauled in to the barn, where it was threshed. With the binder, it had to be cut, shocked, loaded and hauled in and threshed.

Filling silo was a hard job, but combines, choppers and balers made everything a lot easier. The farmers have to have a lot of machinery, they don't have the help we used to have. More young people working in town, moved to town, however some live in the country. Emmet's population is sliding downward every year.

Anna Fitzgerald was in a home for twelve years before she passed away in February of 1964. She was 79 years old.

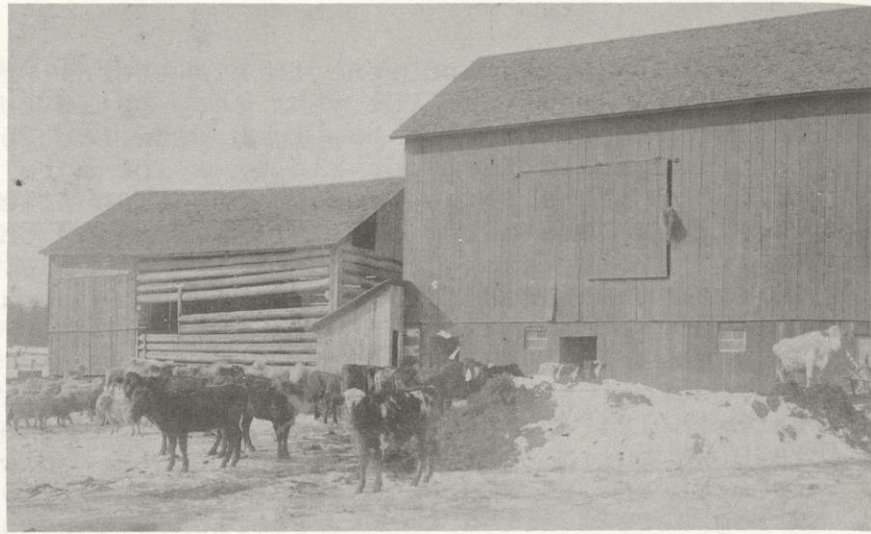
In years gone by, we had hardly any tornados. However, three tornados in the Town of Emmet from July 11983 to July 1984. The worst one was on Saturday night, May 7, 1988, doing over a million and a half dollars damage.



Anna (Hayes) Fitzgerald & Owen Fitzgerald



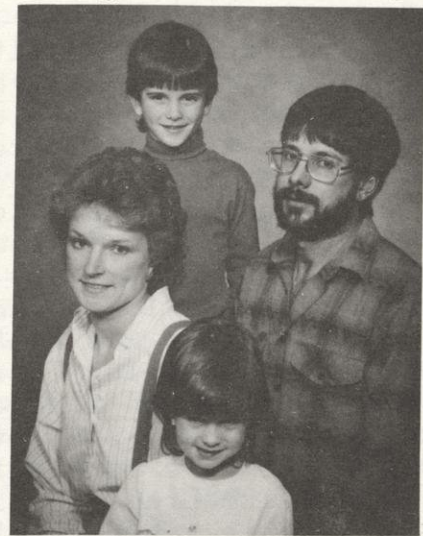
Edward Fitzgerald
1860-1936



Edward Fitzgerald (by fence) Old Log Barn



Gerald Fitzgerald Family-Back: Gerald Jr.,
Middle: Mike, Karen, Kathleen
Front: Gerald Sr., Grace.



Mike Fitzgerald Family-
Standing: Christopher
Seated: Vickie & Mike
Front: Natalie



Fitzgerald Farm Today

Walter Fitzgerald Farm
4044 Sugar Bush Rd.
Mosinee, WI 54455

Walter Fitzgerald purchased the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, township 27 north, range 5 east, Marathon County, from Wisconsin Valley Trust Company, acting for and in behalf of John Stischke, on May 6, 1943. The second eighty acres were purchased from Pete Dahlke in 1949.

Walter was born December 18, 1914 in the Town of Emmet to Edward and Anna Fitzgerald. He served in the Army from May 7, 1941 to July, 1945.

Alvina was born April 24, 1920 in the Town of Emmet to John and Margaret Michal.

Walter and Alvina were married on September 4, 1945. They lived in Milwaukee and Walter worked at International Harvester Co. before moving onto the farm in March 1946.

Their original two room house was replaced in 1949 by the present home. In 1945, the original log barn was replaced by the present barn.

Walter and Alvina have three children. Larry was born in 1947 and graduated from the eighth grade at St. Robert's School in 1961. He served in the Army from August 1966 to April 1968. Larry is president and owner of Quality Aircraft Components Inc. and lives in Bristol, Wisconsin.

Joan was born in 1949 and graduated from the eighth grade at St. Robert's School in 1963. She is married to Walter Konopa. They have three children, Brian 16, Kevin 15, and Kristin 11. Wally is employed at the Nekoosa Paper Mill. They live in Wisconsin Rapids.

Ruthie was born in 1956. She completed her 7th year of school at St. Robert's before it closed in 1970. She is married to Kenneth Zebro, son of Frank and Mary Zebro. They have two children. Amanda (Amy) 8 and Angela (Angie) 6. Ken is employed at J. I. Case Co., Schofield. They live in Kronenwetter.

Walter sold his herd in September, 1988, and retired at the age of 73.



Walter Fitzgerald Farm



Babe & Jim by the log barn.
Team was bought in 1947 from
Al Miller and was used to log &
clear land for 25 years.



Alvina & Walter Fitzgerald



Larry Fitzgerald



Wally, Joan, Brian,
Kristin and Kevin
Konopa.

Ken, Angela, Ruthie & Ama
Zebro.



History of the Robert & Jean Griesmer Farm
5021 Fairview Road
Edgar, WI 54426



Jean, Robert & Adam Griesmer (1988)

In 1915, Albert Griesmer bought 160 acres of land from Jake Wachtl. He built a house and barn on this land and then left to serve in World War I. When he returned from the service, he began farming. He also worked in logging camps near Halder and did snowplowing for the Town of Emmet. In 1919, he married Christine Svehla and on June 9, 1921, their son Clarence was born. He was their only child.

In 1943, Albert and Christine built a house in Mosinee and left the farm. Clarence took over and on May 18, 1943, he married Dorothy Masanz. He bought another 78 acres of land from Lillian Handrick in the early 1960's.

Besides farming, Clarence fixed watches and clocks. He also ran a chainsaw repair business from 1968 to 1976.

Clarence and Dorothy had six children, George, Donald, Jean, Mary, John, and Robert. Jean died November 28, 1967.

George married Carol Framke in 1971. They have two daughters, Carrie and Lori, and live in Edgar.

Donald married Catherine Crockett in 1969. They have four children, Roger, Rhonda, Linda, and Debra. They live in Mosinee.

Mary married Michael Fahey in 1971. They have two sons, Joe and Mark, and live in Schofield.

John married Karen Draeger in 1978. They have three children, Kelly, Russell, and Jacob. They live in Mosinee in the house that Albert built.

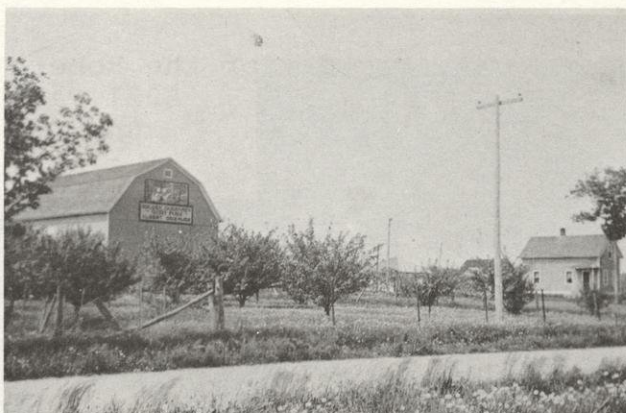
Clarence and Dorothy's youngest son, Robert, bought the farm in 1980. Dorothy died September 14, 1980, and four years later Clarence married Shirley Frankel and moved from the farm to Wausau.

On October 3, 1987, Robert married Jean Zebro, daughter of Frank and Mary Zebro of the Town of Emmet. They have one son, Adam, who was born November 20, 1988.

They continue to run the farm.



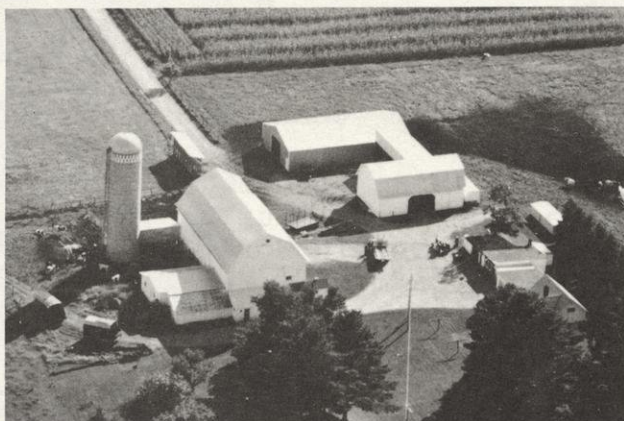
Albert & Christine Griesmer
with their son Clarence



The house and barn Albert built
1915



Clarence & Dorothy Griesmer
on their 25th anniversary.



Griesmer Farm 1985.



The Griesmer Family in 1987
Front: Mike & Mary Fahey, Clarence & Shirley
Griesmer, George & Carol Griesmer
Back: John & Karen Griesmer, Don & Catherine
Griesmer.

Lillian Handrick residence, 4839 Faiview Rd.



Picture taken in 1951 or 1952

This place (80 acres) was known as the Keating place in the early 1900's. It was owned by James and Catherine Keating. Their House was built by the line fence, maybe about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of the east and west road, now here. The house wall and some bushes were there for a long time.

Jake Wachtl bought it from them. When? It was all woods where the road is now. Jake Wachtl logged it. He logged a lot, all over.

He sold it to Frank W. Kurtzweil. Frank W. Kurtzweil sold it to Joe Griesmer.

Joe Griesmer bought this house from Ed Kurtzweil. It was built across the road from Frank Kurtzweil (Ed's father's) house. The house was moved west about a mile and a half to where it is now.

Frank W. Kurtzweil bought the place again from Joe Griesmer. Lillian and John Handrick bought it in 1934. Clarence Griesmer bought the land in the 1960's. The house and about an acre of land is still owned by Lillian Handrick.

The house Joe Griesmer bought and moved.



Taken from west side of house where it now stands.



Taken from the east side of house where it now stands.

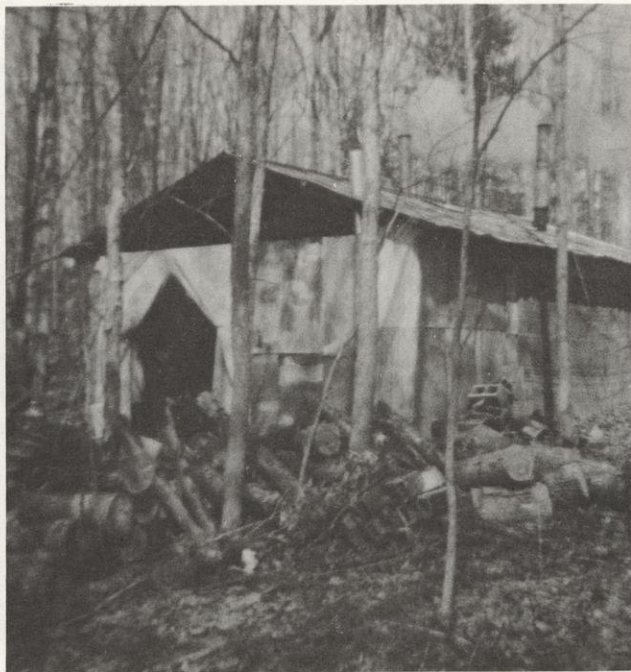
Vernon and Lois Hytry
1856 CTH S Marathon WI



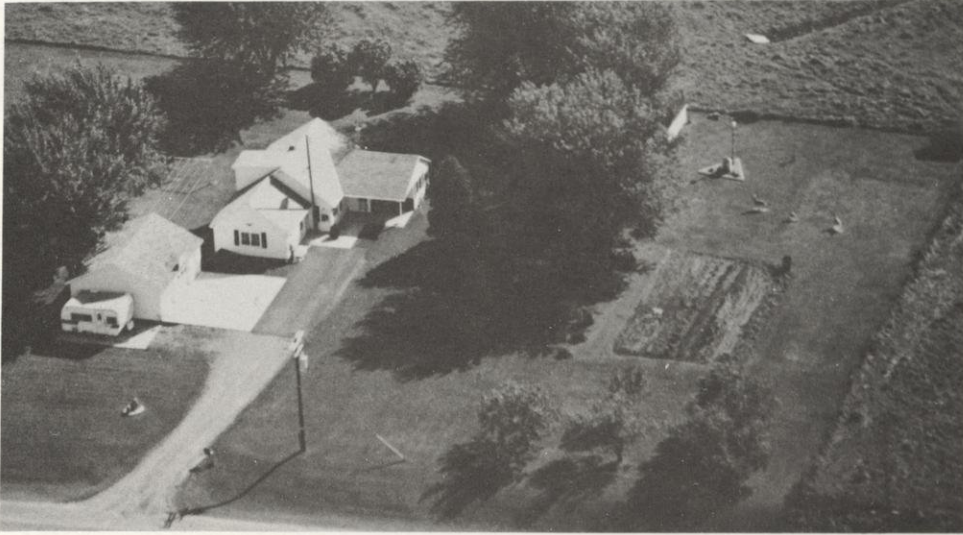
Picture of our house. We lived here since September 1, 1959.



Making Maple Syrup



Fred Johnson Residence, Corner of S & 153

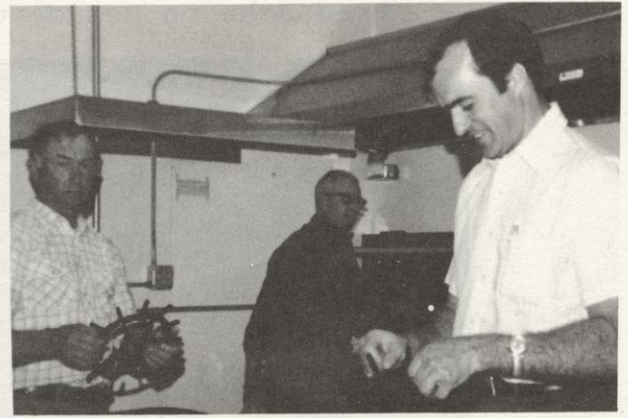


Fred and Mavis Johnson purchased this property from Felix Streveler in 1960. Fred was manager of the Halder Co-op Dairy from 1957 through 1965. They have four children: Gary, Diane, Carol and Terry.

Gary -married Darlene Andres in 1982 and lives in Stratford, WI.
Diane-married Joe Paul in 1980 and lives in Edgar, WI.
Carol-married Neil Daul in 1980 and lives in Mosinee, WI.
Terry-A.F.B., Denver Colorado.



Johnson Family
Back Row: Diane and Carol.
Front Row: Gary, Mavis, Fred and Terry.



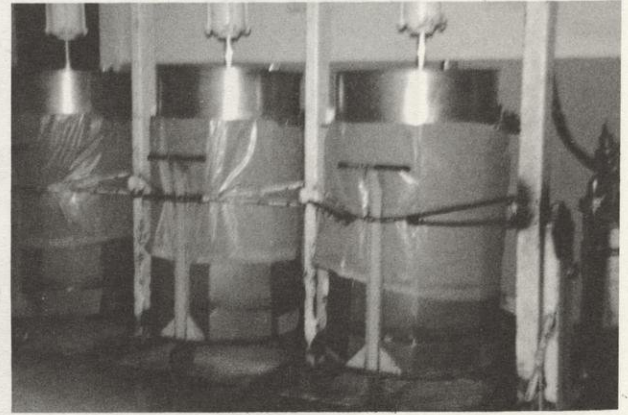
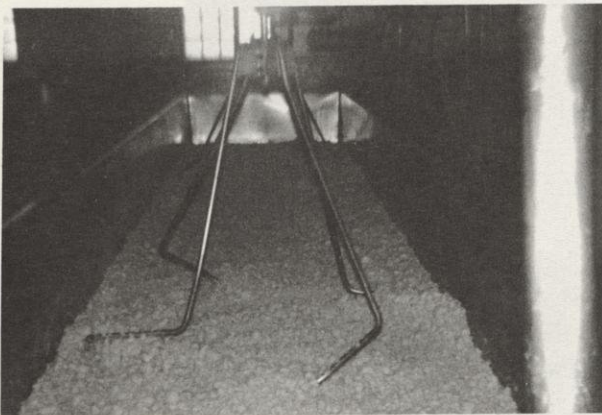
Commentator's & Usher's Breakfast
 Joe Maguire, Mel Kaiser, Jack Martin Neil Baur, Fred Johnson, Greg Kaiser



Vat of Milk

Cream Separator

Making Cheese at Halder Co-op Dairy 1978



Vat of Cheese Curds

3-Panel Press

Mark Kafka, Century Farm, 792 Wildwood Rd., Stratford, WI

U.S. of America
to
John Kafka

Patent
Dated October 1, 1880
Recorded October 10, 1885
(Deed Book 21-page 201)

Grants: S. fr. '1 $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 30, Township 27-Range 5 East
54.39 acres.

John Kafka & Maria Kafka
to
Frank Kafka

Warranty Deed
Dated May 11, 1885
Recorded October 19, 1885

Frank Kafka & Gertrude Kafka
to
Edward Kafka

March 28, 1916

Edward Kafka & Christine Kafka
to
Mark Kafka

March 26, 1953



Farm about 1919



Present Farm

Anthony and Diane Kaiser Property
3635 West STH 153, Mosinee, WI



Conrad Wellaner first purchased 120 acres from the United States Land Office on October 31, 1858. In 1891 he died. His son Jacob Wellaner inherited the land, who then in 1894 sold it to Robert Freeman and wife Ellen. On February 16, 1899 he sold one acre of land on the northwest corner, to the School District of the Town of Emmet where they built a school house.

On December 11, 1909 Louis Kurtzweil purchased the property which was then sold to Simon and Lizzie Baur on February 3, 1912. Simon Baur in turn sold the land to his son Joseph Baur and wife Edna. Joseph Baur sold a portion of land to Wisconsin Valley Electric Company to erect and maintain a line of poles, wires anchors and other appliances to transmit electric current. A parcel of land was also sold to Marathon County for the use of highway purposes.

Then on April 23, 1970 Joseph and Edna Baur sold all but three acres to Edwin and Lucille Stankowski, keeping the parcel of land with the buildings on. Joseph Baur died October 11, 1971 and four years later, June 6, 1975 his wife Edna Baur sold the three acres to Anthony Kaiser.



Tony & Diane
Daniel, Matthew, Lucas.

GREG KAISER FARM

About 100 years ago, April 1886, Henry Hewitt, Jr. bought our 80-acre farm from O. Holway. Henry Hewitt, Jr., in turn, sold the farm to James Schara in 1893.

James Schara was a brother to John Schara, the father of Lucy, Ray, and Henry. James was also the brother of Mary who married Fred Guillaume. This fact probably led to the next transfer of ownership. Fred and Mary Guillaume purchased the farm in 1899 and lived here until 1944 and, hence, everyone says, "you live on the Guillaume farm." If you look at the south end of the barn, you can see the initials "F. G." cut out of the boards near the peak, along with a cut-out of a horse.

Fritz, as the neighbors who remember him called him, left a few tales behind as we all do. It was said that Fritz and Mary had a stormy relationship at times. One tale in particular was when Mary took the ladder away when Fritz was doing something to the roof.

