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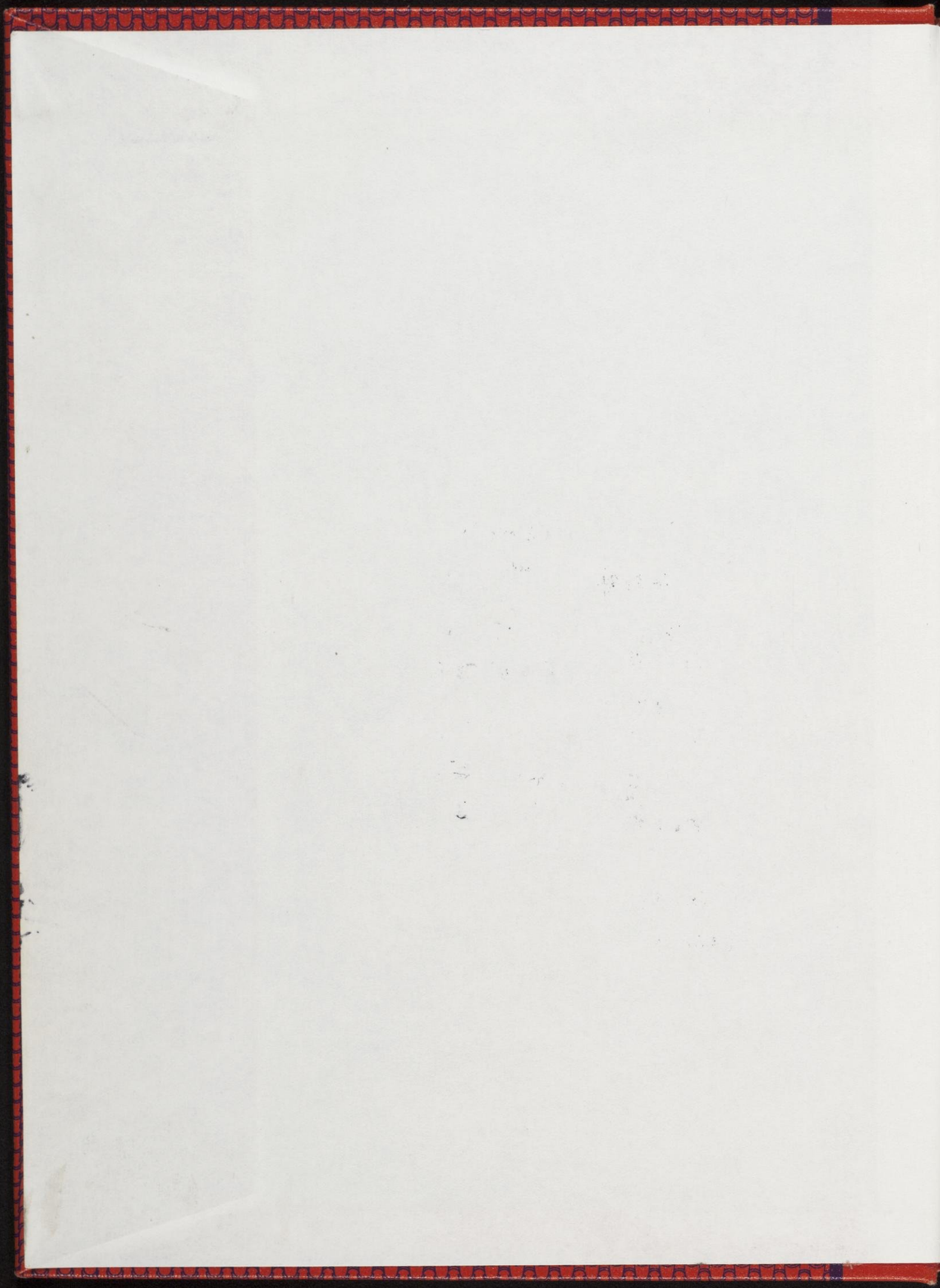
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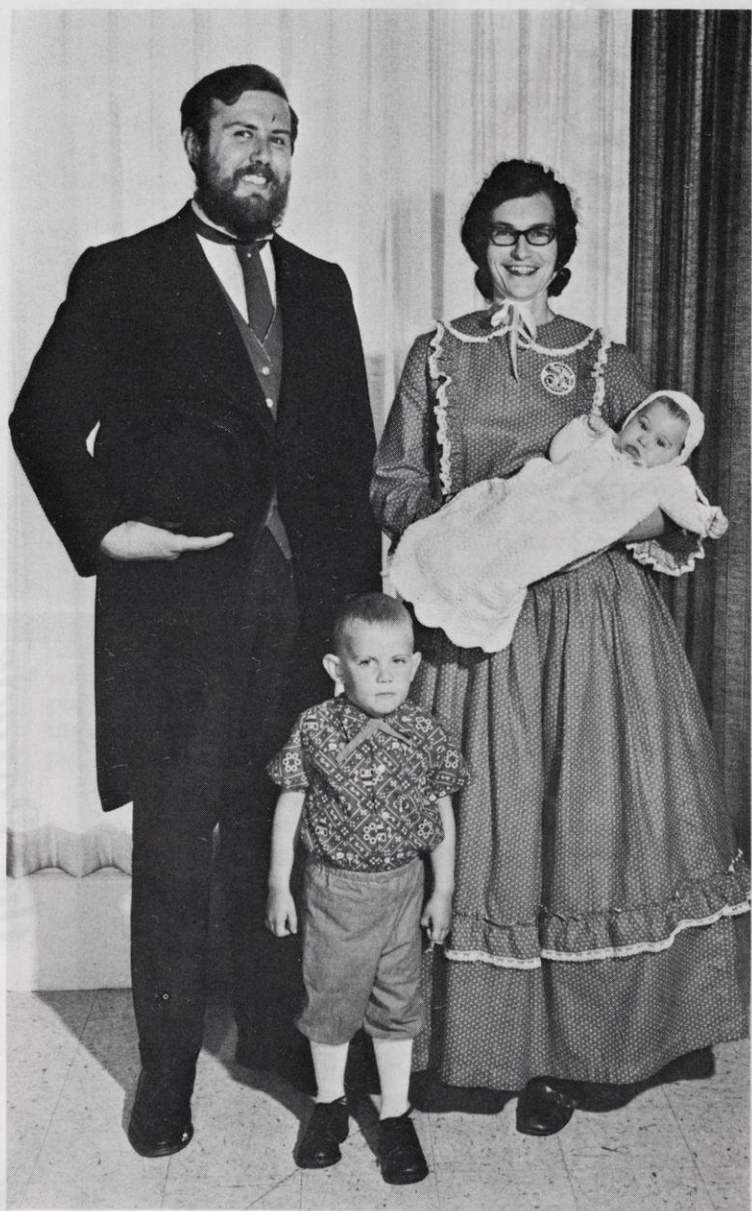
I would like to dedicate this book to my family for having to put up with the mess and confusion of getting it together. I have enjoyed every minute of working with all the different people in the community and really enjoyed interviewing the older residents to whom most of this seemed like yesterday.

I wish to express my thanks to the following individuals who either wrote articles or submitted information:

- Ken Ballweg whose paper written in 1868 served as the main artery for the book
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# IN THE BEGINNING

The only Waunakee in the world is a small young community lying just north of Madison, Wisconsin in the north east corner of the town of Westport. (sections 5 and 8 of T. 8N, R. 9E).

The Winnebago Indians ceded this area to the federal government by the Rock Island Treaty of September 15, 1832, following the Black Hawk War. In the spring of 1833 the region was surveyed by John Mullet, assisted by Mahlon Blaker, C. H. Stowell, John Brink and H. M. Draper. The land was then put up for sale and by 1836 the future site of Waunakee was purchased while most of the other land in Westport wasn't purchased until the late 1840's. Lucius Lyon obtained section 8, which contains the southern part of the village, along with three other sections in the county from the federal government land office at Mineral Point for \$1.25 per acre on June 11, 1836. Section 5 was bought, jointly, on July 29, 1836 by Mark Healy and Benjamin B. Kirchival, also for \$1.25 per acre.

None of these men settled in the town of Westport and they didn't seem to promote settlement in the region either because the first settlers who came, Louis Montandon and Edward Boyles, came in 1845 and settled two miles south of the future village site. In 1846, they were joined by the O'Malley brothers and the following families: Burdick, Tower, Bradbury, Rodgers, Collins, Ruddy and Fitzgibbon. Later the Roach, Welsh, Tierney, Reade and O'Keefe families emigrated into the township. These early settlers settled down and began farming after having cleared the timber which covered much of the region. Some of the farmers grew wheat in the region and sold it probably in Madison. Most of the timber, which was marketable, was taken to a sawmill built in 1847 on the "Six Mile Creek" a few miles south of the present village of Waunakee. The owner of this mill was Carl C. Corneliusen, a young Norwegian immigrant. He hoped to build a small village around this mill and he called the area Charlesille but nothing ever developed out of his plan.

The township of Westport derived it's name from Westort, Ireland. In 1849, when Michael O'Malley was serving as the 1st town chairman, he named the township after his former home.

The mill property changed hands many times in the following years and after most of the timber was saved up this mill was converted into a grist mill and people from miles around brought their grain to this mill to have it ground up. This mill was later known as Packhams' Mill.

In the meantime, an embryo village was springing up about five miles to the north of the mill called Leicester. The inhabitants of this village were an overflow of the English Temperance Emigration settlements of the northwestern part of the county. In time a school, a store, several

shops, churches and even a post office were built in this settlement.

Meanwhile, the land for the future site of Waunakee had changed hands. George Fish bought the land which forms the west end of town sometime in the spring of 1866. Ira P. Bacon bought the land forming the east end of town in 1862. Lewis Baker took over the operation of the land somewhat in the center of town and going north. S. P. Martin also owned property and operated a blacksmith shop on the county line road which eventually was to become Main Street of Waunakee.

In 1869 and 1870 the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was surveying in the area to extend their line through to Saint Paul. The company knew it would be necessary to set up a station somewhere north of Madison to accommodate the farm business of the region. The railroad officials had almost decided to put the depot at Packhams' Mill. In December, 1870, Lewis Baker, George Fish and Solomon Martin surveyed and laid out lots in part of section 8, T 8N, R 9E. Through the efforts of the surveyors and Ira P. Bacon the railroad was convinced to place the station at it's present location. The men offered free rights of way through their farms and had to put up \$1500.00 cash. This turned out to be the start for the village of Waunakee.

The name of the village was selected in a somewhat unusual manner. Many of the people in the surrounding area wanted the village to be called Leicester, being the closest post office. However, since these same people had not contributed toward raising funds for the railroad, Baker and Fish decided they should have no part in naming it. Instead, they consulted with Gen. Simeon Mills, early day Madison pioneer and a Mr. Hill, a Madison banker. A list of possible names was supplied and from this list, Waunakee was chosen. The name is of Indian origin. It is possibly taken from the Ojibway language, meaning "peaceful place" or "good earth." "He lies in peace" is the Chippewa translation for Waunakee.

By 1873 most of the business places of Leicester, including the post office, had moved to Waunakee and the town began to grow.

Waunakee was laid out on beautiful flat land bounded on the north and east by the "Six Mile Creek" which insured the early inhabitants of a supply of water. Now that the railroad station was built there, more settlers and businesses followed in order to serve as a market for the surrounding farmers. By 1875 the population of the village was over 200 people. By 1880 the village could claim a population of 300, consisting mainly of additional local businessmen and people who worked in these businesses and the farms in the vicinity. From 1880 to 1890 the population increased only slightly because of the terrible visi-



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tation in Waunakee, as in many other places, the dreaded scourge of diphtheria. The many cemeteries of the region,, with their numerous small stones for children are reminders of those sad days.

The Peter Meyer family of Waunakee lost seven children in a month's time of diphtheria, chiefly in January, 1887. Two died in one day and only one of the children was saved.

Likewise, in the same year of 1887, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Schleck lost three; Mary the eldest, aged 18, Theresa and Helena. Mary, the eldest, was preparing to begin teaching school when stricken.

In addition, several of the townspeople lost their businesses because of a fire which broke out in February of 1879, burning all the buildings on the north side of main street east of the railroad tracks and this discouraged some people from settling here. It is on account of these two happenings that people probably began to think that the name of Waunakee meant a "dark and bloody ground" instead of its real Indian meaning.

In the two decades from 1890 to 1910 the population increased gradually since most of the "believed" curse of the 1880's had worn off. Additional land on the east side of town was platted and added to the village. In 1893 the village voted to be incorporated by nearly a 4-1 margin. Its area at this time consisted of 644.4 acres and claimed a population of 376. Now people really began moving into the village because prior to this, it was said, that Westport, the township under whose jurisdiction Waunakee was placed, did little to help out the village, especially regarding improvements and now being incorporated meant that Waunakee could make its own decisions and the residents could spend their own money on their own village. This period of increasing population was common for many towns and villages in Wisconsin at this time because in the late 1890's the price of agricultural land was beginning to rise and many eastern speculators bought up the land in the area and many farmers sold out, fearing another depression like that of 1893, and moved into the village with money in their pockets. Many new businesses, where these new residents worked, were developed during this time in Waunakee: a lumberyard, a creamery, several new stores and saloons, as well as a bank and even a high school.

The election on the matter of the incorporation of the Village of Waunakee was held the 16th of March 1893. 85 votes were cast with 67 yes and 18 no. On May 2, 1893 the first election of the Village of Waunakee was held in the home of Mathias Schleck (111 W. Main St.). The following officers were elected:

President Henry Heller  
Trustees John Flanagan  
A. M. Blake  
Anton Koch  
Lawrence Freney

Charles Porter  
J. H. Koltcs  
Supervisor Mathias Helt  
Clerk William F. Riley  
Treasurer Frank E. Esser  
Justices James Taylor  
of Peace Albert Ford  
Police Justice P. R. Riphahn  
Constable Jacob Feiler  
Marshal E. M. Cooper  
Assessor C. C. Bacon

The first meetings of the Village Board were held in the home of Mr. Schleck. It was necessary to build a Village Hall and Mr. Baker offered to sell them a lot to be 30 feet wide by ten rods long for \$100.00. His offer was accepted and it was moved and seconded that the village put up a building 36 feet long and 20 feet wide and 12 feet high. The building was completed August, 1895 and still stands in its original location on Baker Street. Later it was found that a jail was needed, so it was added to this building by Frank Kopp for \$120.00. It is interesting to note that in 1898 the Hall needed painting. James Ford was awarded the contract for two coats of paint for the total sum of \$14.00.

The next Village Hall was built about 1911 or 1912. The building had the fire equipment on the first floor and the Village offices on the second. Also included was a small auditorium. This location served as Village headquarters until the Community Building was opened in 1965.

## SIDEWALKS

The first sidewalks were nothing more than planks laid down over the worse spots during inclement weather. This was in the year 1876.

A Frenchman named Schillinger (sic) who had lived near Paris, France before coming to this country and operating a farm near the new born town of Waunakee. He came to town soon after the planks referred to in this article were laid. With great pride he gazed at the walk and remarked, "Waunakee is on its way to being a second Paris. Truth or fiction, this was reported in a later issue of the Waunakee newspaper.

A group of Italian musicians happened into town. The group proved to be rather good and thus the idea of a public performance came forth. Jacob Buhlman and E. J. Foster (railroad station agent) contracted with the group for a price and the profits to be used to buy planks. Both men knew full well the problems of walking home evenings wading thru mud and water. The group held their permance and the sidewalk fund became \$18.00 richer. The money was spent on planks, which were laid down wherever they were most needed.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society saw a much pressing need in sidewalks also. They paid out \$75.00 to put wooden walks from the Riley House (110 South St.) down to the Presbyterian Church. This helped greatly with people coming



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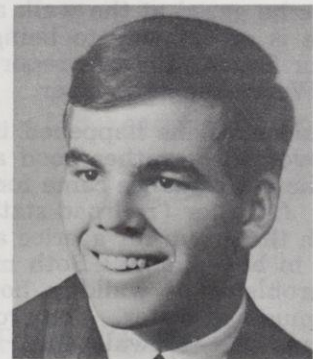
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from the train and also from the hotels to the church.

When Dr. B. W. Shaw built his first home (301 W. Main St.) in 1900, he requested the village to install cement walks in front of the house. The village replied with a no, but offered the Shaws a couple of planks to use instead!

The first cement walks were installed about 1904.

## STREETS

The streets continued to be somewhat a mess until almost 1920. Sometime during the later 19teens, large rocks were put into place helping to cover up the water holes that always appeared during rain and spring weather. Finally some gravel was put down through the main portion of town. In 1923 the Village and County paid for and installed the first paved street. Main St. was covered from curb to curb in concrete. The people were so happy about this that a community street dance was held and attended by several thousand people. The business men of the community were responsible for holding this dance.

Ray Hohlstein's barber shop window collapsed at about 11:00 when the crowd had swelled to unestimable proportions.

### ELECTRIC LIGHTING

Electric lighting was first furnished to the Village in 1915. Mr. Leo Wulfing was the first electrician and he probably installed lights into the majority of the homes and businesses. The power was brought in from the new dam located at Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. Sam Blake was also an electrician in the early days of home used electricity.



Barney Diederich operating the Back filler while laying the water works and sewer system in 1927.



Typical view of what Main Street looked like before the paving was done. This is looking East from the McWatty house.



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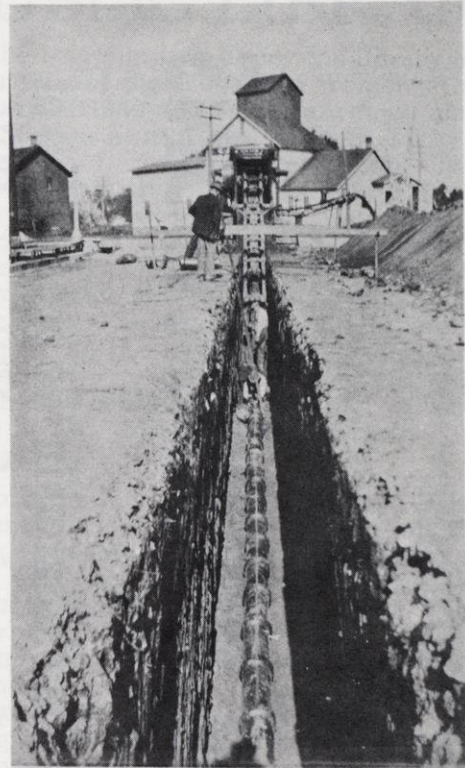
# SEWER & WATER

The water works issue in 1927 was not forgotten by many for quite a few years. What started out to be a routine well check, ended up nearly causing the Waunakee fight of the century. Prior to the report being filed with the state, 32 wells had been checked. Only 6 showed pure, 6 were questionable and the rest were beyond any help. When the state heard of this, they advised the installation of a public waterworks and sewer system.

The issue passed in the spring election and many thought this ended it. The bond issue was voted on twice and was defeated both times by a substantial margin. Several of the prominent families of the community were so strongly opposed, they spent a lot of time and money talking down the system.

The vote on the bonds was due again the Tuesday after Labor Day. One of the opponents had come downtown on Sunday to get some things at the store. As he neared the railroad crossing, he apparently was deep in thought and didn't hear the train approaching. He was struck by the engine and was killed instantly. When word of this got around many people took this as a sort of bad omen and decided to stay away from the elections. Thus the bond issue finally passed.

Construction was started at once and the work completed in 1928. It is interesting to note that many of the people who so strongly opposed the installation of the sewerage and waterworks were the same first people to have it installed in their homes.



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# POST OFFICE

At the time that Waunakee was platted the nearest Post Office was located at Leicester and the Postmaster was Mr. E. L. Noyes. The U.S. Post Office Department granted the request of change to Waunakee in October, 1871 and Charles Hudson was appointed Postmaster. The Post Office was located in his store at 100 W. Main St.

In years gone by, the political appointment of Postmaster changed almost everytime there was a change in administration in Washington. Thus, some of the early day Postmasters served for very short periods of time.

Jacob Buhlman was appointed Postmaster from 1886 until 1889 and the Post Office was moved to his store at 104 W. Main St.

In 1889 James Clarke became Postmaster and served until 1893 with the Post Office located at 105 E. Main St. Lawrence Freney next was appointed to serve from 1893 until 1898 when Charles Hudson was reappointed Postmaster. Again the Post Office was moved first to Freney's store and than back to Hudson's.

From 1902 until 1913 P. R. Riphahn served as Postmaster and the Post Office was located in the Koltes Lumber Company building at 114 E. Main St.

Harry Koltes held the position next from 1913 until 1921. The Post Office was located in a small building just east of the tracks on the Koltes property. The Post Office was to remain at this location during the early years of the next Postmaster, Math Adler. He served from 1921 until 1934. During the time that the Post Office was located east of the tracks the safe was blown up 3 times. It seemed that the night express train served as the perfect cover up for the noise of the exploding powder. Toward the end of Adler's term as Postmaster, the Post Office was again relocated to the Adler Michels Store in the Waunakee State Bank Building. After going out as Postmaster, Mr. Adler served as a rural route carrier.

In 1934 John Michels was Postmaster and he served until 1951. The Adler Michels Store ceased operations in 1950 and the Post Office was now the sole occupant of the rear portion of the bank building facing on South St. Mr. Michels passed away suddenly and his wife Anna was appointed to serve as acting Postmistress until Herman Adler was appointed in 1954. Mr. Adler, son of Math Adler, served until 1971 when he changed to a rural route carrier.

The first rural route carriers started in 1902 and Carl Stebbins was the first appointed. The early days of rural delivery left much to be desired as the first gravel roads on Mr. Stebbins' route was not laid until 1922 and only covered six of the 26 miles.

Others who have served as rural carriers are: Wm. Powers, Michael Tierney, Math Adler, Har-

old Murphy, Wm. Hart, Orville Dorman, Terry Brubaker, James Feiler and Herman Adler.

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

The beginning of life for the library is due to the forming of the Waunakee Women's Club. In February of 1909 about fifteen women met at the home of Miss Anna Heller (300 W. Main St.) for the purpose of organizing such a club. The meeting was conducted by Miss Mary Connors of Token Creek. After the club was organized and officers elected, Miss Connors suggested the club take as a project, the start of a lending library. A drive was made to collect books and obtain money to purchase a bookcase. Because there was no place to keep the library, a club member would keep it in her home and act as librarian. Later the library consisting of 50-100 volumes was placed in Mrs. Mike Simons' Hat Shop (part of what is now McIlwee's).

Sometime in 1914 Mrs. Ella Ford Baker took the library under her wing. Up to this time the library only had a few volumes and no reading room. She organized a group of young ladies to work in the library and also help raise funds. The library was moved to a second floor of the Koltes Building, above Dr. Blake's quarters. The village paid the monthly rent of \$5.00. The library was now open three nights a week with Mrs. Baker serving as librarian. In order to raise funds, the girls would serve suppers on the nights that dances were held in Riphahn's Hall. The menu consisted of 2 ham sandwiches, pickles, 2 pieces of cake and ice cream and coffee. The total price for this outlay was only \$0.35! Usually \$5.00 to \$10.00 profit was cleared from this venture. The money was used to purchase magazine subscriptions and additional volumes for the library.

In 1927 the library was in need of larger quarters and thus was moved into the former saloon side of the Brausen Hotel (now the Miller Hotel and Bar). The bar of the saloon made an ideal magazine rack and the huge mirror behind the bar remained because young women were tempted to come in and gaze at themselves. Following the end of prohibition, the library moved from the hotel to the first floor of the IOOF Hall, 113 E. Main St. It was closed for several years thereafter.

About 1943 a 4-H Club under the leadership of Eleanor Shillinglow Carberry took over operation of the library. The interior of the building was in dire condition. It needed to be redecorated and many of the books were in need of repair. The 4-H Club resorted to bake sales to raise the necessary funds. During this time a library board was formed and the village began to lend support to the library. Also the Woman's Club continued to help support it.

During the early 1950's, the library continued to grow. A new modern front was put on the 70



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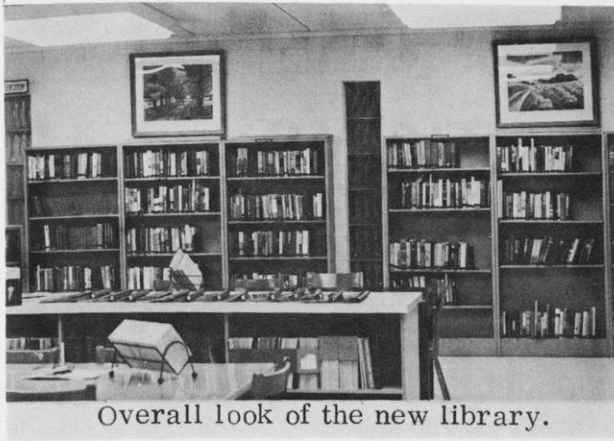
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year old building to replace the World War II Honor Roll. The inside also received a face lifting; new furnace, new ceiling and painted. The village census showed 1,043 residents. Total volumes in the library was 3,732 with 276 adult and 369 children borrowers.



Overall look of the new library.

The 1960's marked the opening of the new Community Building for the village. The year 1966 found the library moved into new and beautiful quarters in that building. Much volunteer labor was used to move and set up the equipment in the new location. Since that time the library has continued to grow, adding new volumes and programs each year. Presently the library operates with a budget of approximately \$10,000.00 and has a total of 8,462 volumes. The library is also connected with the Madison Public Library thru the County Wide Services. Mrs. Ken Shaw, the present librarian has served 18 years in her capacity. Many local high school students and women have served as assistants over the years.

Much of the work of the library is due to volunteer workers. Cleaning, painting and such in the early days were all donated. Also in past years, the library owes much to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. He served for 10 years on the Library Board. This was mainly during the planning and moving stages into the present location.



Photo showing the check-out desk in the new library. Bruce Caucutt is behind the desk.



Mrs. Ken Shaw, Librarian, at work in the work room of the present library located in the present Community Building.

## FIRE !

The Fire Department had its unofficial start probably with the fire that occurred February 3, 1879 at 3:30 a.m. At that time, the buildings on the north side of Main Street, east of the tracks burned. The fire started in the rear of the Taylor Brothers store owned by Ira P. Bacon. The fire spread east to the house owned by Bacon and occupied by his son-in-law Eli Cooper. Next it went to a two story building also owned by Bacon. The first floor was a hardware store and the second used by the International Order of Odd Fellows. The house owned by a family named Moyham was next to the hardware store. A vacant lot prevented the fire from spreading any further to the east. Going west from Taylor Bro. store was a wooden hotel building owned by E. L. Noyes and operated by his step-son R. W. Towne. Next to that was the saloon operated by Mr. Schleck. Cause of the fire was undetermined. Enough warning was given so that people had time to escape and remove most of their belongings. Mr. Cooley, operator of the hardware store was the only reported injury, having been burned badly about the face and hands. The fire was finally extinguished with a bucket brigade formed by the neighbors. This was the first efforts at fire fighting in the new village.

Two years after the incorporation of the village, the Village Board ordered a combination chemical and water fire engine with 500 feet of hose and cart at a total cost of \$880.00. This was a hand pumper and was drawn by several men. Not having a fire station, the equipment was kept in the Koltes Lumber Co. storage shed.



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- Jake Fieler — Assistant Chief
- Wm. Flatman — Foreman
- Math P. Kopp — First Captain
- Jacob Kessnich — Second Captain
- P. R. Riphahn — Secretary
- Ferinand Reith — Treasurer
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The balance of the 33 members elected were: J. H. Koltas, L. Freney, Thos. Marsh, Math Helt, Simon Kirschich, F. W. Kirst, John Klingelhofer Sr., Dr. A. M. Blake, Walter Clarke, J. J. Noltner, W. J. Riley, H. L. Reeve, F. L. Cowan, John McGuire, Mr. Braby, George Brader, G. A. Esser, John Roache, Gus Fleiner, Wm. Warneke, F. O. Hudson, M. Griffith, F. E. Esser, Peter Marx and John Neils.

May 18, 1895 the Village Board authorized the building of two cisterns (14 x 20 x 14 ft) to store water for use in fighting fires.

The village built its first hall the summer of 1895, located on Baker Street. Although this was a rather small building, it was also used to store

the fire equipment. December, 1895, the Fire Co. donated a bell for the top of the hall at a cost of \$47.00.

Following the organizing of the Fire Co., it was petitioned to form a Hook and Ladder C. This was chartered in 1901 and the following were charter members: Godfrey Schunk, Joe Geibuger, Gus Fleiner, Wm. Taylor, Edw. Kessinich, Frank Murphy, Geo. Pfiser, Edw. Doll, John Meurer, John Haus, John Falkinsein, Louis Goodman and Leon Clarke. The hook and ladder truck arrived the spring of 1901 and consisted of the following: 6 hooks, 2 axes, 2 crowbars, 1-8 ft and 1-10 ft ladders.

In 1904, the Fire Co. was moved to the first floor of the IOOF building on Main Street.

1907 brought a new fire engine to the Co. This engine was either hand or horse driven and had a gas engine to operate the pump. The total cost was \$1530.00.

By this time the village was in need of new quarters, so a committee was appointed in 1911 to look for a new site for a combined village hall and fire house. The size of the building was decided to be 32 x 80 x 22 ft. high. Bids were let that summer and the building was started shortly thereafter. This building is presently owned by Tom-Sil Builders.



