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## **Museum**

### **Open**

Saturdays

May thru October

from 10 am - 2 pm

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Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all volunteers. Call them at 938-4315.

# RECOLLECTIONS

*Monticello Area Historical Society News*

Year 2019, No. 4

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## **Jim Pratt & Steven Boyum**

Dear Friends,

The October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Monticello Woolen Mill was a special treat. Thank-You so much, Kim and Joni Buehl, for graciously showing us your amazing transformation. Earlier that day, all Monticello students in grades 5-8 were shuttled out to the mill for a tour and a dose of local history. We really appreciate the school district's donation of transportation for everyone.

Jules Cappelle, May Burgy, Mike and Mary Davis attended the Wisconsin State Historical conference in Lake Geneva. Workshops, lectures and networking have inspired them to share information on several topics to enhance our organization. In particular, we received a lot of guidelines

about doing "Oral Histories" and would like to start that project soon. Anyone who would like to help with that is encouraged to contact one of the board members.

Our elevator project is complete!! The roof is replaced! The front display lights are on timers to showcase our windows during these dark winter evenings. Be sure to stop in December 14<sup>th</sup> to take an elevator ride, and see what has been accomplished. All these building upgrades do come with a substantial cost. If you are searching for year-end tax benefits, the MAHS welcomes your consideration!

Happy Holidays to All,

Mary

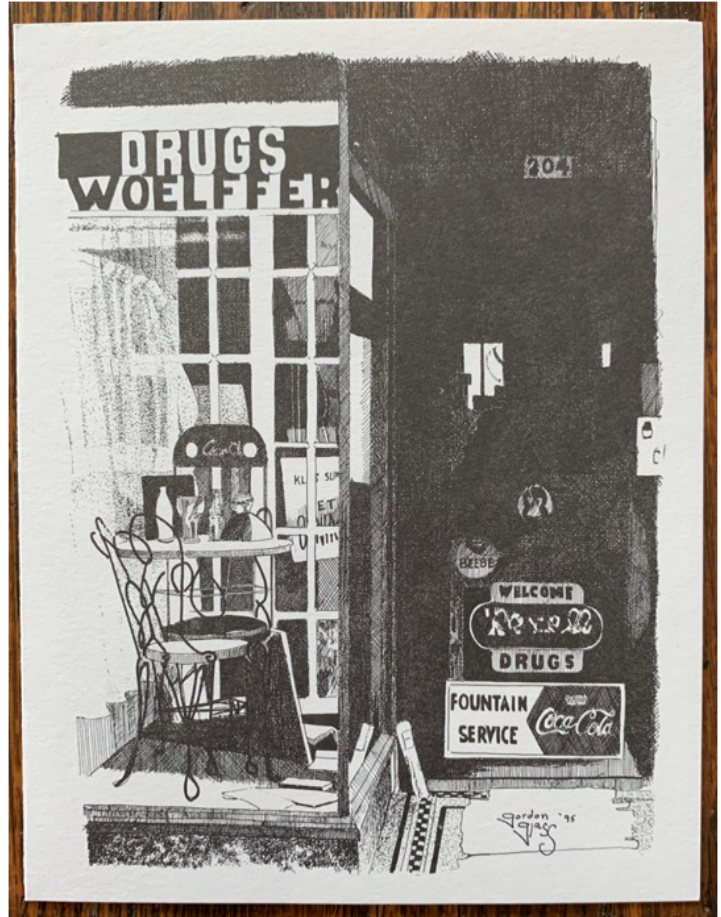
# Monticello Area Historical Society News

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## Jim Pratt

Did you ever wonder where Pratt Road got its name? Jim Pratt was born in 1853 and died in 1936. He was the son of Mary Parcel Pratt and Porter Pratt, who were married in Mercer County, Ohio. The family came to Green County in 1844 and had a farm on the east edge of Monticello. His sister Mary married Sidney Brayton. In addition to Mary and James there were Ruth, Nancy and Oliver. Oliver was a soldier in the 5th WI Battery and was with General Sherman in campaigns where his health was compromised. Porter Pratt died in 1852. Some records indicate Jim was married to Lucy Giles, no children. Jim is reported to be buried in the cemetery on East Lake Avenue but couldn't be located, many grave stones missing or not legible. His nephew, Warren Murphy remembered that when Uncle Jim came to visit they had so much fun. He loved to play the fiddle and entertain his nieces and nephews. Jim Pratt bought the old ice house when his barn burned and built another from the lumber. The advertising on the sides of the barn still were visible years later. This is now Aeberhard property.