Lucy and Ray Schara told of remembering woods on this farm across from their house and a clear reliable spring from which their mother would get water. The spring was in the swale across from their house.

Ray & Clara Masanz bought this farm from Fritz and Mary in 1944. Clara told me that Ray was failing due to a brain tumor and that Ray and Clara felt a smaller farm would be more manageable.

From what I understand, the farm hasn't changed much from the time that Fritz left it. In great part, I have Clara to thank for that. She mentioned that different people wanted to cut the woods that remained. But she said "no," that it would be nicer with it.

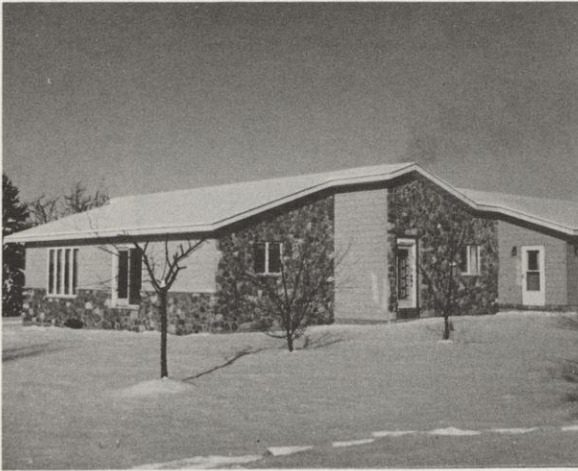
Every time I walk through the woods on the farm, I pray for Clara Masanz and thank her for leaving the woods. I hope that some day what we leave will be as important to that generation.

I bought this farm from Clara in 1971. In 1986 Tricia and I removed the brick farm house and put a new house over that same area and we replaced many of the apple trees that blew over in storms.

On the next page is an aerial photo taken in the spring of about 1977.



Greg and Tricia Kaiser's Farm About 1977



Kaiser's New Home
December, 1988



Greg, Tricia, June(14)
and Natalie(12) 9/25/88

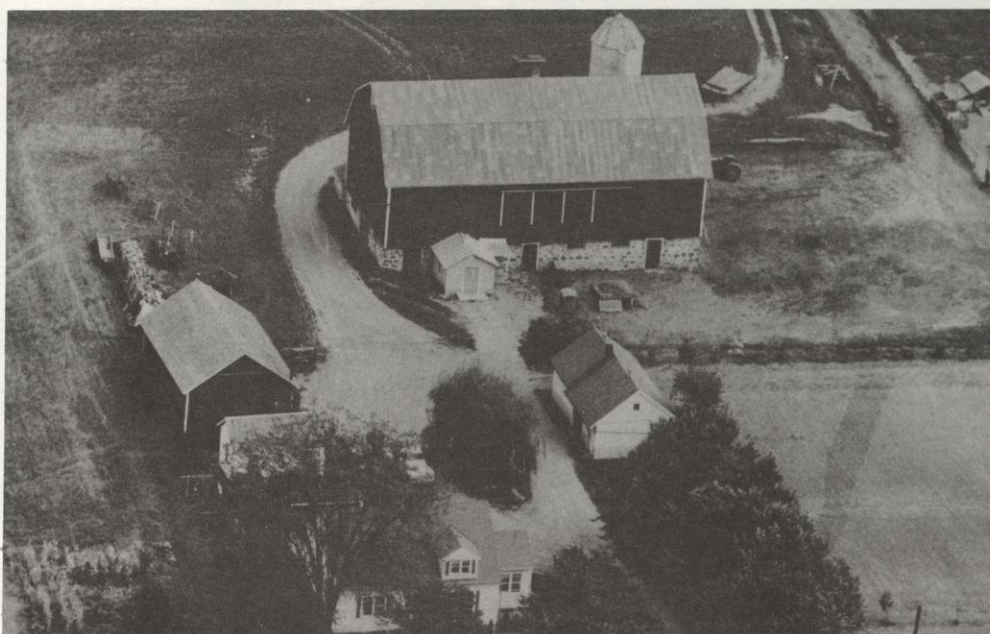
Former Baur Farm (Now Property of Mike A. & Donna Kaiser)



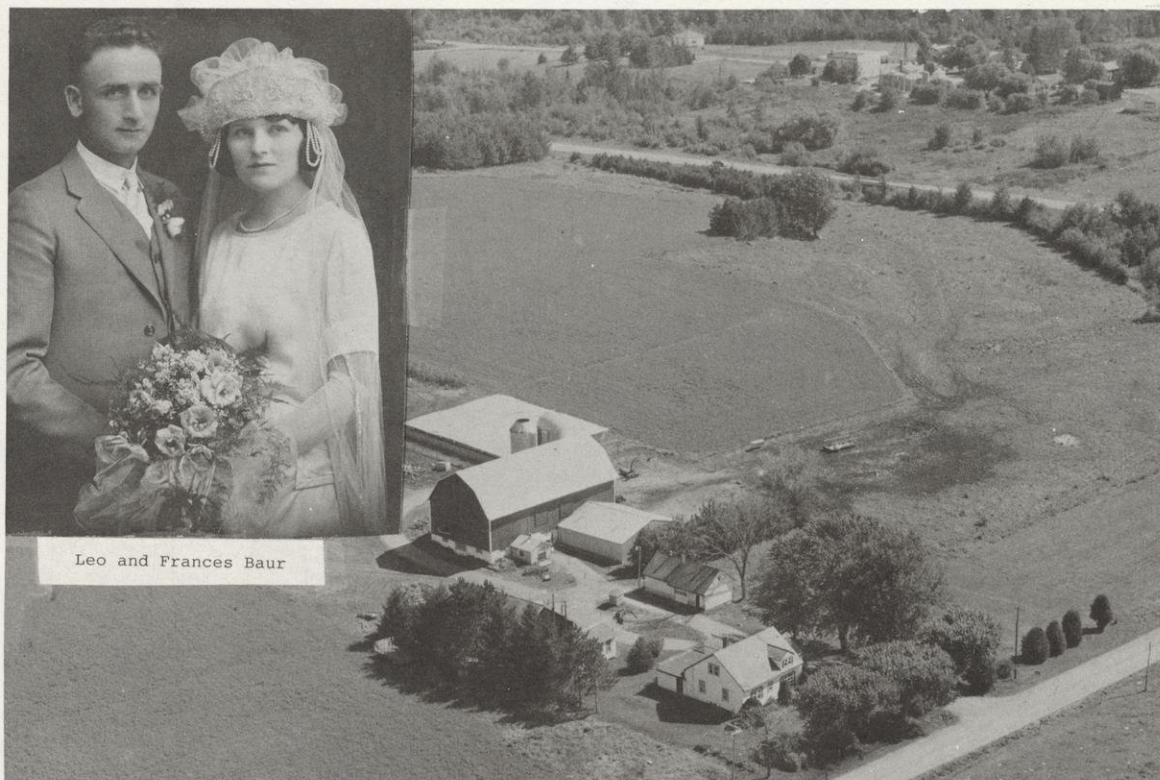
Simon and Elizabeth Baur



Simon Baur farm in the 1930's



Former Baur Farm (Now Property of Mike A. & Donna Kaiser)



Leo and Frances Baur

Leo Baur Farm-1950



Leo Baur Family-1988
Left to right: Neil, Leo Jr.,
Glorianne, Merlin, Yvonne, Charles.



Charles Baur Family-1986
Back Row: Terry, Tom, Mike, Kathy,
Mark, Bob & David.
Front Row: Mary, Charles & Ann.

The Michael A. & Donna Kaiser Farm, 964 Hilltop Rd., Mosinee, WI

It will be 15 years ago, on April 12, 1974, that Michael and Donna Kaiser, their 3 children Loren, Erika and Anthony (Whitie), decided to move from Janesville, WI. to the Mosinee area. They decided to purchase the Charles and Betty Baur farm.

Simon and Elizabeth Baur were the original owners of this farm. They bought it in 1889 from a Mr. Buch in Michigan for \$600.00. The farm was then passed on to Leo and Francis (Martin) Baur, Simon's son. In 1948 they tore down the old house and built a new one on the same site. During that time they lived in the "summer kitchen" which is still there today. Charles and Betty then purchased the farm from his father. More of the history of this farm will be provided by Neil Baur including the RR track down along the creek and the beautiful maple woods once a part of the farm.

Many wonderful features attracted us to this particular farm. The rolling fields, the building set-up, the peaceful creek winding through the pasture, and being once again closer to our families. Mosinee appeared to have a nice sized school system, not too big-not too small, the new neighbors we were to have and the people around us also had children close to the ages of our children.

As I began, it's been almost 15 years now and many things have changed. Our family is growing up and now consists of 7 children, Loren, Erika, Anthony (Whitie), Lee, Joseph, Johanna and Angela. It will be 6 years on July 19, 1983 that fire destroyed our barn, new milkhouse, loafing barn and some machinery. In September of '83 we built a machine shed. In spring of 1984 we began to remodel our house. We added a garage and 12 feet on the front of the house, replacing the "sun room". We still farm on a small scale and also raise ginseng.

Life has had it's ups and downs here, but we can look out our windows during anytime of the year and still be grateful that we found this beautiful farm and area to raise our family.



Front Row: Joseph, Angela, Johanna, Lee.
Back Row: Anthony, Loren, Michael, Erika, Donna.

Michael & Donna Kaiser Farm



1981 Picture of house and buildings before we remodeled.

After the flood in 1980.

Kaiser Children,
Erika, Anthony, Lee,
Joseph & Johanna.



July 19, 1983-Barn burned. Clean up 2 days later.

Melvin and Betty Kaiser
4165 Fairview Rd.
Edgar, WI 54426



On a golden day in October, 1946, we moved onto our newly purchased farm; formerly owned by John and Mayme Rase, located: Section 21, Town of Emmet, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

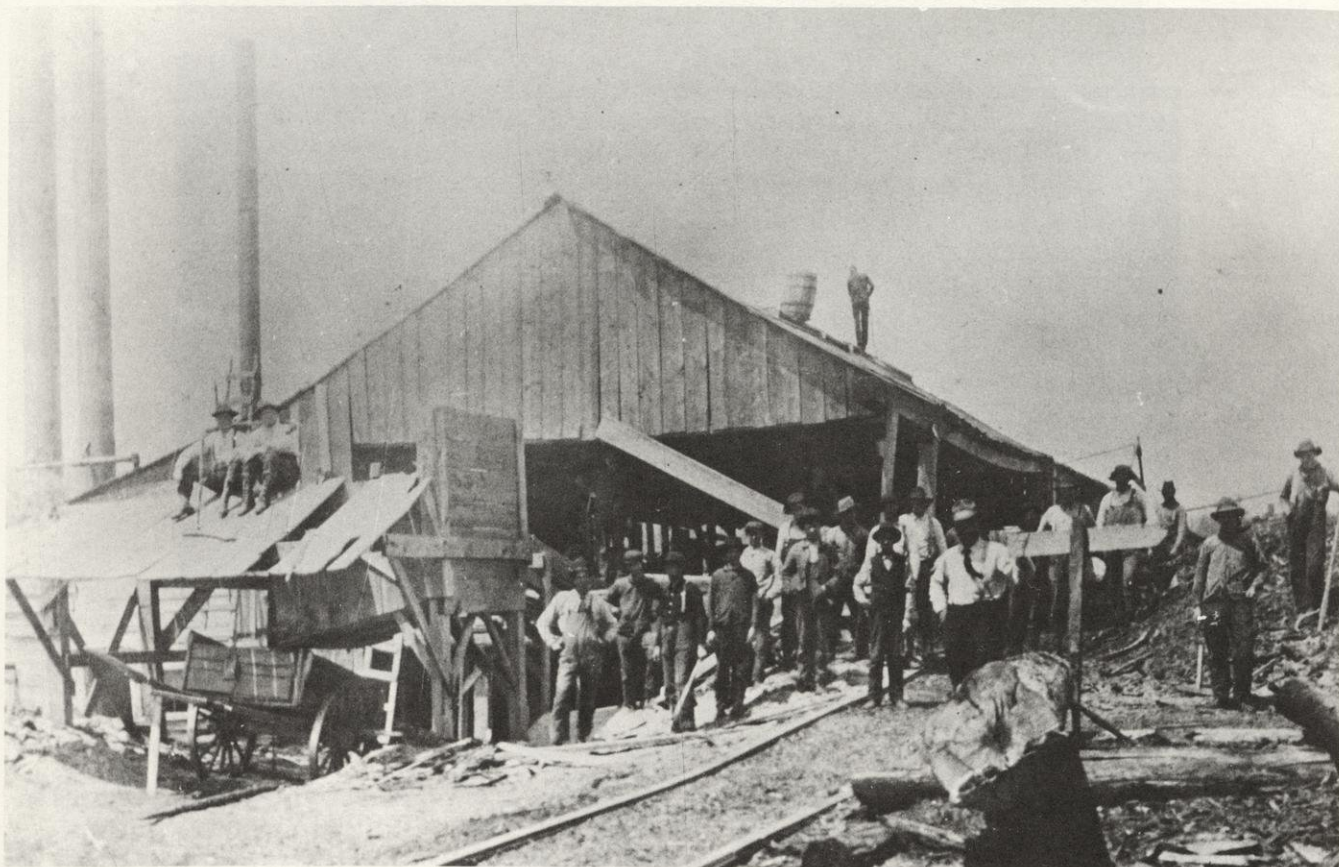
The house built by John Rase's father, near the turn of the century, stands here, solid and sound still, protected from the west winds by lofty white pines.

After lightning had destroyed his barn in 1940, Mr. Rase sold 40 acres off this farm to his neighbor, Ed. Kurtzweil. Then in the following year he rebuilt a barn sized for the remaining 40 acres in the farm.

This is good land, and there are caring neighbors close around. Three miles south and east of us the tall spire of St. Patrick's Catholic Church rises high in the pleasant country side; while the quiet Halder community provides many of the necessities of the surrounding farms.

St. Robert's school is now closed, but it was in this setting that we raised our fourteen living children. We always felt that this was the garden spot of the world.

In later years we built a new ranch type house on this same farm; about 400 ft. west of the old home. The old home is now owned by our daughter and son-in-law, William and Jean Maguire.



Two of the men in this crew are Pete and Louie Karlen.

This sawmill was built in 1900 and was located southwest of the present barn. Around the same time a boarding house was built southeast of the house we have. There also was a garage north of the boarding house and a saloon near the road. Ralph Rossi owned and operated the sawmill. A fire destroyed it in 1916.

Sam Rossi bought the property in 1928 from Ralph Rossi who was no relation of his. He started to clear the land to farm. He tore down the old garage and saloon and used the lumber to build a different garage near the road. The boarding house was torn down and some of the lumber was used to build the house we're living in 1937. Then he also tore down the log barn and built the barn we have in 1939.

In 1946 we bought the farm and moved here in 1953. An addition was built onto the house and the inside of the house and barn were remodeled. We moved the garage away from near the road to east of the barn and had it fixed up to use for heifers and pigs. Later it was demolished. Mike had two sheds put on the farm in 1981.

We have seven children who all live within the vicinity; Myron (Mary Ann) Karlen, Marjean (James) Nowack, Ronald (Lyn) Karlen, Beverly (Michael) Behnke, Marathon, Lynette (Donald) Hieronimus, Wausau, Patricia (Steve) Cichon, Edgar, and Michael (Roxanne) Karlen, Mosinee.

Alex Karlen Farm



Aerial photo taken of our farm in 1986.



Family picture taken on Ronald's wedding day, June 6, 1981.
From left to right: Beverly, Patricia, Lynette, Marjean, (Lorraine
and Alex), Myron, Ronald and Michael.

Andrew Kijak Farm, 4221 Twin Creek Road, Mosinee, WI

Andrew Kijak purchased 200 acres of land along Twin Creek Road in Section 33 from Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company in 1940. 80 acres of land was cleared for farming. Andrew built the barn in 1945.

Andrew married Rose Omesian in 1953. At that time the house was built. Additional land, 120 acres to the west of the farm, was purchased from Anastasia Kowalski. 80 acres of that land was sold to Louis Bink and Clifford Hudson.

Andrew and Rose lived and operated the farm with their six children, Tom, Theresa, Joe, Irene, Ted and Ed. Rose currently lives on the farm.

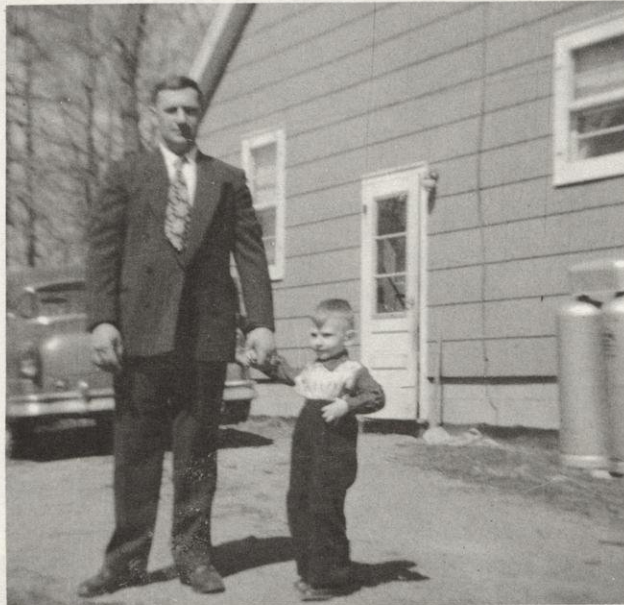


Andrew Kijak and son Tom 1956.



Tom Kijak

1956



Andrew Kijak and son Tom 1956.

Joe Kijak Farm



Paul Kijak Family

Left to right: Evelyn, Adeline, Mary, Paul, Andrew & Lottie.



Left to right: Andrew, Evelyn, Mary, Lottie, Paul and Joe Kijak. 1936-37



Andrew Kijak
(original house behind).



Watering cows, note the old log barn
in the background. 1946
Paul Kijak in picture.

Joe Kijak Farm, 4536 Twin Creek Road, Mosinee, WI.

Paul and Mary Kijak came from Chicago, Illinois, in 1927, with their three children Adeline (11 years old), Andrew (9 years old) and Joe (7 years old), and settled on the farm in the southwest corner of the Town of Emmet on Twin Creek Road, Section 32-27-05.

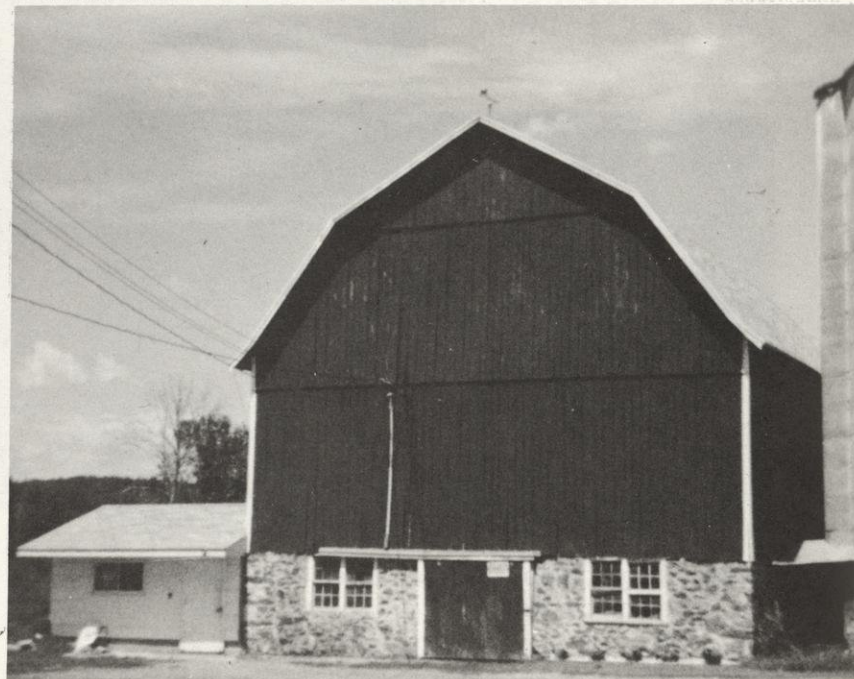
They traded their house in Chicago for the farm. The farm was 160 acres with approximately 40 acres cleared, when they settled. The first year Mary and the children farmed, while Paul remained behind in Chicago to earn extra money.