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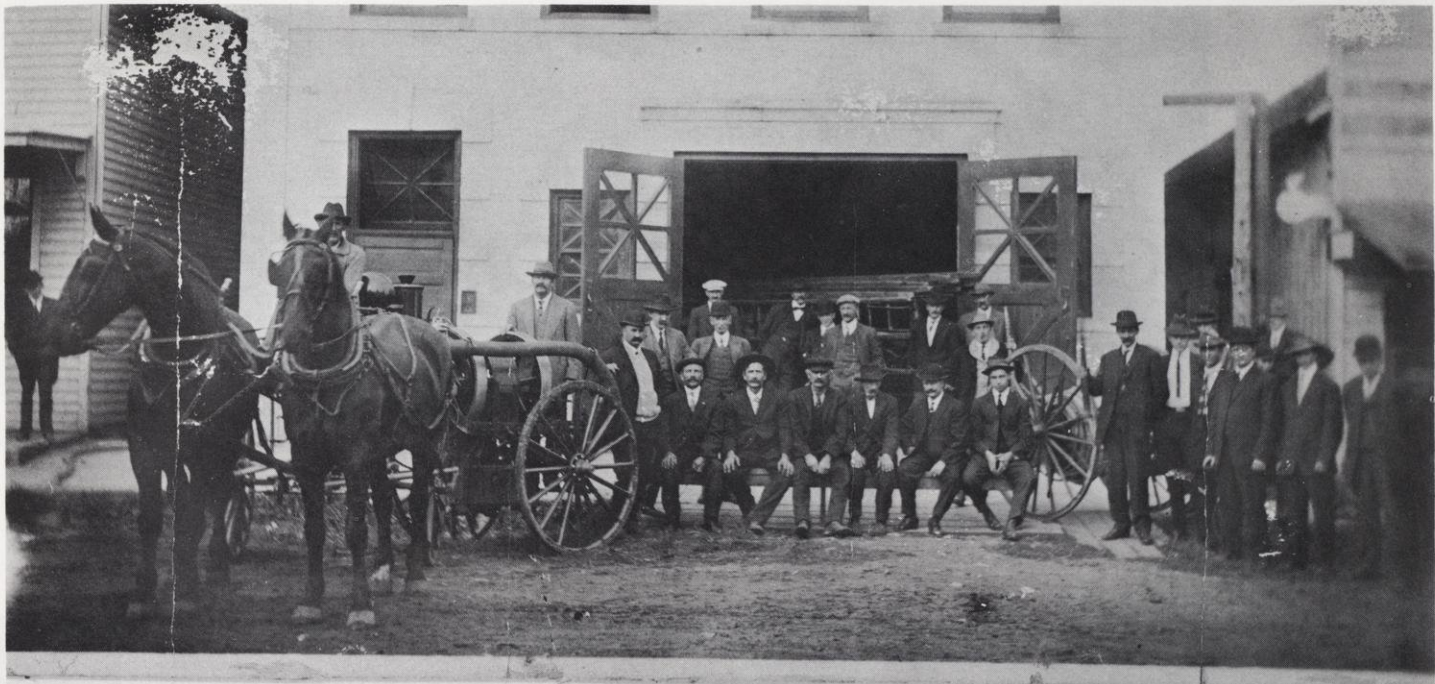
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Waunakee Fire Co. taken sometime around 1911. Front row, seated, left to right, Simon Kirschesh, Matt Schmitz, Wm. Flatman, ?, Otto Hohlstein, John Schunk. Driver of the team, Godfrey Schunk. Standing on back of fire engine, left to right, P. R. Riphahn, ?, D. M. Tubbs, ?. Standing in doorway, left to right, ?, ?, J. H. Koltjes, ?, ?. Standing beside hose cart wheel is Theodore Laufenberg, the other 8 men are not identifiable.

A Model T Ford fire engine was purchased in 1924 to replace the earlier hand drawn fire engine.

In 1933, a joint fire district to include the village of Waunakee and the townships of Westport, Vienna and Springfield was formed. The contract made with the village and Fire Co. was for 25 years. These same areas comprise the present Waunakee Fire District.

The present Fire Co. is a volunteer department and consists of 30 members. The equipment today is housed in the Community Building which opened in 1966. Presently the department has 3 fire trucks, a water tanker and rescue truck. The department also maintains 2 antique fire trucks for parades.

The following have served as Fire Chief since the company was organized:

- H. J. Doll—2 years
- L. Freney—2 years
- Wm. Flatman—33 years
- George Stehr—2 years
- Werner Bernards—1 year
- H. J. Adler—16 years
- Leo Kessenich—6 years
- Francis Bowles—11 years
- Joseph Kopp Jr. is presently serving as chief.

Honorary members of the department and the number of years they served are:

- Fred Schunk—47 years
  - Herbert Adler—35 years
  - Gerald Raemisch—33 years
  - Leo Kessenich—32 years
  - Werner Bernards—31 years
  - Martin Corcoran—28 years
  - Francis Bowles—25 years
  - Roman Adler—25 years
  - Roy Cameron—23 years
  - Marcel Schwab—22 years
  - Vincent Adler—21 years
  - Sylvester Adler—21 years
  - Henry Ripp Sr.—20 years
  - Robert Scheuerell—19 years
  - Wm. Statz—19 years
  - Leo Adler—19 years
  - Carleton Wilke—18 years
  - Wm. Curran—14 years
  - Roman Ripp—13 years
  - James Koch—11 years
  - George Kniebuhler—10 years
  - Ferd Wipperfurth—7 years
- The present officers and members are:
- Joe Kopp Jr.—Chief
  - Francis McMillan—Assistant Chief
  - LaVerne Statz—Foreman
  - Robert Raemisch—Captain
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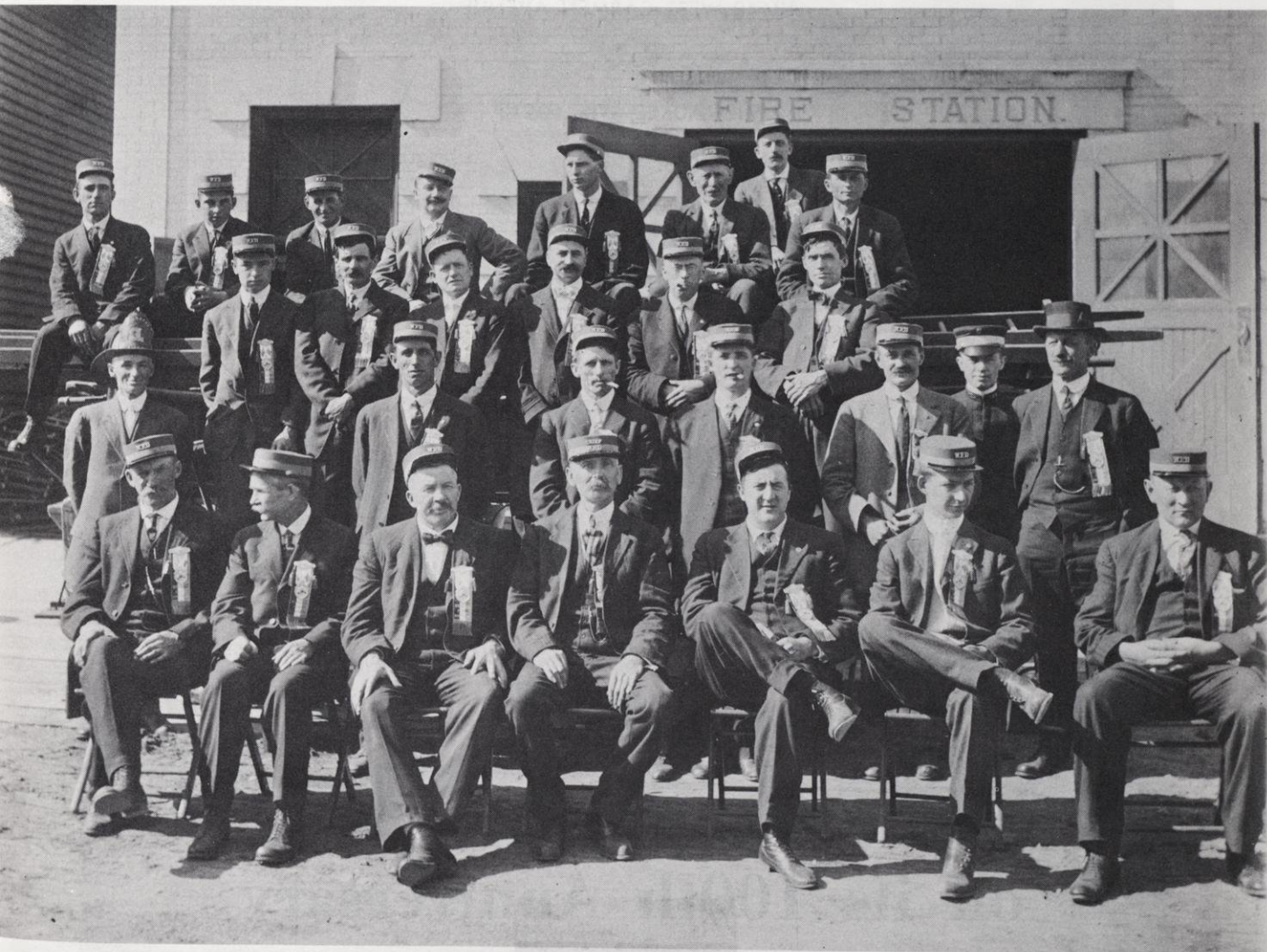
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The horse driven fire cart with a gasoline engine pump. This was part of a parade on the 4th of July sometime around 1908.



Waunakee Fire Co. taken a few years later. Front row, l to r, George Lester, Wm. Statz, Herman Doll, Wm. Flatman (Chief), Edw. Doll, Jr., Art Simpson, Henry Bernards. Second row, l to r, Millard Tubbs, Henry J. Adler, George W. Stehr, Geo. Klein, Peter Zimmer, Fred Schunk, Joe Koltes. Third row, l to r, John Schunk, Theodore Laufenburg, Harry Clarke, Peter Uebersezig, Julius Diederich, Michael Kennedy. Fourth row, l to r, Matt Adler, George Heider, John Hanx, Otto Hohlstein, Peter Hilgers, Godfrey Schunk, Roy Rowley, Matt Hans.



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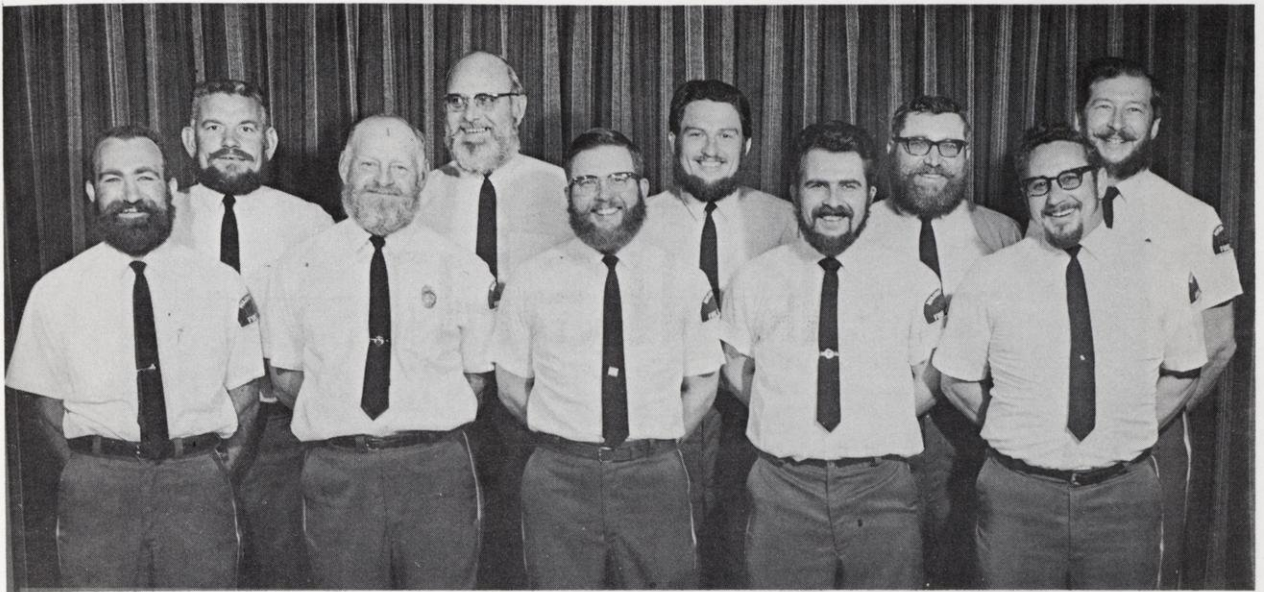
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## POLICE

Law and order in the early days of Waunakee was kept by the town marshal which was an elected position and only on a part time basis. Most of the problems in the early days were caused by spending too much time in one of the local saloons. The village for the most part was quiet and peaceful. On rare occasions there might be a horse theft or escaped patient from Mendota to be returned. One problem that Simon Kirsh-eck had when he filled the post was feeding the tramps that were put into jail for loitering. The Village Board finally agreed in 1899 to pay him \$5.00 extra a month for this. His salary at the time was only \$4.00 a month.

One incident that occurred in 1916 helped further the cause of the Anti-Saloon League. A traveling salesman was arrested for disturbing the peace and being highly intoxicated. He started to make such a noise while in jail that Marshal Tinney went to quiet him down and received a pail of sewage on him for his efforts. While he was gone to clean up, the prisoner started a fire. The prisoner was transferred to the Dane County jail and being unable to pay his fine, served 90 days.

The Waunakee State Bank was broken into but the thieves were unable to get the inner door of the safe opened. They left with some papers of no value for all their work.



Mr. Simon Kirschesh who for many years served as marshal.



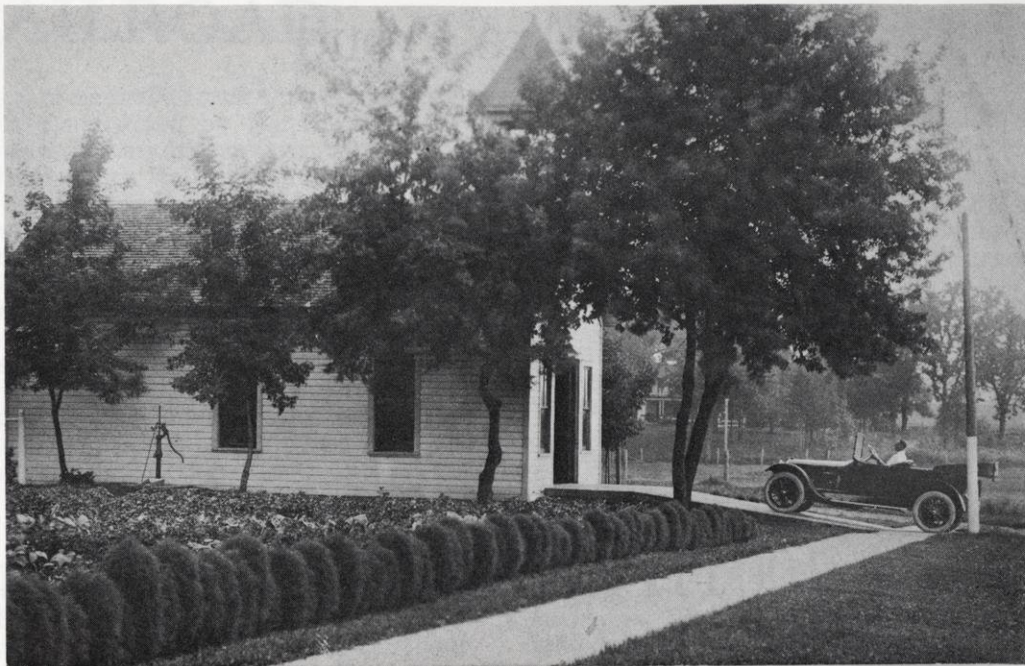
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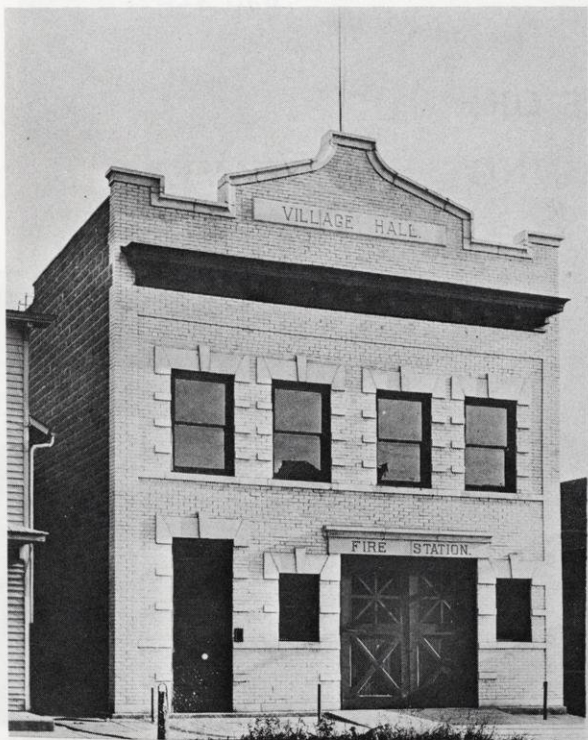
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The first Village Hall built in 1895. After the village moved out, it was used by Eric Simonson as a garage. At one time he sold the Oakland car out of this location.



The Village Hall built in 1911-1912. Presently owned by Tom-Sil Builders. It is located at 113 E. Main Street.

In 1927 a tear gas bomb that was used in connection with the Waunakee State Bank alarm system went off accidentally causing the bank to close early for the day. The windows were left open for the weekend to help air out the place and Mr. Kenney was very pleased with the accidental test.

It was reported in 1930 that there had been no marshal for the past 3 years. This was claimed to be from the fact that since the saloon had not been able to sell liquor, that there was nothing for a marshal to do. Waunakee's history of fighting, drinking and general carousing seemed to no longer exist.

In the 1930's the marshal was paid \$65.00 a month for his part time duties. The elected marshal was replaced by regular police officers in 1947 and today 2 full time officers provide protection to the community.



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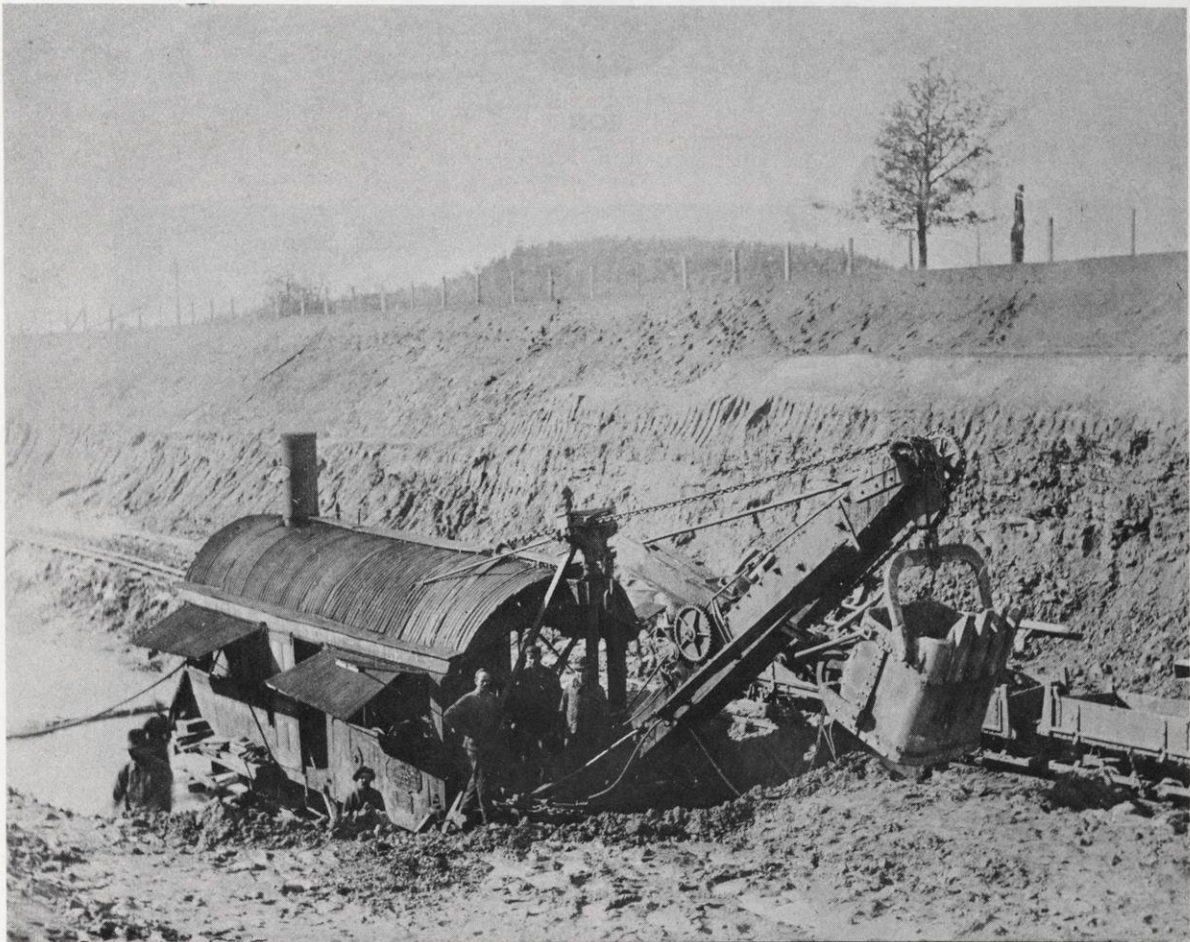
The portion of railroad track that passes thru Waunakee was constructed by the Baraboo Air Line. This was a dummy corporation of the Chicago and North Western Railroad and was a common practice during this time period. Work had already been started on the tracks when the issue of where to locate the depot was settled. By the summer of 1871 the road was finished to Baraboo. On July 4, the first trip was taken to Baraboo from Madison on the North Western Line. Many of the new residents of the community traveled with the other passengers in box cars. As stated before, Mathias Schleck furnished most of the accommodations for the RR officials and workers during the time of construction.

The first station agent was a Mr. Cronke. Other early day agents were: Josiah Taylor, James Barney, E. J. Foster, Mr. Purple, Mr. Strong and Mr. Porter. Mr. H. L. Reeve served the longest of any being retired in 1936 after 44 years in Waunakee and 50 years with the railroad.



The first depot was built in 1871 and was destroyed by fire. The present depot was built in 1896. Also 1896 found the double track completed from Madison to Baraboo.

For many years the total number of trains passing thru Waunakee was 50, 14 of which were passenger trains that stopped here. This writer reports that his grandfather, Math Endres of Springfield, once stayed overnight with relatives in Waunakee in order to transact some business. The next morning, he informed his hosts that he would be happy to return to the peace and quiet of his farm, as the trains had kept him awake all night. Over the years much freight has been shipped from the depot. Much of this was farm products. Even today the RR transports much of the stock of the canning company.



Digging the grade thru the Mendota cut during construction of double track in 1896.



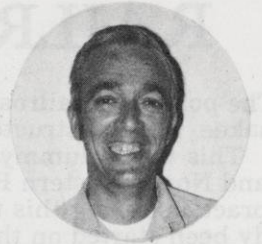
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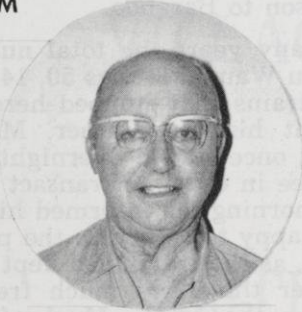
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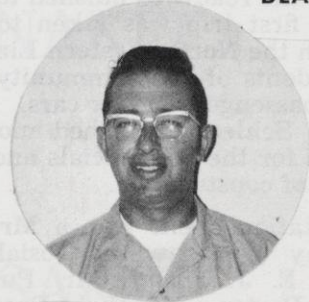
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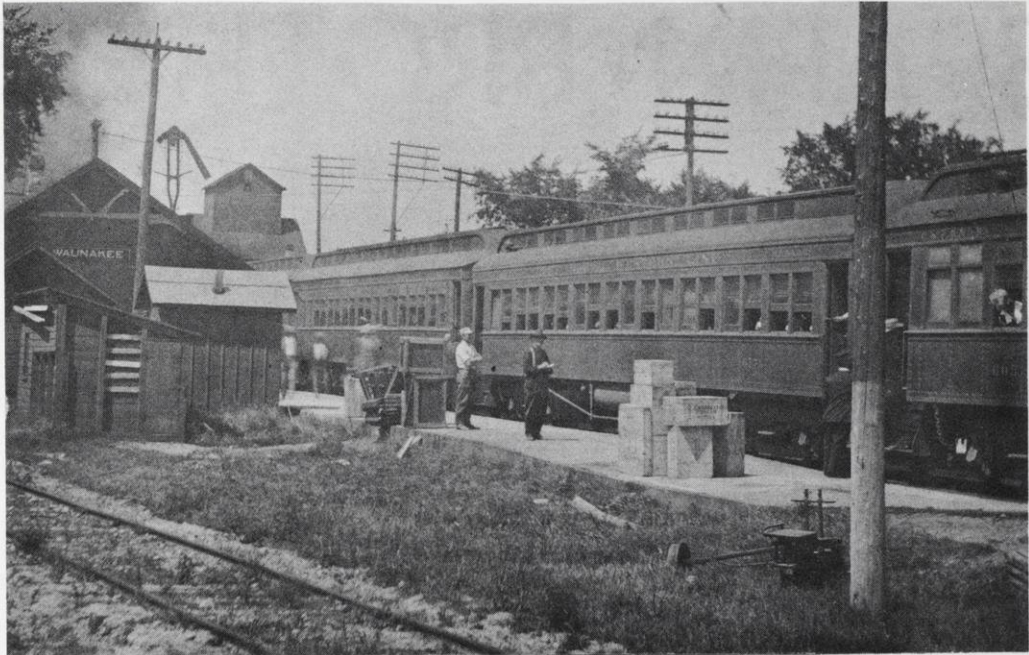
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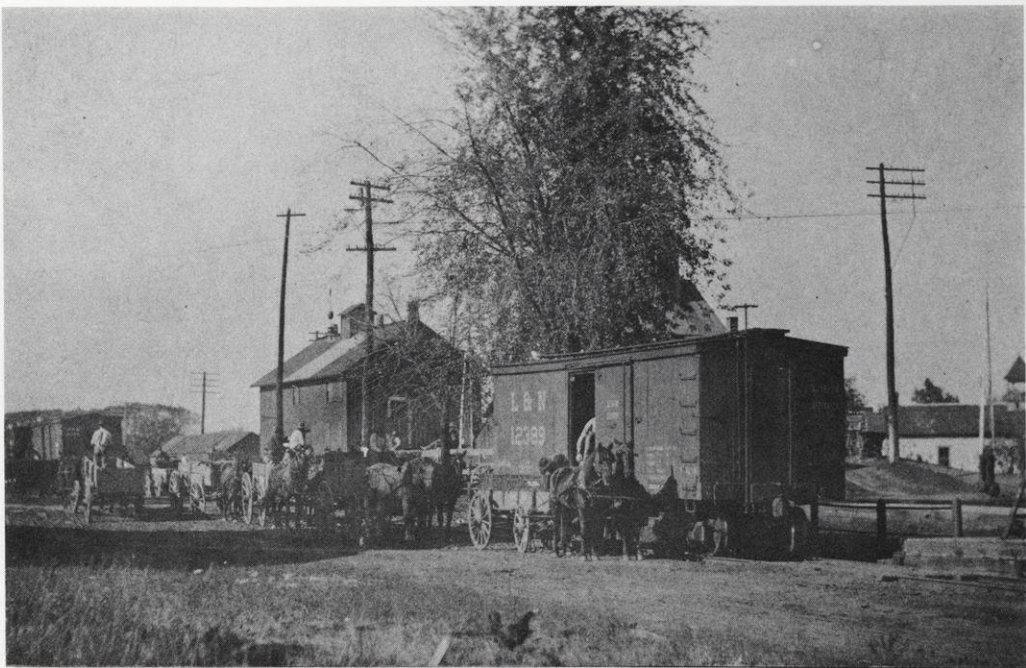
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The passenger business was extremely good until improved highways made it easier to drive into Madison. Many people commuted to Madison for work and to attend school. At one time there

were 1200 tickets sold monthly from the depot. Gradually the demand and the service declined until sometime in the 1950's, when it was discontinued.

## MILITARY

Although more may have served, the only two Civil War veterans that were found from the Waunakee area were James Clarke and William Fisher.

When Mr. Clarke tried to get into the service he was turned down because he was too young. The second attempt got him in but he only served two months and the war ended.

Mr. Fisher enlisted at the age of 20 and served for 9 months with the 49th volunteer Wis. Infantry. Mr. Fisher farmed in the Waunakee area before retiring to the village. He was the sole surviving Civil War veteran until he passed away in the 1930's.

World War I saw many young men from the local area serve in the military. This war probably caused mixed feelings in the community as there were many families who had come from the homeland of Germany. Approximately 100 men served their country and 9 lost their lives on the battlefield. Fred Schunk did an outstanding job leading the War Bond sales in Waunakee and far sold over the quota for the local drives. Dollie Reeve did her part for the young soldiers. She would go down and meet the troop trains as they passed through. With American Flag proudly waving in the breeze, she cheered the men to think that the people back home cared. The end



Henry Kirchesh was the first man from Waunakee to serve during World War I. This picture was taken outside a bunker somewhere in France.

of the war to end all wars was greatly celebrated. Many thought that never again would American boys shed blood in such a war. Parades were held, as well as banquets and dances. The community held these young men in great respect.