**New Addition** Pictured right: top—note card graphic showing Fountain Service Coca Cola on outside of north door.. Bottom— sign now mounted on same door, but now on inside. Sign and other drug store related items were donated this year by Jan Woelffer. Sign that was on south door was stolen according to Jan before building became museum.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Monticello Area Historical Society is the acquisition, documentation, preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to the history and culture of the Monticello area. This collection will be located in our museum, the former Woelffer Drug Store on Main Street in Monticello, Wisconsin.

## VISION STATEMENT

The Monticello Area Historical Society strives to promote an interest in the uniqueness of the Monticello area by collecting and displaying artifacts that tell our community history. We further endeavor to enrich the community by connecting them to the past and saving the present to enhance the future.

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## Steven Boyum

Last newsletter featured Sid Boyum, former local artist and sculptor. We will continue with the story of his son, Steve. The following article from the Monroe Times October 1981 follows. At age 41 Steven Boyum retains the free, madcap, adventuresomeness of childhood. Life does not and does not need to fit into all neat little compartments adulthood often finds necessary. That spirit, that richness, is evident in the bold impressionistic paintings he does. The vibrant oil landscapes portray Steven's native Green County countryside. In his paintings he says he is creating childhood memories of nature through the perspective of an adult. His work reflects the ongoing conflict between man and nature. A conflict he found everpresent as he battled weather and mosquitoes while painting, he laughingly points out.

Steven grew up in Monticello, graduating from Monticello High School. After graduation, unsure of what he wanted to do, he attended Madison Area Technical College taking courses in drafting and art. "When I was in school there were no art classes so the courses at MATC opened a whole new world for me. I had never considered a career in art. I thought I might be an architect." In 1961 he graduated from Layton School of Art in Milwaukee. He then traveled to Mexico on a fellowship to study art at the Institute Allende. He has lived in Milwaukee, Chicago and San Francisco returning to Mexico at various times. He returned to Monticello in 1975 to care for his mother and stayed on after her death. He lives in the same house with Toby, a

third generation cat that originally lived with his grandmother. Housekeeping, by his own admission, is not his forte. What was planned to be a year "for a gathering of thoughts and money" in Monticello has stretched into six with no immediate plans to leave. He does, however, spend a lot of his time in Madison and Milwaukee. He sometimes works as a grip and sound technician for television commercial filming. Steven has also worked as a painting contractor for about 15 years. Both of these occupations are a means of supporting his main passion-art and painting. His work has been displayed in a number of shows including one at the Glaria Parroquia. San Miguel Allende, Mexico in 1979 and another at the Coop Gallery, Tuscon, AZ in 1980. An exhibit at the Madison Art Center resulted in a piece being added to its permanent collection in 1975.

Life in Monticello is more "laid back" than in the cities where he has lived according to Steve. City life is "more intense" he added. While his Green County home provides a respite and is the place he pursues his art, he finds the stimulus of his frequent trips to nearby cities essential. A feeling of community involvement led him to run for the village board at one time. "I came in sixth out of six," he added with a laugh. That same spirit often leads him downtown to join his friends and neighbors for a beer at the Boar's Nest or a bit of conversation at one of the other community gathering places.

**Your donations are 100% tax deductible.**

**Thank You!**

**Previous newsletters can be viewed on our website.**

### TO BECOME A MAHS MEMBER

Mail this form and payment to the museum address or give them to our membership chairperson.

Membership year: May—April

**Individual dues - \$20/yr**

**Family dues - \$30/yr**

**Lifetime dues - \$500**

CASH

CHECK PAYABLE TO MAHS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## POST--OPERATIVE TONSIL DIRECTIONS

### First Day at Home

Complete the day in bed. To relieve throat discomfort use aspirin lavage made by dissolving three 5 grain aspirin tablets in one-half glass of warm water. Lavage very gently, or chew aspergum.

### Diet:

Hot and cold fluids (cracked ice, water, milk, eggnog, milk chocolate, malted milk), ice cream, custards, gelatin, luke warm soups and gruels. **Drink water abundantly.**

### Second Day

Remain in bed. Take cathartic first thing in the morning (aromatic fluid extract cascara: children 1 teaspoonful; adults 2 teaspoonsful; or milk of magnesia: children 1 tablespoonful; adults 2 tablespoonsful). **It is important that the bowels move freely once a day.** Use the aspirin lavage described above if any throat discomfort exists.

### Diet: Third Day

As above; soft boiled egg may be added. Remain in bed until noon. May be up in afternoon if temperature is normal but remain within doors. Take cathartic (as above) first thing in morning.

### Diet: Successive Days

May add cooked cereals, milk toast, and poached eggs. Remain in house until sixth day when one may go out-of-doors for a time if weather is favorable. Return to your surgeon for a check-up on the seventh day, and notify him earlier if you are not satisfied with your progress.