When Paul returned home, more land was cleared. About 80 acres remain wooded today. Daughters, Evelyn and Charlotte (Lottie Urmanski) were born. The barn was built in 1936. The original house remains, although over the years it was remodeled several times.

Paul's son Andrew purchased the family farm in 1970 and operated it until 1981, when Andrew's son, Joe took over. Joe, his wife Donna, and their two sons Gabriel and Paul currently live on the family farm.



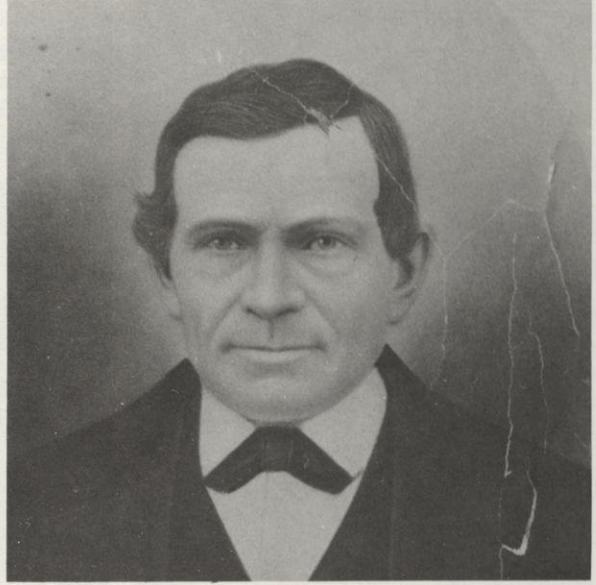
Joe Kijak Farm 1985



Century Farm
THE EDWIN KURTZWEIL FARM



Anna Kurtzweil



Frank Kurtzweil

In 1876 Frank and Anna Kurtzweil bought the land from Carl Hoeflinger, who bought it from the State of Wisconsin in 1872. They raised eleven children, eight boys and three girls.

In 1921 their son Edward purchased this farm from them. He and his wife Amelia, farmed the land with their ten children, (pictured here).



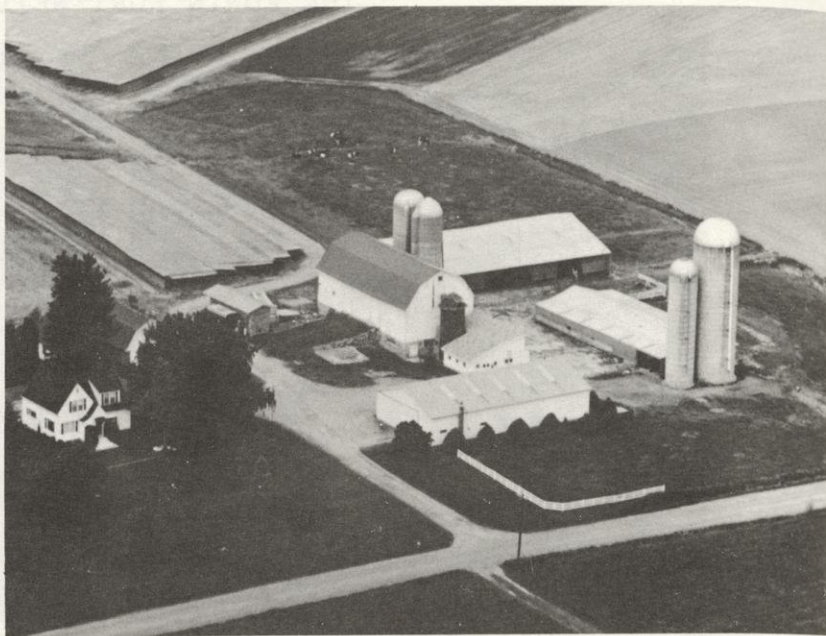
Left to Right: Margaret Lirette, Cecilia Schoenfuss, Betty Kaiser, Rita Prihoda, Dorothy Rasmussen, Verene Stark, Anthony, Roman, Tom, and Edwin Kurtzweil.

Front: Amelia and Edward Kurtzweil.

1939 Ginseng Garden



Edwin Kurtzweil Farm



Also pictured are Ginseng gardens of Edward Kurtzweil in 1939. At that time ginseng was started from seed in hot beds, and then transplanted into beds of the garden. The plants took 5 to 6 years to mature before harvesting. A high price at that time was \$8.00 per lb. for dry roots. The low price was about \$1.00 per lb. and so it was discontinued.

In 1954 the farm was sold to their son Edwin. He and his wife Angeline, along with their five children operated the dairy farm, and are raising ginseng on this land since 1980.



Back Row: L to R-Donna, Angeline & Edwin, Dale
Front Row: Karl, Lynn and Bonnie

KURTZWEIL FARM - 1398 CTH H, Section 18

John Kurtzweil (1862-1936) and Anna (Vetter - 1866-1909. born a few miles south of Marathon), homesteaded (1887) 200 acres of land. The original house - log - was situated about a half mile directly east of the present buildings. Cattle, pigs, and chickens were raised. Oxen were used for farming and, later, horses which were used for going to the local towns of Stratford, Edgar, and Halder - each seven miles distant. Their 10 children were: Irene (Hotchkiss), Gertrude (Herman/Sauter), Eva, Henry, Rupert, Isabelle, Dorothy, Clement, Marian (Schoenfuss), and Florence (Laessig/Willing).

Rupert was born on the homestead June 8, 1895 and worked at home until he was drafted into the Army for two years. After completing his service, he rented from his father and October 14, 1919 married Annette (Cepuder - 1897-1977); and in 1921 they bought the farm, which was then 284 acres. (Anne was born in Austria and came to the United States with her family in the early 1900's and lived in Des Moines and Chicago before her marriage to Rupert.) In addition to dairy farming, Rupert and Anne were active in conservation practices, and he spent much time contour farming, terracing, planting trees, harvesting pulp, and making maple syrup. He also bought and operated for five years the first country school bus. After retiring, he deeded the farm to his children in May, 1980 and currently resides there.



About 1915



May, 1987





John & Anna Kurtzweil
1890



Rupert & Anne Kurtzweil
1971



July 4, 1976 Bi-Centennial Gathering. Mr. & Mrs. Rupert E. Kurtzweil, Sr. and children, from left to right: Antoinette (Lang), Cecilia, Rupert, Jr., Dorothy (Sauer), Valerie (Filipovitch), Maryanne and Floreine

Ron and Sue Kusiak Farm, 203 CTH S, Mosinee, WI

The records of United States Land Office of Wausau, Wisconsin show that the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 TP 27 NR 5 east was entered as a homestead by John Hayes and the final proof was made by him on December 21, 1882. John Hayes died in 1884. The homestead had fifteen cleared, of the 80 acres. Edward Hayes then purchased the homestead and on November 14, 1888 sold it to Tom and Bridget Hayes, who built the present home in 1889. Leander Deiler purchased the homestead on December 12, 1923.

Martin and Stella Kusiak purchased the farm in 1926. Martin tore down all of the old log barns and used alot of the material for the present barn which was built in 1937. Martin passed away on February 24, 1950. The children helped run the farm until February 13, 1953, when Zigmund and John (Martin's sons) purchased the farm. Zigmund and John built the addition to the barn in 1963.

In July, 1981 Zigmund's son Ronald purchased a portion of the farm. On November 14, 1981 Ronald married Sue Raymond. On July 26, 1986 they had their first child, Megan Mae and are expecting their second child in May.

At the present time Ron and Sue Kusiak are the owners of "The Kusiak Dairy Farm".



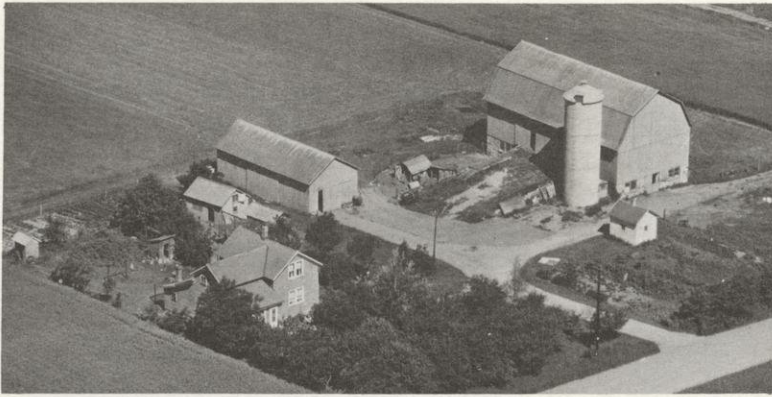
Stella & Martin Kusiak



Joe Kusiak (house in back built-1889)



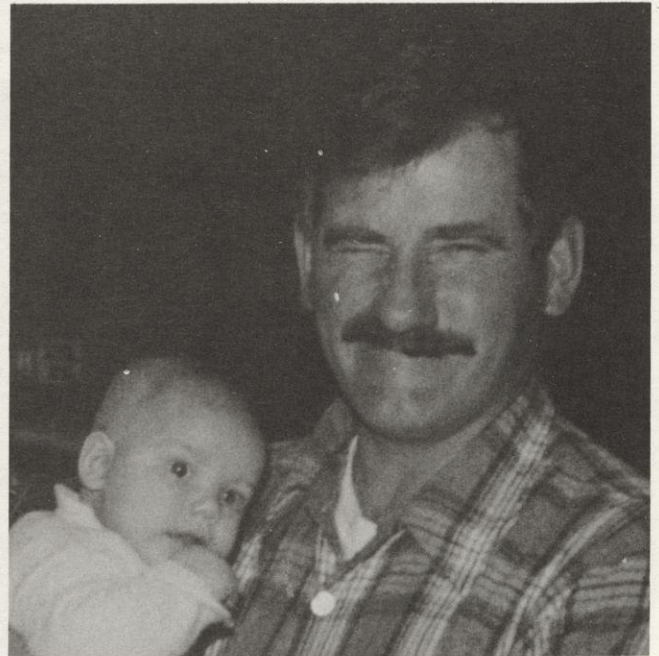
Martin Kusiak team (Nancy and Nelly)-1930
with log barn in background.



The Ron And Sue Kusiak Dairy farm-12-19-1987



Ron & Sue with Daughter, Megan.



Zigmund Kusiak and
granddaughter, Jamie
Gribowski.

The Donald Litzer Farm and Residence



Left to Right: Donald, Nancy, Paula, Julie, Jannette, Pamela
Donald Jr. & Carter

The Donald Litzer family of five moved to the Town of Emmet in the Spring of 1957.

They purchased the farm on Maple Leaf Road from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Danke. The Dankes had acquired the farm from John Kammenick in 1949.

Records show that some of the farm had been in the Kammenick name as early as 1881. John's father Joseph, purchased the farm in 1895. John later purchased the farm from his father.

Donald and Nancy raised six children: Paula, Julie and Jannette (twins), Donald Jr., Pamela and Carter. Five of the children are now married and there are five grandchildren.

They lived on the farm until December of 1988. At that time they moved to a new home at 2400 CTH S, which is on the backside of the farm property. Their youngest son Carter and his wife Rosalie now are renting the farm.



-Donald & Nancy Litzer Farm
2371 Maple Leaf Rd.
Marathon, WI



Donald & Nancy Litzer Home
2400 CTH S, Marathon, WI

Felix, Leo, James Maguire



Top: Lizzie, Leo, Maggie Maguire.
Bottom: Aca Taylor, John Kafka, Jim Maguire, & Otto Yepson.



Frame house Built 1880-- Barn built 1893 by Leonard Hall, Marathon.



Back Row: Brendan, Bob Stanley, Julie, James L., Jayne, Kevin, Leo Smrz holding son Matthew.
Middle: Katie, Aaron, Donna, Dolores, James, Margaret holding daughter Stacy, Vicki, Patricia.
Front Row: Brad, Heather, Michael, Ryan, Adam, David.

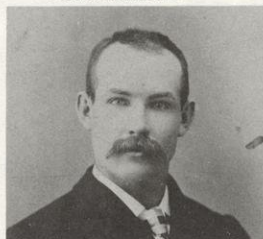
Maguire 5 Generations



Felix 1st
Chairman



Margaret (Mernagh)



Leo



Margaret (Handrick)



James

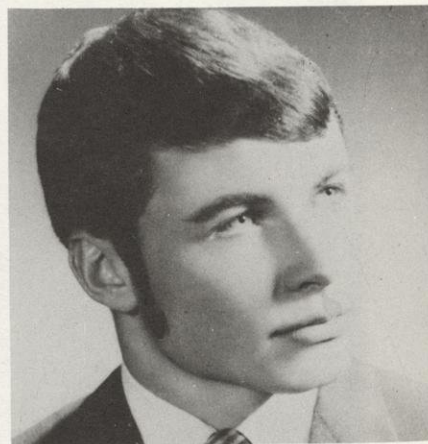
Dolores (Hall)



Kevin



Adam (Kevin's son)



Timothy G. Maguire
Born May 4, 1952
Died November 6, 1972



Maggie Leo Maguire- 1962
Due to repetition of names,
women were referred to by their
first name & husband's first
name.



Maggie's family: Jim, Grace, Clara & Eileen 1941



Grading Road-1920-Léo Maguire, George Handrick
& George Osterbrink.



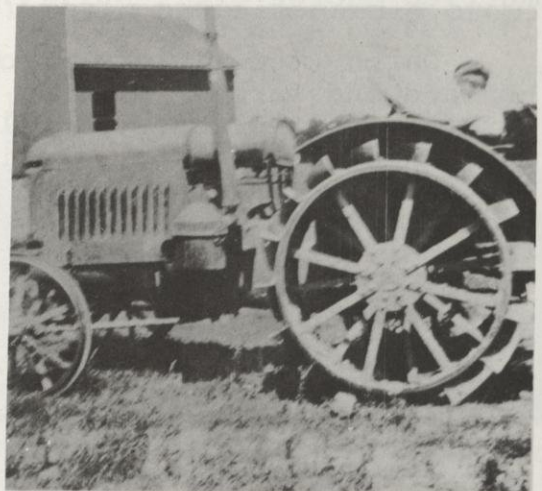
Silo Filling-1937



Haying 1940 Glen Thanig & James



Load of Hay-James & children, Donna
Tim, Jimmy, Margie, Kevin & Katie.



First Tractor 10-20 1924

James & Dolores Maguire Century Farm
251 Eau Pleine Park Rd., Mosinee, WI

Felix Maguire aquired ninety seven acres of land with the passage of the Homestead Act. A log cabin was built and he and the family became residents of the Irish Settlement in 1861.

He was a timber cruiser, suveyor and aided others in settling on their farms. He married Margaret Mernagh, also from Enniscorthy Co. Wexford Ireland, in New York in 1857. They had nine children, William, Anna, Joseph, John, Lizzie, Felix Jr., Thomas, Kate and Leo.

In 1880 he built a frame home, once an eleven bedroom home, when hired men boarded there. This is our present home. In 1893 he had Leonard Hall of Marathon build our barn, still our main barn, but is presently used for dairy cows instead of horses. Our children's great-grandfather Hall built it for great-grandfather Maguire nearly one hundred years ago. A sturdy structure, built of 12x12 hand hewn beams, some fifty feet long, held together with wooden pins which are still in tact. Several other barns in the area were built by Leonard Hall who used a star at the peak as his trade mark. It's 40x80 with 50 ft wing or L shape.

Felix became the 1st. Chairman of the township in 1889 and later served as Treasurer for several years. He was active in church affairs, also helped form the first congregation in 1871.

At the time of his death, July 25, 1898, he had acquired a section of land and an impressive standing in the community.

Leo, the youngest son, purchased the farm from his mother in 1910. The horse barn had been built in 1903, structure 40x80, foundation by Mike and Jake Spindler of the Town of Cleveland, expert stone masons. Upper frame was built by Anderson Co. for hay and straw storage, grainery and above the grainery is a dance floor, where public dances were held in the early 1900 era. Leo being a violin musician, provided the music at times.

On November 4, 1912, Leo and Margaret Handrick were married. His mother died February 13, 1913 at the home. Lizzie, sister of Leo, remained at the home place until her death, September 25, 1949.

Margaret and Leo had five children. Clara married John H. Bickel April 19, 1944, Grace married John J. O'Connor May 21, 1946, Eileen married George Grill July 4, 1956, James married Dolores Hall June 15, 1949. Anna died at the age of four on December 18, 1920.

During the winters, Leo and his crew logged, summers they broke up land and farmed, milking cows, red short horn beef cattle and also several horses. Shortly before World War I, a group of Canadians came to the area, seeking ship timber. Rock elm was cut into lengths of fifty to sixty feet and hewn 12x12 square. Three logs made a load on a sleigh to take to the Mosinee depot, later to be transported by train. A total of three hundred thousand feet were hauled one winter.

When the new church was built in 1906, the foundation building rock were hauled from this farm. Leo was a trustee during Father Multerer's pastorate. Two weeks before his death he hauled flint stone to St. Anthony's Monastery at Marathon to build outdoor stations. The capuchins returned the favor by singing at his funeral Mass. He died August 28, 1922, age 44, of ruptured appendix.

Maggie Leo, continued farming with the help of hired men, Lizzie and the children. Times were very hard, each spring they made maple syrup and sold it to Mosinee Mill for \$1.00 per gallon and had an

egg route in town for extra funds. When James graduated from the eighth grade, he remained at home to become a full-time farmer. His first purchase was a new team, Rock and Tom, large work horses for woods and farm work.

A 10-20 tractor was purchased in 1924. It had steel wheels, second tractor, 1935 10-20, on spade lugs, later converted to rubber tires. Today we own five tractors, three are diesels and two are gas tractors.

James and Dolores Hall were married June 15, 1949 and had nine children:

Donna, born May 2, 1950, married Aaron Staab, November 30, 1974.

Patricia, born March 29, 1951, single.

Timothy, born May 4, 1952, killed at age 20, November 30, 1972.

James Leo, born June 10, 1955, married Julie Doescher, Sept. 13, 1986.

Margaret, born January 20, 1958, married Leo Smrz Jr., Sept. 19, 1981.

Kevin (twin) born August 12, 1959, married Jayne Krause, Apr. 28, 1984.

Kathleen " " born Aug. 12, 1959, married Robert Stanley, June 16, 1979.

Michael S., born Jan. 7, 1964, married Vicki Stockheimer, Oct. 15, 1988.

Brendan, born April 9, 1968, single.

He farmed with his mother and an uncle, Alex Handrick until June 10, 1961, when he purchased the farm and logged to settle the estate with his sisters.

Five forties were put into Tree Farm in 1965 and are selectively cut to preserve wood land stand. A forestry award was presented to James in 1981 for outstanding accomplishments.

We have a herd of holstein cows and heifers and raise alfalfa, oats and corn.

James was active in community, church and school affairs. He was side supervisor for ten years, president of P.T.A. at Halder and Boulevard schools. Father Beschta gave him a map and tape measure and asked him to stake graves. When the Parish Board was formed in 1970, he was elected president of the St. Patrick's Cemetery Association. New by-laws, maps and records were updated. Mass was said on Memorial Day on the cemetery alter, where the first church once stood. Several new trees were planted. He resigned May, 1979.