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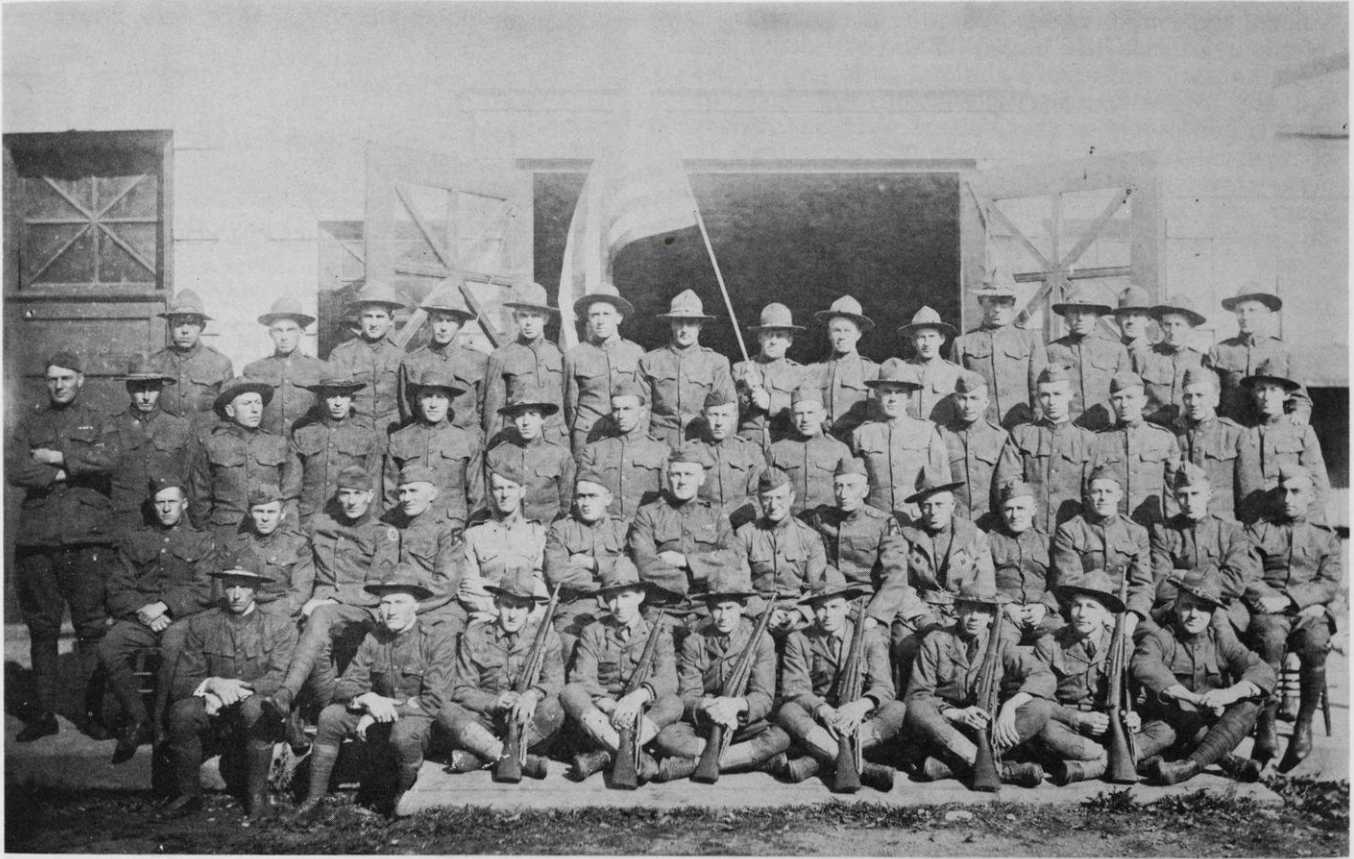
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World War II found almost 200 young men from the Waunakee area serving. Fred Schunk again conducted the War Bond Drive and was honored by President Roosevelt for his outstanding work. Many of the wives and mothers provided food and other articles to the Red Cross

and the U.S.O. Of course Waunakee homes always had large and beautiful gardens and they were expanded into "victory gardens." The returning veterans were joyfully welcomed back home but the war had been too long for the celebrations that honored the end of World War I.



This was a gathering of the World War I veterans in 1919. The local community honored them with a banquet and ball.

## SCHOOL DAYS

Waunakee's educational system, established in the early years of the village, has gradually evolved to meet the needs of a progressively growing community.

The first school, a small frame structure located in the eastern part of the village, was taught by Miss Jones, later Mrs. Jacob Buhlman. Because of the increased attendance, a two story structure was erected in 1878 at the corner of Second and West Streets.

"The total number of scholars on the roll" seven years later, in 1885, "was 86, with an average attendance of 75."

The close relationship between school and community was related in a Wisconsin State Journal news story of Feb. 21, 1879: "A jolly crowd it was that gathered last evening to listen to the recitations and music by our village school, under the direction of our accomplished teacher (Principal) Mrs. L. Hood. Assistant Principal was Miss Ella Salisbury.

A third two story building was erected in 1922. This building presently houses the high school art department.

The elementary program was moved from this building into a new building completed in



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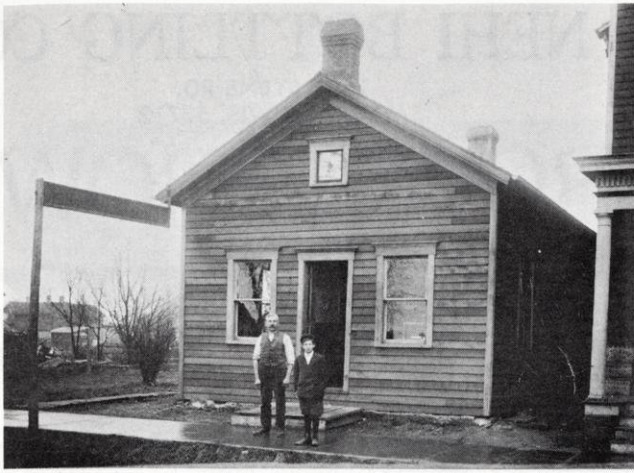
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First grade school in village. It was located about the area of the Koltes Lumber Co. In later years it was moved east of the store and was used by Simon Kirschech as his home and cobbler shop. This building has since been torn down.

1956. Three additions have been made to the original building. The first was completed in 1961, the second in 1963, and the third in 1965.

Present enrollment totals 640 pupils, including Kindergarten which was added to the curriculum in 1957.

The curriculum also has evolved from the courses in Home Economics and Manual Training offered in the early 1900's to present courses in Art and Music, and for a time, Foreign Language.

During the course of the years neither teacher responsibility nor taxpayer vigilance have changed. When Miss Lucinda Flemming was "engaged to teach the upper room at a salary of \$45 per month and Miss Jessie Clark to teach the primary at a salary of \$30 per month" the district decided "that the school be taught in three terms—two months fall term, four months winter, and three months spring, providing their services were satisfactory to the district."

Salaries, thus totalled \$675 for the 1900-1901 term. Creeping inflation during the following decade must have caused the alarm noted in the July 3, 1911 meeting: "Motion carried that both teachers do not be paid more than \$1050."

## HIGH SCHOOL AND ADDENDUM

Effort to establish a high school for a "large number of bright boys and girls eager to acquire a higher education" began in 1902. "The people are alive to the injury suffered by the village on account of this," read an article in the Wisconsin State Journal January 7, 1904 and made repeated attempts to join with Westport to form a joint district for support and maintenance of the school.

The district was formed in 1904 and, in a special election held in the village and in the township in August, the issue to build the school at a cost of \$5,000 was sharply contested. "Both men and women voted and on separate voting it was carried by each sex by a close vote. The male vote being 29 majority in favor of the school and the female vote a majority of 8."

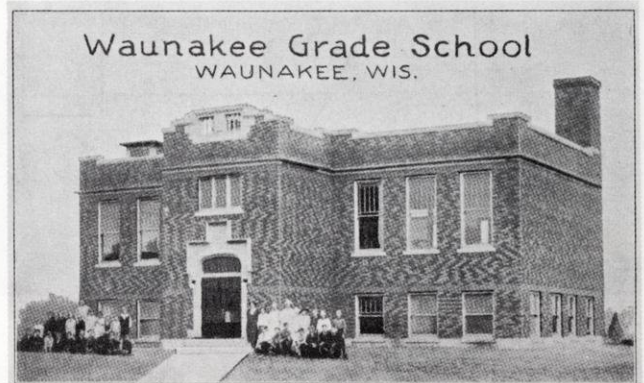
Brick layers began their work by November and the school opened the following fall to 22 students, 9 boys, 12 girls, and one over 20 years old. Gertrude Reis Koch was the first graduating Senior the following June (1906).

Principal A. L. Carlson and Miss E. M. Dunn comprised the faculty. Serving on the Board of Education were M. H. O'Keefe, President, John Klingelhofer, Director and Frank R. McGuire, Secretary.

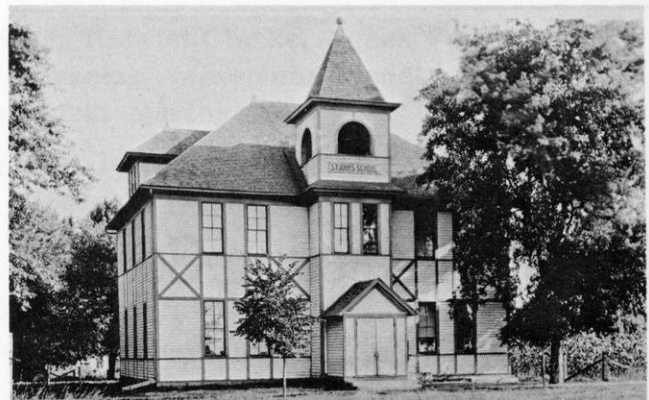
The school year comprised 180 days, the average daily attendance recorded 19.

Fred G. Mueller headed the school the following year.

By 1920 enrollment had increased to only 50; in 1951 to 149; and today enrollment in the Junior High School totals 270 and in the Senior High



Third elementary school built in 1922. This building is now part of Waunakee High School.



The second St. John's school which was located on the present parking lot. Completed in 1896.



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Second row, Dorothy McGuire, Anna Riphahn, Harriet Clarke, Agnes Feiler, Louise Raemisch, Margaret Gilligan, Frances Uebersetzig, Josephine Plendl, Irene Gilligan, Marie LaCrosse, Christine Frederick, Martha Maly.

Third row, Katherine Lyons, Everose Ries, Mary O'Malley, Helma Kessenich, Lena Bernards, Josephine Kalscheur, Theresa Ripp.

Fourth row, Elizabeth Hauser, Margaret Becker, Elizabeth Miller, Henry Kurt.

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School, 430. The teaching assignment in these areas together with that in the elementary level for the 640 students in the K through 6 grade program is carried out by 72 full and part time faculty members.

The physical plant has undergone several re-building programs. An addition to the original building, was made in 1936. The original building was replaced in 1950 with a \$250,000 structure. A food service area and washroom with classrooms on the second floor were added in 1962. Two years later, another addition was completed at a cost of \$314,000 including the Music Department area, Vocational Education Area, and locker rooms for the physical education program.

The electors of the school district approved the construction and equipping of a new senior high school on the land facilities project purchased in 1966. The estimated cost of the new high school is \$1,960,000.00. The building and equipping of a swimming pool addition was approved by the electors at the annual meeting in July after much discussion and concern. The estimated cost of this project is \$260,000.00.

The budget for the 1970-71 school year is \$937,649.00 for operational costs and \$357,197.00 for debt service and capital outlay. The total sum is \$1,294,846.00 to support educational opportunities for 1,340 students in K-12. The school thus becomes one of the leading industries in the community.

Estimate expenses of the coming year 1899 are as follows:

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Operational expense increased to \$3,253.20 by 1917. And by the early 1920's, the principal received \$2000 annually and the four teachers were paid \$140 each per month. The janitor was paid \$325 annually.

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Not only have methods of teaching changed but also materials available for use in the teaching procedure.

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The course of studies as well as the method of teaching has varied during this period. In the



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late teens and early 1920's students had military training on Thursday mornings. Today they are able to plan their college preparatory or vocational programs from some 70 courses offered in 13 areas. Significant expansion of curriculum services were realized in 1962 with the expansion of the vocational education program, instrumental and vocal music program, special education services and drivers training. Pupil Personnel Services have been added along with a significant growth in the summer school program in 1968.

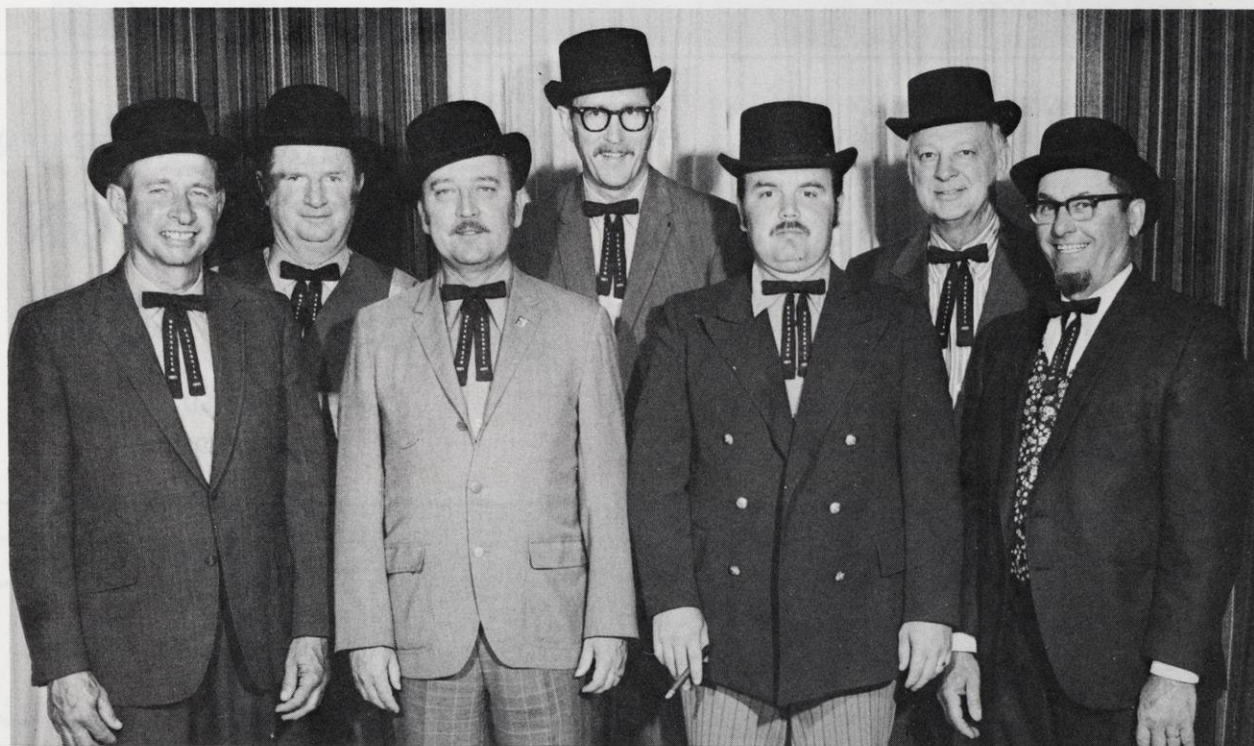
The Waunakee School District was reorganized under Superintendent Richard F. Trotta, and formed into a new operating unit to include grades K-12 in the summer of 1965. This replaced the Waunakee Elementary School (K-8) and the Waunakee Union Free High School (9-12).

Sports developed gradually. Baseball began in 1921; football, with a six man team started in 1939; boxing matches were organized in 1944; and wrestling, golf, and track added later.

The girls' physical education program has been expanded into an extensive intramural program that includes basketball, volleyball, softball, track, and bowling.

The school annual, The Whippurwauna, appeared in 1921, and six years later, the first printed newspaper, Wau-Da-Wis, was published. It was named the Waunakee Warrior by 1951 and appeared monthly. Later it was renamed the Whippurwauna Echo.

Present administrative staff serving under Superintendent of Schools Marvin Berg are Jack Reed, Principal, Senior High School; Patrick Marcella, Principal, Junior High; and, Mrs. Beverly Grove, Principal Elementary School. President of the School Board is La Vern Endres. Peter Ripp, Dr. Knight Bakke, Carl Hanson, Thomas Hadfield, Bob Varebrook and Roy Dorman complete the Board panel.



SCHOOL BOARD, left to right: Peter Ripp, Dr. Knight Bakke, Roy Dorman, Supt of Schools Marvin Berg, Robert Varebrook, Carl Hanson, LaVerne Endres. Not present when picture was taken: Tom Hadfield.



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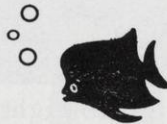
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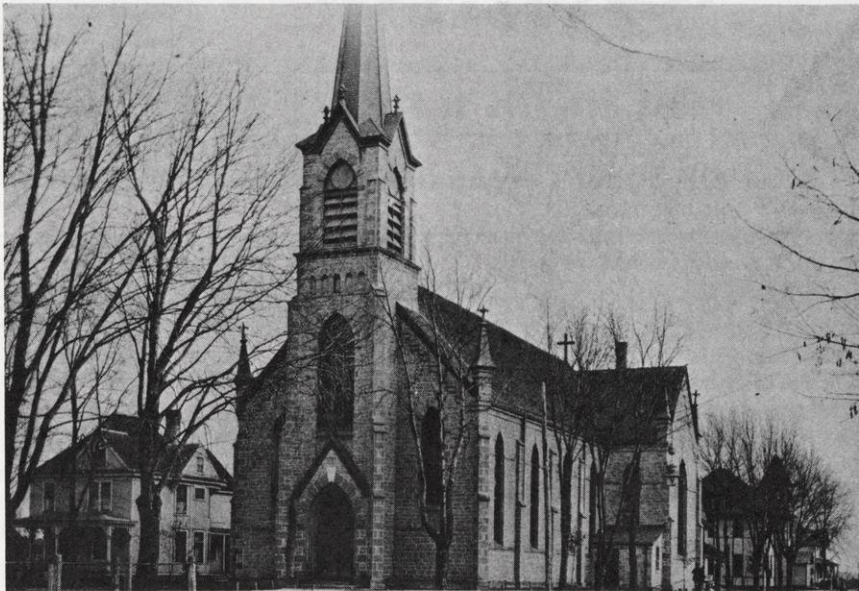
### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

The congregation of St. John the Baptist was established in the year 1874, with permission of the Most Reverend Archbishop John M. Henni, D.D., Milwaukee under the leadership of the Rev. W. G. Miller, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, Westport. The congregation consisted of 19 German families, who formerly worshipped at St. Mary's or St. Peter's, Ashton. Being concerned that their children were not being instructed properly in the Holy Faith, it was concluded that a Catholic school needed to be built. A meeting was called and although money was scarce, enough was raised to purchase a site and erect a

building, which for the time being served as both church and school. A year later this building proved too small and thus a separate school house was built and was taught by secular teachers.

Under the leadership of the Rev. M. M. Gerend, the twice monthly services at the Mission of St. John's were increased to regular weekly visits. He also placed the school in charge of the school Sisters of St. Agnes. In the spring of 1882 a new dwelling was built for the Sisters, costing \$725.00.

In 1885 preliminary steps were taken toward incorporation of the parish: Mr. Michael Koltes



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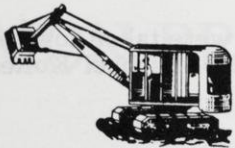
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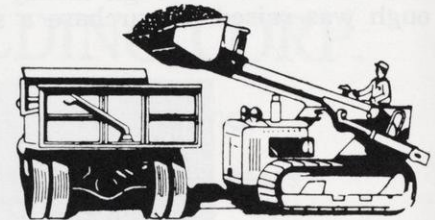
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was elected treasurer and Mr. Peter Esser secretary. It was also decided finally to erect a new church building, the other becoming too small for the parish. The summer of 1886 found the foundation being started. The new building was built entirely of quarry stone and had a seating capacity of 400. Ira P. Bacon, while not of the faith, was a friend of Rev. Gerend and thus he donated the first land for the cemetery.

The Rev. B. A. Siepker was the next rector of St. Mary's, Westport. He came there in 1889 after serving his first year of priesthood in Oshkosh. In 1889 the parish house was built and Rev. Siepker moved to Waunakee to become the first resident pastor.

In 1896 a new school was built on the site of the present church parking lot. The old school was removed and remodeled and is now occupied by Frank Koch (310 Grant St.).

In 1906 the church was remodelled and enlarged, the wings being added. 1909 found the congregation incorporated.

On December 4, 1916 Rev. Siepker died and was buried in the church cemetery. He had served all but one year of his priestly life here at Waunakee. The Rev. C. J. Hausner took over administration of the parish in 1917.

In 1922 a new home for the Sisters was built and the old house relocated to 203 West Third St.

Father Hausner was a leader in promoting a better observance of Good Friday by urging the closing of all business places from noon to 3:00 p.m. This is a practice still carried over to today in Waunakee and many surrounding communities. The parish celebrated its golden anniversary in 1924.

Rev. M. J. Jacobs replaced Fr. Hausner in 1935 and under his leadership a building fund was started for the construction of the present school at 114 E. Third St.

The school finally was started in 1948. Rev. N. B. Schneider became pastor in 1946. Materials and construction costs had risen so sharply that the cost was almost double the original estimate. The school was completed and occupied in 1949.

In 1952 Rev. Schneider was forced into semi-retirement due to ill health. Rev. R. H. Ziegler replaced him and remained until 1969. The parish continued to grow during his tenure. The parish school was enlarged to double its original size of 1949 starting construction in 1960.

The present pastor is the Rev. E. J. Dietzel. The parish today has approximately 500 families. The school has an enrollment of 317 for this past school year. There are 7 Sisters, 7 lay teachers presently teaching in the parish school.

St. John's will celebrate it's own centennial in 1974.



First Sisters' house built in 1882. Later moved to 203 W. Third St.



The present Sisters' house built in 1922 at 103 E. Third St.

## ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTH. CHURCH

The St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waunakee, Wisconsin and a part of the Iowa Synod, existed from 1878 to 1916. At first services were held in the old district school house, Gussman's Hall and later in the newly constructed Presbyterian Church at 110 West Second St.

Pastor Julius Keuling of Hope, Wisconsin conducted the first service of the organized congregation in 1878. He served as pastor at Waunakee and Hope from 1878 to 1889.

During the first year twelve persons were christened. Some of the early families of this congregation were: Jacobi, Krier, Leatzow, Preise and Wagner. In the existing years of the congregation the following families were added to the membership: Buhlman, DeBower, Heidt, Heller, Hilbert, Holhstein, Klingelhofer, Pieh, Pietsch, Paepke, Riebert, Schwenn, Shipke, Stehr, Voigt, Watzke, Wilke and Yung.

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The year 1916 records the last year of German Lutheran services in Waunakee. During 1878-1916 there were 130 christenings, 28 confirmations, 15 funerals and five weddings. The largest confirmation class received was on March 31, 1895 with six girls and five boys. After the church discontinued, many members joined other area churches and some joined the First Presbyterian Church of Waunakee.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

Religious services of the First Presbyterian Church, Waunakee, Wisconsin commenced July 1, 1877. The formal organization was on February 17, 1877 in Gussman's Hall, a carpentry shop in Waunakee (the site of Koltjes Hardware Store). The Rev. B. H. Riley, Lodi, Wisconsin, chaired this organizational meeting. The following persons presented certificates of dismissal from other churches in order to become charter members of this newly organized congregation: Mr. Jacob Buhlman, Portage Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, Cambridge; New York Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Martha Jardin; Miss Martha Hislop, Lodi Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Sara E. Henika, Beaver Dam Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Mary L. Potter, Winnebago Minnesota City United Evangelical Church; Charles Gussman and Mrs. Mary Gussman, Louisville, Kentucky, German Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Jacob Buhlman was unanimously elected as the first elder of this congregation, and Mr. Riley, the first moderator.

The church board secured a loan on May 6, 1878 in the amount of \$500.00 from "The Board of the Church Erection Funds, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A." for the purpose of erecting a new church structure. This mortgaged was signed by the first trustees of the church: I. P. Bacon, Jacob Buhlman, Charles Gussman, E. J. Foster and N. Martin. The loan was paid up by the late C. J. Schmidt in 1945, and a mortgage burning ceremony was held in July.

The First Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the pastor on August 11, 1878. Mr. Buhlman was ordained and installed as ruling elder at this service.

Mrs. Harriet Clarke was the first new member to be received on May 10, 1879 and Mr. Daniel Salisbury was received Aug. 16, 1879. Additional ruling elders elected were: Mr. Charles Gussman and Mr. Salisbury.

The Communion Cups, Tankard, Bread Tray and Baptismal Bowl were given to the church by a church in Lavonnia, New York in 1876, before it's formal organization as a church. One communion cup, the bread tray and baptismal bowl are still in use today.

Rev. Riley completed his duties November 10, 1881. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. W. Marcussons. Mr. Barry Thomas began missionary work at the church on October 1, 1892 and maintained the Sunday School and one weekly worship service. On October 1, 1895, the Rev. F. Harvey took charge and served as supply pastor. In 1896 worship services were held in the evening until Mr. Harvey left in 1898 then Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Hodge, Westport Mill conducted evening services and Sunday School.

The Ladies' Missionary Society was first organized on September 21, 1899 with Mrs. Willard Hodge as president, and Mrs. Agnes McWatty as secretary. The Society paid \$75.00 for the first actual sidewalks in the village, made of wood and located between the church and the Riley house at 110 South Street.

Church attendances were poor from October 1, 1902 to January 20, 1903, so services were discontinued for a time, however, the Sunday School was maintained during this period.

During 1903 great concern was expressed to "Brother Jacob Buhlman and Margaret Buhlman who have persisted in opening and running their general store on Sundays and absenting themselves wholly from church services." A committee was appointed from the church to visit and "admonish" them for this activity.

In November, 1904, the Rev. George Hunt became the acting pastor and moderator of the church. He would arrive by train from Madison at 1:15 p.m. and conduct worship services at 2:00 p.m. three Sundays a month. The local church members took turns entertaining Mr. Hunt for Sunday dinner while he awaited his return to Madison on the 5:00 p.m. train.

For many years during the 1920's the church records were lost. A statement was brought up-to-date on July 23, 1930 by the elders at that time Burr, Cameron and Riles. Oliver C. Johnson was called on November 1, 1927. He also served the Prairie du Sac Presbyterian Church.

The 60th Anniversary was observed on February 27, 1938. Mrs. B. W. Shaw presented a report on the old Missionary Society and early Aid Society. Mrs. Orville Dorman gave a historical sketch of the Ladies' Aid Society and Miss Minnie Klingelhofer told of the Lutheran (St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church) services that were formerly held in this church. The pastor preached a historical sermon and Mr. C. J. Schmidt gave recollections of his early years in the community and church.

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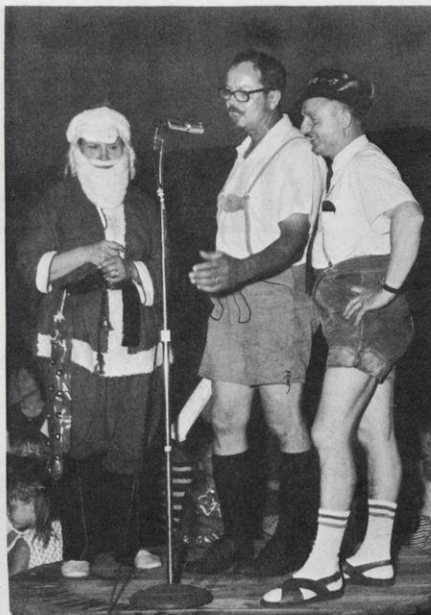
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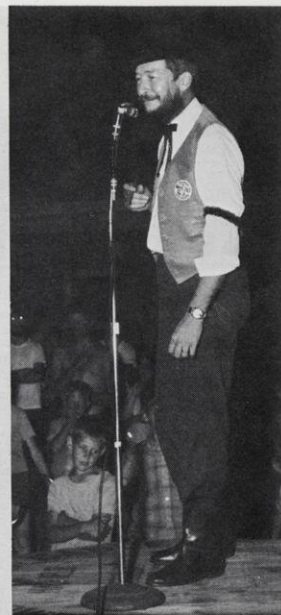




George Statz, woodsmith.