It is customary following the removal of tonsils to have a large, whitish patch develop on either side of the throat. This should cause no alarm. Pain in the ears is common following the operation and unless excessive is of no especial significance. At no time following the operation should the patient cough, hawk, or clear the throat, for to do so may cause bleeding. Should there be bleeding return at once to the hospital where the operation was performed, and the hospital will call the proper physician immediately.

2019 included wonderful speakers at our meetings, a new roof, front of building painted, the old elevator replaced, and field trip to Woolen Mill site. Also, six different grades from school were involved with museum.



Kim Buehl leading tour at site of former Woolen Mill.



Plastering shaft of elevator.



Grade 2 Trip to Museum



New Roof



Annual Meeting



Museum painted



Monthly Meeting

Toys  
Games  
Story  
and  
Picture  
Books



Candy  
Assorted  
Nuts  
Apples  
Oranges  
Bananas

Toys to the child is what business is to the man, what home life is to the woman—the child's world.

To play is the natural business of childhood. It instructs and amuses. Our toy section is replete with the best products of the toymaker's art. Toys of interest to boys of any age. Bring the children to see them.

Our toy section is also filled with dolls for girls of all ages. Baby dolls with moving eyes and real hair; jointed dolls all dressed in their best. An exhibition no little girl should miss.

Christmas is not complete for the children without a plentiful supply of good candies. And you can relish the candy you get here because you know it is pure. It won't hurt the children to eat all they want of it.

We also have a plentiful supply of nuts, all this year's crop, as well as plenty of fancy eating apples, oranges, bananas and other fruit.

All the essentials for your Christmas dinner may be found in our grocery department.

And why not make it easier for mother during the yuletide season by using some of our baked goods.

Men's and Boy's Overcoats, Suits Belted Sport Coats, Bath Robes, Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Caps, Gloves, Traveling Bags, Etc., are among the numerous items in our clothing department. In fact, every department is teeming with appropriate gift articles impossible to list here.

# The People's Supply Co.

## DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

**Dress Shirts**—Of course he needs a new shirt. No man or boy ever has enough of them, and you will find it a real joy to choose from the ones we are showing. Find out his size from an old shirt before coming—then you will be sure the new ones will fit.

Men's shirts from \$1.75 to \$11.00.  
Boy's shirts from \$1.25 to \$2.00.

**Neckwear**—Just the sort of ties that men would pick for themselves. A wide range of patterns and colors at 75c to \$3.00.

**Sweater Coats**—Every man or boy can use a good sweater coat. Many like to wear them every day, others only once in a while, but they are mighty handy garments to own. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$9.00



Story and Picture Books for the little folks at prices ranging from 10c to 50c.

Copyrights for grown-ups, including a number of the late editions, at 95c.



Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Table Linens, Fancy Towels, Toilet Articles, French Ivory and scores of other appropriate articles are also shown in this department.

**Silk Hose**—Most appropriate and acceptable as a gift for ladies. See the line in our dry goods department at \$1.00 to \$3.50.



This page from Monticello Messenger 100 years ago.

# People's Supply Co. Christmas Celebration

100 years ago *People's Supply* included the four buildings who are all open  
Saturday, December 14, 2019



## Nestled Pines

Open 10 –2 Saturday, December 14

Combining design, nature, and technology to create unique works of art. Sustainability focused, designed and created in the USA.



Stop by the *Morning Mug* from 7—2 for a holiday treat! Try a Peppermint Mocha or our Christmas Cocoa! Serving hot drinks, breakfast, soup, and sandwiches.



Open Saturday

9:00am - 10:00am

Support the Monticello Post Office by purchasing stamps and mailing packages



Open 10 –2 Saturday

Many items for sale, some for display only by the following artists:  
Micki Duerst—  
Photography, Linda Shannon—Artist, Katie Boone—Jewelry design, Paul Rieder—Wood Carver, Ruth Sybers—Knitter, Cher Venden—  
Calligrapher, Paula Ritchard—Artist

Also on Saturday, December 14, 2019:

Santa at Fire Station 11—1:30

Zwingli Pre Christmas Bake Sale 9—1 at church

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

## THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, **EXCEPT** JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, IN THE NORTH ROOM OF ZWINGLI CHURCH AT 7:00 PM IN MONTICELLO,

### MAHS Museum

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### Hours of Operation

The museum will be open  
May 4 until October 26, 2019  
but can be open by appointment for anyone or a  
group wishing to stop by.

For special group or individual tours,  
call the museum at (608) 938-4216 or send your request to  
mahs@tds.net.

Admission to the museum is free and  
a quarterly newsletter from your home  
town is included with your  
membership.

Please consider including the  
Monticello Area Historical Society in  
your will.

A guided tour of the museum can be  
arranged for all groups anytime.

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