On August 6, 1982 he was seriously injured, when a speeding motorcycle hit him in front of church. His recovery has left him disabled and limited in farm activity. The youngest son Brendan became the herdsman. Other sons Mike, Kevin and Jim handle crop planting and harvesting.

Since 1975 he has been compiling history of the Irish Settlement". Interviews, pictures were collected and many hours of research have gone into this project before his accident.



James P. Maguire Farm-1980-128 yrs. in Maguire name.



Kevin & James on our farm rides by son-in-law Leo Smrz part owner & mechanic of helicopter.-1985

Century Farm

Michael J. and Kathy Maguire, 3731 Sugar Bush R., Mosinee WI

In the late 1800's John & Mary Maguire established this farm. It consisted of 320 acres. They had a small farm home and seven children; Katherine, Ray, Frank, Margaret, Sister Robertine, Robert and Norman. In approximately 1911 they built the existing home. It had seven bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, dining room and a bath. The original home was moved south on S and is now owned by John Happli Sr.

John and Mary milked thirty some cattle and raised horses. to do the field and woods work. On July 15, 1936 John died leaving the farm to his wife Mary. Approximately a year later Mary died leaving the farm to their children. Frank, Margaret and Norman each received one-third of the home forty and 40 acres of farm land. The three of them lived in the home.

Frank married Bernice Deiler in 1944 and the house was converted into a two-family home. In the fall of 1959 Dan Fitzgerald, a good friend of Norman's moved in. In May of 1973 Mike Maguire started farming here and purchased Frank's one third interest in the home forty and rented the remaining parcels. In July, 1974 Frank died leaving his assets to his wife Bernice. In January, 1978 Margaret died leaving her share to Norman. That same year Mike bought 40 acres from Bernice and the remainder of the farm from Norman. The farm consisted of 155 acres.

In September of 1980 Mike married Kathy Klinger. They now live on the second floor of the home and Dan Fitzgerald lives on the first floor. In February of 1983 Mike and Kathy had their first daughter, Kimberly and in October of 1984 their second daughter Jacie. Currently Mike and Kathy have 70 head of cattle and ginseng. Kathy works out as a Dental Hygienist for a dentist in Mosinee.

Little by little Mike and Kathy have been remodeling the house. In the summer of '86 all new windows were installed. The following summer an addition was put on. It included a bathroom, laundry room and garage. In the fall of '88 the house was insulated and sided. Further plans are being made for a machine shed, a new kitchen and a few other repairs and restorations. Intentions are for the home to once again become a single family home.



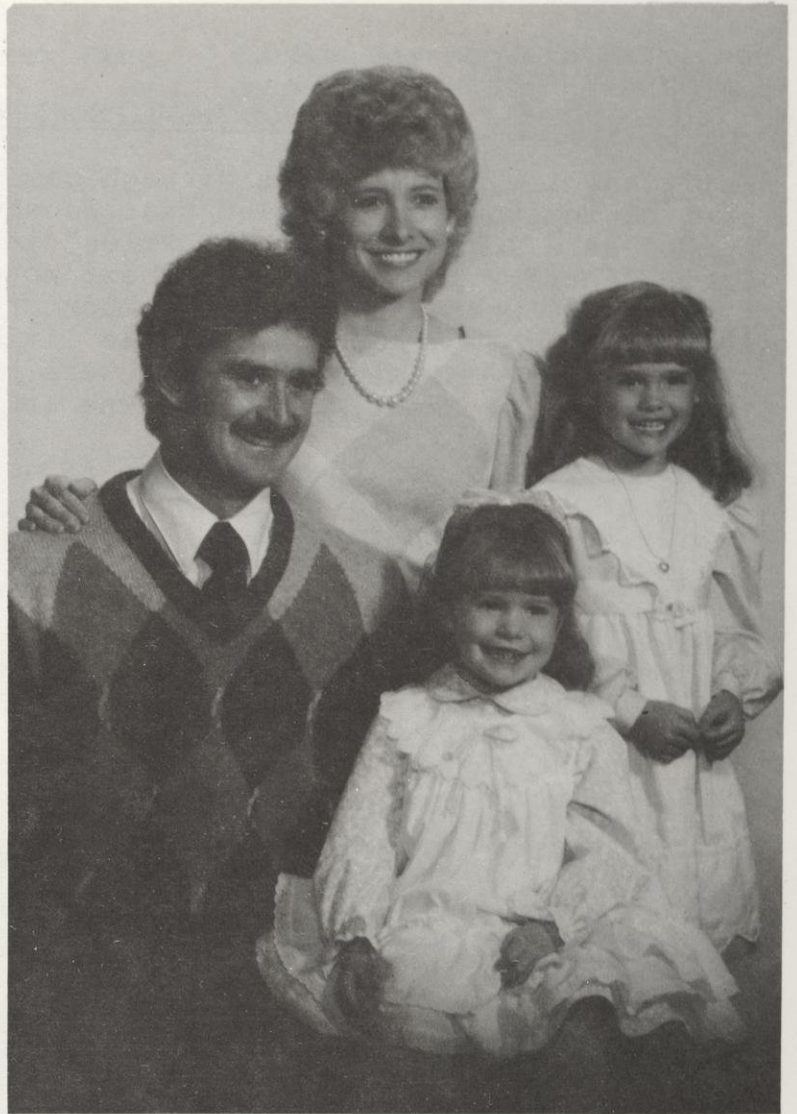
Original House



Addition 1987



House with new siding.



Mike, Kathy, Kimberly & Jacie Maguire



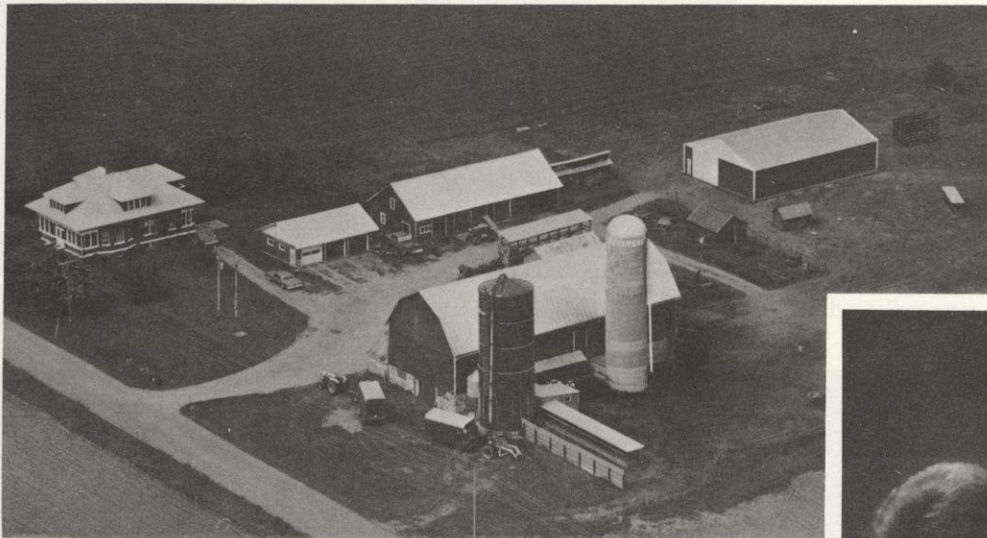
Mike & Kathy Maguire Century Farm 1981

JOE MAGUIRE FARM

Felix Maguire and Margaret Mernagh came from Ireland, were married in 1857, and settled near Wausau for a time. He worked as a logger in the "pineries" in what is now the Pine Grove Cemetery in Wausau. His next move was to the settlement of Mosinee, where he became a timber cruiser and surveyor for the Dessert Lumber Company. While living in Mosinee, the first two children - William and Anna, were born. The next move was to the Town of Emmet, known as "the Irish Settlement."

With the passage of the Homestead Act, Felix Maguire acquired 97 acres of land - it is the present farm of the James Maguire family, whose father was Leo, a brother of Felix. Felix died in 1900 at the age of 73.

Thomas Maguire was the fifth son of Felix and Margaret Maguire, and was born July 18, 1871. He married Helena Thanig in February, 1910. Like his father before him, he was a farmer and timber man. The original log house was inadequate and in 1918 the present house was built. Ten children were born to them, one of which was Joe, who currently owns the farm.



Joe Maguire Farm, presently operated by
Meldon and Karen Maguire



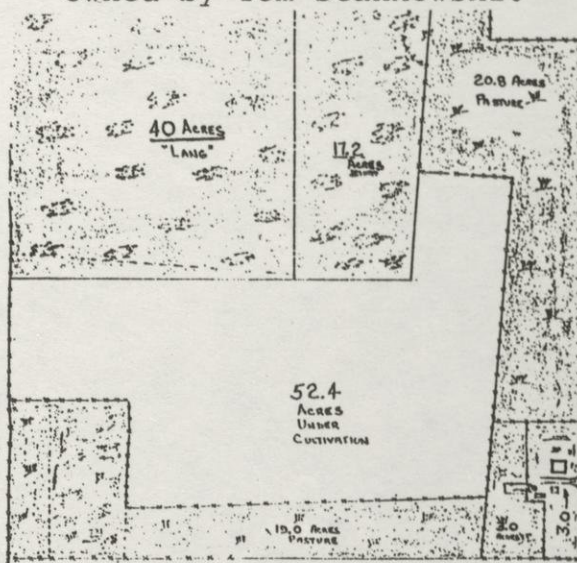
Karen and Meldon

Former owners of Duane Knetter Farm
Parents of Ethel Maguire



Frank & Mary Kurtzweil

Former Ray Maguire Farm, now
owned by Tom Stankowski.



MAGUIRE FARM = 115.4 ACRES

CULTIVATED = 45% = 52.4 ACRES
PASTURE = 37% = 42.8 ACRES
WOODLOT = 15% = 17.2 ACRES
HOUSE, ETC. = 3% = 3.0 ACRES

Cumby 5/12



Ethel and Ray Maguire



Ray Maguire Family
Left to right: Phylis,
Patricia, Ray, Ethel,
Jack, Jane, Carrol,
Edith and Faith.

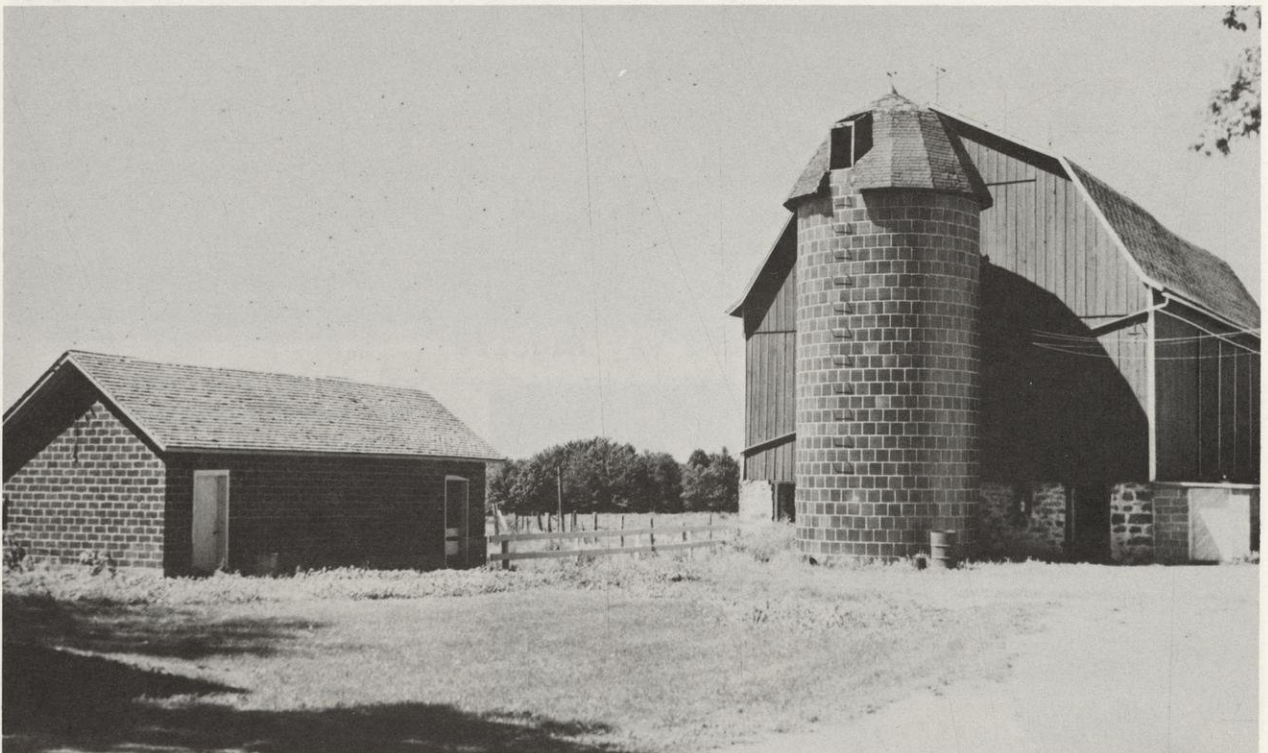
Former Ray Maguire Farm, Now owned by Tom and Karen Stankowski

This Quarter section, as I remember it was a cut-over and wooded section in 1920 when actually taken over by Ray Maguire. There were trees and stumps around the house.

Ethel Maguire



Former Ray Maguire House, now owned by Tom Stankowski.



Former Ray Maguire Farm Buildings, now owned by Tom Stankowski.



Thomas J. Maguire purchased this land in 1898 from his father Felix Maguire who bought it after a failure by Charles Doll to pay taxes. It was passed on to Thomas Cecil Maguire upon his death in 1951.

This property was bare in 1954. The entire place was built up by Thomas Cecil and Rena Maguire with the home being first in 1955, followed by two pole barns in 1974 and 1978. The combination shop and machine shed was erected in 1982. It was originally intended as a farm shop, but soon involved into a thriving tire sales and repair shop by Marwood (No. 4 son) until his untimely death at age 28 in a car accident in June 1988. It is now being operated as a farm shop again.

There was some logging of timber in 1954 with some of the lumber being used to build the house. A second cutting took place in 1972.

Thomas Maguire Family



Left to right Back Row: Marwood, Marshall, Mitchele, Mundell, Meldon.

Center: Monti, Marina, Marietta and Shannon.
with Thomas Cecil and Rena in front.

HISTORY OF THE FARM OF JOHN & GLADYS MARTIN

by John Martin

1868: Robert Smeaton applied for a Homestead Patent.
1875: Robert Smeaton was granted a Homestead Patent. 1899:
Peter Sicard purchased this farm at foreclosure. 1900:
Robert Freeman purchased farm from Peter Sicard. 1902:
Xavior Rase purchased from Robert Freeman. 1912: Joe Rase
purchased farm from Xavior Rase. 1915: Joseph Karlen
purchased farm from Joe Rase. 1917: Joseph Martin purchased
farm from Joseph Karlen.



**Homestead of Joseph Martin
1917**

Joseph and Mayme Martin

My Dad purchased this farm in 1917 and shortly thereafter was called to serve in World War I, where he served on the Front in France. After the war ended, he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. They lived with German people and learned very much about Agriculture and the use of fertilizer.

Shortly after he came home, he married his best girlfriend, Mayme Masanz on November 26, 1919. In 1921 they purchased 40 acres which was known as the "Schedlo 40". They had very hard times, yet raised a large family.

The years in the early 30's were the hardest. I can recall buying 100# of wheat and using it for breakfast cereal all winter. But with a farm we always had meat, milk, eggs, and a large garden of vegetables and fruit. It really wasn't so bad, just that money was scarce. About 1937 - 38 the economy improved and we prospered to the point of paying off some loans. The 40's brought World War II, and we were able to pay off the Mortgage and make many improvements, including a new house. Arthur served in the U.S. Air Force as a diesel mechanic. Aloysius served as a truck driver in the U.S. Army.



Joseph & Mayme's children: (left to right) Aloysius, Arthur, John, Margie, Celeste, Mary and Joseph

The late 50's brought about Joseph and Mayme's retirement, and that is when I purchased the 120 acres from them. I operated the farm for many years before I purchased it, during which time I married my best girlfriend, Gladys Wichlacz on October 2, 1956.



Barn Built: 1921. New Well Drilled, 1941 Joseph & Mayme Martin



**Gladys & John Martin
October 2, 1956
St. Anthony's, Athens**

We modernized our farming operation to produce Grade A milk, milking 40 Guernseys, and raising 8 children.

Anthony (Andy) born July 5, 1957, married Jill Hilliker, June 17, 1977, daughter, Leslie,*DOB 3/27/84. Hauls Grade A milk for Morning Glory AMPI Farms, lives in Marshfield, WI.

Francis, born Feb. 5, 1959. Married Vickie Zebro, April 4, 1981. 3 children: Marcus, DOB 9/4/84, Christopher DOB 4/18/86 and Travis, DOB 4/5/89.

* date of birth

Francis employed at Wisconsin Fuel & Light, Wausau. Lives near Marathon, WI.

Thomas (Tom) born September 13, 1960. Married Cecile Thanig, July 17, 1981. Daughter, Antonia (Toni), DOB 5/21/82 and son, Darrell, DOB 4/13/86. Employed as a mechanic at Smith Bros. Ford, Mosinee. Lives near Mosinee, WI.

Mary born August 3, 1961. Married Kim Hilliker, June 6, 1984. A Registered Dietitian for Oneida County. Lives in Hazelhurst, WI.

Paul born August 8, 1962. Employed by his brother, Anthony, as a Grade A milk hauler. Lives at home.

Bernard born June 20, 1964. Employed at Marshfield Machine Corp. as a machine tool operator. Lives at home.

Catherine (Cathy) born September 23, 1966. A student in Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bernice born February 11, 1968. A student in Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As we worked and prospered, Newman's 80 Acres across the road became available, and we purchased it in 1969. Now we own 200 acres, and are still milking 40 Guernsey's, and have 6 grandchildren.



Martin Family Christmas 1988. Front row, left to right: Christopher Martin, Marcus Martin, Leslie Martin, Mary (Martin) Hilliker, Antonia Martin. Middle row, left to right: Gladys Martin, Jill (Hilliker) Martin, Vickie (Zebro) Martin, Darrell Martin. Back row, left to right: Lucille Wichlacz, Catherine Martin, Bernice Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Andy Martin, Francis Martin, Cecile (Thanig) Martin, Thomas Martin, Rita Knauf, Bernard Martin, Kim Hilliker.



1964: Annual Family Tradition on Thanksgiving Day until 1986 when low-fat, low cholesterol entered our lives. Left to right: David Martin, grandson of Joseph Martin, Joseph Martin, Jr., John Martin, Joseph Martin, Art Martin.

Homestead of John & Gladys Martin, Spring of 1986.



HISTORY OF THE MARTIN LAND

Section 16, Township 27 R5E, was acquired by Carl Hoeflinier from the state of Wisconsin, January 31, 1872. Carl died September 21, 1880. After Carl's death, his wife Anna became executrix. Part of the above land, section 16 E, $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section S E, $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16 Township 27 R5E was acquired by my father, Robert Martin, November 16, 1888, for the sum of \$500.00. North $\frac{1}{2}$ of N E $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Township 27 R5E, was acquired by my father from R. Connor Co., for \$100.00, February 18, 1907. The rail line ended on the landing on that land from which the surrounding timber and pulp was harvested. To the best of my knowledge and information, Camp 5 was located in or around that location. At the time my father acquired the land he worked for the Kronenwetter Co. in Mosinee, and lived there too. He built the south part of the existing house, the north part was built later. The timber around the house was cut, and only logs without knots were used.