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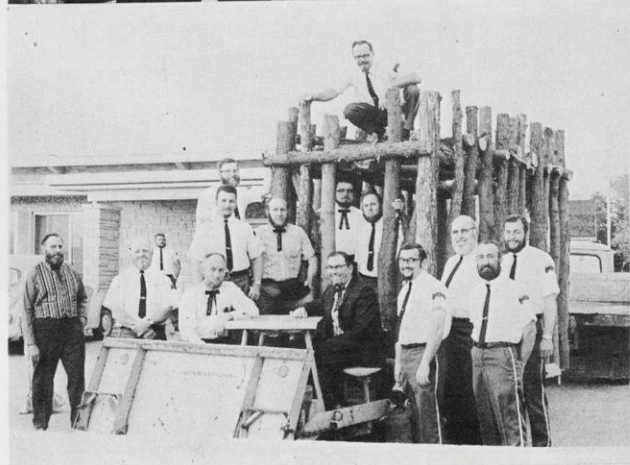


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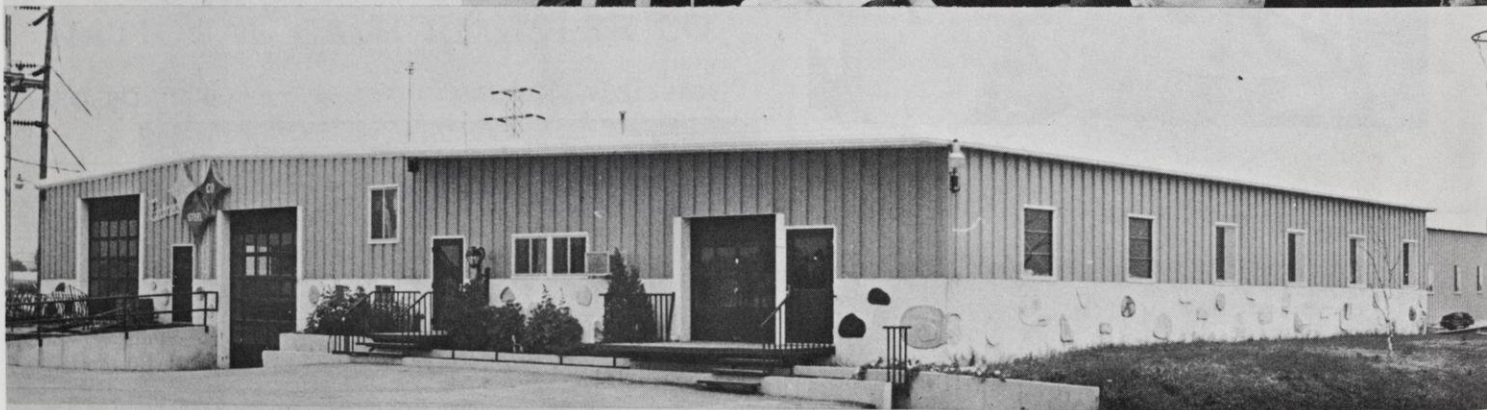


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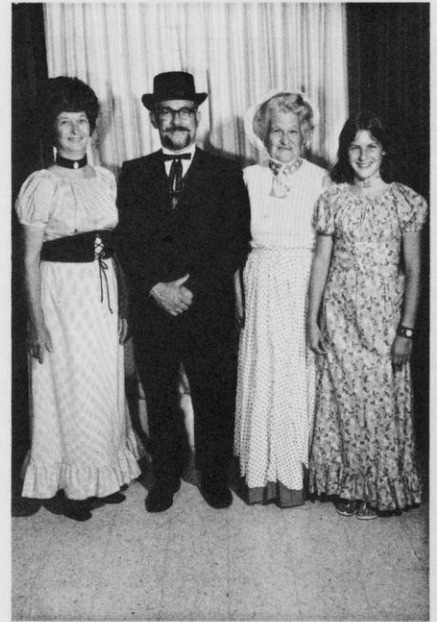
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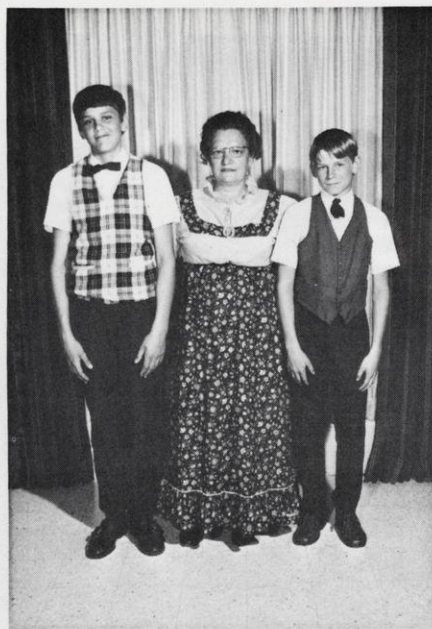
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Hilda Schmitz, Colleen Hellenbrand



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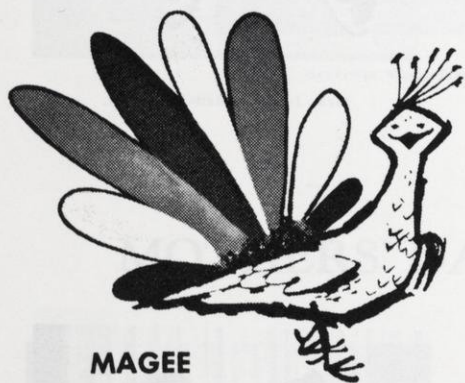


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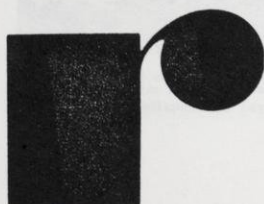
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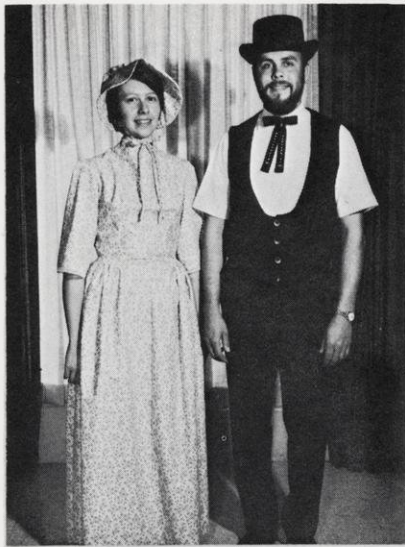


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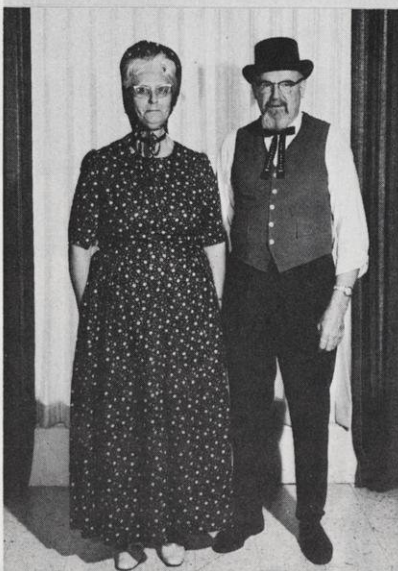
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Missing: Jo Baltzell, Kathy Thorton

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1 to r, Arlene & Werner Diederich, Peg & Bob Farrell, Lillis & Bob Kessenich



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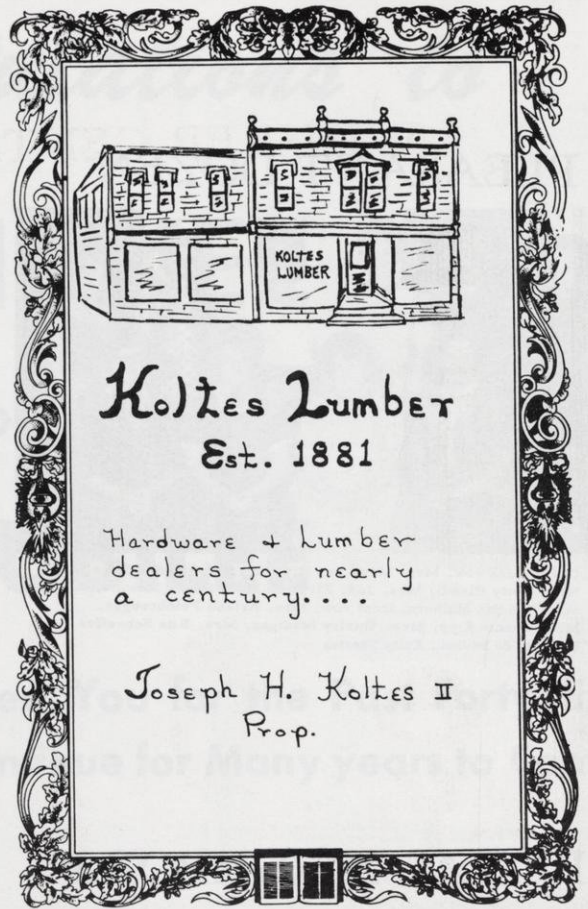
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standing, l to r, the Mmes. Margaret Klein, Mamie Hellenbrand, Sally Schmitz, Katherine Kopp, Agnes Taylor, Marcella Endres, Edna Smith, Jim Ripp, Ann Keegan, Lena Grover, John Hellenbrand, Philomene Heinz; seated, Anna Bacon, Alma Birrenkott, Barbara Bernards, Herman Meyer, Ann Vasen, Othelia Baltzell.



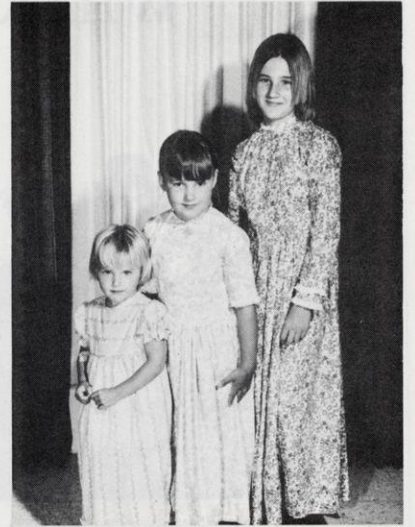
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**THURSDAY AUGUST 5th - 6:00 P.M.** —100 Gun Salute Kickoff.....Village Hall  
**9:30 P.M.** —Gaslite Parade.....Village Hall to Smitty's  
**10:00 P.M.** —Centennial Grand Ball.....Smitt's Hall (Alpine Brass)  
 Belle Contest Finals & Coronation.....Smitty's Hall  
 Grand March & Costume Promenade.....Smitty's Hall

**FRIDAY AUGUST 7th - Aft. 3:00 P.M.** —Milking Contest & Butter Churning Exhibition.....Main Stage  
**6:30 P.M.** —Centennial Kiddie Parade.....Village Hall to Main Stage  
 Stage Show & Professional Acts  
**8:00 P.M.** —Tug-O-War.....Village Park  
 Square Dance Jamboree (Quadrilles).....Smitty's Hall  
 "The Knights Men".....Beer Garden

**SATURDAY AUGUST 7th -** Exhibits — Antique Cars and Planes.....Airport  
**11:00 A.M.** —Centennial Grand Parade.....Downtown to Park  
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**3:30 P.M.** —Pony Pull.....Village Park  
**4:00 P.M.** —Live Music.....Beer Garden  
**7:30 P.M.** —Drum Corps Exhibition.....High School Athletic Field  
**8:30 P.M.** —Live Music.....Beer Garden

**SUNDAY AUGUST 8th -** **A.M.** —Special Religious Service.....Village Park  
**3:00 P.M.** —Bustlette Style Revue Contest.....Main Stage  
 Pioneer Recognition Program.....Main Stage  
 Historical Time Capsule Ceremony.....Main Stage  
**5:00 P.M.** —"Sloppy Five".....Beer Garden  
**8:30 P.M.** —Beard Judging and Shaving Contest.....Main Stage  
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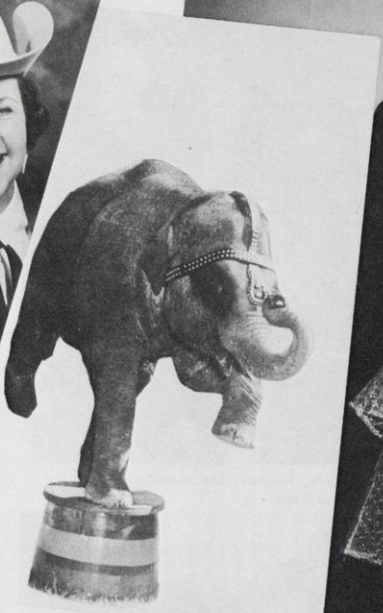
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**10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. OPEN HOUSE** —HOSPITALITY CENTER AND MUSEUM.....Village Hall  
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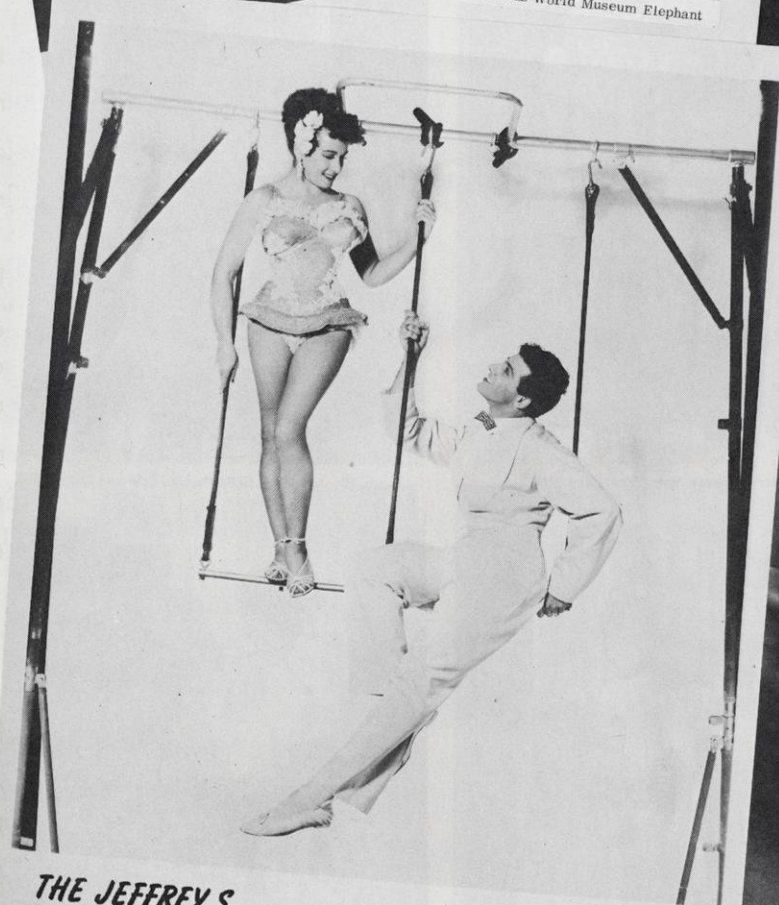
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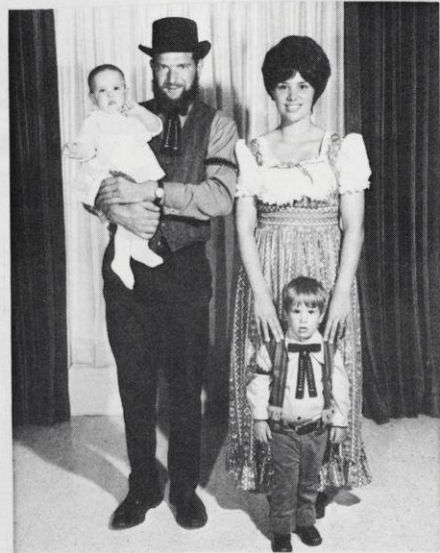
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Francis Ziegler family - back row, 1 to r, Kevin, Francis, Loretta, Jeff; front row, Ricky, Susan and Penny



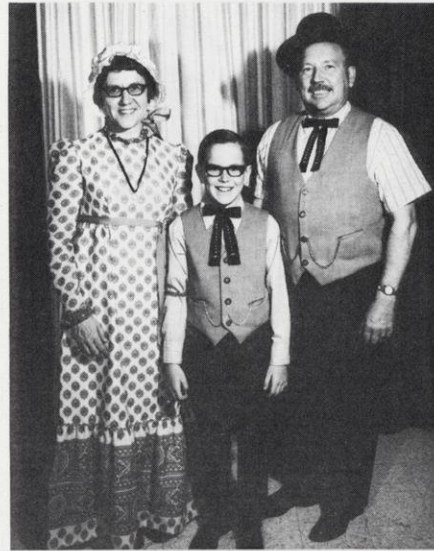
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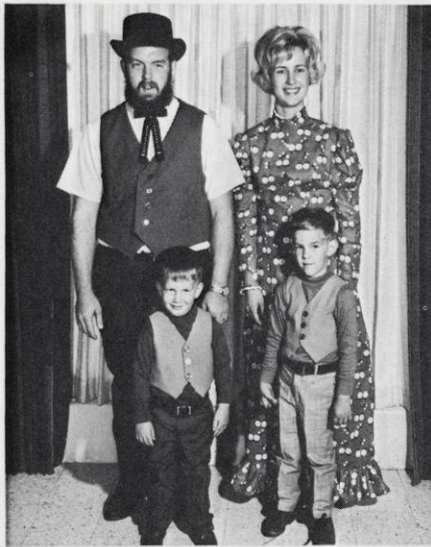
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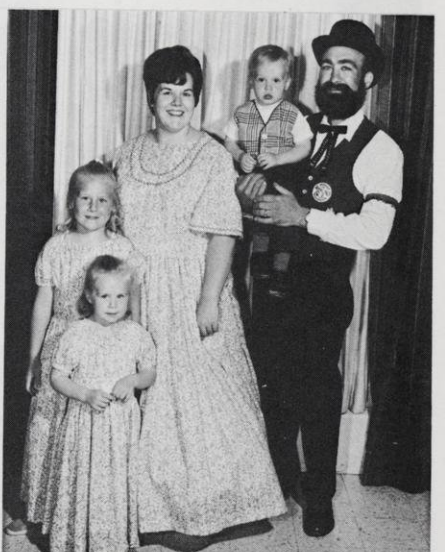
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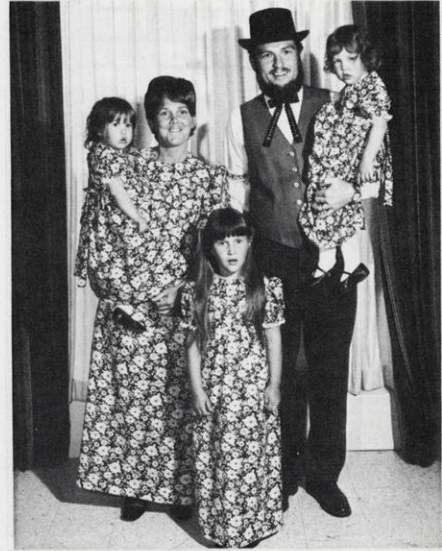
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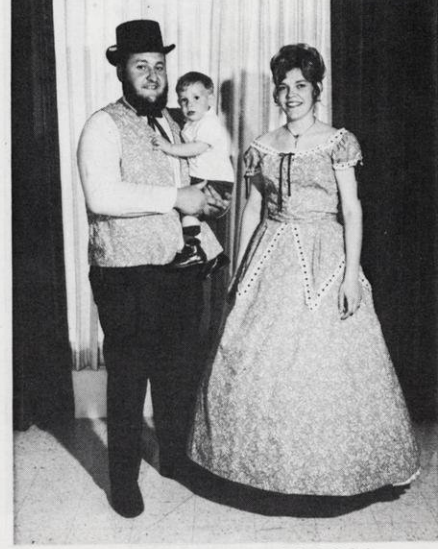
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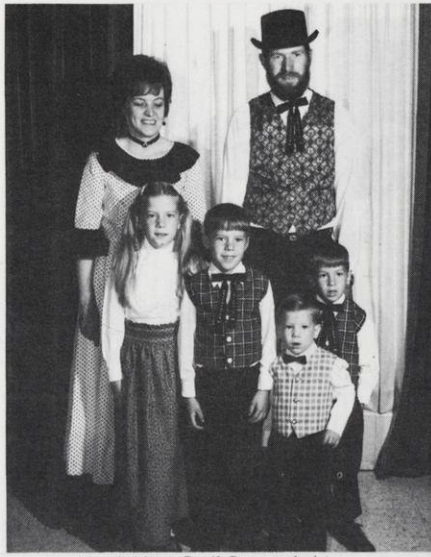
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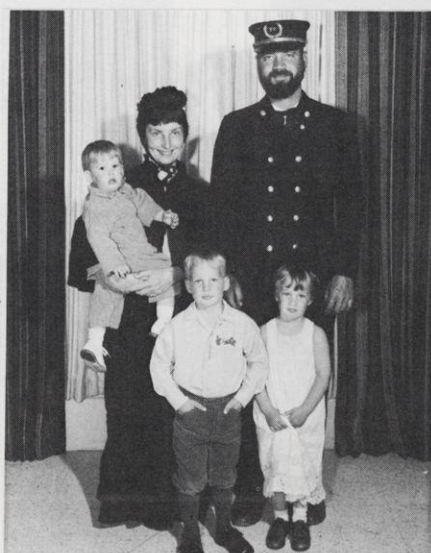
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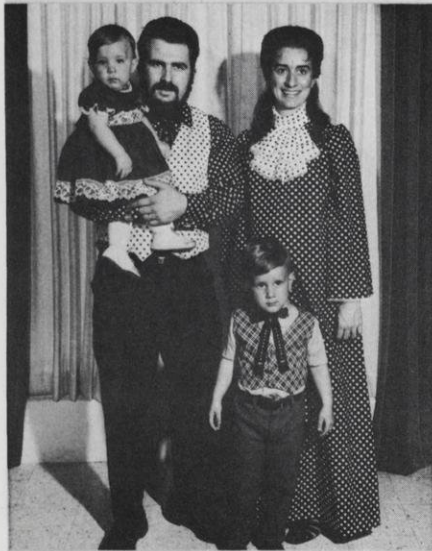
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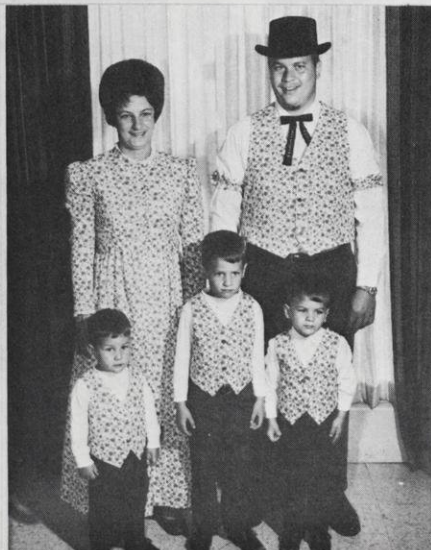
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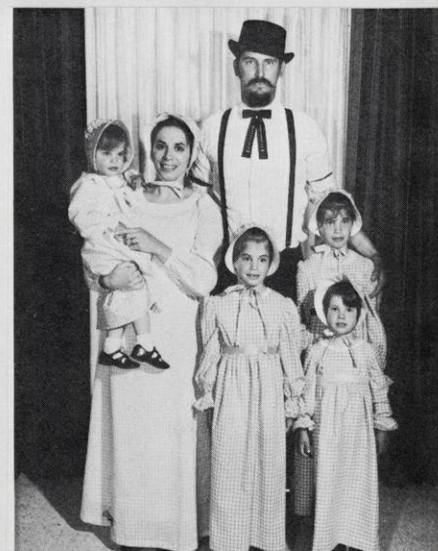
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Early photo of First Presbyterian Church, 110 West Second Street

rice Jones of Cambria was called to become the pastor and remained until September 5, 1941 when he accepted the call to the Presbyterian Church at Baraboo where he still serves as pastor.

The Rev. Kenneth Fox, Renovo, California, became the joint pastor here and at Prairie du Sac on February 22, 1942. He was succeeded by the Rev. Paul Haist, Bessemer, Michigan on August 3, 1945, remaining until October 31, 1948. The Rev. Ray Bayley was called to the pulpit on November 28, 1948 and remained until March 16, 1953.

In 1952 a church basement was built under the original church structure. This was done through the generosity of Mr. C. J. Schmidt, the Women's Society and many others and provided a kitchen, dining room, rest rooms and furnace room.

The pulpit remained vacant until June 1955 when Mr. Peter Hutton, was extended a call to become the pastor upon his graduation from the seminary. He served the Lodi and Waunakee churches until March 27, 1957 when Lodi felt they could support a fulltime pastor. The present church organ was purchased during Mr. Hutton's pastorate.

The Rev. Herbert Bryce became the joint pastor of this church and the newly organized Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, Madison, on June 9, 1957. He served until September 27, 1959.

The Rev. Roy Hess became the first full time pastor of the church on April 24, 1960. He resigned on September 30, 1962. During these two years the sanctuary was remodeled and redecorat-

ed. The original church pews were replaced with the present pews. The corporate name of the church was changed to "First United Presbyterian Church" in 1961. The Rev. John R. Thomas became the state supply and moderator from January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1966. Mr. Thomas was at that time and still is the chaplain at Mendota State Hospital. During these years a building program and building fund drive was instigated to add on to the original 1878 building.

The present pastor, the Rev. Thomas B. Neff was called on January 1, 1967 to serve jointly this church and the Dane Immanuel United Church of Christ, Dane, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1968, a Christian Education Addition was built. The Rev. John R. Thomas returned to deliver the dedication sermon in March, 1969. This addition provided six class rooms, pastor's study, rest rooms and an unfinished Fellowship Hall. The sanctuary was remodeled to conform with the new addition. The Fellowship Hall has now been completed and is currently being rented to the Waunakee Public Schools for kindergarten purposes through Spring 1972.

Through the years various gestures have been made by members and friends to enhance the church. It would be impossible to list them all in a historical resume such as this. They saw the various needs of the church and provided for them through the years. Each and every one had a part, however, in the history of this church. Most members of the church have served in one capacity or another on the session, in organizations, musically, and in the Sunday Church School.



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The first newspaper to be published in Waunakee was called the "Waunakee News" which went to press in March, 1896. The owner and publisher was C. R. Marks. The paper today as was then is a weekly publication. The paper apparently had hard times in getting advertising revenue and had it not been for the job printing, it would not have survived. The office was located in the 100 E. Main St. block. In 1898, Mr. N. M. Nelson replaced Mr. Marks and the paper continued to be published by him until 1900 when it was discontinued.

For the next seven years there was only one newspaper. This apparently was published out of town and did not last very long. It was known as the "Waunakee Post."

The "Waunakee Index" started under the direction of Mr. L. H. Williams in 1907. It was printed continually until 1918 when hard times forced the paper to be shut down.

1920 found the Albert A. Roessler family in Waunakee. Mr. Roessler took over the operation of the paper and successfully ran it. The name was changed to the "Waunakee Tribune." The printing office at this time was located on the first floor of IOOF Hall on E. Main St. Mr. Roessler built the present Tribune office at 105 South St. in 1923. The paper continued under his sons, F. J. and A. F. Roessler until 1968 when Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy took over.

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The Waunakee Telephone Company was started in 1904 in the same building which housed the Laughlin Jewelry Store and Fred Cowen Shop at 120 W. Main St. A Mr. Bester of Mazomanie started the company and Mrs. Fred Cowen was the first operator.

The Company was next sold to Robert Chambers whose wife replaced Mrs. Cowen. Mr. Chambers sold the business to his son, Earl.

The telephone service at this time was from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on week days with emergency service for doctor calls and such during the night. Sunday afternoon apparently was not for telephoning as there was no service from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

Dave Persone next owned the business and relocated it to a house at 313 E. Main St.

In 1922 A. E. Lamboley bought the business and continued to operate it until 1936 when he sold to Ray Lamboley. This same year the service was expanded to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The business was moved again in 1953 to 314 E. Main St. The system first started converting to dial in 1957 when the Dane areas were automated. Waunakee was completely converted in 1963 and thus ended the era of the local operator. The dial equipment is located at 103 Bacon St. Mr. Lamboley sold to Mr. LeRoy Carlson in 1968, but he continued as manager until 1970.

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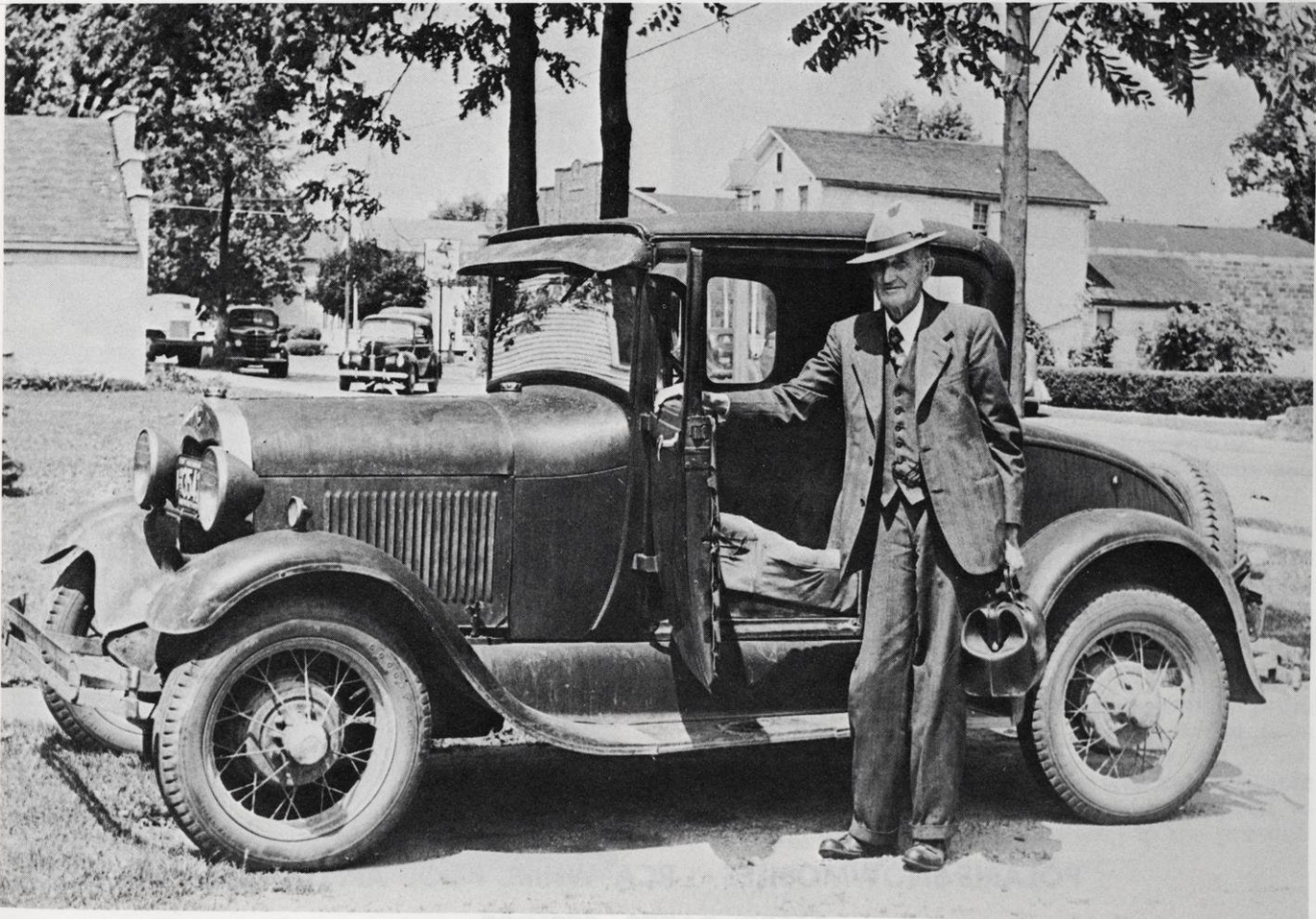
# DOCTORS

The first doctor to practice in the Waunakee area was a Dr. Wheeler who resided on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Marcella Pendell. Dr. Wheeler had been there for several years before the village was platted. Dr. Howard was the first doctor to reside in the village. He had his home and office in the old Fell home which has been replaced with another house at 102 E. Second St. Other doctors who practiced in the early days of Waunakee were: Dr. Axel, Dr. Richter, Dr. Henry Turville and Dr. Coolidge.