At one time a fire broke out in the area. My mother, with the help of Joe Rase, a neighbor, perhaps a teen-ager, helped my mother to contain the fire. All logs with knots were piled and burned. Occasionally, an Indian squaw would come to the door and ask for food. As time went on, the land was cleared. Crops were sowed around existing stumps. Grain was cut with a cradle and hay was cut with a scythe until stumps were removed and improved machinery became available. The barn was built and other buildings that were needed. Our barn was built in the late 1800's by John Schirpke, size 40 X 72, and in my time, contained approximately 40 tons of loose hay, in two of the four bins or partitions. In earlier years, one bin was filled with bundles of grain until a threshing crew and machine came through the neighborhood and did the threshing. I am including a picture of myself as driving the horses, and brothers, Bernard and Ludwig doing the loading. Date of picture is 1918 or 1920.

My schooling consisted of four years at Ludington School, 1916 to 1920. The school was just across the road. Then four years at St. Robert's School, one mile east of Halder. My sister Agnes and I walked the $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in fall, winter and spring, for the first few years, in blizzards, 30 degrees below zero weather. We were, occasionally taken to school, when a horse was available, in either cutter or sled. In later years we hitched up old Jenny to the buggy or cutter. My wife Alice also had similar walking experiences, but she walked $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to St. Joseph's School in Marathon City.

Farming and times improved as time went on, in 1936 we built a machine shed-garage combination to replace an old machine-pig pen combination that had seen better days.



In June 1941, I was married to Alice Osterbrink. We farmed until 1964. Then I became employed by the Farmer's Union Feed Mill and rented out the land and barn to Elroy Ahlquist, later to Mike Brusky, then to Al Brusky Jr.

I worked for the Farmer's Union, until retirement. While farming, I also cooked maple syrup, as I have done, or helped with ever since I was a child. When the home woods was logged off, I moved to the woods in the north eighty. I did my first sap gathering with a horse, the last one we owned. Next we gathered with a R. C. Allis, got stuck too often, then we bought 1,200 feet of plastic pipe, had five or six gathering stations and pumped the sap into a tank near the cooking pans with a pump on my tractor. I quit the business for twelve years while I worked at the co-op. Since 1976-77, I cooked again. I, and my son Xavier added duels on the tractor. This was not much help. Jack Martin suggested we make a creeper Caterpillar type out of my R. C. Allis tractor. Jack Martin did the work for me, as he had the know-how. He had made one for himself from a pickup truck. My days of getting stuck were over!

On May 20, 1985, my machine shed-workshop burned to the ground. I lost my tractor and WD Allis creeper, wood splitter, lumber and Alice's car. Other articles too numerous to mention were also lost. Xavier and I had to find another tractor to convert. We found an Allis WD, so we were able to gather sap again without getting stuck. Our two types of tractors are found in another part of this book. During World War I, my father tapped 500 trees and the syrup sold for \$5.00 per gallon.

I am enclosing a picture of my parents and also one of my parents and eight of my brothers and sisters. The picture is quite dim with age. There were 12 in my family, six boys and six girls. In my present family we have seven living children. One son, Marty, died at the age of thirty-one, of a brain tumor.



Henry Martin Family

Left to Right: Fulton and Ward in upper corners.

Second Row: Michael, Peter, Xavier, Marty.

Third Row: Bernadette, Alice, Henry and Roberta.

Perhaps I could have added much more to above history, photos we lost, events that I couldn't remember and things I'll think of later that would have been interesting, like ball team, milk strike, (which through some miracle I'm still alive)...Life goes on.....



Romona and Robert Martin
Parents of Henry Martin



Robert Martin Sr. (father), Ludwig (Scratched out), Romona (mother),
Bernard (in high chair), Francis, Amelia, Carolyn (small), Blondina
(Tina) Joseph and Robert Jr.

Family of Henry Martin

McHUGH FAMILIES



Mr. and Mrs. Edward McHugh II

In the year 1871 Edward I and Winifred McHugh with their two sons, Edward II and Thomas, and their daughter, Winnie, migrated from Ireland to the Town of Emmet. They took up farming on land located two miles west of Halder. Edward I died on March 2, 1880 and his wife, Winifred, died two days later. Edward II and his wife, Katherine, continued to live on the home place while his brother, Tom and his wife Fanny, farmed land joining the home place to the east.

Edward II raised a family of three girls and four boys: Winifred, Ann, Nell, Edward H., Rich, Thomas L., and Frank.

Thomas and Fanny had six boys and three girls: Kate, Martin, William, Joseph, Henry, Thomas C., Walter and Tillie.

Edward II and Thomas built houses that are alike except that Edward's had wood siding and Tom's was brick. They also faced the road in opposite directions. In later years the Edward McHugh homestead was farmed by Thomas L. and still later by David McHugh. The Tom McHugh homestead was farmed by William and later by Don and Hugh.

In September 1913 Edward H. married Kate Streveler and farmed land located one-half mile north of Hwy. 153 on what is now Hwy. S. They had three children: Ancilla, Grace and Ray. Along with farming Edward H. was treasurer of the Town of Emmet for 35 years and of the Halder Co-op Dairy for 20 years. In 1944 Ray married Luella Moss and continued to work the farm with his father. In 1962 he purchased the farm and operated it until 1980 when a farm-related illness forced him to give up dairy farming.

Ray sold the farm to a cousin, John McHugh, who later resold it to Ron Baumann.

In 1947 Edward H. and Kate bought the Nick Streveler house in Halder. Mrs. Nick Streveler was widowed at this time so she continued to live there until her death in 1949. Kate McHugh died in 1963, but Edward and his daughter, Ancilla, lived there until Ed's death in 1971. After that Ancilla went to Marathon City and resided with her sister, Grace, and her husband, Luke Schilling, whom

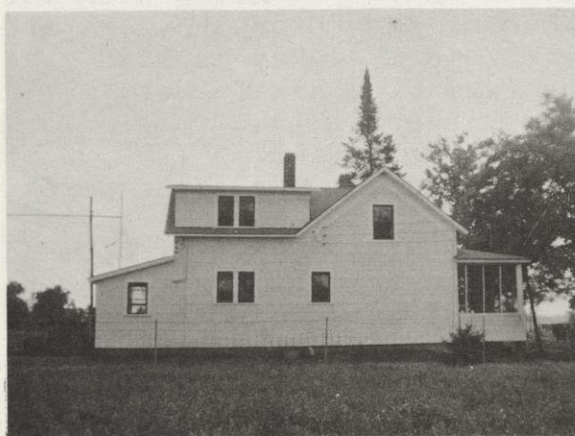
she married in 1944.

In 1921 Thomas L. married Josephine Streveler (a sister to Kate). Tom and Fena had four children: David, Edwin, Francis, and Marian. They continued to farm the homestead until Tom's death in 1971. Josephine and her son, David still live on the farm which David now owns. Edwin married Marion Schubel of Milwaukee in 1947 and worked at Allis Chalmers in that city for many years. For the past several years he worked for that company at their plant in North Carolina and has now decided to spend his retirement years there. Francis married Elizabeth Guralski of Edgar in 1955. They lived in the Edgar area for several years and then moved to Wisconsin Rapids where he died in 1974. Marian married Norbert Dupuis of Mosinee in 1955 and has lived in Mosinee since her marriage.

The other members of the pioneer McHugh family moved away from the area. Winifred married John King and lived in Marathon City. Ann married David Gleason and moved to Meridian, Mississippi. Nell married Joe Ford and moved to West Allis, Wisconsin. Rich and Frank moved to Jackson, Michigan where Frank drove a Greyhound bus and Rich managed a lumberyard.



Ed McHugh ll Family: Ed, Rich, Tom, Frank
Winnie, Ann, Nell.



Ed McHugh Home on Hwy. S.



Ray & Ed H. McHugh

Elda McHugh, 4626 West S.T.H. 153, Edgar, WI



Elda McHugh

Section No. 20-27-05

In April of 1874, Samuel Bovin purchased the land from Thomas and Emma Daily. He then built a log home, which is still a part of the present home. An addition was added on in later years by his son, Frank Bovin.

By March of 1918 Samuel Bovin (a widower) gave the homestead to his daughter, Kate Ehster.

July 1928, Mrs. Kate Ehster sold the farm to Thomas McHugh Sr. also a widower. Thomas had six sons, William, Martin, Henry, Thomas Jr. (Little), Joe and Walter, and two daughters, Kate, (Masanz) and Tillie (Hughes).

A logging train went through the back forty and on November 9th, the same year, Thomas was back by the railroad watching a crew cutting wood, when he died suddenly from a heart attack.

In 1931 his son Henry, purchased the farm from his dad's estate. Over the years the farm was rented out till April of 1944, when Henry and his wife Eva (Krieg), sold it to his brother Walter and his wife Elda. On February 17, 1974, Walter died and his wife Elda is presently living on the farm.



Henry and Eva McHugh, had the farm from 1931 to 1944.



Family of Walter and Elda McHugh
Back Row from left to right:
Richard, Patricia, Charlotte and Gerald.

Front: Walter and Elda.

Jeff & Alan McHugh Residence (Former Keith McHugh Farm)

The farm on 1191 Cedar Hedge Rd., was once vacant land owned by Tom McHugh Sr. He had come from Ireland with his parents. They went to New York, and later migrated west to Watertown, Wis. From there they came to the property presently owned by Ann and Irene McHugh. Tom Sr. had purchased this piece of land and built the house and small barn on it in 1926, for his son, Tom Jr. (also known as Red Tom) and his wife Leona (Kammenick) McHugh.

They were married September 14, 1927. Tom farmed the land and also in the winter months he would hitch a ride on the cargo train to North Dakota, to work in the woods. Leona taught school.

They built a tavern, which was named "Tom's Tavern" and ran it for about two years. They then sold it to Joe Masanz. It is presently "Stroetz's Tap". Tom also made improvements on the farm. They tore down the original barn on the farm and purchased another one in Wood County, which they dismantled and hauled to the farm, where they rebuilt it as it presently stands.

Tom and Leona had four children. Their first child Elaine, died after birth.

Their second child was Keith. He married JoAnne Spaeth. They had three children, Jeff, John and Alan. They resided in Wausau for some time.

Merlin is their third child. He married Wilma Kyhos. They have three children, Sherri, Mike and Tom. They live in Wisconsin Rapids.

Their fourth child is Carol. She married Al Wenzel. They have five children, Mike, Dan, Matt, Pat and Mary. They reside in San Jose, California.

Keith had purchased the farm from his parents, Tom and Leona. He resided there with them and his three sons. Red Tom passed away in 1979. Keith, Leona and the three boys remained at the residence. Keith passed away January 16, 1982, leaving the farm to his three sons and Leona.

His son John left the home place after purchasing a farm of his own and then marrying Mary Zebro, April 3, 1982. They now reside in Mosinee with their two children, Kyle and Kacee.

Leona moved into the Mosinee Apartments in 1985. In 1988 she went to the Edge Water Nursing Home in Port Edwards, Wisconsin, near her son Merlin.

Jeff and Alan remain at the McHugh farm.



Merlin and Keith in front of their home in the 1940's.



Leona, Tom Jr.,
Merlin, Keith, Carol.



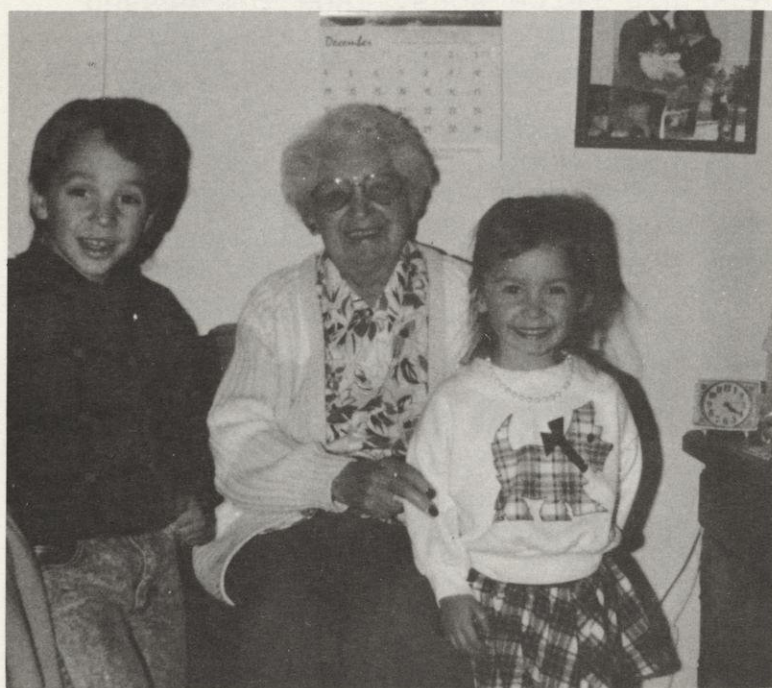
Re-building the barn.



The finished Project.



Leona & Tom in front of
"Tom's Tavern"



Leona McHugh at present with 2 of her
Great-Grandchildren, Kyle & Kacee
children of John and Mary McHugh.

Ray McHugh Family

On September 6, 1944 Ray and Luella Moss were married. Ray and Edward McHugh III farmed their two farms together until 1961 when Ed. retired. Along with farming Ray was Town treasurer for six years and treasurer of the Halder Co-op Dairy for twelve years.

The McHughs had a family of eight children, four girls and four boys. Also now we have fifteen grandchildren.

In 1980 due to a farm animals related allergy, the home was sold. A home was then built on the land purchased from Nic Streveler, where they still live, cash crop and raise ginseng. Also Lu stays busy in a hobby shop, mostly ceramics related.



Ray McHugh Family

Left to Right: Mary, Ed, Barbara, Jerry, Helen, Joe, Joan, Frank.
Lu and Ray September 6, 1944



Ray and Lu McHugh New Home



Louise & Albert Nest
1903



Albert & Louise Nest in 1952.



Albert & Louise Nest Children 1984
Front: Catherine Rak, Agatha Krieg, Sister Dorothy,
Back: Walter, Gordon, Leonard and Kenneth.
(Tom, Mae Hornung and Willard deceased)



Farm as it was in 1952

THE KENNETH NEST AND SONS FARM

Kenneth & Delores Nest & Larry
202 CTH S Mosinee, WI

James & Mary Nest
194 CTH S Mosinee, WI

The Nest farm hasn't made many changes through the years. The present owner, Kenneth, purchased the farm from his father Albert, in 1952. Albert homesteaded it in the early 1900's after purchasing the land from his brother Emil Nest.

The present barn and house were built in the early 1920's, replacing a home that burned. Kenneth and Delores built another home on the property in 1984 when sons, Larry and Jim took over the operation of the farm.



Kenneth and Delores Nest Family 1984

Back Row: Donna, Larry, Terry, Front Row: Jodie, Kenneth, Mary, Jim, Delores, Charlene. (Jim & Mary now operate the farm with Larry).



Second home on property in 1984. Home of Ken & Delores.



The "Kenneth Nest & Sons" farm 1989



Jim & Mary now live in the farm house with their twin sons, Derek & Jordan.

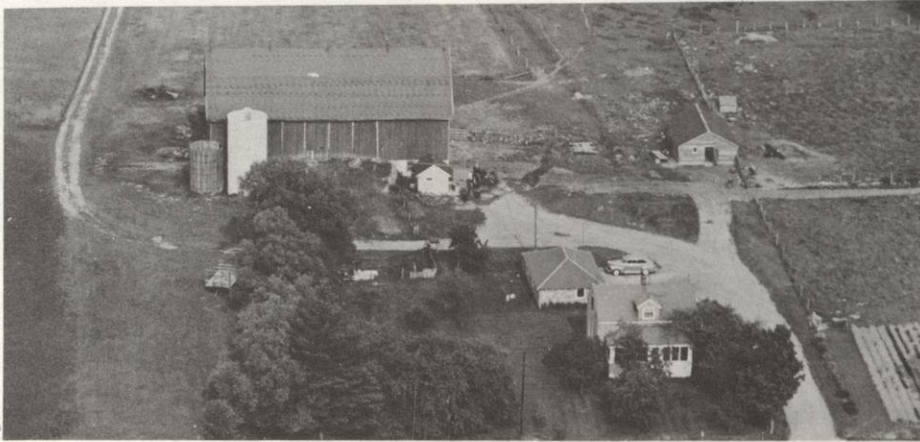


Kenneth Nest & Sons Farm.

Marlin Novitzke Farm

Valentine and Mary Novitzke, early settlers, came from Poland. They purchased land from Wisconsin Valley Land Co. on July 17, 1899.

1953



On July 27, 1928, Joseph and Lucy Novitzke bought the farm from Vanentine and Mary Novitzke.



On August 19, 1968 a tornado struck our farm and destroyed almost every building.



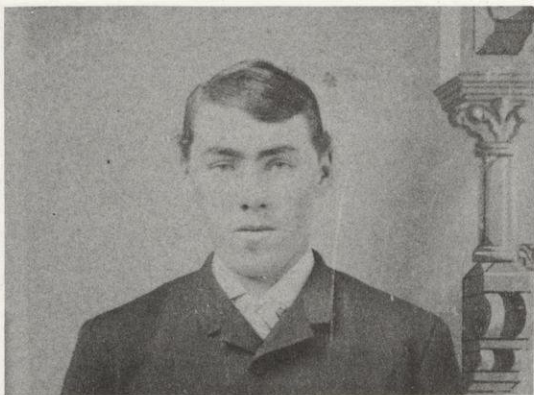
After much help from friends and neighbors who helped with clean-up and rebuilding, this is how our farm looks today.



James Murry 1829-1877



Jane (Wall) Murry



William Patrick Murry



Ida (Nest) Murry



Frances (Fanny) & James M.
Children of Wm. P. Murry
1900



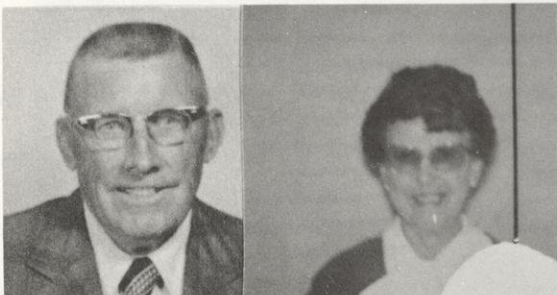
Mary, Frances (Fanny), Margaret,
William (Bill).
children of William P. Murry



Old home on Murry farm.



5 Generations
Front: Ida Murry, Bonnie Sinkofer, Augusta Nest.
Back: Ethelyn Sinkhofer, Frances Eiter



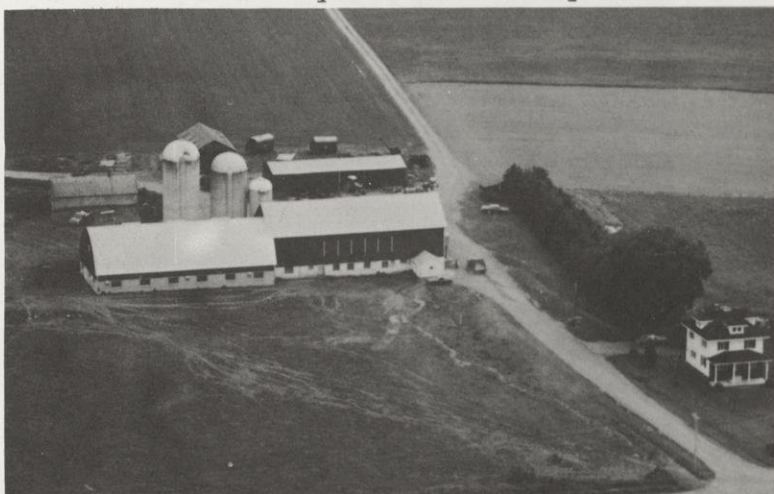
John & Dorothy Murry



40th Anniversary 1980
Dorothy & John Murry



John & Dorothy Murry
Betty, Helen, Mary, Larry



Present Larry Murry Farm

MURRY CENTURY FARM

James Murry and his wife Jane, came to the United States from Gulway, Ireland, to the Irish Settlement and applied for Homestead land, December 14, 1867. The first house they built was a log house near a spring across the road from the present house. He applied for 160 acres.

The Homestead patent was granted December 15, 1773. As the land was cleared, trees were cut and lumber sawed. A frame house and a barn were built. They also built other buildings. Crops of hay and oats were sowed and reaped around stumps in the cleared land and were fenced in, as cattle and horses could roam anywhere to find grass.

James Murry died December 8, 1877. His wife Jane, and four children were granted the estate.

Before St. Patrick's congregation was incorporated, priests from other places came now and then to say Mass in the Murry home.

Children of James and Jane were, Mary Jane and Catherine, who both died young girls. Their son John C. went out west in 1899 to Reno, Nevada, to work in the silver mines. He married a young school teacher and raised six children.

William Patrick, son of James and Jane, farmed the homestead until he died in 1911. His widow Ida, and six children, Fanny, James, John, Mary, William and Margaret, continued to farm with the help of hired men.

Around 1914, the present house was built. The larger part of the old house was moved to where Marty Wieloch lives now.

August 31, 1940, Ida Murry sold the farm to her son John and his wife Dorothy. Their children, Larry, Mary, Betty and Helen were born and raised on the Homestead. By then the acres increased to 200 acres with about half of it cleared crop land, about 40 milk cows and the horse drawn machinery being converted to tractor power.

In 1968, Larry and his wife Yvonne, moved on to the Homestead, where they raised their five children, Scott, Jon, Bob, Wendy and Kim. Jon and Bob are the fifth generation on the 500 acre dairy farm. They raise corn, oats, hay and ginseng. The sixth generation is starting, with Wendy's girls and Bob and Ann's baby on the way.

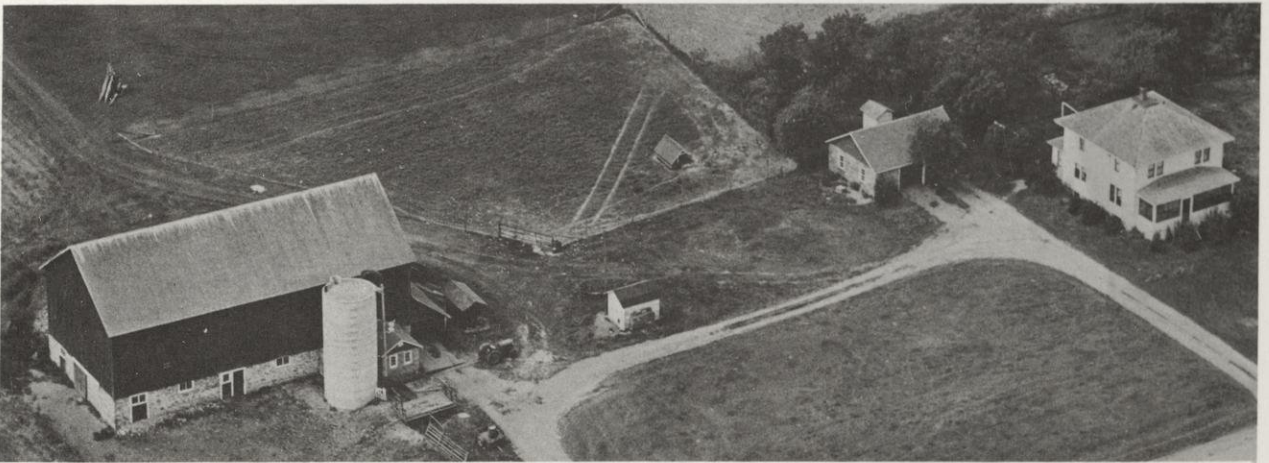


Top row: Robert, Jon, Scott. Middle, Yvonne and Larry. Bottom: Wendy Jessica and Kim.

John Obernberger Jr. Residence

In 1940 the former William P. Kennedy farm was purchased by John and Lucy (Maguire) Obernberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Obernberger moved from Stratford, WI, with their daughters Anna Jane, Margaret and Verona on April 1, 1940. John Obernberger Sr. farmed until his retirement in 1963.



John Obernberger Sr. Farm in 1950



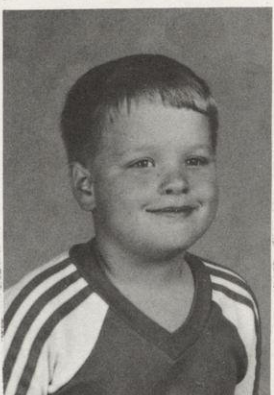
John and Lucy Obernberger 9-3-53



John Obernberger Family 11-7-1987
 Anna Jane, & Delmer Brod, Margaret & Neil Baur, Verona
 & Ernest Stienke, Maryann & John Obernberger Jr.



Kristine



Brent



Currently- John Jr. and Maryann (Rusch)
 Obernberger with their children Kristine
 and Brent live at 545 Hilltop Rd. 6-1986



John Obernberger's Cabin, Barb & Sarah

Frank and Anna (Michal) Obermeier Wedding



Left to Right:

Lula (Maguire) Nest, Emeron Maguire, Helen (Michal) Weber, William Obermeier, Front: Flower Girl, Shirley (Stieber) Hanson, Niece of the groom, Anna (Michal) and Frank Obermeier.

Frank Obermeier Farm

The 40 acres located at the Southeast corner of CTH S and Sugar Bush Road was deeded to the Kennedy family in 1859 by the U. S. Government. The land was purchased on April 19, 1884 by George Michal from the Kennedy family, who had raised the boys after their parents died within three years of each other, on their farm near CTH S and N in the town of Marathon, when the boys were about 12 and 14 years old. Brother, Andy purchased the farm several months before he married Anastacia, the daughter of Felix and Margaret Maguire, on October 23, 1885.

A carpenter by trade, he built the house and barn which are still being used. Nine children were born, of which three died in infancy. Mary Michal, age 93, still survives. The others were: John, who married Margaret Gebelien, Felix, married Katherine Krieg, Margaret, married John Kafka, Anna, married Frank Obermeier and Cyril.

July 3, 1935, several months before her father passed away, Anna and Frank purchased the farm, bringing with them a small fox ranch they had in the Town of Weston, where the new Target store now stands. The foxes were sold around 1945, when the prices dropped drastically because of foreign imports, but they continued to farm along with the help of their children Jeanette (Richard Maier), Vernon (Lois Lenz) and Susan (Michael Drengler). The land is now rented out, but Frank, age 89, still occupies the home. He has 13 grand and 12 greatgrand children.

The Frank Obermeier Family

1978



Left to Right: Jeanette, Vernon, Frank, Susan, Anna.



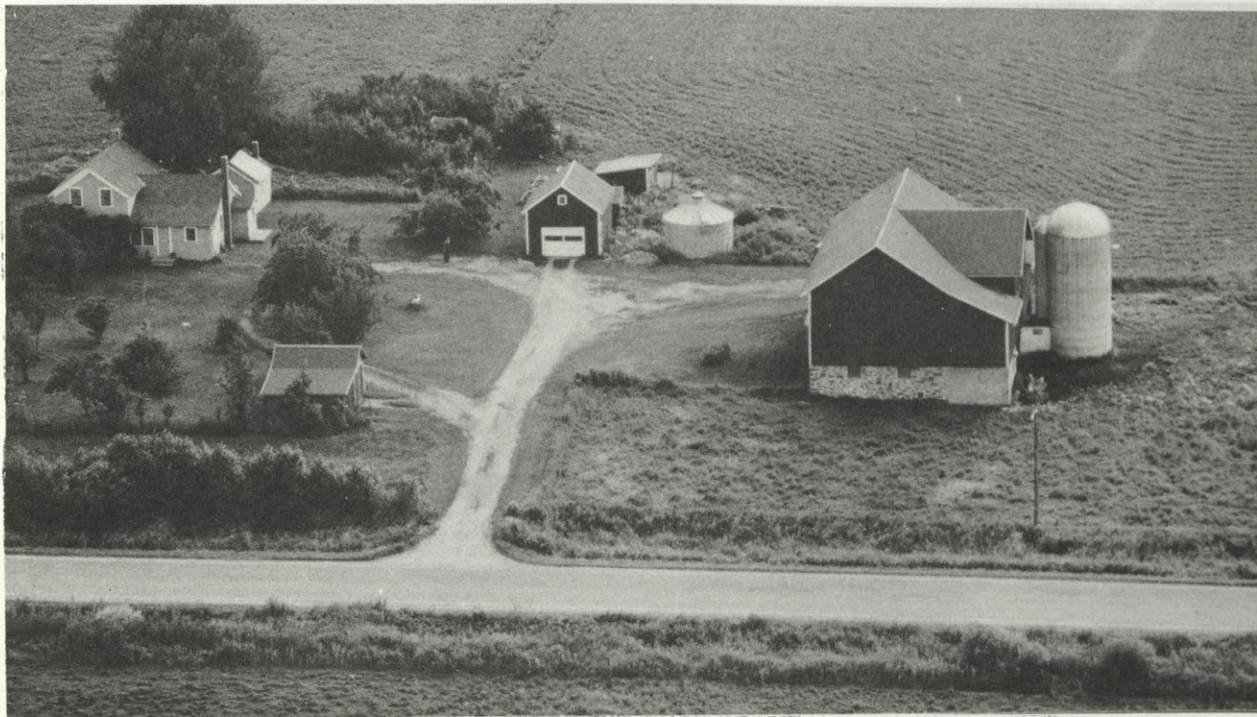
Andy Michal in 1880's



First home built by Andy Michal in 1885. pictured are Andy Anna & daughter Anna.



Anastacia Maguire Michal in the late 1930's.



Aerial view of the farm.

Jerome and Evelyn Schara Family



Jerome & Evelyn-----Sue, Tom, Mary, Lisa & Patricia

Jerome bought this farm in 1962 from Christensen Sales. The farm belonged to Robert Imhoff, son of Joe Imhoff.

In 1969, August 19th, there was a tornado. Duane and Judy Schara's house trailer was totaled. It was parked northwest of our house.

On December 11, 1984 our house burned. We rebuilt on the same location. We started in March of 1985 and on May 11, 1985 we moved in.

In 1988, May 8th, on Mother's Day another tornado came through, this time taking and rolling over our daughter Sue and son-in-law Ron Mroczenski's trailer house.

Jerome and Evelyn have five children: Sue (Mrs. Ron Mroczenski) 23, Tom 22, Mary 17, Lisa 12 and Patricia 8.

The family has raised ginseng for the past 12 years. Jerome has been a Marathon County Highway operator for the past 27 years.



Ginseng- 12 years



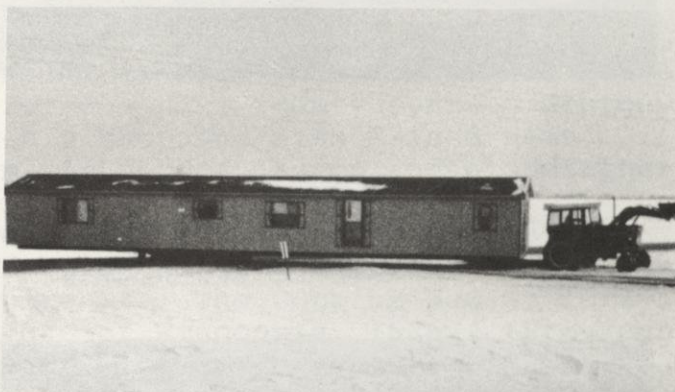
8-9-1969 Tornado



Ron, Sue, Ryan Mroczenski



12-11-1984 House Fire



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Trailer set here 2-16-1988 until
5-8-1988 (Sue & Ron Mroczenski)

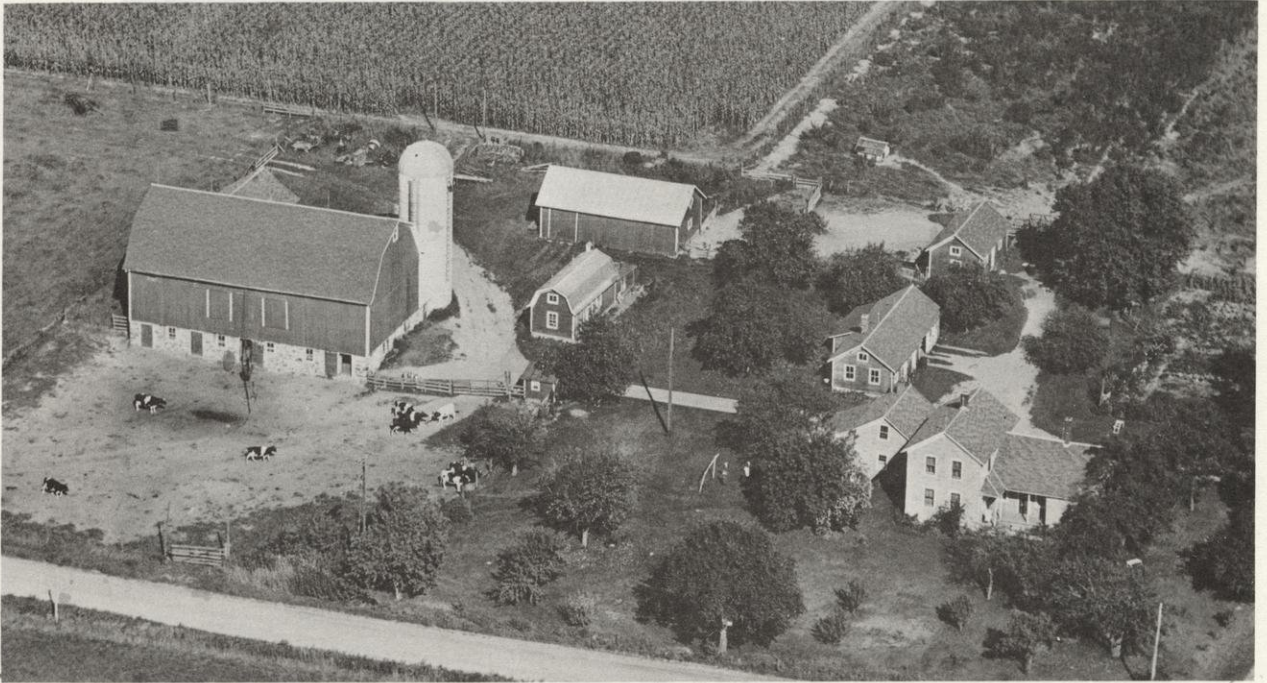


Jerome Schara New Home 1985
2031 CTH S, Marathon, WI



Ron & Sue Mroczenski New Rollohome
June 1988
2049 CTH S, Matathon, WI

Theresa Schedlo Farm



Right: Tony and Theresa Schedlo
October 1963



Standing: Marian Chezach, Margaret Buchberger, Sister Antona, Nancy.
Seated: Patricia Steffen, Roman, Theresa, Sylvester and Loraine Imhoff. Taken August 1984

Schedlo Family Farm
1876---

Century Farm

Township 27 North Range 5 East
Section 27 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 21 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

The first records indicate that between 1868 and 1872, Carl A. Hoeflinger obtained from the State of Wisconsin and Commissar of Schools, all of Section 16.

In 1876 John M. Masanz I, his wife Mary (Schedlo) Masanz and their seven children left their farm near St. Kilian, to purchase from Carl A. Hoeflinger, the two 80 acre parcels (with farm) that comprise the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16. John was a carpenter and built the log house, to which he and George later added an addition, (see picture) that is in existence today. John and Mary and four children came to America in 1865, from Bohemia.

In 1895 John and Mary sold the eastern 80 parcel to their son and to his nephew, son-in-law, George Schedlo, because as a young man, George left his home in St. Kilian to help John and Mary with the farm work, eventually marrying their daughter, Margarete (Maggie). George's parents were Anton & Maria (Karmen) Schedlo, who came from Bohemia in 1872.

Several months after John's death, Maggie died also, leaving Mary, George and George's two children, Mary (later Mrs. Wm. Melder) and Anthony to manage the farm for the next twenty years. George did a lot of blacksmith work in his shop and also raised bees. These trades were inherited from his father, Anton and grandfather, Lawrence.

In 1921 George bought 40 wooded acres in the NW part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 from Felix and Helen Maguire Jr. The former owners were Felix and Margaret Maguire Sr., The Corp of New Melleray, Iowa, John O'Donahue, and the State of Wisconsin, 1876. (Previously, in 1907, George had purchased from John and Anna Masanz Jr., the 40 acres of the SW corner which adjoins the above parcel. Former owners were Robert and Mary Hughes, Robert and Ellen Freeman, John and Winifred Burns, and the U. S. of America, 1807). This land produced a lot of maple syrup for his son's (Anthony Schedlo) maple syrup business.

When George died in 1944, his properties passed on to his son Anthony, and his wife Theresa (Baumann) Schedlo, as Anthony had always resided in the farm and worked it with his father. Their children are: Patricia Steffen, Marian Chezach, Margaret Buchberger, Sister Antona, F.S.P.A., Roman, Nancy, Lorraine Imhoff and Sylvester.

Anthony Schedlo passed away in 1970. His wife Theresa and son Sylvester now maintain the farm.

Pictured are: Grandma Masanz,
George Schedlo, Mary and
Delphine.



Front Row:
 Louis Masanz 1867-1898,
 John M. (father),
 Mary (Mother,
 On the Lap:
 Margarete (Schedlo)
 1870-1911
 Back Row:
 Anna (Kurtzweil) 1855-1920
 John Masanz 1859-1933
 Mary (Kennedy) 1857-1944
 Magdalena (Newman) 1862-1927
 Katherine (Handrick)
 1865-1947.



Family of John M. Masanz 1834-1911 &
 Mary (Schedlo) Masanz 1830-1921.



Top: Mrs. Frank Kudack, Mrs. Jos. Mary Schedlo, Grandma Masanz,
 Straub, Mrs. Theresa Reindlo. Mrs. George Schedlo & Anthony
 Bottom: Anton, Maria (Karmen) Schedlo.
 & George Schedlo.



Wedding Parth, Margarete (Maggie) Masanz to George Schedlo. 1897-1898

Anton Schilling Homestead



Anton Schilling and Anna Schilling moved onto the Schilling Homestead in 1904. Erhardt Schilling, the first born, was born in 1904. Anton Schilling had ten children. Four children do survive: Erhardt Schilling, Emma (Schilling) Handrick, Anthony Schilling and Ellen Mae (Schilling) Fochs. While still running the homestead, Anton Schilling took part of his family and farmed in Montana, too (wheat farming). However, from 1929 to 1937, only one crop fared well.

For years, Erhardt Schilling did the farming. Anthony Schilling did the overhauling to keep their farm machinery and many other farmer's machinery running on the farms. During World War II, Anthony Schilling built tractors, a car, wagons, and pea loaders. In 1947, Anthony Schilling opened a granite pit with his homemade power shovel. Also, Anthony built a front end loader out of an army tank.

Something was missing on the homestead. Yes, Anthony went to Montana to marry his wife, Alvina Linder, on November 9, 1948. In 1949, Anthony Schilling bought his first power shovel, an Inslet. Also, Anthony Schilling bought 80 acres of the original homestead. Anthony and Alvina Schilling still reside on this original acreage.