Dr. Austin Blake practiced medicine in the village of Waunakee the longest. He came here in 1888 from Lodi, his birthplace. His office for many years was located in the eastern part of the Koltjes Lumber Company building. Practicing medicine required much travel in the early days and "Doc" Blake always kept two teams of horses, so that one could rest while the other was in use. "Doc" was the first person in town to own and operate a automobile. He bought the car in 1902 and it was quite a thing. In 1947 "Doc" was honored with a special day commemorating the 60th anniversary of practice. "Doc" continued

until he passed away in 1959 at the age of 95. He had practiced medicine for 71 years and ranked as one of the longest practicing physicians in the United States. "Doc" is remembered by his many patients and friends by his favorite saying, "Forget your troubles, Kid." "Doc" Blake was a great tinker. He loved flower raising and working with tools in his work shop behind his home at 312 E. Main St. He also took a great interest in photography and many of the pictures in this book were taken by him.

Dr. Byron Shaw was from Conneccut, Ohio. He was looking for a place to practice upon completion of his medical studies in 1898. He happened to meet a grand-daughter of Mr. Lewis Baker at a party and she suggested Waunakee to him. Thus he came and set up practice, his first office being in the Brausen Hotel. In 1899 he returned to Ohio to be married and after returning to Waunakee, he set up his home and office at 216 W. Main St. His practice also covered much of the country side. Many times he would be gone for a couple of days at a time, just making rounds to the homes of his patients. The Shaws



Dr. Blake with his old Ford Model A. "Best darned car Ford ever built" Doc used to say.



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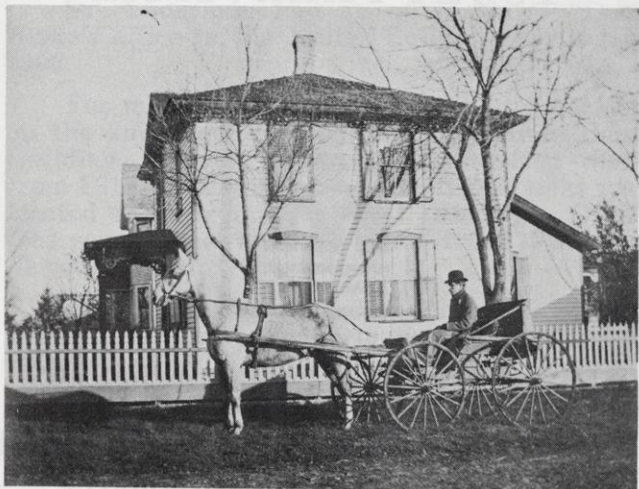
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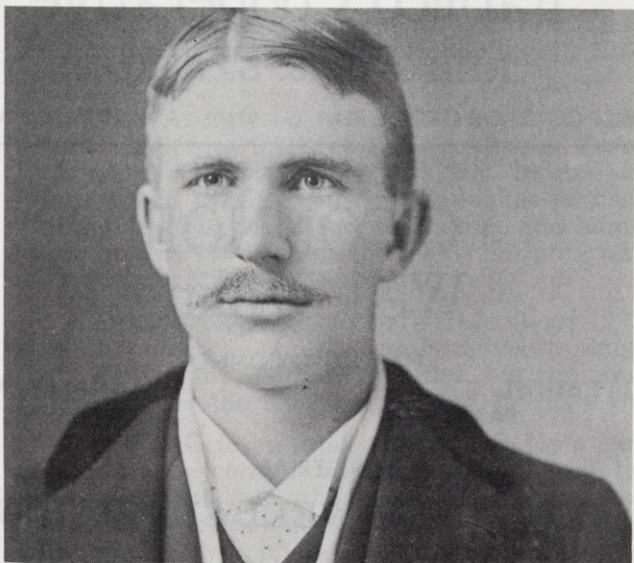
built the house at 301 W. Main St. in 1900 and the office was located on the second floor. In 1928 he built the house at 311 W. Main St. where his widow still lives. Dr. Shaw passed away suddenly in 1939 at the age of 67. He had practiced medicine in Waunakee for 40 years.



Dr. Byron Shaw, Waunakee Physician,  
1898-1939

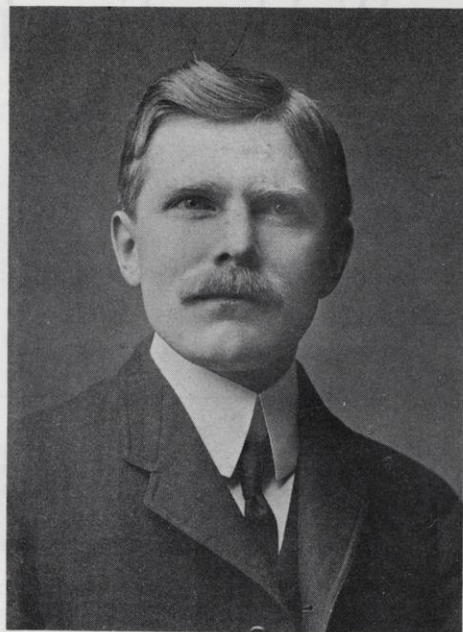
Dr. R. H. Smits of Green Bay practiced in Waunakee for one year from 1939 to 1940.

Dr. John Grinde next came to Waunakee in 1942 and set up office in Dr. Shaw's old office. He was later joined by Dr. William Marquis who continues to the present time. Dr. Grinde left in 1943 for military duty. Dr. Marquis continued to practice in Dr. Shaw's old office until he built the present office in 1955. It is located at 509 E. Main St.



Dr. Shaw outside his first home  
and office at 216 W. Main St.

*Dr. Blake - ?*



Dr. A. M. Blake, Waunakee Physician  
1888-1959

*Dr. Shaw?*  
Dr. W. E. Curtis practiced in Waunakee from 1958 until he passed away in 1969. His office was located at 205 W. Main St.

The Waunakee Nursing Home was started in 1942 and only ran until 1944 under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Thompson. The Badger Ordinance Works at Baraboo was going full force and many new people were in the area to work at the plant. Mrs. Thompson felt that some relief was needed for the area hospitals and so she approached Dr. Grinde with the idea of opening a nursing home primarily for maternity care. Dr. Grinde thought the idea had merit and encouraged Mrs. Thompson to pursue her plan. She located a house at 300 W. Second St. to rent and used the first floor for delivery room and patient rooms. Although maternity care was the primary function, Dr. Marquis performed some tonsillectomies also. In its two years of operation there were about 100 births, the bed capacity being 8.

Mrs. Thompson a L.P.N. along with Mrs. George Manthey, L.P.N. and Mrs. Hazel Roubush, R.N. provided the nursing care. Mrs. Ethel Manthey and Mrs. John Mell, mother of Mrs. Thompson, also assisted in the operation of the home.

In 1944 the owner of the house retired from his farm and decided to move into the house, thus Mrs. Thompson had to cease her nursing home. Due to the war, another location was not available for her to continue. Mrs. Thompson moved to Lodi and has continued in nursing to the present.

#### DENTAL

The names of the early dentists that practiced in Waunakee were found, but the dates that they



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were here were not as readily available. Dr. Dodge is said to be the first dentist to locate in Waunakee. Another early dentist was a Dr. Tiedermann, but it is not known when he came to Waunakee. In 1898 Dr. Herrick and Dr. Stillman of Madison visited here periodically to do dental work.

Dr. Loderman had an office above "Doc" Blake's office in the Koltjes Building starting in 1908.

For many years there was a dentist located on the 2nd Floor of the Waunakee State Bank Building. Dr. C. H. Shattuck practiced there from 1914 until 1925. Dr. Joseph Doll next was located there from 1925 until 1944. Dr. G. W. Gee was the last at this location from 1945 until he retired about 1960.

Dr. K. J. Bakke of DeForest came to Waunakee in 1947 and continued his practice at 210 Fifth St.

Dr. D. L. Mullen had an office at 501 Fourth St. for a short time in 1969-1970.

Dr. Stanley Karls is the latest dentist to practice in Waunakee. He is a native of Waunakee and has been at his location at 106 South St. since 1970.

## VETERINARIANS

The records on veterinarians are rather incomplete, but because this has primarily been a farm orientated community, it is assumed a veterinarian has always been here. The first recorded name is a Dr. Beck, but that is all that is known.

Dr. Lyle Cobb came here in 1913 and practiced for only one year before moving to Sun Prairie.

Dr. O. A. Otteson holds the record for the longest service to the area. He graduated from Veterinary School in 1919 and first located at Poynette. In 1924 he came to Waunakee and set up practice. For many years his office and home was located at 120 W. Main St. This building was moved when Millers expanded.

A Dr. Wilson practiced here from about 1923 until 1938 when he and his family moved to Sauk City. He did not maintain an office, but the family lived above the Kuestners at 114 W. Main St.

Lloyd L. Otteson followed in his father's foot steps and upon completing his studies in 1954 he formed a partnership with his father. The present Waunakee Veterinary Clinic just west of town on Highway 113 was opened sometime in the late 1950's.

Dr. Theodore Poelma joined with the Waunakee Veterinary Clinic in 1962.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## WAUNAKEE MENS CLUB



Not much could be found about the Waunakee Men's Club. It was organized sometime during the 1920's. In 1929 they constructed the building at 107 Baker St. now operated by Eddie Schmitz. Mr. Harvey Burr was President at that time. The Club disbanded shortly thereafter and the hall was sold.

## CUB SCOUTING AND BOY SCOUTING

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts were started in 1951 through the efforts of Ken Shaw and Harvey Solveson. They proposed the idea to the Civic Club and this organization undertook the sponsorship of the Scouts. Ken Shaw was appointed Institutional Representative and served in this capacity for about 10 years.

The First Scoutmaster was William Curran, Sr., who was a hard worker with the boys. The committee included Harvey Solveson, Ken Shaw, Herb Adler and Reggie Schleck.

The Boy Scouts were quite active and participated in many programs. They had Camporees and went to summer camp at Green Lake and later at Castle Rock. They also participated in the Klondike derby held in Madison.



A group of some of the early Cub Scouts.



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Don Kruel was the second Scout Leader and a very good one. After Don moved from Waunakee Louis Van Alstine took over and at present Bob Bernards is Scoutmaster. Byron Shaw was the first Eagle Scout from Waunakee and while attending the University, he helped Mr. Van Alstine with the scouts.

The early Cub Scout leaders included Mrs. Wanda Schiltz, Mrs. Donner and Mrs. Mary Roberts as Den Mothers. The Cubs met weekly at the home of the Den Mothers and monthly put on a program for parents in the old Village Hall. The Cub Scouts became a chartered member of the Boy Scouts of America on April 10, 1961. Cubmaster at that time was Ed Weise.

In 1963 Donald Oyan became Cubmaster and continued as such until January, 1965. The Pack did not re-register and thus became a dropped unit.

Dennis Feldbrugge became Cubmaster in February, 1966 and he continued to serve as Cubmaster and is still registered in that capacity.

The Pack is still sponsored by the Waunakee Civic Club and now has 66 registered Cub Scouts and 17 adult leaders.

Both Scouting organizations use the facilities at the Community Building for their meetings.



A float bearing some of the members of the Royal Neighbors on it. This is from a parade a few years back.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA

Royal Neighbors of America, Rock Island, Illinois was chartered as a fraternal insurance society in 1895. In the 76 years of operation the Society has grown to over 400,000 members with assets over \$221,000,000.00. It ranks as the leader in financial structure of the existing 25 largest concerns in America. The maximum age let is 70 years.

A Home at Davenport, Iowa has been provided for dependent members who are homeless.

Other R.N.A. projects are scholarships, free health service, Hard to Hear and aiding the needy in disaster areas.

Waunakee Number 7263, Pleasant Prairie Camp has 100 beneficial and social members. The

charter was signed December 21, 1911 with Mrs. Eveleen O'Malley as first Oracle. She died in 1966 at the age of 96 years.

Only one charter member, Mrs. Madge Poynor is still a member.

50 Year Pins were presented to: Mrs. Eveleen O'Malley, Mrs. Madge Poynor, Mrs. Clara Nesvacil, Mrs. Anna Michels. Three members eligible for 50 Year Pins are: Mrs. Harriet Kuestner, Mrs. Alice Murphy and Mrs. Harriet Christensen.

Present officers are:

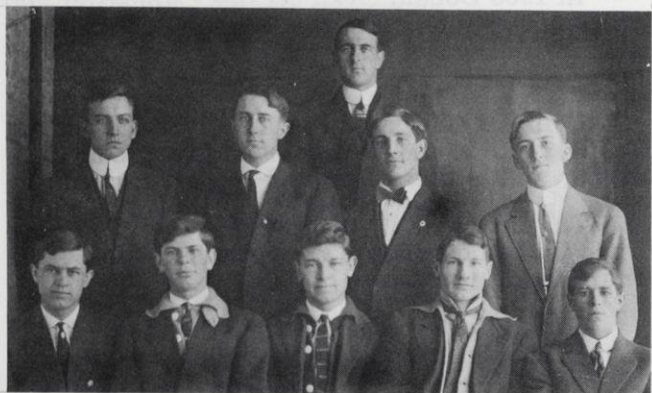
Oracle — Mrs. Edna Smith  
 Recorder — Mrs. Ethel Manthey  
 Receiver — Mrs. Grace Blake

## LOYAL SCOUTS AND LONELY HEARTS—

The Loyal Scouts was an organization of the young men of Waunakee sometime around 1908. It is known that the club met above the Waunakee State Bank and gathered for card playing and fellowship.

In 1910 the Lonely Hearts Bachelor Club was started. They held regular Monday night meetings and many special meetings on the second floor of the Waunakee State Bank building (100 W. Main St.). This group were all bachelors and met for card playing and social entertainment.





Loyal Scouts—front row, l to r, Fred Schunk, Werner Hilgers, John Schunk, Bert Tubbs, Joe Fleiner. Second row, John Klingelhofer, R. P. Koltes, John Simon. Back, Harry Koltes.

To quote one of it's members, Fred Schunk, "The girls didn't like us worth a darn. They were all pretty sore at us." Unfortunately, as could almost be predicted, the group who were all in their late teens and early twenties, met the fate of most young men. Girls suddenly took on new appeal and some of the members started getting married off. The group had a final meeting at which much beer was consumed in order to bury the Club.

Only one man took to heart the organization and is still single today. John Schunk never married and Martin Riphahn died at a very early age. There were approximately 23 members when the club disbanded.

### GIRL SCOUTING

Girl Scouting in Waunakee owes its beginning to Mrs. Martha Kohlman. She had served as camp nurse for the Madison Girl Scouts the first two years that Camp Brandenburg opened. About 1936 several Waunakee girls took an interest in scouting. They persisted in their efforts and finally Mrs. Kohlman took up their cause. She herself knew little of organizing and operating a Scout troop, but she learned. She contacted all organizations in Waunakee for sponsorship and along with eight representatives met with a Miss Tapin, head of the Madison Scouts. In the beginning a girl had to attend three meetings and buy the Girl Scout Handbook in order to become a member.

There were about 20 girls in the first troop. Mrs. Lois Bacon LaCrosse served as the Assistant Leader. A food sale was held to raise money in order to buy a bolt of material, buttons and patterns for the uniforms. The mothers of the girls in turn made the uniforms. The girls purchased a Girl Scout Flag and the Legion Auxiliary donated a United States Flag. At this time, the Scouts did not participate in any of the state programs but went on hikes, picnics and loved to sing the

scouting songs and play games. The girls also enjoyed marching in the local parades. Trips into Madison to various places rounded out their activities.



One of the activities all Girl Scout troops seem to enjoy - marching in a parade.

It is not known by whom, but the Brownies were also started. There were several "Fly-Up" ceremonies held promoting the Brownies into Girl Scouting.

Mrs. Kohlman left Waunakee in 1940 and Mrs. LaCrosse tried to carry the troop alone. She was only able to do this for a short time as she could not get the needed assistance and help from the mothers.



Ceremonies honoring the Brownies. Held upstairs in the old Village Hall.

In 1951 the idea of Scouting was brought up again. This time the Womens Club through the efforts of Mrs. Ken Shaw served as the sponsors. Not only were the Girl Scouts revived, but the Brownies were active. The activities were about the same as the early days of scouting plus summer camping at Camp Brandenburg and Picnic Point. By 1954 the same old problem presented again. Mrs. Shaw handed in her resignation since they were not able to get leaders.



Mrs. Lois Knoespel and three other mothers tried again in 1965 to renew interest in Scouting. They were only able to get the Girl Scouts going. The Legion Auxiliary this time served as the sponsoring organization. The leaders were only able to keep Scouting going for a few years when lack of cooperation and interest by the mothers of the girls caused it to be dropped again.

In the fall of 1968 through the efforts of the Waunakee Jaycettes, plans were made to reorganize Girl Scouts. January, 1969, two Brownie and two Junior troops were organized. The Black-Hawk Council advised us to form a Waunakee Neighborhood with a service team, consisting of a Neighborhood Chairman, a Troop Consultant and a Troop Organizer. Responsibilities of organizing troops, program planning and policy making are a part of their duties. Troop leaders and assistants are responsible for their own troop meetings. The Waunakee Jaycettes agreed to sponsor all Girl Scout troops in 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Girls from seven through seventeen are able to enjoy scouting. The girls in Waunakee have participated in day camp, overnight cabin and tent camping. They have explored new ideas, through hiking and camping, learned new skills, through outdoor cooking and various activities, participated in Council activities, selling Girl Scout Calendars and Cookies and done numerous service projects including bottle and can recycling project.

At the present time there are six troops and another anticipated in 1971-72. The service team now has a Brownie and Junior level consultant and a camp consultant has been added. Girl Scouting in Waunakee has grown in support and enthusiasm through continued efforts of parents and girls, and the many individuals who give of their time.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY

The American Legion was formed in Paris in 1919, and the American Legion Auxiliary in 1920. Many varied programs come under their care and supervision, the best known being Badger Boy's State and Badger Girl's State.

The American Legion, William Lansing Post #360, Waunakee was organized October 26, 1933. To form a Post in Waunakee, a meeting was called by Allan Burr and held in the old village hall, where sixteen men signed the application for a temporary charter.

District officers, Clayton and Spencer, conducted the meeting and the following officers were elected:

A. R. Burr—Commander  
John Klingelhofer—1st Vice Commander  
Joseph Prohaska—Adjutant  
Nick Hauser—Finance Officer  
Francis Gille—Chaplain  
O. A. Otteson—Athlete Officer

Ray Hohlstein—Historian  
George Manthey—Sergeant-at-arms

These officers were installed on January 16, 1934.

On October 18, 1934, a permanent charter was granted and today membership stands at 181.

The first organizational meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the village hall on the evening of March 20, 1935. Thirty-five ladies were present for this first meeting. On April 3, 1935, the following officers were elected for the first year:

Mrs. Amanda Klingelhofer — President  
Mrs. Norma Burr—1st Vice President  
Mrs. Ethel Marsh—2nd Vice President  
Mrs. Louisa Hohlstein—Secretary  
Mrs. Mary Kruel—Treasurer  
Mrs. Belle Hohlstein—Sergeant-at-arms  
Mrs. Grace Blake—Historian  
Mrs. Ida Blake—Chaplain  
Miss Ruby Blake—Musician  
Mrs. Maurine Prohaska—Musician  
Mrs. Esther Thompson—Color bearer  
Miss Hazel Williamson—Color bearer

The installation of officers and initiation of new members was held May 9, 1935. The charter was signed on May 23, 1935. On May 26, 1936, the first flags were purchased and dedicated. Membership for 1971 is 127.

The Post was called William Lansing Post for William Lansing who was the first soldier from this community to lose his life in actual battle.

William Lansing was born in Madison, Wisconsin on July 16, 1894. At the age of three he came to Waunakee due to the death of his mother. He lived in this community until he was called to service in the April draft, 1918. He reported for duty on May 26, to Camp Grant, Illinois, and then on to Camp Custer, Michigan and finally to Camp Mills, Long Island, New York, where he entered the 337th Infantry, 32nd Division. This unit embarked at Hoboken, New Jersey, July 13, 1918, and arrived in Liverpool, England on July 26th. Here Lansing was transferred to the 7th Infantry of the 3rd Division. On September 7th, he was moved up to the St. Michael front for three days of fighting in the big drive, and then moved to Verdun Woods, where he took part in the Argonne offensive on September 26th. On October 30th, he lost his life under shell fire. He was buried in Romagne cemetery, the largest American cemetery in France.

The first Legion picnic was held in September, 1934. Bands, baseball, soldiers in review, American Legion Auxiliary drill, bird shoot, tug o' war, contests of all kinds, games of skill and chance, refreshments to satisfy the thirst and hunger and boxing bouts were a part of the original celebrations and the grand finale was fireworks. Many of the early day activities survive today during this annual event. The annual pic-



nic was a war casualty during World War II, but was revived again in 1947. In past years it has been moved from Labor Day weekend to a weekend near the 4th of July.

The Legion was instrumental in the development of our local park with completion in January, 1935. A tree program was a Legion project in May, 1937. They sponsored an extensive play ground program for the summer months starting in 1939. Girls from 5 to 16 and boys from 5 to 18. Softball, soccer, horseshoe, tap and folk dancing were among the activities.

A Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron was formed on April 15, 1937, with 16 boys signing the application for charter. Initiation was August 1, 1937 and October 22, 1937, the election and installation of officers was held. Elected and installed were:

Sam Murphy—Captain  
Lloyd Otteson—1st Lieutenant  
Donovan Kopp—2nd Lieutenant  
Andy Kessenich—Adjutant  
Ed Murphy—Historian  
Joseph Hoffman—Chaplain  
Donovan Otteson—Finance Officer  
Jim Burr—Sergeant-at-arms

Open House for the new clubhouse was held Sunday, May 29, 1960. The new bar room addition was added in 1969.

Present Commander is Syl Pulvermacher and President is Mrs. Donna Hilgendorf.

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## HOMEMAKERS

In 1941 working with the County Office in Madison, a series of Homemaker demonstrations began at the Elm Victory School. Instrumental in starting the organization in northern Dane

County was Ruth B. Bayles, who had also worked with Homemaker Clubs in Sauk County.

Some of the first subjects were pressure cooker use, uses of garden vegetables, poultry, sauerkraut and other war time demonstrations. In September, 1942 the Elm Victory Neighborhood Homemakers Club was organized, and thus became the first Homemakers Club in the Waunakee Center. Some of the charter members were: Ruth Bayles, Myrtle Quam and Mrs. Henry Schroeder Sr. This excerpt was taken from their records to explain why they started their organization and why this Center has so many members today—

“We wanted to assist the teacher and the school, We didn't stop to make regulation or rule. We did all the tasks that came our way— From wartime demonstrations to learning to play. Red Cross sewing from overalls to bedside bags, Red Cross bandages — no wasted rags. In joy or sorrow, we heard neighbors call And tried to be good neighbors to all.”

After this Elm Victory Neighborhood Club had started among the farmers around Dane and Lodi area, the Catfish Homemakers of the Westport Waunakee area had its beginning in 1945-46. The year 1971 will mark the Catfish Homemakers silver anniversary. By September, 1955 the Center club names included: Elm Neighborhood Club, Norway Grove Club, 100 Mile Club and the Waunakee Club (which later called themselves the Sunshiners, to identify itself from the newer Waunakee clubs). The names: Catfish, 100 Mile and Norway Grove are native to the countryside homes of these first ladies, many times being the name of a nearby school.

Center officers through the years have included: Miss Winifred Bowles, Mrs. Gerald Watzke, Mrs. Edward Coyles, Mrs. Malvyn Donner, Mrs. Alma Birrenkott, Mrs. Elvira Stremer, Mrs. Robert McGilligan, Mrs. Art Sukowatey, Mrs. Alberta Ripp, Mrs. Lorraine Meffert and Mrs. Don Roberts, along with a few other Waunakee area ladies. Records for the club are somewhat incomplete. Contributions that the Homemakers have made to the village in recent years include: books for the library, dishes and coffee urn for the village hall and money toward the purchase of new drapes for the community room. The Waunakee Center is one of the largest Homemaker groups in Dane County, with 157 active members. Help for the members comes directly in the form of a yearbook of plans from Mrs. Janet Floeter, U.W. Home Economist.

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Catfish—12  
Countri-Ettes—14  
Elm Victory Neighborhood—21  
Gay Waunamakers—11  
Jolly Jills—12



Merry Belles—30  
 Moonlighters—9  
 Pleasant View—13  
 Squaws—13  
 Sunshiners—13  
 U R My Neighbor—10

## WAUNAKEE WOMENS CLUB

It is extremely unfortunate in that the minutes of this organization for the first twenty years are missing. The only thing known of the early years is the starting of the Public Library (please refer to that section). The list of the charter members of 1909 included: Mrs. C. A. Poyner, Mrs. M. J. O'Malley, Miss Anna Heller, Mrs. T. W. Baker, Mrs. A. P. Kenney, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Jerdin, Mrs. Cowen, Mrs. F. McGuire, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. J. Hillier, Mrs. R. Chambers, Miss Bridgett O'Malley, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. T. P. O'Malley, Miss Shipke, Mrs. Charles McWatty, Miss Maude Flatman, Mrs. A. M. Blake, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cowles, Miss Kathryn McGuire, Mrs. J. Buhlman, Mrs. Eric Simonson, Mrs. D. M. Tubbs, Mrs. P. R. Riphahn, Mrs. L. Stewart, Miss Thomas, Miss Connor, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Nell Reis Simon, Mrs. Joe Hogan, Mrs. L. A. Hodge and Mrs. H. L. Reeve.

Until the Library was put under authority of the Village Board, the Womens Club was most active in supporting it. Over the years they have contributed much time, effort and money to keep the Library going.

During World War II the Club was active in different "home front" endeavors. War Bonds were bought, articles made for the Red Cross and food as well as money donated to the U.S.O. in Madison.

In the early 1950's, the Womens Club took on the sponsorship of the Girl Scouts as a major project. Mrs. Ken Shaw was chairman of the committee which later served as the leaders for the Scouts. This support was carried for about three or four years.

The 50th anniversary celebration of the Waunakee Womens Club was held April 25, 1960. A fashion show of dresses dating from 1898 through World War II was presented.

It was decided to honor any member who had been a member for longer than 25 years with a honorary membership. Thus October, 1966 Mrs. T. P. O'Malley, charter member and Mrs. R. P. Koltos, Mrs. John Klingelhofer and Mrs. E. J. Kuestner, all honorary members were guests for the evening.

Since the inception of the Waunakee Womens Club, many acts of service to the local community have been performed. So to it has provided it's membership with a social an educational outlet. The Club has approximately 40 members and is being led by Mrs. Doris Krinke for the ensuing year.

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) had their beginning in England. The Lodges were originally formed by working men for social purpose, and giving the brethren aid and assisting them to obtain employment when out of work. The Order was established in the United States in 1819.

Possibly because of the English Temperance Emigration settlers that had settled in Springfield and Dane Townships a Lodge was started near



The IOOF Hall at 105 E. Main Street. The lower part of this building was used to house the fire equipment until the new Village Hall was built in 1911-1912.

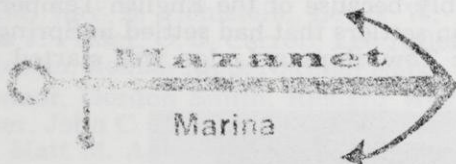


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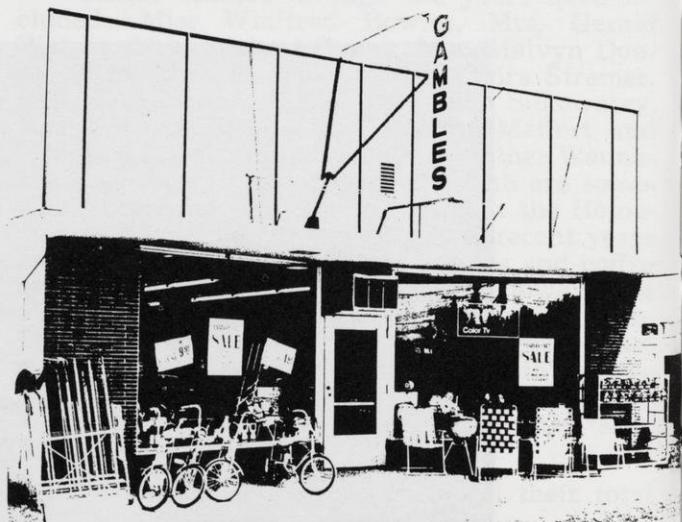
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here. In 1868 there was a Post Office called Harvey north of Waunakee where County Trunk V and McChesney Road intersect. An application for a charter was made and granted from the Grand Session of the Wisconsin IOOF. It was to become Harvey Lodge 126.

Harvey Lodge requested from the Grand Session to transfer to Leicester sometime around 1871. It is not known for sure, but it is assumed that they meant Waunakee but had used the name most used and preferred by the English settlers. After moving to Waunakee the Lodge met above Mr. Cooley's Hardware Store. The fire in 1879 burned them out and in 1885 the Lodge built the building at 105 E. Main St.

The Harvey Lodge continued until 1922 when it petitioned the Grand Session to consolidate with Hope Lodge 17 of Madison. At this time the Lodge had only 12 members.

The records of the Lodge are not available, but possibly as the English settlers moved on, the interest in the Lodge decreased. Some of the early names listed in the Grand session reports were: Noeys, Hudson, Poynor, Clarke and Ford.

#### WAUNAKEE JAYCETTES—

The Waunakee Jaycettes were chartered on September 10, 1966, their first President being Mrs. James Block. They are an auxiliary to the Waunakee Jaycees. The primary purpose of the Jaycettes is to assist the Jaycees wherever possible. They also give service to the community, and to promote the cultural, social and civic development of its members. This organization is affiliated with the Wisconsin Jaycee Auxiliary. Any wife of a Waunakee Jaycee is eligible for membership. The Jaycettes meet on the first Thursday of the month, September thru May.

Since it's beginning, the Jaycettes have offered many valuable services to Waunakee. This organization was very instrumental in reorganizing the Brownie and Girl Scout programs in Waunakee. Annually, they have sent boxes to those serving in the Armed Forces overseas at Christmas. Also a campership has been awarded to a handicapped child for several years. They have also offered to the community for several years a Babysitting Clinic.

The following women have served as president:

- 1966 Diane Block
- 1967 Judy Cleary
- 1968 Mary Paulson
- 1969 Georgia Varebrook
- 1970 Beverly Martin

The current President is Judy Cleary. The membership at this time is 26 plus one honorary member.

#### WAUNAKEE JAYCEES

The Waunakee Jaycees became a chartered member of the Wisconsin and United States Jaycees April 23, 1966. The chapter's first President was Ray Vanderploeg.

This organization is dedicated to providing leadership training through community development. All programs run by the Jaycees are geared toward making the community a better place to live. The only limitation to membership is age.

The Waunakee Jaycees have participated in many community activities including: Scholarship, Park Shelter and are presently working on completing an arboretum in the village park.

As well as the local projects, the Jaycees participate in the state Jaycee programs such as: Junior Golf, Junior Track, Honey Sunday and Project Concern.

The Jaycees meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The present membership total 52 plus two honorary members. There is also one Exhausted Rooster (for Jaycees past 35 years of age). Mike Adler is currently the President.

Since the chapter was chartered the following men have served as President:

- 1966 Ray Vanderploeg
- 1967 Larry Thornton
- 1968 Bob Varebrook
- 1969 Thayne Martin
- 1970 Jerry Paulson

In its short five year history the Jaycees have contributed greatly to the community.

#### CIVIC CLUB

The Waunakee Civic Club was chartered on April 26, 1947 to encourage home industries and trade in the village of Waunakee. Membership is limited to the residents of the Waunakee community area in good moral character. The first year had about 91 members. The officers elected that first year were:

- Earl Cooper — President
- Larry Endres — 1st Vice President
- Christ N. Ripp — 2nd Vice President
- Matt M. Adler — Secretary
- Rev. M. J. Jacobs — Treasurer  
(transferred in July)
- Leo J. Adler — finished Rev. Jacob's term
- F. J. Roessler — Membership chairman

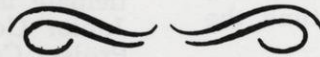
Over the years the Civic Club has helped to sponsor many programs for the young people of the community such as midget baseball and basketball. They have always been interested in promoting sports in the community and have held honor programs to recognize those participating.



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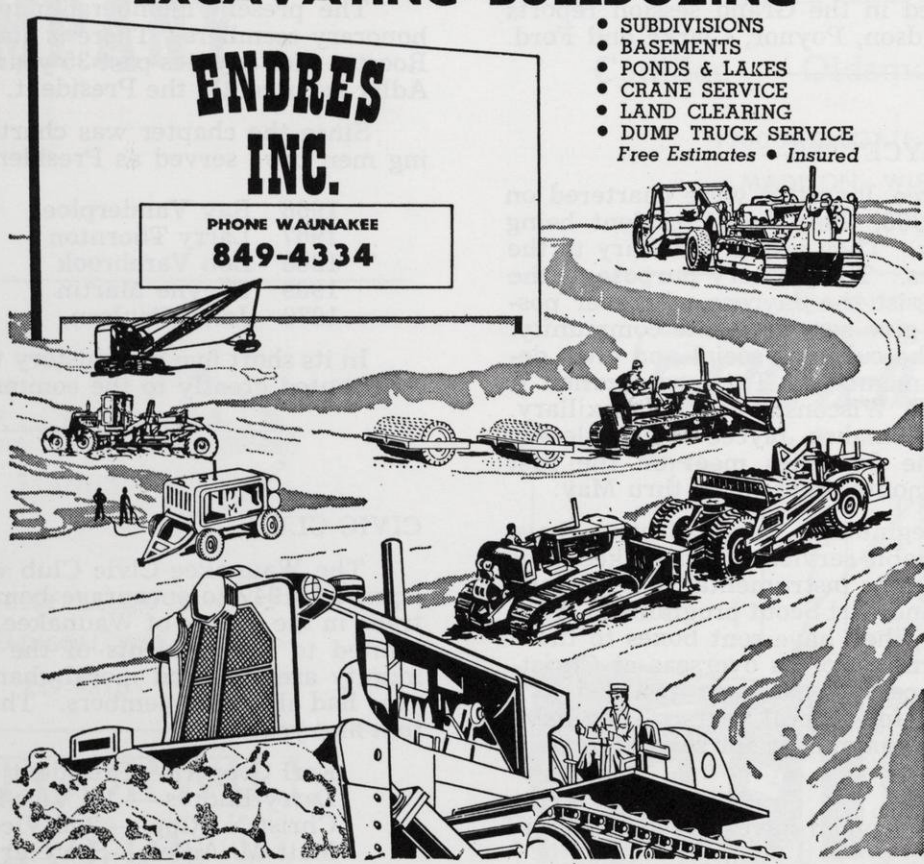
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The Civic Club has also been instrumental in promoting the home talent baseball teams. Much of the work to keep the team going was provided by the Civic Club.

The Community Calendar was started in 1954 and has continued since.

The organization meets monthly on the fourth Thursday. The President for 1971 is Sterling (Pete) Baltzell. The current membership is over 100 members.

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## PIONEERS



Mr. James Taylor, 1840-1924. He came to Waunakee in 1882 and clerked at the Hudson Store. Later he went into the insurance business. He served as Justice of the Peace for 54 years.



Not identified, but those hats would take first prize!



Mrs. Ida Watson Blake, wife of Dr. Blake.



The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meffert, Sr in 1888.





Mrs. Carrie Shaw, wife of Dr. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw still resides at 311 W. Main. She is the oldest living resident of this community. She came to Waunakee in 1899 as a young bride.



Gertrude Reis Koch  
First graduate of Waunakee High School - Class of 1906.

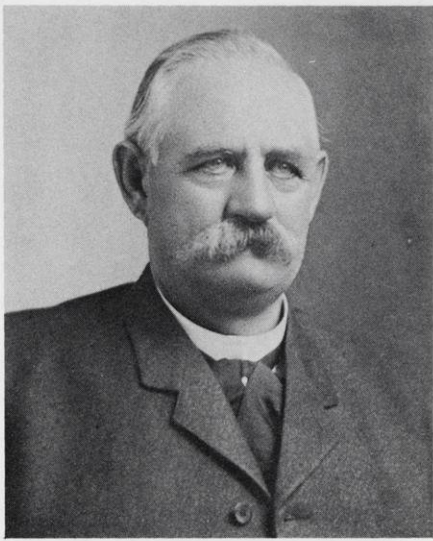


Ken Shaw has changed somewhat over the years!



Mrs. Helene Fischer Koltjes, wife of Michael Koltjes

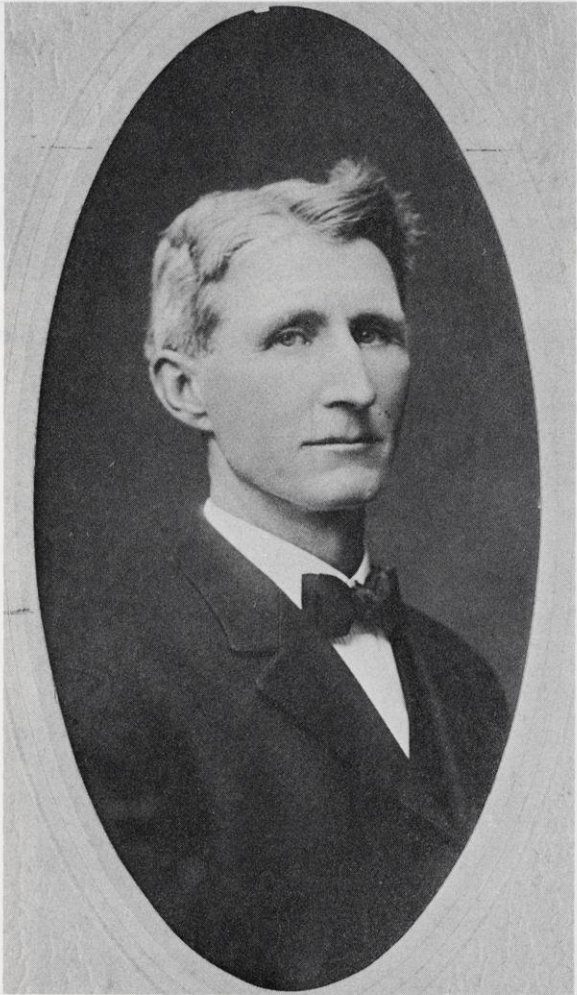




Mr. Henry Heller, 1852-1908  
First President of Village of Waunakee.



Mrs. Henry Heller



Michael O'Keefe, 1st President  
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Wedding picture of Ella Ruttgers and  
Herman Meyer, 1910





Mr. and Mrs. Adam Frederich about 1889.

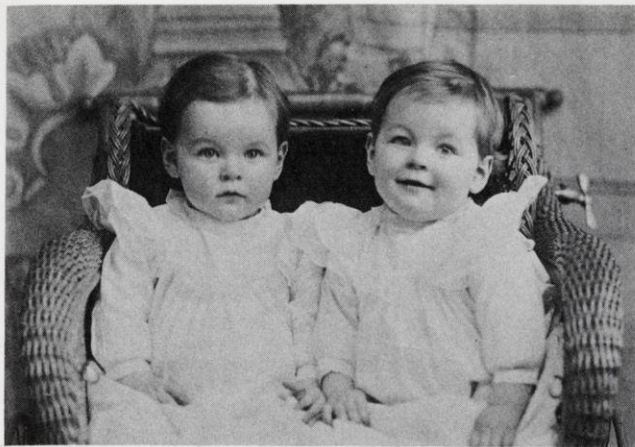


Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner about 1890.



Possibly this explains why Ken Shaw took such interest in organizing Scouting. Photo of Ken and some of his young friends, taken many years before Scouting came to Waunakee.





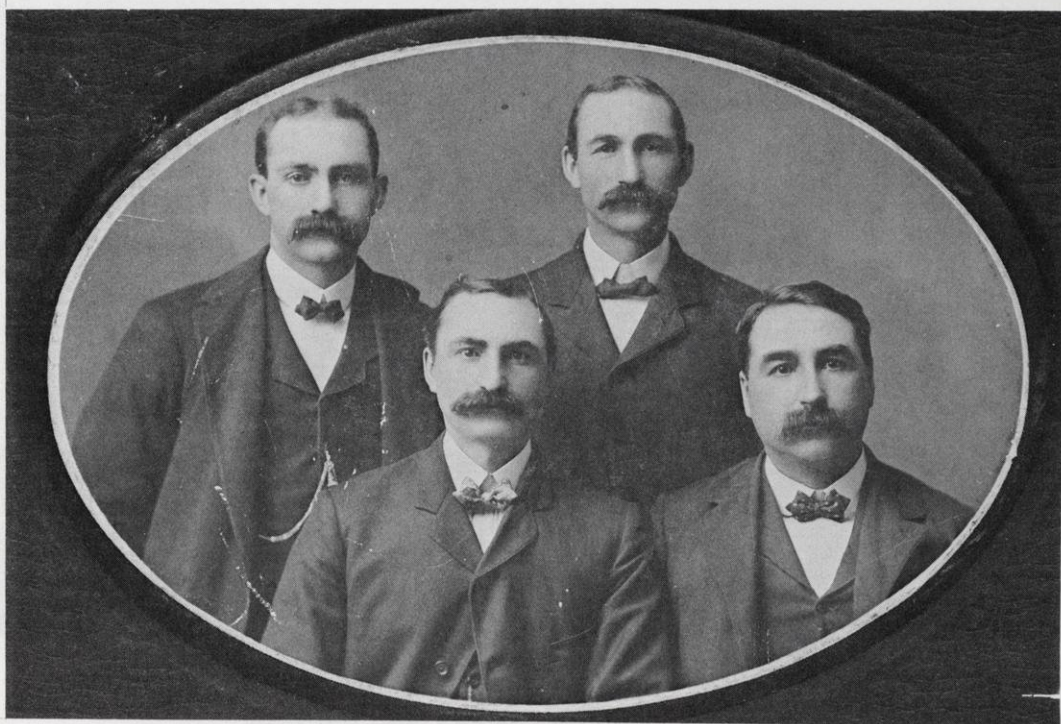
The Reeve twins age about 1 year, 1903.



Fred won't comment as to whether the fish were biting or not! Fred Schunk loved to fish and hunt as well as play the coronet.



Wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Uebersetzig.



Uebersetzig Brothers, front: P. J., Arnold back: Bill, Joe.

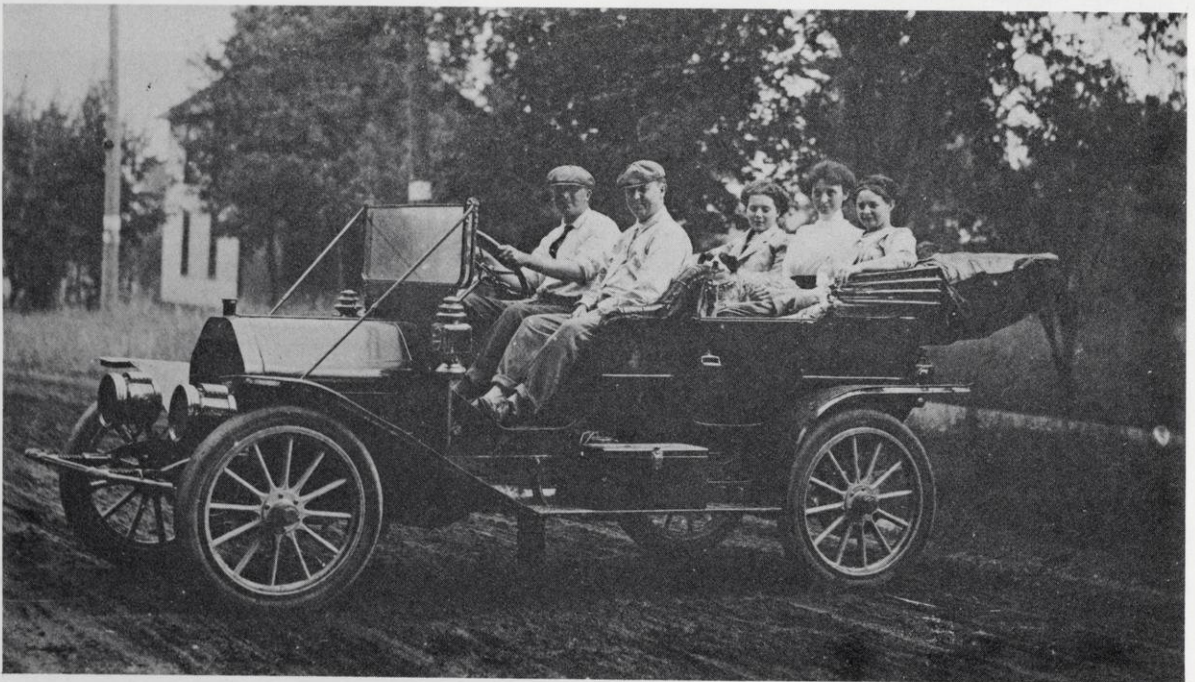




Left: R. P. (Gar) Koltes, middle: Harold Murphy, right: Harry J. Koltes about 1914.



Two long time Waunakee residents - John Meyer and W. J. Flatman.

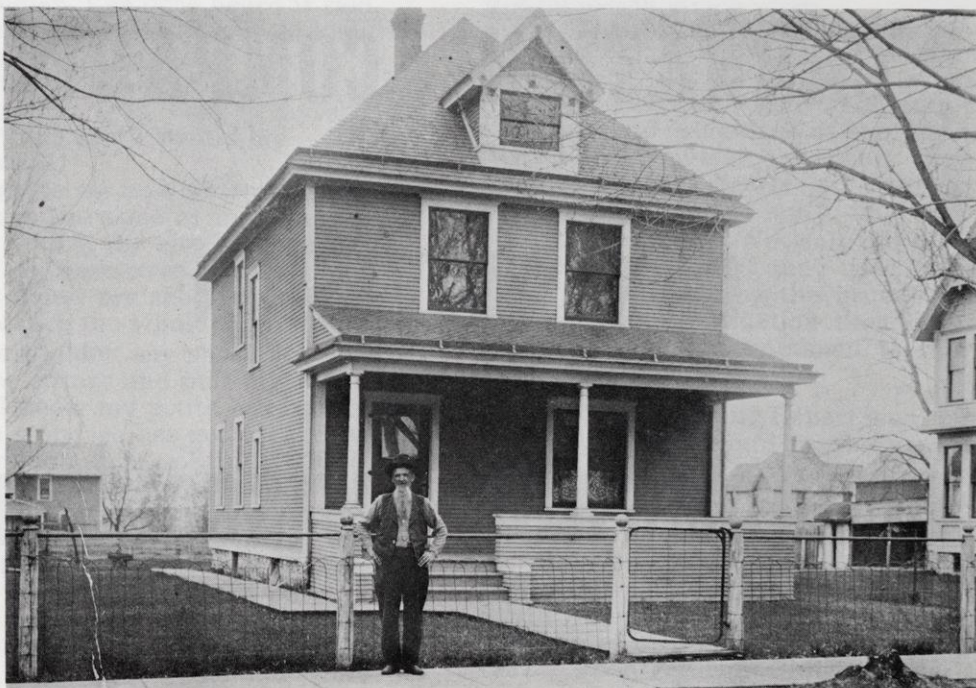


Driver, Charlie McWatty, other man unknown. Ladies are: Mrs. Maude Flatman Brown, Mrs. Agnes Bacon McWatty, Miss Ceial Sullivan.





Mr. and Mrs. William Statz in front of their home at 207 W. Main St. Mr. Statz ran the implement dealership across the street at 200 W. Main St.



Mr. Peter Laufenberg, Sr. in front of his house at 204 W. Second St. Mr. Laufenberg was a retired farmer.



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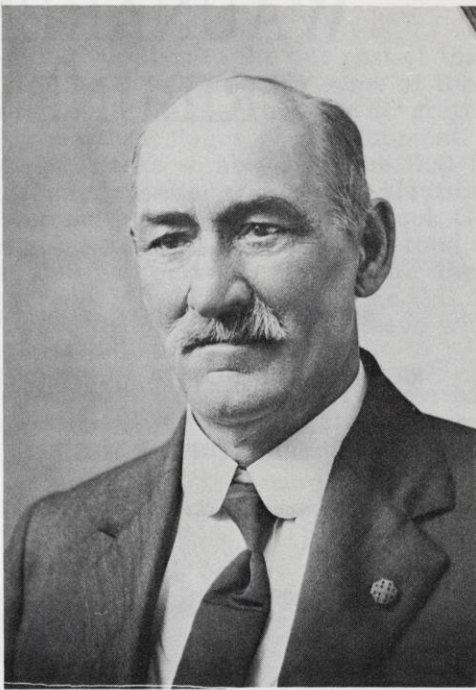
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Andrew Ruttgers, 1860-1932  
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Karls family picture. Mr. Karls came to Waunakee in 1900 and ran a farm west of Waunakee. Front row; Mrs. Helena (Schmitt) Karls, Margaret Karls, George, Mathias Karls, Michael.

ODE TO OLD TIMERS  
 "OLD AGE IS GOLDEN"

Old age is golden, I've once heard it said,  
 But sometimes I wonder as I go to bed.  
 My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
 My eyes on the table until I get up.  
 'ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
 Is there anything else I should lay  
     on the shelf?  
 But I'm happy to say as I close my eyes  
 My friends are the same as in days gone by  
 When I was young, my cheeks were red  
 I could kick my heels over my head.  
 When I was older, my shoes were brown,  
 Yet I could dance the whole night 'round.  
 Now I'm more' older, my shoes are black,  
 I walk to the corner and puff my way back.  
 The reason I know my youth has been spent,  
 Is my "get up and go has got up and went."  
 But I don't mind much, as I think with a grin  
 Of all the good places my get-up has been.  
 And now that I'm out of life's competition,  
 Each day is an exact repetition.  
 I get up in the morning and dust off my wits,  
 Pick up the paper and read the obits.  
 If my name is not there, I know I'm not dead  
 So I eat a big breakfast and go back to bed.  
     —Author Unknown  
 (Found by Charlene Hellenbrand)

AIRPORT AND EARLY FLYERS

The first planes to land at Waunakee were the old barnstormers who would land in the farm fields surrounding the village. The pilots would offer rides to the people in the old open cockpit planes. The prices varied and it was always extra to go thru a loop or fly upside down. Not many were willing to do this last bit, but more than likely the daredevil Reeve twins, Richard and Robert would give it a try.

The Reeve twins, sons of station agent H. L. Reeve were both early pioneers in aviation. The boys were identical twins and being typical boys they took full advantage of the situation. When they were University students they pulled off some tricks that nearly got them expelled, but this was the type of spirit that was needed for their later careers. Not only did they confuse the girls they dated, but they used to sub for each other in class causing the instructors much confusion. After graduation they both went their separate ways and unknown to the other, they both chose flying.

Both Richard and Robert went into the Army Air Corps and Richard made a career of it until he was killed in a plane crash while serving at Chanute Air Field, Illinois. He was a captain at the time and the plane crashed during a storm.

Robert went on to fly as a commercial pilot. One of his early jobs was flying a mail route in South America. Using a Ford Tri-Motor he flew 4,000 miles in a five day period from 1929 until 1931. Upon returning to the states he flew for several air lines out west when these companies were first starting. He next tried his luck in



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The Waunakee Airport got it's start back in 1946 by Jerome Ripp. He had always been curious about airplanes and in 1946 took lessons at

Morey's in Middleton. He bought a plane and made a landing strip on his farm just south of the village. Other private pilots learned of this and in trying to avoid the Madison Airport, rented space from Jerome. The original runway was 1300 feet and was later expanded to 2300 feet. Most of the 17 planes kept there are owned and operated by weekend pilots who just enjoy flying.

Ray Carey, Jerome's brother-in-law served as the first manager for the airport from 1952 until 1965. Bill Bancroft next served in that capacity from 1965 to 1970. At the present time it is managed by Dan Bindl who also operates a flying school out of the airport.



Bob Reeve with his famous Fairchild Airplane  
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## Biographical Highlights

### ROBERT C. REEVE

Born in Waunakee, Wisconsin, 27 March 1902. Attended the University of Wisconsin Law School. Doctor of Science degree (honorary), University of Alaska, 1963.

Two years Army service in World War I, concluding as sergeant, 10th Infantry. Barnstormer pilot, 1926-27. Pilot for Scenic Airways in Arizona, 1928. Ford Motor Company, Airplane Division, 1928-29. Pan-American Airways and Pan-American Grace Airways, 1929-31. Flew air mail in Central and South America, pioneering the Andes mail route.

Founded Reeve Airways in Valdez in 1932. Discovered and developed a mine on Columbia Glacier. Through his skillful and daring operations in southeastern Alaska he became known as the "Glacier Pilot."

Freighted supplies and materials in interior Alaska for airfield construction during the threat of World War II. Advised newcomer Army aviators in cold weather, bush-pilot techniques.

Under U.S. Army contract during World War II, transported personnel, materials, and supplies throughout Alaska, into western Canada, on the Alaska Peninsula, and the length of the Aleutian Island chain. In his wartime assignments, rendered essential support to the communications system development work of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Pioneered direct commercial air route linking Seattle and Anchorage, 1946. Inaugurated scheduled air service along the Aleutian Chain and to the Pribilofs. Founder and president, Reeve Aleutian Airways, Inc.

Past commander, Department of Alaska, Veterans of World War I. A founder of the Civil Air Patrol in Alaska and its first president. Encouraged establishment of the Alaska Chapter, Army Aviator Association of America; honorary member since May 1962.

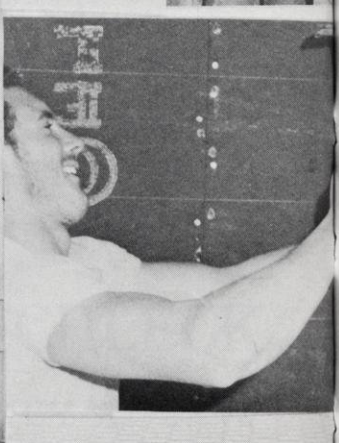
Other numerous affiliations include Association of the United States Army; USARAL Civilian Advisory Councils, 1961-62 and 1965-68; ALCOM Civilian Advisory Board since 1962; American Legion; Masons (32d Degree); Elks; Pioneers of Alaska (trustee); Navy League; Air Force Association; Explorers Club; Territorial Board of Police Commissioners (past chairman); Alaska Big Game Trophy Club (founder and trustee); and the Daedalians. Received the Hall of Fame Award of the Alaska Press Club, 1967; Gold Pan Award of the Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, 1969.

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(Photograph on program cover shows Mr. Reeve in front of a painting of him as an early-day Alaskan bush pilot.)

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Summertime recreation has changed somewhat over the years since the founding of Waunakee. People today as well as yesterday still love a picnic. In days gone by it was much easier, you simply hitched up a team and drove out into the country and found yourselves a shady spot in a grove of trees. Farmers of these days seemed not to mind a family gathering in their fields, and it seemed that the picnickers respected that also. Today one has to drive many miles to find a spot that isn't saturated with people already.

The Klein woods was just such a spot. It was located in the field beyond their barn about the area of the Otteson's and from there ran north. There was also a baseball field further north off Highway 113 on the Klein property. People would come on Sundays and spend the afternoon in peace and solitude.

The Fourth of July celebrations of old were also held at Kleins. This probably was the largest celebration of the year and served as a gathering for the town and country folk alike. The day started with a parade through town down to the woods. A speaker would deliver a stirring message, always very patriotic. The big meal would be at noon with everyone opening their baskets of homemade goodies. The afternoon would pass with band music, games for the kids and a baseball game. Beer stands and some food stands would also be set up among the trees. The evening would pass with a dance under the stars or held uptown at Riphahn's Hall. Certainly not much excitement for today's youth, but quite a day for the young people of yesterday.

In later years the firemen took to organizing the Fourth of July celebration. The Legion eventually took it over and still holds a celebration each year on a weekend close to the 4th.

During the Depression, the WPA built the present Waunakee Village Park located on the east end of Main St. In recent years a Beautification committee assisted by several organizations have been working to improve this park. A small park north of the Village Park and behind Dr. Marquis's office was willed to the community by Agnes Bacon McWatty.

Memorial Day is celebrated each year with a small parade and services at the park. The Legion is responsible for this annual memorial service.

The first and best and in fact the only St. Patrick's parade ever held in Waunakee was given by a juvenile band and numerous followers in 1924. Irishmen Ben Uebersetzig, Jack Whiting and Mike Simon furnished the music and led up the parade which stirred up the town as it never has been before on this day.

The parade started in the lower end of town and proceeded through the business and residence sections of town. Hats were thrown in the air, flags waved and one old gentleman collapsed from the exertion to keep in the parade.

At the depot they met the 1:18 p.m. train and the passengers were awe struck at being met with such a superb band of music.

After the parade was over, the participants went off to divide their rewards, which consisted of pennies, candy bars and cookies.

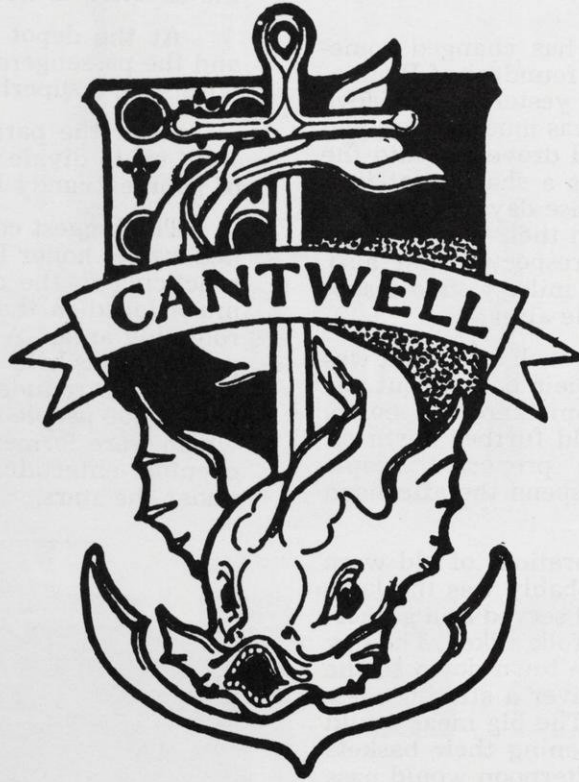
The biggest celebration ever held in Waunakee was to honor Dr. A. M. Blake for 60 years of practicing in the community. "Doc" Blake was much loved in the village and much of the surrounding area. A parade was held and a special program was held at the park. A picnic and baseball games rounded out the afternoon activities. Over 3,000 people attended to honor Doc, many of whom were former or present day patients. The evening entertainment featured movies shown under the stars.



Doc Blake being presented with a Certificate of Merit from the Civic Club President, Earl Cooper.



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Waunakee has always loved a parade. This was part of the group that helped celebrate Armistice Day, ending of World War I - the War of All Wars



Doc Blake and Mrs. Blake had the honor of being pulled in a vehicle that was similar to what Doc used for making his rounds. Picture taken during Doc Blake Day Parade, 1947.