Anthony and Alvina have three children: Mary Lynn, John and David, and five grandchildren: Randy, Laurie, Anthony, Joey and Melissa.

Anthony and Alvina Schilling retired from the granite business in 1972, but still reside on the old Schilling homestead.



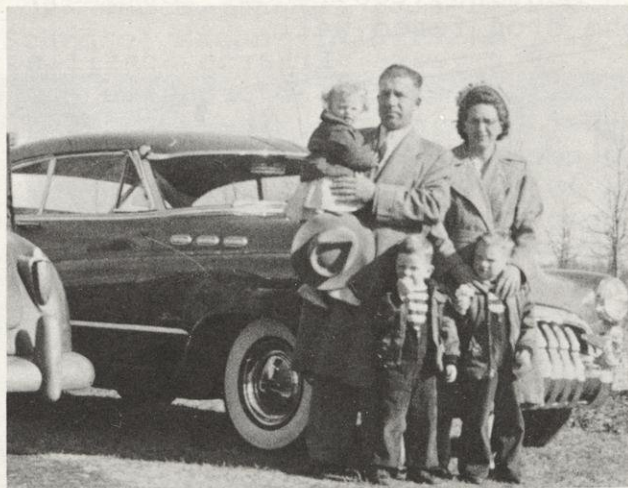
Back Row: Sue (David's wife), Margeine (John's wife), Alvina, John, Tony, Duane Sauter, Mary Lynn Sauter.
Front Row: David, Melissa (John's), Anthony (John's), Joey (John's), Randy (David's) and Laurie (David's).



Schilling Farm
903 Ridge View Road



Tony and Alvina's wedding



Left to Right:
Mary Lynn, Tony, Alvina,
David and John.



Tony schilling on tractor and
Erhardt Schilling standing,
admiring their home built power
loader. It worked too.



Tony Schilling power Shovel.



Edward & Lillian Schreiber 50th Anniversary
Ed Jr., Ed Sr., Lillian, Fred, Michael

Property here was homesteaded in 1896 by Wenzel and Josephine Sebronek. Coincidentally Lillian Schreiber's father, Anton Bittner, helped build the house she and her new husband would live in years later. Joseph and Annie Burk inherited the property in 1923 and built the barn in 1932. Edward and Lillian Schreiber were married in 1937 and bought the property in 1939 from the Federal Land Bank. It was 120 acres with 32 acres tillable, cost \$2,500. For \$800 they bought their first 8 cows (2 died the first year) and hay for the winter. At that time their milk sold for 80¢ /cwt. Milk produced on this farm was sold to the Halder Dairy until plant closing.

Edward Jr. was born in 1938. The first major improvement was the south silo in 1942. The cost was \$10 a foot, total cost for the 40 foot silo, about \$600 (including footing and silo room). The first machinery bought new was a 1942 Ford 9N, plow and cultivator for \$100.

In 1948 Elaine was born. In 1957 the east end of pond was dug. In 1960 Ed Jr. married Mary Ellen Boehm. Shortly after the second home on the property was moved from Rangeline for them. They lived on the farm until 1969. In those years Fredrick and Kathy were born. After Jr. and Mary moved to Wausau, Bill and Nancy Telford rented the house for six years. Their oldest son Mike, often helps Jr. in shang. In 1975 the pond was extended to the west. In 1976 Martin Schreiber (Ed Sr.'s Uncle) moved there for nine years. In 1983 Fred and Noreen Polzin, who were married in 1981, moved into the farm house, while Ed and Lillian moved in with Martin who was 90 at the time and needed more special care.

Michael, born in 1985 and Cassandra born in 1988, are at this time fourth generation Schreiber's and fifth generation Boehm's living in the area. The barn has been built onto five times and has 38 4x6 tie stalls with a pipeline. In contrast to the first silo built in 1942, the 70 foot silo built in 1986 cost \$12,000. In keeping an eye to the future of our ground water a manure pit was built in 1988.

We are all very proud to be a part of the Town of Emmet during such a historical event.



Inside the Halder Dairy 1961
Harold Brusky, Martin Wagner,
John Murry, Ed Schreiber Sr.



Martin Schreiber, saw filer at
camp II 1912



Hunting Buddies- Ed Schreiber Sr.
Martin Wagner, Archie Wagner



Boehm 5 Generation, Michael, Fred,
Mary Ellen, Leon, Elizabeth



Ed Schreiber Farm



Dale & Dorothy Simonton (8-13-87)
3662 Sugar Bush Rd.
Mosinee, WI 54455

The East (14) rods of the West (32) rods of the South (10) rods of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section (26), Township (27) North Range (5) East, Excepting all utility easements.

We purchased the property October 21, 1961.

The United States of America to Edwin Tower & Henry Dering, assignees of Rosa Gouge, widow of Joseph Gouge, Private Revolutionary War, April 15, 1859.

The former owners were as follows:

Edwin Tower & Mary Tower (wife)	D. Hammel
Abraham Vanvoorhis	Jacob Hammel
William Mellinger	E. Runge
Jane Mellinger	Jacob Wachtl
Marcus Mellinger	Wm. Maguire & Margret Maguire
William Benton	South Emmet Cheese & Dairy Co.
W. C. Silverthorn & D. L. Plumer	Emmet Co-operative Dairy Co.
& George Silverthorn	F. H. Bickel & Helen Bickel
Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Wolowick & Francis Wolowick
David Roberts	
L. A. Prodt	

On August 7, 1943, Dale Simonton married Dorothy Novotny at camp Shelby Miss.

Their marriage was blessed with seven children: Dwight, Donald, David, Diane, Dawn, Debbie and Denise.

Mr. Simonton worked as a carpenter. He installed the aluminum panels at Central Control launching pads at Cape Kennedy, Florida. Then he served as purchasing agent at Wisconsin Homes, Marshfield for 20 years.

Mrs. Simonton worked as Ward Clerk at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. She developed severe asthma and was forced to retire.

Dwight-Mukwonago
Donald-Stratford
David-Marshfield

Diane-Appleton
Dawn-Spencer
Debbie-Milford, CT
Denise, Minneapolis, MN



The Simonton Home on Sugar Bush Rd. 8-13-87



The Emmet Cheese Factory



Dale Simonton Dismanteling
of Emmet Cheese Factory.



Donald Simonton and son
Dale Simonton.

The Ed Stankowski Farm

The farm at 655 Hilltop Road was purchased from my parents, Frank and Julia Stankowski on April 1, 1954. The purchase price was \$17,500. This sum is ironic, as we paid more for a tractor in 1977. The original farm consisted of 160 acres, with about 85 of those acres being cropland.

We moved to the area from Milwaukee with three sons; Jim, Bob and Tom. Jim was the oldest at six years of age. My wife, Lucille was expecting our fourth son, Paul, who was born on Tom's birthday July 13, 1954; four years later.

The farm proved not to be self-supporting. First of all, we had a shortage of water for the cattle. Luckily, the Freeman Creek runs through our land. So once a day, during the winter months, we chased the cattle down to the creek. But as a result of this water shortage, the milk production was very low. With a growing family, I had to look for other sources of income. So I purchased a school bus from my neighbor, Bob Maguire. For the next nine years, I drove the bus transporting kids to St. Robert's Catholic School and to the public school, both in Halder. The public school was later sold to Victor Dahlke and remodeled for living quarters. Mrs. Joan Dahlke lives there at the present time.

By 1959, we decided to drill a well for water. It turned out to be a dry hole at a depth of 235 feet. So the following spring, we had another well drilled. This one was only 52 feet deep and has provided all the water we've needed. I would have to say that this was a turning point in the income of the farm.

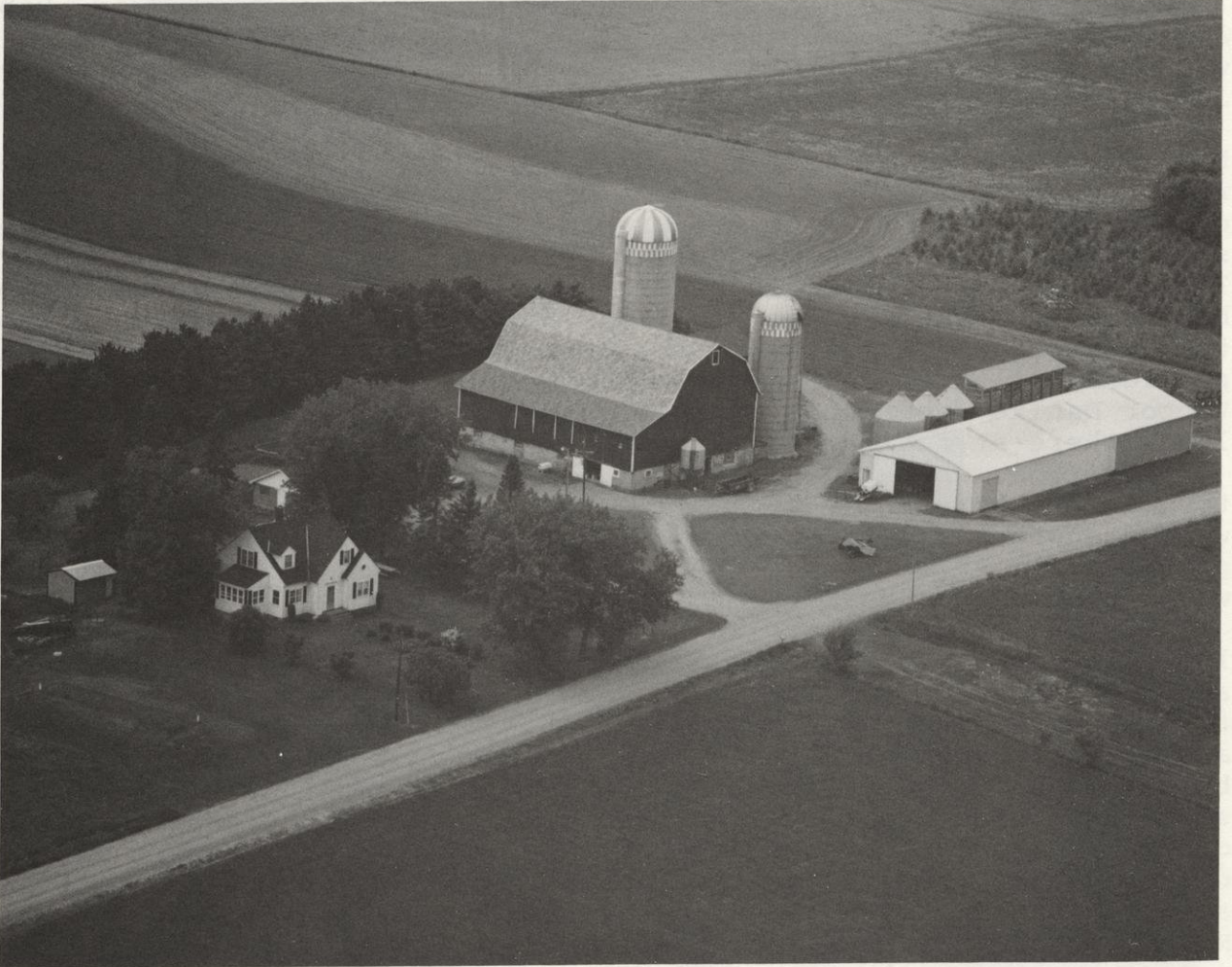
In 1963, we built a new silo (16x45 ft.) for corn silage. In 1965, we moved an old grainery to make room for a three-car garage and work shop. Also that year, we had the entire farm laid out into contour strips and water ways that feed the 2.3 acre pond built at the same time. We then planted approximately two acres of trees by the pond. More trees were also planted near the buildings to serve as a wind-break. Since that time, about seven additional acres of trees have been planted on our land. Inside of the barn was redone in 1966. The remodeling included new concrete, stanchions and a barn cleaner. 1966 was also the same year I started work at the Mosinee Paper Mill. I later retired from the mill in 1984.

A new bulk milk tank and step-saver conveyor system was installed in the barn in 1968. In '69, we built a machine shed (40x80 ft.). An additional 48 feet have since been added to the original structure. A 3300 bushels steel grainery and two round wire mesh corn cribs were added to the farm in 1970. In 1971, we purchased 74 acres of land adjoining our farm from Joseph Baur. Of this, we cleared about 20 wooded acres for cropland. Another silo (20x60 ft.) was built a year later for haylage. A third corn crib (48x6x18 ft.) was built in 1980. A pipeline milking system was installed in the barn the following year. Because of the high clay content in the soil, it was necessary to have a mound septic system built in 1983.

In addition to other crops, we've also raised ginseng for the past ten years.

Last spring, on Mother's Day, a tornado struck the Halder area. We, however; were fortunate. Although we lost many shade trees around the house, there was only minor damage done to the building.

Over the years, Lucille and I have raised twelve children. From the oldest to the youngest, they are: Jim, Bob, Tom, Paul, Nancy, Kenny, George, Anthony, Steve, Bernard, Greg and Margaret.



The Ed Stankowski Farm

Tom and Karen Stankowski Farm, 733 CTH S, Mosinee, WI

On August 30, 1913, John C. Wachtl sold Section 27, Township 27 North, Range 5 East to Frank W. Kurtzweil. Frank and his wife Mary, sold this parcel to John Maguire on June 22, 1914. John and his wife Mary, sold this to Ray Maguire on April 18, 1918. Ray and Ethel Maguire then built the house and barn in 1919 and proceeded to clear the land for fields. Ray died in 1976, but Ethel lived here until August, 1984. She sold the farm to us, Tom and Karen Stankowski, and our children Gary, Teresa and Daniel.

We grow corn, hay, ginseng and enjoy our vegetable garden. We also raise a few animals. In spring we make maple syrup.



Karen with her children, Gary, Dan, Teresa.



Tom unloading Corn.



Children of Tom and Karen Stankowski, Teresa, Dan and Gary.

Teresa and Dan with their animals.



Gary Stankowski.

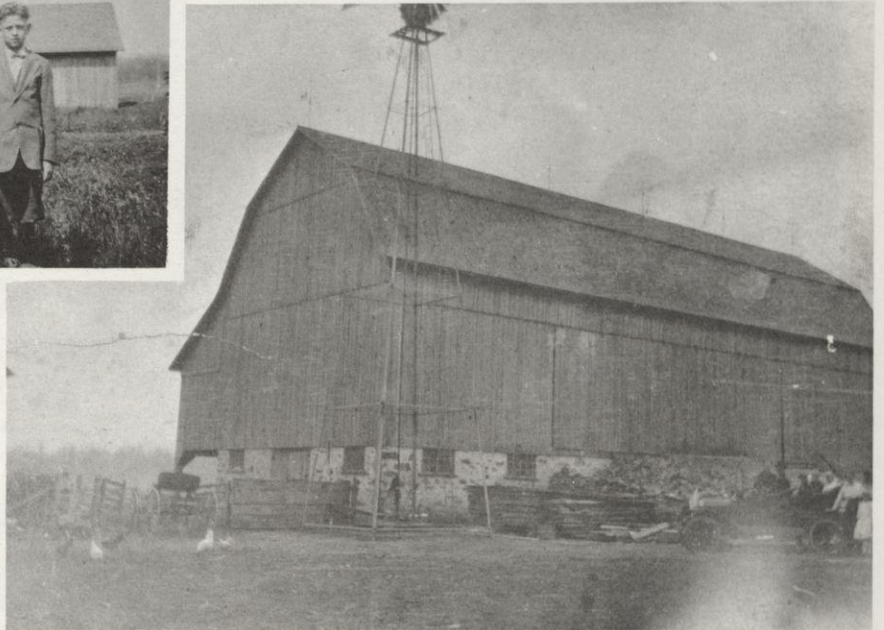
The Earl Streveler Farm

Claus and Clara Streveler bought the farm in 1909. They sold it in 1919 to Otto and Katie Michlig. In 1932 Claus and Clara bought it back. Mike and Anna Streveler purchased it in 1935. Earl and Violet Streveler bought it in 1971.



Part of Claus Streveler Family, Mary, Mike, Clara, Claude, Claus and Alois.

Picture of Mike Streveler Barn
Taken about 1912 to 1915.



Mike Streveler Home, taken about 1935



Earl Streveler Farm 1980



Mike and Anna Streveler



Earl Streveler Family
Brian, Kevin, Betty, Bruce,
Earl & Violet



Earl Streveler sap woods & shack

NICK STREVELER FAMILY



Mr. & Mrs. Nick Streveler 50th Anniversary

Nick Streveler migrated with his parents, brothers and sisters from Luxenburg, Germany, to the United States in 1878. He was 21 years old when he arrived and had received a good education before coming to this country. He could speak both low and high German as well as French, and mastered the English language after he arrived.

On April 15, 1890 he married Mary Kayser. Their early married years were spent on a farm near Marshfield. In 1905 he was appointed Sergeant-of-arms at the state capitol in Madison. Around this time he decided to build a general store in Halder which was becoming the center of a good logging industry as well as a growing farming area. In March of 1905 he moved his family of nine children to Halder in a lumber wagon. In another ten years four more children were born. They lived in rooms adjoining the store for ten years and then moved to a large home with eight acres of land. This was the Streveler residence until the death of Nick Streveler. It was purchased by Ed and Kate McHugh (Kate was the oldest of the Streveler children). It remained in their hands until the death of Ed McHugh in 1971. It has now been removed to make parking area for the Community Hall.

The general store in Halder was a busy place since it was the only one in the area and people all around the area shopped there for all their needs. As the children grew up they were trained to be clerks in their father's store.

Later a building behind the store which had served as a livery stable was converted into a cheese factory, which was operated by Joe Streveler, Nick's oldest son. This factory was sold to the farmers and became known as the Halder Co-op Dairy. Another cheese factory located on the corner of Hwy. 153 and Hwy. H and known as "Our Lady's Cheese Factory" was operated by some of the daughters.

Another factory at Rangeline was operated by Jim Streveler, a brother of Nick. Another brother, Clause Streveler, operated a farm just east of St. Patrick's Church.

As the children grew older and either married or went into nursing or teaching profession (three daughters became nuns), for several years it was rented to people outside the family. In the early 1930's when General Stores became history, the store was remodeled. Part remained a small grocery store and part was converted into a tavern and dance hall. It was operated at first by a son-in-law Ellis Bower. The building was later sold to Charles Schroeder. It changed hands several times in the ensuing years. One owner, Claton Blonien, built an addition and installed six bowling alleys. The alleys were later moved to Mosinee. The building was then sold to Art and Lucille Hirsch. In June 1960 fire destroyed the building. The alley addition was rebuilt into a tavern and is now owned by Bob and Jane Doll.

Nick also owned land northwest of Halder. It was very stoney and he named it "The Rookery". With the help of a few neighbors and his daughter, Dorothy, he planted about one thousand Norway spruce and balsam seedlings. Some were lost to fire and some to poachers at Christmas time. About five hundred still stand and are 40 to 50 feet tall. In 1940 this land was sold to a grandson, Ray McHugh, and in 1980 due to farm-related illness Ray and his wife, Luella, had to retire from dairy farming. They built a home nestled in these spruce trees which grandfather, Nick Streveler had planted.



1 st Row: *Sr. Nicolene, Mrs Nick Streveler, Nick Streveler, seated *Sr. Ameilla. (1937)
 2nd Row: *Margaret Masanz, *Josephine McHugh, *Elizabeth Streveler, *Kate McHugh, *Joseph Streveler.
 3rd Row: Walter Masanz, Aurelia Streveler, Thomas McHugh, *Clara Hauke, Ed McHugh, Anna Streveler, *Dorothy Bower.
 4th Row: *William Streveler, *Sr. Marian, *Richard Streveler, Ted Hauke, Isobel Streveler, *Felix Streveler, Ellis Bower.