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## HOME TALENT BASEBALL

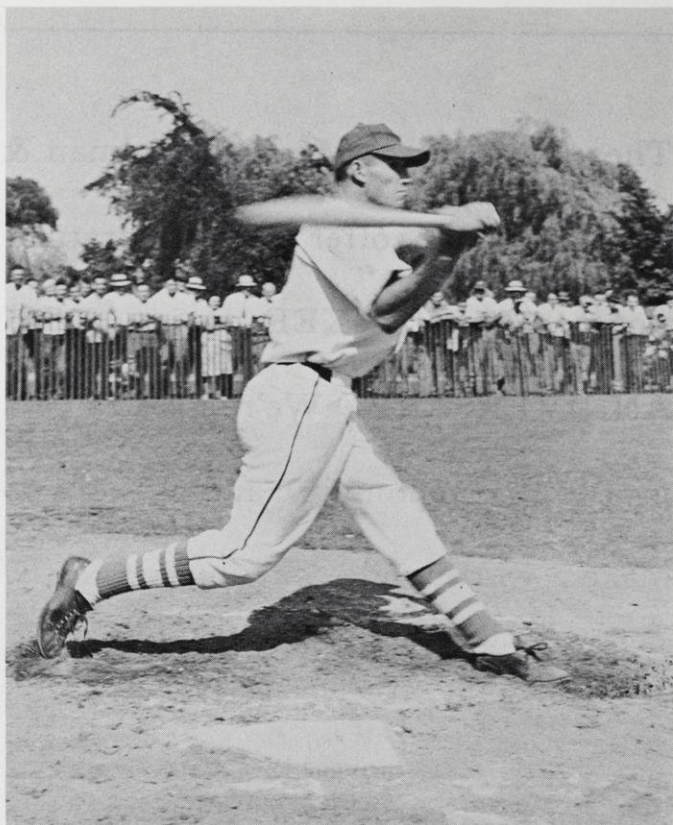
Baseball, the all American past time, has always been enjoyed in Waunakee. Over the years the teams have always had good following and support by the local community. The earliest mention of a baseball team was in 1915 when the newspaper made mention of interest in getting a team started. The first teams uncovered are those in the photographs dated 1917 and 1919. They set the pace for some very fine later teams which has brought home many league honors.

In 1937 the Waunakee team won the championship of the Pure Home Talent League. Pete Brausen served as manager and well qualified he was as he had been a former minor league player. The record for the year was 22 wins and 1 loss.

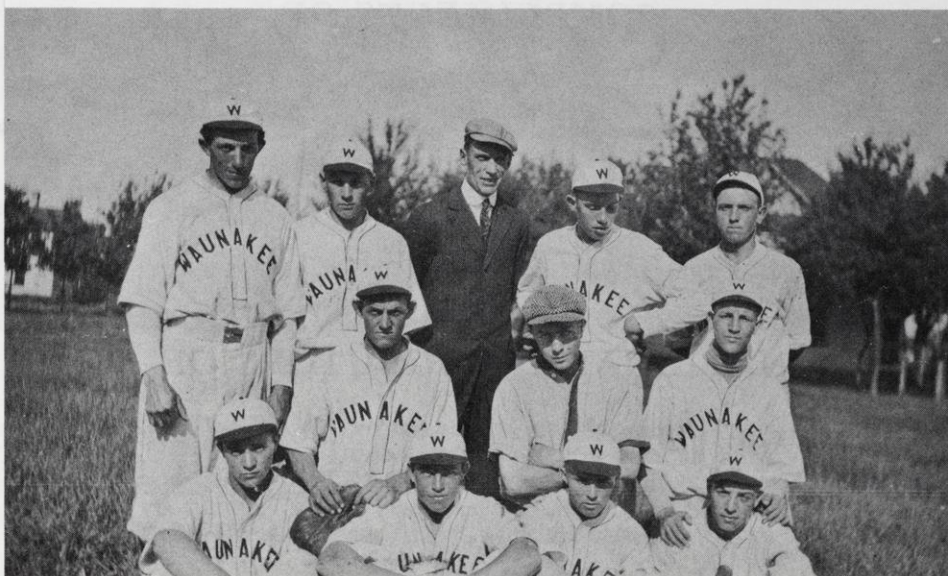
The Waunakee team was in the playoffs in 1941 but failed to secure the title. During the war, not much home talent baseball was played. Following the war, the teams got going again.

A 3 year record was started in 1949. The team that year under Ray Lamboley's leadership won the championship from Stoughton. The record that year was 22 wins and no losses. The Waunakee Civic Club lent much support to this team as well as the teams that followed until about 1968, when the ball team formed it's own governing board.

The team again won the crown in 1950 with Dr. Knight Bakke as manager. Cross Plains was the losing team and the record for the season stood at 22 wins.



8. The person who will be long associated with baseball in Waunakee, Eddie Murphy.



2. The Waunakee team that played in 1917. Front row—Ed Noltner, Bill Fleiner, Roy King, Stub Simon. (middle row) John Schmitz, Dave Conway, Ray Hohlstein. (top row) Bill Kurth, Hank Taylor (manager), Mark Kennedy, Jack Schneider, Peter Schneider.



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Cross Plains fell to the Waunakee team again in 1951. This made the 3rd year in a row and the first time in league history that one team had won the crown 4 times. Ray Lambolely was the manager and the team record was 22 wins and 5 losses.

The local team has again started a chain. They won the championship in 1969 and 1970. The players from the 1969 team were: Gary Adler, Ed Hellenbrand, Terry Thomas, Ken Bernards, Dave Diericks, Joe Schneider, Bob Helman (manager), Lee Trotta, Bill Fitzgibbon, Tom Trotta, Dale Schneider and Dick Ziegler, Coach.



4. The Waunakee Home Talent Champs of 1937. The bat boy will be someone to watch in later years. (sitting) Eddie Murphy. (kneeling) Ray Worringer, Ben Uebersetzig, George Kneibuhler, Pete Brausen (manager), John Kneibuhler, Ray





6. The League champs of 1950. (sitting) Bill Uebersetzig, Paul Bernards, Marv Unger, Verne Hackbart, Bill Fleiner, Ronnie Adler. (kneeling) Stan Cooper, Bob Kessenich, Al Fleiner, Fritz Barbian, Eddie Murphy, Don Kopp, Ray "Doc" Worringer. (standing) George Steffens, Bernard Kennedy, Dr. Knight Bakke (manager), Jim Adler, Chuck Blakeslee, Raphael Slack, Nick Scheidegger.



5. The Waunakee team of 1949, League champions. (sitting) Bill Howar, Bill Hurr, Chuck Blakeslee, Bill Fleiner, Tom Raemisch. (kneeling) Jim Gee, Paul Bernards, Nick Scheidegger, Bob Kessenich, Eddie Murphy, Don Kopp. (standing) Vern Nesvacil, Bill Karls, Fritz Barbian, Ray Lamboley (manager), Al Fleiner, Bernard Kennedy, Stan Cooper (business manager).



7. The 1951 Waunakee Civic Club Home Talent League Champions. (sitting) Bill Adler, Jerry Hackbart, Sid Adler. (kneeling) Wesley Reis, George Karls, George Steens, Eddie Murphy, Bob Kessenich, Marv Unger, Bernard Kennedy, Al Fleiner. (standing) Stan Cooper (business manager), Ray "Doc" Worringer.



# MUSIC

The first organized band in Waunakee started in 1896. The leader of this band was a Mr. Scheskey. It was started to lend a musical flavor to any of the village doings and because of the members love of playing music. The Band played for church picnics in the surrounding area and gave a concert on the 4th of July.

The Cornet Band had the distinction of being featured on the inside cover of a cigar box! The cigars were manufactured by a man named Brabin and was located in a small building located to the rear of the house where Mrs. Ray Cooper (211 E. Main St.) lives. The cigars were called "The Pride of Waunakee."

In 1908 the Band changed it's name from Cornet Band to Concert Band. The name on the drum was not changed, thus causing confusion in later years. They also replaced the Confederate gray uniforms with a more appropriate color. Mr. Paul Schwenn was leader at this time.

The first Waunakee High School band started in 1913. Prof. D. L. Reed of the High School was the organizer and leader of this band. The Concert Band continued to play thru until 1948 when some of the older members retired. The school bands had been expanded and so it seemed unnecessary to continue the Concert Band.

During Prohibition and the Twenties brought another band into existence. The Kuestner Dance

Orchestra started in 1918 and was replaced in 1920 by the Nite Hawk Orchestra. This dance band played together for about 13 years. They played for weddings, proms and dances throughout the area. They played rather often at the Mount Joy Farm north of Dane. The orchestra played a radius of 100 miles of Waunakee, many times five or six nights a week. They also had played on radio stations WIBU and WIBA. All the male members had full time jobs in addition to playing in the band. Travel in those days was rather rough and of course the bootleggers who drove thru the area at night did so without headlights on. Fortunately no accidents ever occurred.

Fred Schunk probably played longer than any other member of the bands. He served as the leader and played cornet or clarinet in the Concert Band from around 1908 until 1948. In addition he played with the Nite Hawk Orchestra.

Some of the other activities enjoyed by the local people were the church picnics and suppers. Entertainment groups usually sponsored by a large company would pass thru the area regularly. The old time medicine show was this type of entertainment. Stage shows such as plays put on either by professional touring groups or by local talent was always enjoyed. Audiences here as every where loved to cheer on the hero and boo the villain. Moving pictures were also put on but the response was always poor and these never lasted long.



The Waunakee Concert Band. Member and the instrument they played were: (first row) Joseph Koltjes, Bass; Martin Riphahn, Trombone; Harry Clarke, Bass Drum; Peter Riphahn, Trombone; Johnny Doll, Snare drum. (second row) Paul Schwenn, Cornet and Leader; Harry Marsh, Cornet; Otto Schwenn, Cornet; Tom Marsh, Tenor Horn; Ray Cooper, Clarinet; Fred Schunk, Clarinet; H. L. Reeve, Alto Horn; Robert Dohm, Clarinet; Peter Hilgers, Clarinet; Dr. A. M. Blake, Baritone. (not on photo as he took picture). Third row: Clarnece Marsh, Henry Kirschesh, Werner Bernards, Walter Simon, Henry Esser.

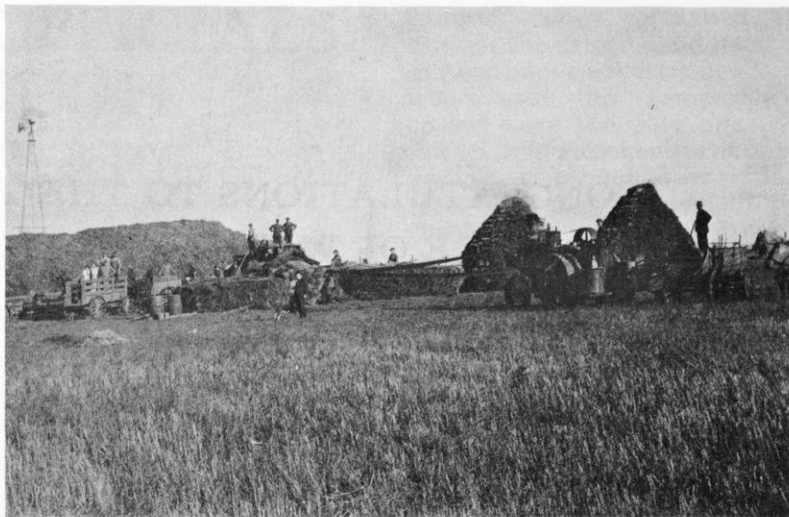




The Nite Hawk Orchester featuring tunes both old and new. The members and the instruments they played were: Flip Roessler, Trombone and Guitar; Wally Hohlstein, Drums; Dolly Reeve, Saxaphone and Violin; Florence Swatos, Piano; Fred Schunk, Trumpet.

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YEAR	PRESIDENT	CLERK
1894	Henry Heller	Wm. T. Riley
1895		Mathias P. Kopp
1899		C. R. Marks
1900	Jacob Buhlman	W. J. Laughlin
1901	Lawrence Freney	
1902		H. T. Clarke
1904		Casper Hilgers
1905	Henry Heller	H. T. Clarke
1907	Thomas P. O'Malley	
1908	George E. Lester	
1909	A. W. Cameron	
1911		Mathias Helt
1914	Herman J. Doll	
1924	Joseph H. Koltjes	
1926	Nicholas Kopp	
1927	R. W. Cameron	H. T. Clarke
1928		J. E. Klingelhofer
1931	Julius Diederich	
1934	Herman J. Doll	
1935		S. E. Blake
1941	Julius Diederich	
1947	R. W. Cameron	S. E. Blake, J. E. Klingelhofer
1951	Harvey Solveson	J. E. Klingelhofer
1953	Francis Bowles	
1955	R. W. Cameron	
1957	Joseph H. Hellenbrand	
1965	Peter Barbian	H. L. Spahn
1967	Edward M. Hellenbrand	Spahn, Nolan
1969—present		Ariel J. Nolan

In 1959 a charter ordinance was passed to make Clerk-Treasurer office appointive.

## GOVERNMENT

### GOVERNMENTAL & RECENT HISTORY

Prohibition brought to reality what the Anti-Saloon League and Temperance Societies had wanted for a long time. Many newspaper articles had been written describing Waunakee, but they always made note of the number of saloons per population. These articles would gaze into their crystal balls and tell of the ruin that would come upon Waunakee because of the evils that lurked just inside the door of the saloon. Waunakee reported one paper, "is a good place where people can come and have good times, such as fighting, drinking and general carousing and not be disturbed." The Sunday closing laws were not enforced and by 1915 the pressure was really on. The Village Board voted to cut down the number of saloons to six. This action was hardly a drop in the bucket according to the Anti-Saloon

League. They continued to schedule speakers against the saloons and must have spent a fortune in newspaper advertising. When the Volstead Act was passed the Temperance and Anti-Saloon crowd were the only ones cheering. All of the saloon in Waunakee turned into soft drink parlors and also sold near beer. Many of the saloon patrons felt that the end of the world had come. Only one arrest is recorded for having moonshine in the premises. It was reported that moonshine was for sale, but no one today will reveal any names. A cache of booze was found in the library, but the Volstead Act was repealed and the matter was dropped. The years of no drinking passed quietly but not quickly in the village for those waiting.

The depression years left it's mark on the local community. Primarily because this was farm orientated village, people were not as hard pressed as they were in larger towns. Neither of the banks closed nor did they foreclose on one piece of property. Many people could not always make payment, but the banks trusted them until times got better. Not one business place was forced o close up during the depression. The Waunakee Community Park serves as a reminder of those by gone days as it was a WPA project and finished by the CCC.

The years after 1920 showed an ever increasing population change in the village. In matter of fact from 1920 to 1970 the population of the village has increased from 560 people to over 2,100. Over the past ten years the population has increased over 60 per cent. This continuous population increase can be attributable to the trend of living in a small town and working in the city. As the means of transportation improved many people built their homes in Waunakee and drove to their job in Madison in order to raise their families away from the "hustle and bustle" of the big cities.

Waunakee was originally set up as a rural trade center. The railroad station had been set up to accommodate the farm business of the region. The small stores and other businesses which followed, such as the creamery, lumber yard and feed mills, were all pretty such essential to the growth of a farm community. Other large businesses in recent years has been Rollermatic and Waunakee Alloy Casting. Since the development of the Waunakee Industrial Park a few years ago, Marshall Erdman has located part of his operation here. These larger companies have expanded many times over the past years but it seems more and more, that Waunakee is becoming a village where people can raise their children in comfort and favorable surroundings. It is not so much a rural trade center any more and it doesn't appear that any large industry will form in the village.

While this history of the business development of Waunakee does not include all businesses, we have tried to cover many of the older and larger ones which are still operating at the present time.



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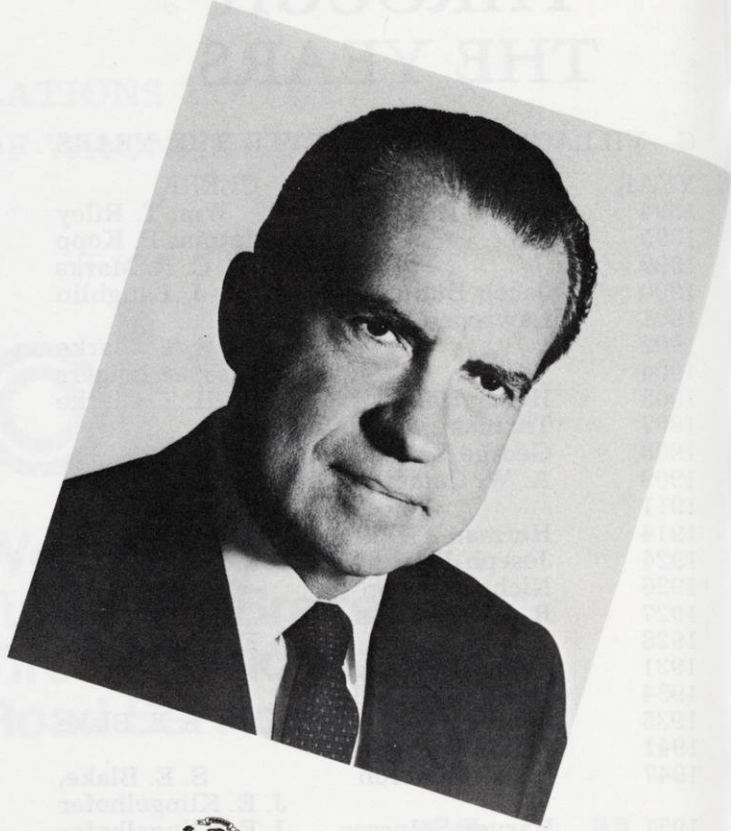
TO THE PEOPLE OF WAUNAKEE, WISCONSIN

The observance of your one hundredth anniversary is an occasion of deep pride for you as well as for the nation.

The high purpose and vital community spirit that are reflected in your eventful history are in the best tradition of our American way of life.

Armed with these same qualities in the years ahead, I know that you will strive to be in the vanguard of constructive civic accomplishment. I welcome your full partnership in the demanding tasks we face as a nation, and in the good that promises to come from our united efforts.

*Richard Nixon*



PATRICK J. LUCEY  
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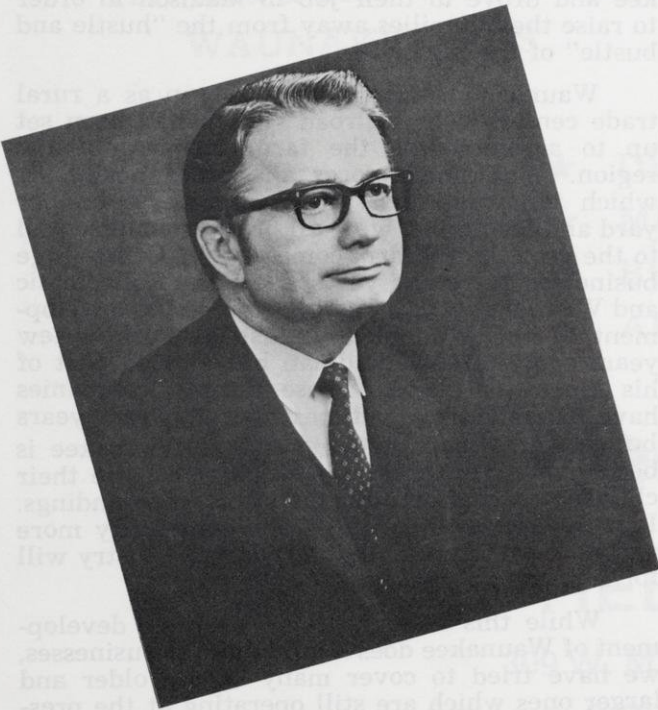
Greetings:

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the residents of Waunakee on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

Waunakee has grown rapidly over the past hundred years, and you have contributed much to the prosperity and history of this state.

As Waunakee moves into its second century, I know that your town will continue to prosper and that your efforts and actions will help to write another chapter in the history of the State of Wisconsin.

*Patrick J. Lucey*  
PATRICK J. LUCEY  
Governor





Politically,, Waunakee can be placed in the democratic camp. From their first election as a village, 1893, down to the election of 1918 they voted for the democratic candidates consistently at nearly a two to one margin. Prior to this, when they were voting as part of the town of Westport, the democratic candidates won by at least a three to one margin except three times, when it was a two to one margin. In 1819 a Progressive candidate won the majority of the votes of the village and for the next 38 years the vote switched back and forth from party to party. Starting with 1956 the village again voted democratic and at an increasing margin down to the present day.

Looking at Waunakee's voting record and Westport's too, there seems to be an indication that this area was some sort of early hamlet for Democratic Party backers since most of the rest of Dane County, before the turn of the century, was fairly republican. The reason for this is that Westport, although an area which depended heavily on agriculture for a living, including the Waunakee businesses, had its population consist majorily of Irish and German Catholics, who became farmers. This is quite unusual since the Irish and German Catholics tended basically to make up the urban element of an area. It is also unusual to the extent that from 1860-1890 the rural element voted republican in most of the North Central states. The Waunakee region surely does not follow this pattern. Most of the population of Westport and Waunakee came directly to this area from Europe in the 1850's and 60's and it is common knowledge that the Irish and German Catholics tended to be associated with the Democratic Party. By about 1920 most of the first generation immigrants had died off and therefore were not so influenced by old world backgrounds and also there was an increasing proportion of the population working in Madison and thus the people of Waunakee became more urban oriented and for these reasons the vote shifted back and forth between the two major political parties from 1920-1958. In the past 12 years the Democratic Party has become very appealing to the urban labor force, to which the majority of the village population can be classified. Westport, too, is increasing in the number of rural nonfarm homes whose occupants work in and around Madison,, thus explaining the increasing democratic vote there.

As far as village politics go the village caucus was discontinued several years ago, but the candidates are still elected on a non-partisan ballot. The constituents of the village board do not change very often. Many serve ten or more years as a member of the board. The village leaders tend to be the same people from the time they emerge until the time they retire. The Irish elements were the early village leaders and now the Germans are predominating.

Early Waunakee fostered several ethnic groups, including the Englishmen, who came from Leicester, the Norwegians to the north, and the Irish and Germans, which were in the majority. The Irish were the dominant figures in the area

at first, many families coming before 1850. In the following years other ethnic groups arrived, the majority having a German background. The attraction to this area was the cheap agricultural land which was available if the people were willing to work in order to develop a farm. Because much of the land had to be cleared in this area the yankee settlers ignored it but the immigrants, who didn't have much other choice, took up this land and worked it as best they could. Many of these immigrants had been accustomed to hard work and became very profitable farmers, especially the Germans. It had often been said that the Irish had gotten the land first and let it go to waste and then the Germans came along and bought out the Irish holdings and built up the land again. As more and more Germans came, the Irish began to move out.

There seemed to be little conflict between the ethnic groups. They worked together and patronized the same businesses but this may have been out of necessity. The only notable evidence of antiassimilation can be seen in respect to the religious activities of the early days and even partially today. There were three churches in the village as of 1878; the Presbyterians were mostly the English, a German Lutheran church and a German Catholic church. Most of the Irishmen, even if they lived in the village of Waunakee, went to church in Westport, which was predominately Irish in attendance. This fact is not quite so noticeable today, but there are still a few Irishmen who drive to Westport to go to church even though they live in Waunakee. Outside of this fact there is little evidence available for conflict between the ethnic groups. Today it is hard to distinguish whether you are German or Irish because the groups have intermarried so often. Nearly every individual in the community today has more than one ethnic background but the German name seems to predominate.

The village is growing very rapidly at the present time because of the many new families moving away from the big urban centers and the farms. People today want to live in a small town just to get away from it all. Industry in the village is being encouraged, and the trend is starting to take hold with the addition of the Industrial Park. The people tend to be friendly and get along quite well with one another, at least as well as can be expected for a small town where everyone knows everybody else. Waunakee is a beautiful quiet village, always looking to better itself.

YEAR	POPULATION
1875	200
1880	300
1890	312
1900	443
1910	555
1920	560
1930	640
1940	773
1950	1042
1960	1611
1970	2166



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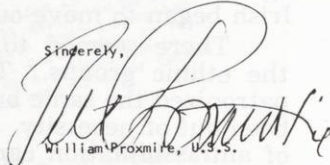
A Centennial is a good time, not only for a community to celebrate 100 years of existence and to be thankful for all the accomplishments of current and past generations, but it is a good time to take stock for the future.

The Village of Waunakee can be proud of its past and confident of its future because of its good, solid citizens. I am proud that I have the privilege to represent such a fine community.

My best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

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Sincerely,



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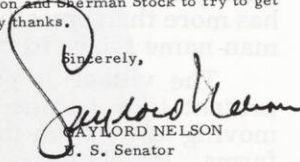
Mr. David D. O'Malley  
State Representative  
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Dear Dave:

Thanks very much for the invitation to attend the 100th anniversary of the only Waunakee in the world on August 5, 6, 7, and 8. Unfortunately, my schedule is already filled for Saturday, August 7, and I will not be able to join you. However, I hope you will extend my greetings to all those in attendance and my best wishes for a successful event.

I'll be sure to ask Louie Hanson and Sherman Stock to try to get over there for that date. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,



GAYLORD NELSON  
U. S. Senator

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June 7, 1971

Community of Waunakee  
Waunakee, Wisconsin

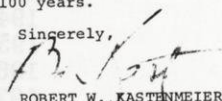
Dear Friends:

On rounding out a full century since the founding of your uniquely named community, you must take pleasure in the growth and advancement of Waunakee.

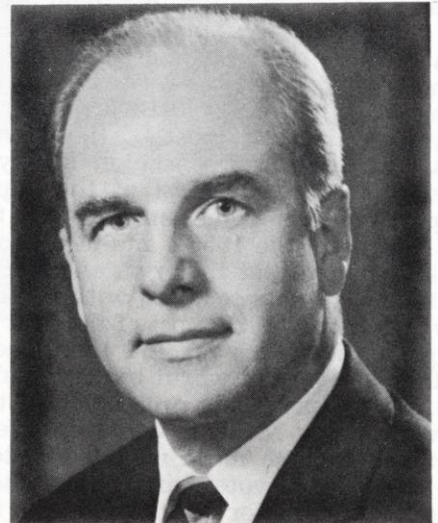
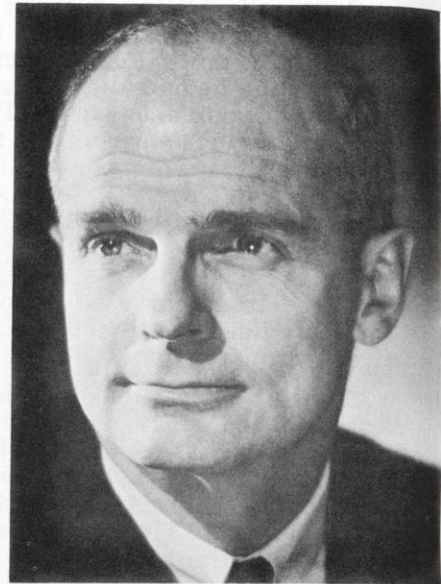
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

I extend my very best wishes to all the citizens of the Village celebrating "Pioneer Days" on August 5 through 8, and may the next century be as fruitful to Waunakee as were the past 100 years.

Sincerely,



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In 1884 Mr. James Clarke opened a general store in the lower part of the IOOF where he also conducted the Post Office for 4 years. On the removal of Mr. Charles Hudson to Oregon after 36 years of business, Mr. Clarke moved his goods to the Hudson Building.

George L. Francis and Michael Koltes established a lumber yard in 1881 and also dealt in fat stock trading. By 1883 the firm was called M. Koltes & Son. In 1888 a new store dealing in hardware and grocery was started by P. R. Riphahn and Joseph Koltes (the son). A partnership with Lawrence Freney was also started, he managing the farm machinery line until 1891 when he ran this part independently. In 1898 the present store was built. The store and the office of Dr. Blake occupied the first floor and a large dance floor called "Riphahn's Hall" occupied the second floor. In 1904 the lumber shed was built. In 1905 the partnership of Koltes & Riphahn was dissolved. Mr. Koltes took the lumber business and Mr. Riphahn the mercantile business. Upon Riphahn's retirement, the entire operation returned to the Koltes Lumber Company. In time the sons of Joseph Koltes, Harry and Gar took over the business. Today it is run by Harry's son, Joseph H. Koltes, II.

Another business that started in 1893 is still going strong today. Michael Simon of Springfield Corners upon getting married, moved to Waunakee and started in the building business. His son, Michael F. Simon also joined the business and they built many fine homes in and around the Waunakee area. Although the early years saw many hard times, the company has been built into a thriving business today. A third generation Michael Simon is now with the company. The late Fridolen and Joseph Endres of Waunakee were faithful employees for many, many years. In taking inventory of the homes of Waunakee, it is found that approximately half have been built by Simon Builders over the years.

In 1891 the American House or Ryan Hotel was erected by Mr. M. J. Ryan. Several years later Mr. Sanborn replaced him as landlord, followed by Mrs. Smercina and Peter Simon. This three story wooden building was located on the triangular piece of property west of the depot. The third floor had a large ballroom and many dances were held there. In later years the building fell to ruin and was torn down. The property now is occupied by the Triangle & Murphy Printing Company.

Other business places listed in the 1890's included a variety of services. E. S. Kirst operated a harness shop in what is now Muenchow's (119 W. Main St.). A tobacco warehouse operated by

a Mr. Porter was located near the depot. William Laughlin operated a jewelry store in the building formerly at 120 W. Main St. The Fair Store operated by H. B. Vlieland was located east of the Carl F. Statz building at 300 E. Main St. This was a general store. It is reported that there were six saloons at this time, but the owners were not all recorded. It is noteworthy that the population at the time was only about 500 people.

The turn of the century brings many business places to light. Many of these businesses may have already been operating, but they could only be traced back to this time.

Godfrey Schunk and W. J. Flatman operated a furniture store and undertaking service at 301 E. Main St. They also operated a livery stable behind the Statz building on S. Madison St.

A hardware store was operated by Gus Fleiner for many years at 104 W. Main St. This building in later years was operated as a saloon and eventually was turned into a bakery. Mr. Bud Laux presently runs such a business there.

Fred Cowen and Otto Hohlstein were early day barbers. Mr. Cowen was located at 120 W. Main St., and Mr. Hohlstein had a shop and later built a new shop at the same location. Andy's Barber Shop at 115 W. Main St., was Mr. Hohlstein's location. Bernie's Barber shop was built by Mr. Hohlstein's son, Ray about 1928. It is located at 103 Baker St.

W. E. Bain had a photograph studio, but was only here for a short time. W. J. Flatman also served in that capacity.

The meat markets at the time were run by Eric Simonson, P. J. Uebersetzig, and George Maulbetsch. Simonson was located at 112 W. Main St. which today is Blau's. Uebersetzig operated in what is now known as the Simon building on the corner of Fish St. and W. Main St. The section on the west end of the building was a meat market and the east end a saloon. Maulbetsch was located in part of what is now Ed Chambers Tavern at 109 E. Main St. Mr. Bernards had also run a meat market at this location.

An ice cream parlor, confectionery and restaurant was located at 116 E. Main St. and run by Casper Hilgers.

John Klingelhofer started up a lumber yard where the First Wisconsin Bank of Waunakee is located at 127 W. Main St. Klingelhofer was in business there until about 1935.

The Waunakee State Bank (First Wisconsin Bank of Waunakee) was started in 1902 by a group of 10 Waunakee residents. The first bank was located at 300 E. Main St. and was built on land donated by Godfrey Schunk. The bank was



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completed and officially opened on Sept. 2, 1902. Mr. A. P. Kenney was cashier at the bank for 40 years and served the local community well. In 1906 the Board of Directors decided to relocate the bank. The property at 100 W. Main St. was purchased and the Hudson Building moved directly back to its present location (106 South St.) The new building was constructed and opened for business in 1908. At that time the bank was located on the corner and a general store occupied the remainder of the first floor. The second floor contained office space. This building was remodeled many times, eventually the bank taking over almost all of the first floor. Plans were made for another new bank and in 1969 the present bank at 127 W. Main St. was opened. The Hudson Building continued as a grocery store under James Clarke. In later years it was remodeled and Lenny Adler ran a tavern on the first floor. Recently it was again remodeled and now houses the offices of Mr. Reggie Schleck, Attorney and Dr. Stanley Karls, D.D.S.

Charles McWatty was also carrying on a business at this time. He contracted local farmers to raise sugar beets on their land. Waunakee for many years shipped large quantities of the beets out via the railroad.

Of course the saloon business was still going strong even though the Temperance Society felt that Waunakee didn't need to have so many saloons. There were seven at this time operated by: P. J. Uebersezig, John Schmitz, H. Doll, Henry Bernards, Nick Miller, Mrs. Henry Spahn and Andrew Mell.

There were three blacksmiths at this time: Herman Doll, Casper Klein and Mike Clemons.

The building at 200 W. Main St. was owned by Mr. William Marble and he ran a furniture store. Later Doll and Statz operated an implement dealership in this location.

The old Waunakee State Bank at 300 E. Main St. was used as a grocery and run by George Flatman and Matt Knutsen. Presently Carl F. Statz uses it as the headquarters for his implement business.

1910-1920 showed extremely little change in population. The basic reason for this was that the people who had stuck to their farms, even with the tempting money offered them by speculators, were making a great profit in this period, often called the "Golden Age of Agriculture," and thus there was great incentive to stay on the farm. Consumer needs had risen because of the increased demands of the industrial cities in the East and the demand brought on by World War I.

In 1912 Andrew and Godfrey Schunk bought the land which now forms 115-117 W. Main St. They built a combination furniture store and bank building. While construction was going on the Farmers State Bank was chartered and began operation in a small frame building located between the Brausen Hotel and the IOOF Hall. Mr.

Godfrey Schunk served as the first President, and the original stockholders numbered 21. His nephew, Fred served as cashier from the beginning until 1957. Fred Schunk is the present president of the bank. In 1967 the bank moved into new quarters on the western edge of town on the corner of Highway Q and Highway 113.

The furniture store and funeral business was run by Godfrey Schunk until 1914 when he went into retirement from the business life. The business was sold to Edwin Kuestner who operated it until selling out the store to Marcel Schwab in 1951. Schwab had come to Waunakee in 1945 and opened a funeral home at 300 W. Main St. and a furniture store at 200 W. Main St. After buying Kuestner out he moved the furniture business to that location. After the bank moved in 1967, Schwab bought that portion of the building and expanded the furniture business.

George Stehr built an elevator and feed mill on the Tierney property in 1914. He also dealt in coal as a sideline. This business at 100 South St. is now operated by the Comstock Feed and Seed Company.

Another type of farm orientated business to start about this time were the threshing crews. F. H. Raemisch & Sons and F. C. Raemisch & Son were two such outfits. They would go about the county and thresh for the farmers. They would furnish the full crews and equipment for these jobs. Also to help fill in during other times of the year, they offered corn shredding and shelling, lumber sawing and feed grinding. F. C. Raemisch started his operation in Waunakee, while F. H. Raemisch started on his farm near Springfield Corners. Both men in later years converted their operations into road construction firms. In 1946 F. H. Raemisch moved his business to Waunakee and it is still located on Highway 113 east of town. The business today is run by four of Mr. Raemisch's sons. F. C. Raemisch is now operated by his son Gerald.

Lawrence H. Endres Sr., had been in business out at Springfield Corners building barns and truss structures. While going about the country side he saw that the farmer's life was not an easy one, what with much of the work still being done by hand. So in 1924 he formed the Endres Manufacturing Company and located at 304 West St. Mr. Endres was an ingenious man and by 1935 he had 35 patents on various types of improvements on farm equipment. The company had a setback due to Mr. Endres being taken ill. His son, Larry Jr. took over the operation of the company in 1938. The doors were closed during World War II as Larry served in the military along with Leo Adler, the other company leader. After the war, Larry returned to build the business to the point where new quarters were required. The new location on Highway Q was opened in 1966 and the business now deals in all types of steel fabrication.

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in 1923. That plant is located at 300 E. Third St. Mr. Alford Burr of Waterloo served as the first president and area business men bought shares. Peas and corn grown on farms surrounding Waunakee are the primary items packed, although others are trucked in to be processed here. The company has expanded time and time again. Today it furnishes full time employment for many Waunakee residents plus a large number of seasonal jobs.

A. W. Cameron ran the first Ford Dealership in Waunakee in 1913. The business was started in the first floor of the IOOF Hall and later he and his son operated the business at the garage they built at 206 E. Main St. The dealership was taken over by Robert Albrecht in 1928. Later it was operated by Bob Scheurell. Presently Meier & Son run an auto repair business at this location.

The Chevrolet dealership operated out of the garage built in 1924 by Charles McWatty at 301 E. Main St. In later years this garage was operated by Vic Kohlman and lastly by the Seamans. Today it serves as a garage for Carl F. Statz & Sons, Inc.

Two enterprising young men formed a company that had a good start but didn't have the capital to last long. Art Simpson who worked for Ameron Auto had much knowledge of machine die and tool making, joined forces with Sam Blake who was sharp on the electrical business. They formed a company called Gripx Manufacturing Co. and built the battery clip that they had a patent on. This business started in 1922 and was located in Doc Blake's workshop. Sam apparently inherited his father's ability to tinker, as later he opened up a radio shop and assembled his own make of radios. This business was located in the Brausen Hotel. Sam also served the area as an outstanding electrician.

## EARLY BUSINESS DAYS OF WAUNAKEE

The first businesses to be established in Waunakee were started in March 1871. Mathias Schleck of Roxbury built a story and a half house on the railroad property to furnish accommodations for visiting railroad officials and the workman constructing the road. This building originally stood along the railroad tracks and the creek north of town. In later years it was moved to 219 W. Main St. Fritz (Fred) Buhlman of Mazomanie also came in March of 1871 and set up a general merchandise store on the property where Frankie's Tavern is now located (108 W. Main St.) Later that summer Buhlman was joined by his brother Jacob in the business.

The first residence was built in 1871 and is located at 108 W. Second St. originally the upright portion was built and later the wing was added. The first owner was George Murray.

During the summer 1871, Mr. Charles Hudson built a single story building on the site of the Waunakee Pastry Shop (104 W. Main St.) and

opened up a general merchandise store. He had been in business at Leicester prior to this. William Wells ran the Post Office at Leicester and in October, 1871 a request was granted to transfer the post office to Waunakee. Charles Hudson thus became the first Postmaster of Waunakee.

Mr. Schleck bought land from Lewis Baker in August of 1871 and constructed a two story building. This building had a saloon on the first floor and contained nine bedrooms upstairs. Some of these were rented out to the railroad workers. It is reported that the bills incurred by the railroad were not paid until the road was completed. This saloon built by Mr. Schleck is now Ripp's Tavern (117 E. Main St.).

A building was moved from Kingsley Corners (Pheasant Branch Rd. and Woodland Dr.) to 110 South Street. This was occupied by James Riley who ran a store and living quarters for the family. This building has since been torn down.

During the year 1872 Charles Hudson removed his old building at Leicester to the corner of W. Main St. and South St. He moved his business into part of this building and a saloon occupied the rest of the first floor.

Other businesses listed in 1873 were George Murray and William Packham, dealers in general produce. Packham operated the mill at Westport until 1875 when he moved to Waunakee and built the warehouse and grain elevator located north of Main St. This is presently operated by Dane County Farmco Cooperative.

The date that the wooden hotel built by E. L. Noyes and run by his stepson R. W. Towne on the site of the Miller Hotel (101 E. Main St.) is not known, although this was early in the 1870's.

The Buhlmans in 1879 built a new store across the street from the original building. This store continued under their management for many years. The business is presently conducted under the name of A. J. Rosenberg, Inc. (121 W. Main St.) at the same location. The former Buhlman store was turned into a creamery and operated as such for two years until 1881, when a new creamery was built on the site of the present creamery (110 N. Madison St.). In 1893 they sold out to Godfrey Schunk. Some time around 1906 this building burnt and the present creamery was constructed on the same location. Buhlman's first store later served as a saloon run by Enos Reith and later by John Schmitz. This building was moved to 127 W. Main St. and was torn down to make way for the new First Wisconsin Bank of Waunakee.

The fire which occurred in 1879 created many new businesses on that side of Main St. The building presently occupied by John Nesvacil (105 Baker St.) was built by Schleck and ran as a saloon. In later years it was run by P. J. Miller and lastly Nesvacil had his plumbing business there. The hotel was replaced with a brick structure and continued under the Noyes family as operators. In later years this was run by Henry



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Noyes was also instrumental in the building of the IOOF Hall (195 E. Main St.) This was completed about 1885 and the first floor was used as a grocery store run by James Clarke. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hudson were half brothers, their mother having been twice married in England.

A carpenter shop was located about the area of Koltjes Lumber Co. (114 E. Main St.) and run by a man called Gussman. His shop was used for the first church services of the Presbyterian and Lutheran congregations.

Also located on Main Street was a carriage shop run by a Mr. London, a very good workman who turned out some very fine work. Many of the early settlers had carriages built by London, but he soon found the area not large enough to support his business and moved elsewhere.

Other businesses started during the 70's were a tin shop run by Tom Marsh, Taylor Bro. General Store and J. L. Cooley Hardware. These were all located in the 100 E. Main St. block and was mentioned before, burned out in the fire of 1879.

Bacon, Fish & Baker continued to farm and dealt in land and livestock sales. Mr. Baker was known far and wide for the fine horses bred and raised on his farm.

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#### GUNS PULLED IN KLAN RIOT IN WAUN'KEE DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWS ATTEMPT OF TOWN TO HALT MEETING ARE MET IN PASTURE

Scene of Riot is Near Heart of Town; Gate is Held  
WAUNAKEE, Wis. (Special) A Ku Klux Klan demonstration here Friday night, said to have been staged by members of the organization from Madison, came near resulting in a shooting affray.

A riot ensued when the village attempted to bring a halt to the Klan's activities.

The Klan members came to Waunakee in automobiles. Many of the cars bore Madison town plates.

The Klansmen stopped their cars after driving into Baker's pasture, a half block off the end of Main St., erected a large cross and set it afire.

#### Ring Fire Bell

Then one of the Klansmen, believed to be a Waunakee man, gained entrance to the firehouse and sounded the fire bell, calling more than 500 villagers out to the street.

The crowd soon gathered to watch the flaming cross.

The riot followed when some of the village

residents blocked the gate to the pasture and refused to let the Klansmen out.

One of the Klansmen is said to have struck out at a Waunakee man and the latter retaliated by striking back with a piece of a board.

#### Guns Are Pulled

According to reports, a Klansman then pulled out a revolver and made threats. A man from Waunakee also whisked out a revolver and, after considerable play, they were put away again.

The Klansmen took to their cars and fled across the pasture to the private driveway of the Baker farm residence.

#### Many Flat Tires

They drove around and came down Main St. amid the hoots and jeering of the townspeople.

More than a dozen flat tires were reported, the result of the cars driving through the barbed wire fences.

—Capital Times 5-18-24

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Art Simpson, mechanic for the Cameron Garage came forth with an idea that was about 40 years too soon. In 1920 he came up with the idea of a rotary snow plow attached to the front end of a automobile. Needless to say when this machine appeared on the street, throwing snow far and wide, the local citizens were speechless.

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#### NO "WOMAN RULE" FOR WAUNAKEE YET

Waunakee. 12 miles north of Madison, is not yet ready to turn its reins of government over to the hand that rocks the cradle.

In the election Tuesday, Mrs. Robert Tierney recently nominated for the jobs of village clerk and constable, was defeated by substantial majorities. It was a case of the office seeking the woman, but the passive resistance of Mrs. Tierney in both races was too much for her campaigning friends to overcome.

John Klingelhofer was elected clerk with 270 votes to Mrs. Tierney's 77. Roy C. Crowley was re-elected constable with 237 to her 89.

"Somebody nominated me just to play a joke. I didn't want either of the jobs," Mrs. Tierney said Wednesday. "Now, I won't have to retire from politics, because I was never in the game."  
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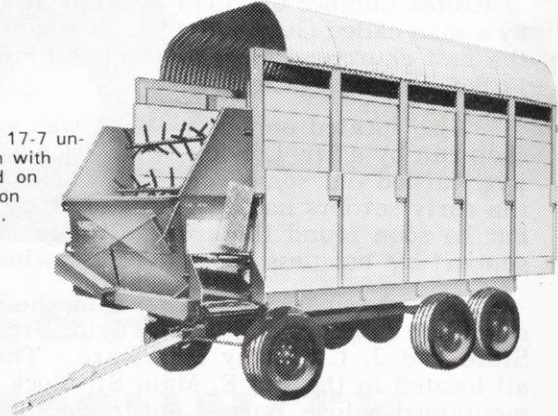
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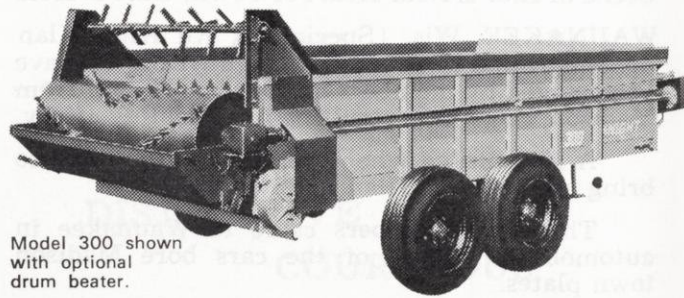
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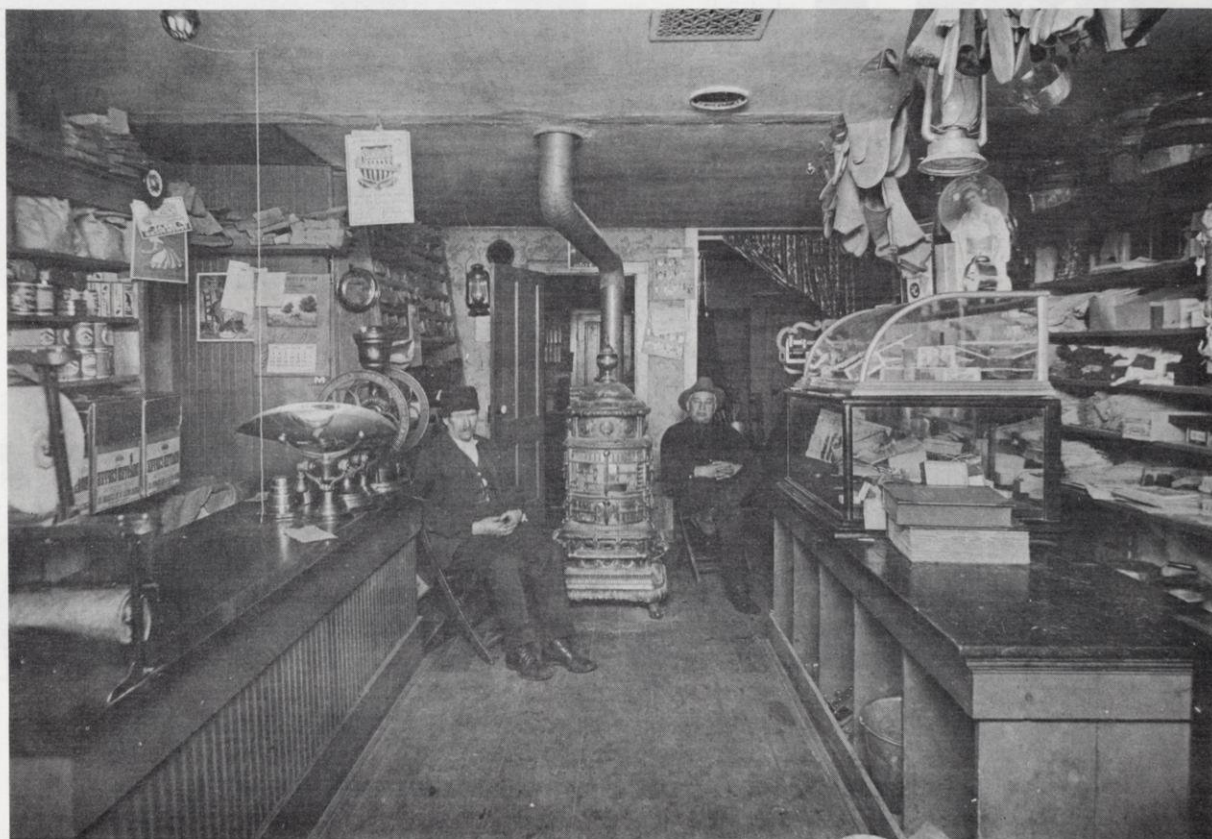




McWatty Auto Co. located at 301 E. Main St.  
McWatty had the dealership for Chevrolet.



Art Simpson was a mechanical genius in his time.  
He was employed by the Cameron family in the  
Ford Garage. This picture was taken when they  
were located in the first floor of the IOOF Hall.

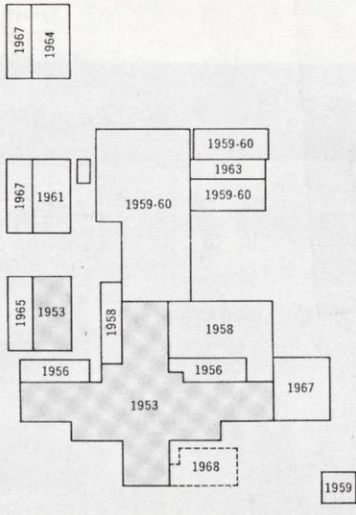


This is the interior of the Math Schmitz store  
about 1910. He sold general merchandice.  
Math Helt, Sr. is on left & Mr. Schmitz on rt.



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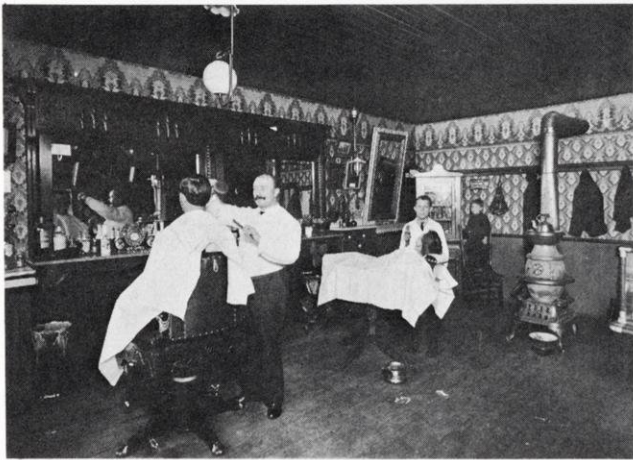
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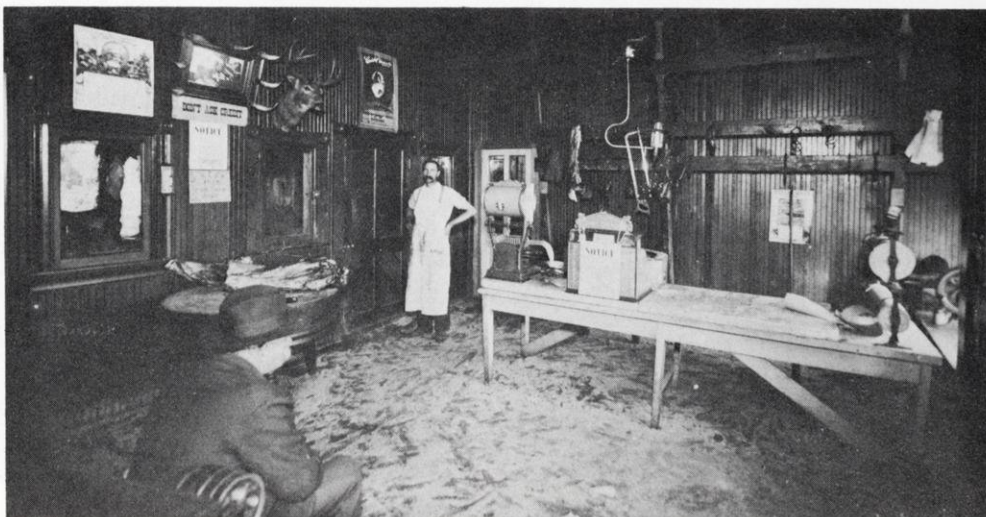




Exterior of Koltes Lumber Co. at the time that P. R. Ripahn operated the hardware and grocery store. He also served as Postmaster at the time. Mr. Ripahn on left, son Martin in center and Mrs. Ripahn.



Interior of the first Otto Hohlstein Barber Shop in 1909. Mr. Hohlstein is at the first chair. The younger barber is his son Ray who started in the trade at age 11. The young boy in the rear is Roy Hohlstein.



Interior of Uebersetzig City Meat Market. P. J. Uebersetzig is the gentleman standing to the rear.





Main St. looking east. Buhlman's is on left, harness shop, store built by Math Schleck and Otto Hohlstein Barber Shop. All the buildings east of the harness shop have been replaced.



The American House or Ryan Hotel located just to the west of the depot.



First Waunakee State Bank Building opened in 1902.



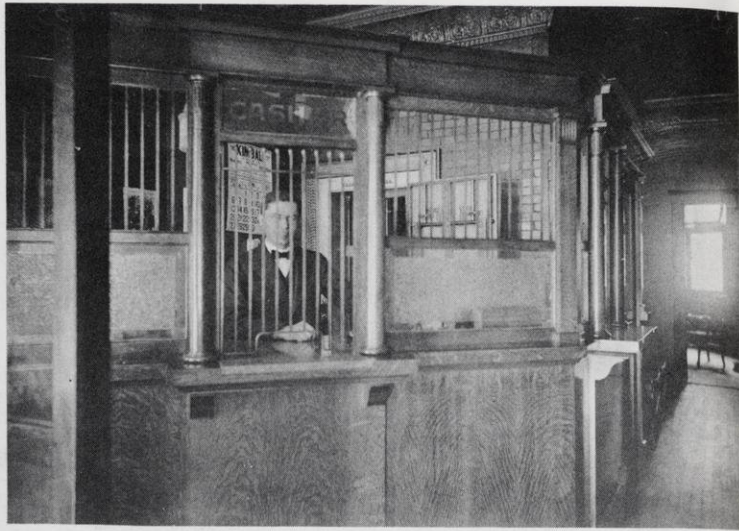


One of Schunk and Flatman's best teams rigged up for a winter ride.

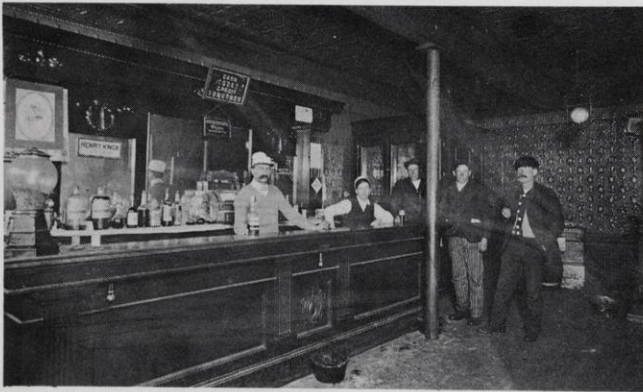


The Koltes Lumber Company. Dr. A. M. Blake's office is on left side of store. His 1902 Oldsmobile is parked out in front. This was the first car owned by a Waunakee resident.





Interior of Farmers State Bank. Fred Schunk, cashier, is behind the window. Photo taken in 1915.



Interior of Uebersetzig Palm Saloon. Bartender on left is P. J. Uebersetzig.



Interior of Gus Fleiners Tin Shop and Hardware Store located at 104 W. Main St. Mr. Fleiner is on the left and Mrs. Fleiner and the twins, Mrs. Henry (Agnes) Reis and Gus Fleiner Jr.



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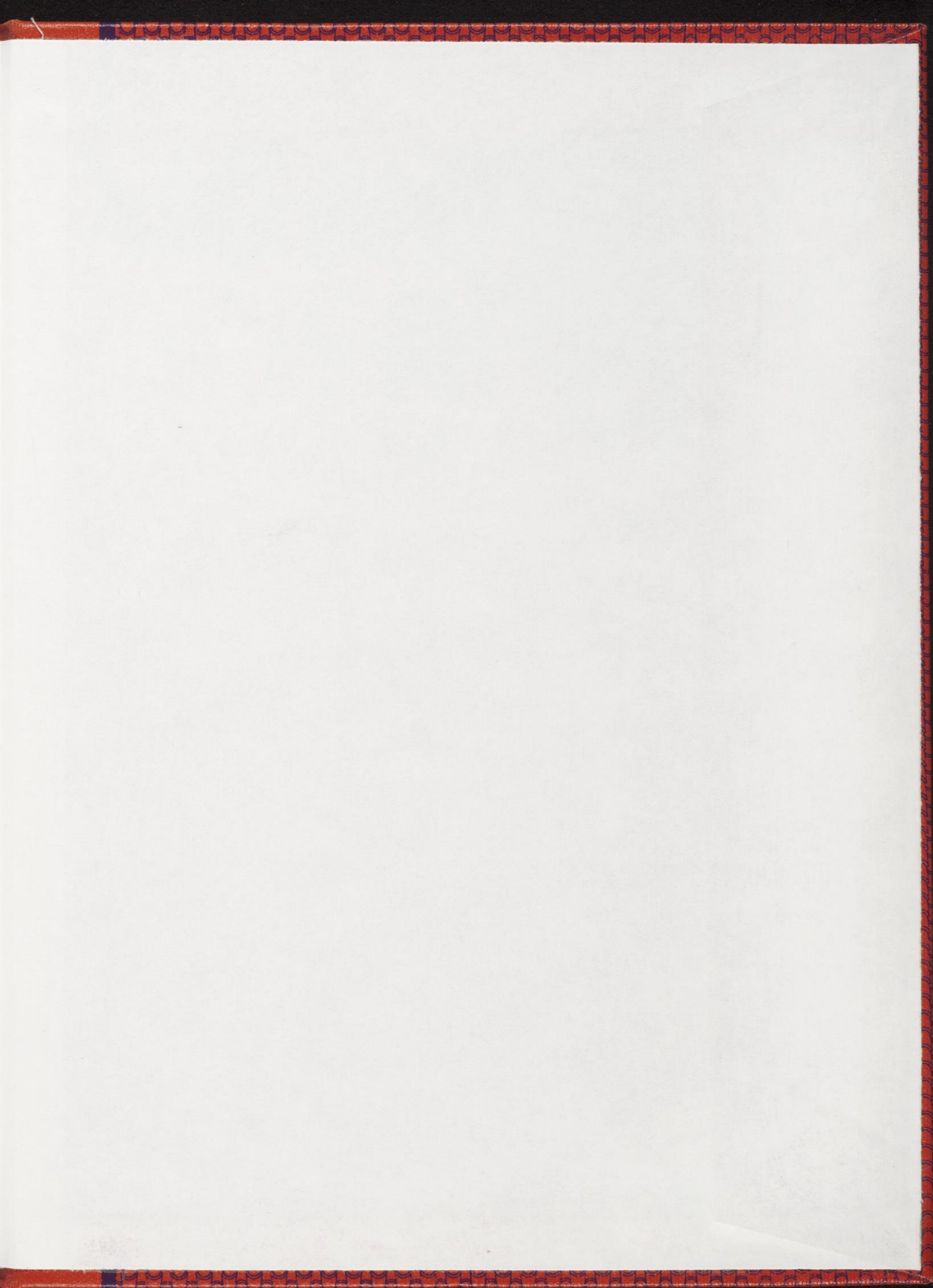














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