Jennie Wentzel Farm (Roy deceased)
1531 Cedar Hedge Road
Edgar, WI 54426

S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 17 T.27 N. R.5 E.

1856	U.S. Government	Sold to	Charles Barr.
1860	Barr	" "	Charles Aspell.
1887	Aspell	" "	William Barr.
1887	Barr	" "	Frank Schara.
1907	Schara	" "	Victor Karlen.
1919	Karlen	" "	Henry Wentzel.
1944	Wentzel	" "	Roy and Jennie Wentzel.
1979	Roy Wentzel (deceased), farm remained in Jennie's name.		



Frances Werner

John & Frances Werner Residence
2186 CTH S
Marathon, WI 54448

Mrs. Frances Werner was born in the Town of Emmet, December 14, 1893, to Mary and Casper Wunder. She married Andrew Werner, June 11, 1918 and lived for a time in Edgar and Marathon. After her husband's death, she came back to her parent's farm in 1925. She and her son John are on the same farm on Highway S. She has another son Edward, Schofield and one daughter Clara, Marathon. She has nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Except for failing eyesight, she is able to take care of herself.

Frank & Karen Zebro
133 Badger Rd.
Mosinee, WI 54455



Our Family, Karen, Frank, Bryan and Darren.

Family Story

In 1975 Frank Zebro Jr. and his wife Karen (Walters) purchased this 40 acre hobby farm from Stanley and Jenny Malkowski. After their first baby was born (Bryan, Dec. 19, 1977), their small house was getting crowded.

In 1978 they started a major remodeling project. They made their existing house into three bedrooms and added on a new Kitchen, Bathroom livingroom, basement and garage. It was finished by the time their second son arrived (Darren, Nov. 28, 1979).

Frank has been a machinist at Case I.H. for 17 years. Karen was employed for 15 years at Marathon Cheese. She currently does wallpapering and stenceling.

They have been in Ginseng business for eight years. In 1987 Frank put up a machine shed. Half of the shed is for his equipment and the other half is for drying ginseng.

Bryan and Darren have many little projects and hobbies. Their favorite one is to pack a lunch and sit up in their dad's "Lucky" deer stand.



Original House.



After the house was remodeled.



Bryan & Darren riding their calf 'Ronnie'.



Frank & boys hauling straw to the ginseng garden.



Deer Hunting Party-Another good year
Front Row: Steve Zebro, Ken Zebro
Back Row: Gary Zebro, Francis Martin
D. Grambling, Frank & Darren Zebro

THE ZEBRO FAMILY FARM

In 1856 John Fetherston was granted 160 acres of bounty lands from the United States government. After several changes, the land went delinquent to Marathon County. In 1874 the county agreed to convey to the Wisconsin Valley Railroad co. 200,000 acres of these county lands, of which this farm was a part, for \$25,000 if the Railroad Company would agree to build a railroad track from Centralia in Wood County, Wisconsin to Wausau, with stations at Knowlton and Mosinee. Through the years, more title transfers took place, but the first known resident apparently was Herbert March in 1898. He sold it to William and Janet Maxwell. They sold it to Wellington Brigham in 1902.

Louis and Mary both migrated from Poland. Louis was born in Domoras, Poland, July 24, 1890. He came to the United States at the age of 18. After working in Tanneries in West Virginia, he returned to Poland for four years. Returning to the United States, he settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan for five years.

Mary also was born in Domoras, Poland, December 24, 1893. She came to this country May 22, 1912 and lived in Philadelphia and Michigan. They were married June 28, 1915 and later moved to Beans Eddy where they farmed for about two years.

In 1920 they purchased the present farm from Wellington Brigham. The original farm was 80 acres with only twelve acres cleared. Louis replaced all the buildings, including the house which was destroyed by fire in 1937. Water was a problem, so they dug and drilled several wells. They purchased another 100 acres, mostly woods. Louis farmed and worked in the Mosinee Paper Mill.

Louis and Mary had six children, Walter, Lillian, Stanley, John, Helen and Frank.

Walter married Bernice Scipior and resided in Mosinee. He died in 1980. Lillian married Ed. Doze and farmed in the Town of Emmet. Ed. passed away in 1950. John died in 1946. Helen married John Belohlavek and lives in Wausau. Stanley resides with his mother in Mosinee. They moved to Mosinee in 1951.

Frank was married June 12, 1951 to Mary Hall, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Hall. They bought the farm in 1952. Later they purchased a 40 acre parcel of wooded land adjoining the farm, and another 40 acre tract from the former John Thanig farm.

Frank and Mary had twelve children, Frank Jr., Jacalyn, Gary, Kenneth, Connie and Cathy (twins), Steven, Vickie, Mary, Daniel, Jean and David.

Frank Jr. was born April 18, 1952. He was married April 14, 1973 to Karen Walters, daughter of Ernie and Evelyn Walters. They have two sons, Bryan and Darren. They live in the Town of Emmet.

Jacalyn was born July 9, 1953. She was married March 18, 1972 to Andre' Dupuis, son of Gert and the late Laverne Dupuis. They have one son, Shane and live in Mosinee.

Gary was born October 5, 1954. He was married to Diane Ganser, daughter of Ed. and Fern Ganser. They have four sons, Keith, Eric, Nicholas and Wade. They live in the town of Bergen.

Kenneth was born October 26, 1955. He was married August 28, 1976 to Ruth Fitzgerald, daughter of Walter and Alvina Fitzgerald. They have two daughters, Amanda (Amy) and Angela. They live in Kronenwetter.



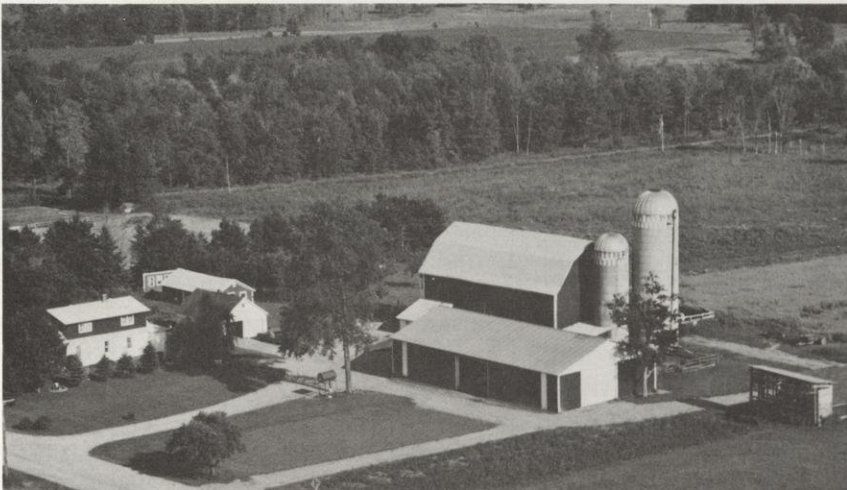
Louis and Mary Zebro Farm-1918
House destroyed by fire-1937
All buildings are replaced.



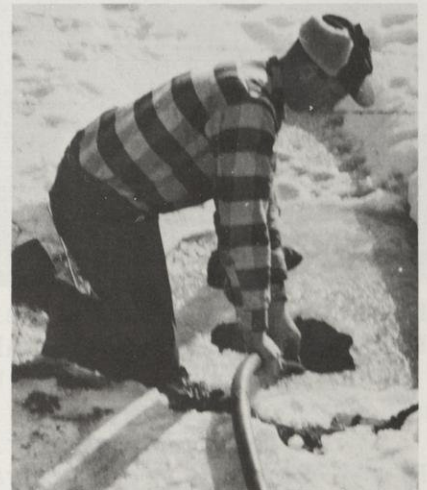
Louis Zebro Family-1958
Walter, Louis, Mary, Stanley
Helen, Lillian, Frank.



The Frank Zebro Family-1985
Back Row: Gary, Frank Jr., Dan, Ken, Steve,
Middle Row: Vickie, Connie, Jackie, Cathy, Mary, Dave.
Sitting: Mary, Frank & Jean.



Present Frank Zebro Farm-1981.



Frank pumping water
from spring for cows.

Connie was born October 26, 1956. She was married September 17, 1977 to Michael Stanley, son of Sophie and the late Chester Stanley. They have two daughters, Kristin and Amber, and they live in Marathon.

Cathy was born October 26, 1956. She was married March 17, 1979 to Joseph Beltrand, son of Don and Ida Beltrand. They have three sons, Chad, Ryan and Jason. They live in Green Bay.

Steven was born December 29, 1959. He was married September 4, 1984 to Kelli Kowalski, daughter of Roland and Fay Kowalski. They have two sons, Zachary and Brody. They live in Kronenwetter.

Vickie was born June 30, 1961. She was married April 4, 1981 to Francis Martin, son of Jack and Gladys Martin. They live in rural Marathon. They have three sons, Marcus, Christopher and Travis.

Mary was born November 6, 1962. She was married April 3, 1982 to John McHugh, son of the late Keith McHugh and Joan McCumber. They live in Mosinee and have two children, Kyle and Kacee.

Daniel was born March 5, 1966. He was married April 30, 1988 to Cathy Thanig, daughter of Gene and Penny Thanig. They live in the town of Bergen.

Jean was born September 12, 1968. She was married October 3, 1987 to Robert Griesmer, son of Clarence and the late Dorothy Griesmer. They have one son, Adam. They farm in the Town of Emmet.

David was born August 23, 1970. He lives at home and attends school at North Central Technical College.

Through the years Frank has built a silo, milk house, a steel shed and drilled several wells, finally finding plenty of water. In 1962 it was necessary, because of the large family, to enlarge the house. A top story was added and the downstairs was remodeled.

Besides farming, Frank served on the Marathon County ASCS Committee for nine years and has been clerk of the Town of Emmet since 1955.

The family are active members of St Paul's Parish, Mosinee.



Entire Frank Zebro Family at Dan's wedding.

Back Row: Karen, Frank, Cathy, Joe, Kelli, Steve holding Zachary, J. Mueller, Dave, Shane, Andy, Jackie, Bob, Jean, Cathy, Dan, Mary, Frank, Mike, Connie, Francis, Vickie holding Chris, Ruth, Ken, Mary, John, Diane, Gary, Keith.

Front Row: Darren, Bryan, Chad, Jason, Ryan, Amy, Kristin, Amber, Angela, Marcus, Kacee, Kyle, Wade, Nick, Eric.

Babies: Brody, Adam and Travis.

Town of Emmet Residents

Badger Road

Zebro, Frank & Karen
Dahm, Maynard & Avis
Baker, Hildred
St Clair, Nels & Ruth
Rosine, Terry & Cindy
Jaworski, James
Scofield, Paul & Maxene

Briar Wood Road

Hemmerich, Wayne & Jane
Baumann, Donald
Schara, Mrs. William
Baumann, Gerard & Carol
Baumann, Art & Joan

Brookfield Road

Martin, Xavier & Mary
Kaiser, Paul & Vonda
Kaiser, David & Bonnie
Raatz, William & Sharon
Streveler, Ann
Streveler, Earl & Violet
Michlig, Art & Mary
Soczka, Lawrence
Fischer, Joseph & Virginia

Cedar Hedge Road

McHugh, Jeff & Allan
Knetter, Steve & Betty
Kaiser, Greg & Patricia
Wentzel, Jenny
Brusky, Randy & Julie
Novitzke, Mike
Novitzke, Marlin & Mary
Knetter, Glen & Becky
Michlig, Anton & Rosali
Ivaska, John & Pauline

CTH H

Brock, Gordon
Spindler, James
Kurtzweil, Floreine
Springer, Ed & Lorraine
Guralski, John & Irene
Landwer, Lawrence
Moe, Allyn
Imhoff, Jerome

CTH P

Heil, Rita
Karlen, Alex & Lorraine
Baumann, Floyd & Sandee

Baumann, Lloyd & Sandy
Michlig, Ronald
Pupp, Marvin & Bernadine
Woldt, Leroy & Manecke, Henry
CTH S

Obermeier Frank
Wieloch, Martin & Yvonne
Nest, James & Mary
Nest, Kenneth & Delores
Kusiak, Ronald & Sue
Miller, Richard & Barbara
Fitzgerald, Gerald & Grace
Fitzgerald, Mike & Vicki
Krieg, Maurice & Nancy
Maguire, Roger & Mildred
Stankowski, Tom & Karen
Blume, Ruby
Baumann, Ronald & Karen
Antoniotto, Nina
Batyko, Robert
Hytry, Vernon & Lois
Schara, Duane & Judy
Schara, Jerome & Evelyn
Werner, John & Frances
Baumann, Walter & Mary Ann
Behenke, Michael
Oehnichen, Dan
Mrozinski, Ron & Susan
Litzer, Donald & Nancy

Deer Bush Road

Pachniak, Harry & Sophie
Luepke, David & Doreen
Iwaszczenko, John & Patricia
Kaiser, Roger Jr.

Eau Pleine Park Road

Maguire, James & Dolores
Allen, Jim
Matis, Ruth
Maguire, Meldon & Karen
Daul, Bernard & Christine
Boehm, Armin & Lorraine
Clark, Francis

Fairview Road

Burger, George & Diane
Cafarella, Mike, Rosemary,
June Ann, Threasa & Nick
Wery, Dalton & Betty
Bohman, Allan & Alice
Martin, John & Gladys
Martin, Henry & Alice

Maguire, William & Jean
Kurtzweil, Edwin & Ageline
Lang, Larry & Paulette
Schedlo, Theresa
Noller, Larry & Emma
Schara, Ray
Knetter, Tom & Maureen
Handrick, Lillian
Griesmer, Robert & Jean
Kurtzweil, Rupert Jr. &
Patricia
Kurtzweil, James
Kaiser, Melvin & Betty

Freeman Valley Road

Koss, Phillip & Janet

Granite Road

Schreier, Edna

Halder Drive

Nelson, George Rev.
Murry, Larry & Yvonne
Dahlke, Joan
Pawlowski, Robert & Fay
Dahlke, Sarah
Davis, Randy & Mary
Doll, Robert & Jane
Taylor, James
Hytry, Mike & Sue
Murry, Robert & Ann

Hilltop Road

Obernberger, John Jr. &
Mary Ann
Stankowski, Edwin & Lucille
Dahlke, Robert & Judy
Dahlke, Joe & Leona
Kaiser, Mike A. & Donna
Boehm, Dale & Janet

Holstein Lane

Koenig, Martin & Mathilda
Soczka, Alois Jr. & Jill
Feltz, Frank & Doris
Stencil, Ann
Springer William
Springer Robert
Springer, Leonard & Janice
Springer, Dolores

Little Lane

Kaiser, Roger & Eileen

Lovers Lane

Bohman, Joe Jr. &
Margaret
Kaiser, Hilery & Janet

Maple Leaf Road

Murry, Dorothy
Thompson, John & Lee Ann
Stankowski, Joe & Pam
Stankowski, Ernest & Mary
Galssford, John
Litzer, Carter & Rosalie
McHugh, Ray & Luella
Baumann, Joe & Jerri

Moon Road

Nechuta, Dave

Moss Road

Novitzke, Alvin & Carol

Narrow Lane

Brusky, Gary & Jaqueline

Range Line Road

Marty, Henry & Mildred
David, Daniel & Sylvia

Red Oak Road

Schroeder, William
Sharpe, Charles & Kathi

Ridge View Road

Schilling, Anthony & Alvina
Schreier, Gary & Alvina
Wagner, Martin
Baumann, George

Spring Brook Road

Rothenberger, Darlene
Fink, Dennis & Nancy

STH 107

Connor, Joseph
Connor, Art & Dolores
Loos, Mark
King, Wayne & Cindy
Gribowski, Mike & Cindy

West STH 153

Schreiber, Ed & Lillian
Schreiber, Fred & Noreen
Herman, Richard & Betty
Boehm, Duane & Julie

Boehm, Loy & Dorothy

Kaiser, Mike R. & Debbie
Baur, Neil & Margaret
Dahlke, Roman & Doris
Kaiser, Anthony & Diane
Maguire, Emeron & Joe
Gorman, Duane & Virginia
Baumann, Carl W. & Francis
Maguire, Thomas C. & Irene
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McHugh, Irene, Dennis & Anne
McHugh, David & Jospphine
Kaiser, Sam & Phylis
Novitzke, Jeff
Gorman, John & Nancy
Drewa, Elmer & Kimberly
McHugh, Elda
Knetter, Duane & Diane
Kafka, Gerald & Germane
Weber Sharon

Still Hill Road

Knetter, James
Drewek, Dennis & Darlene
King Arnold & Joan

Stony Road

Schira, Jeff

Sugar Bush Road

Vobora, Stanley & Judy
Kramer, Jeff & Julie
Zebro, Frank & Mary
Osterbrink Patrick & Amelia
Glavin, Lorange & Vivian
Novitzke, Louis & Lila
Clark, Jerome & Judy
Rosinau, Dennis & Marie
Hamann, Raymond & Eileen
Simonton, Dale & Dorothy
Maguire, Mike & Kathy
Fitzgerald, Dan
Fitzgerald, Walter & Alvina
Novitzke, Gene
Baur, Bruce & Lisa
Schreiber, Dennis & Sharon

Twin Creek Road

Kusiak, Zigmund
Nest, Roger
Kijak, Rose
Kijak, Joe & Donna
Kurtzweil, Kenneth

Valley View Drive

Dahlke, Donald & Shirley
Alcoba, James & Marilyn

Wildwood Road

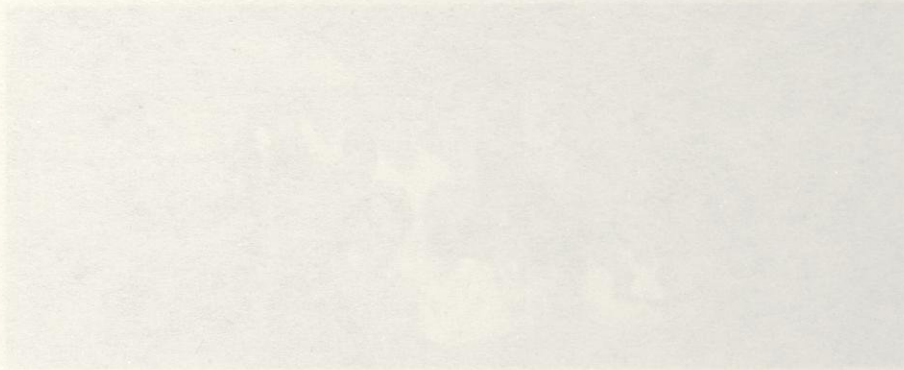
Schutte, Florence
Kafka, Mark & Rita

Additions or Corrections

- Page 126 Paragraph #3 Gladys Martin, Delores Connor (teachers).
- Page 138 Caption #1, Cutting Trees Through Forest for Road
South of Marathon, Now Highway 107.
- Page 210 Name missing for L. & N. Team.
Front Row #2 Doug Deiler.
- Page 212 Frank Obernberger Farm---Century Farm.
- Page 229 #3 Joyce--5 children.
- Page 230 Name Missing (family picture), Back Row #2 Jan Boehm.
- Page 256 Names missing (family picture)
Back Row #3 Jean, #4 Bob, #5 Catherine, #6 Don Griesmer.
- Page 303 Tavern "Stroet's Tap" -built by Joe Masanz-rented by
Tom McHugh.
- Page 327 Mrs. Simonton worked 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ years at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- Page 344 Missing from List of Residents.
West STH 153
Boehm, Hubert & Mae
Johnson, Fred & Mavis

Submitted by
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Wanda J. Smith
Bobbie Smith
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