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Monticello Area Historical Society News

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Dear Friends,

We did it! MAHS held its 27th Annual meeting May 19th at the Pink Heifer Saloon. About 30 members and guests enjoyed a delicious, generous buffet at a well-preserved and up-dated historical building in Monticello. (Former Monticello House) Karen Brugger and Don Kubly were re-elected to their board positions.

Summer is finally getting serious. Homecoming (July 8,9,10) will soon fill the streets of Monticello. Our museum will be open Saturday July 9th, 10-2 - with Popcorn! Stop IN! Remember, we are open every Saturday, 10-2 until October.

Those of you with annual memberships, your dues are DUE! We are updating the newsletter mailing list - don't be left out. We need an active, involved membership; contact any board member with your ideas, suggestions, questions, and offers to volunteer!

Historically yours,

Mary Davis

MAHS Board of Directors

- President - Mary Davis
- Vice-Pres. - Kay Frietag
- Secretary - Sue Rieder
- Treas. - Karen Brugger
- Member - John Casey
- Member - Don Kubly
- Member - Kim Buehl

Coordinators

- Docents - Kay & Bill Dickson
- Programs - Paul Rieder
- Newsletter - Jules Cappelle
- Window Display—May Burgy
- Membership - Carol Schultz

Collection Archivist

Jules Cappelle
jules.cappelle@gmail.com

Museum Open

Saturdays May thru October
from 10 am - 2 pm
Our docent coordinators
Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all
volunteers.

Call them at 938-4315.



Zwickey Farm 1913 Monticello

June is Dairy month-From Monticello Messenger

January 14, 1932 By Karen Brugger

STEAL THREE BOXES FROM FACTORY

Apparently severing the padlock with a bolt cutter, thieves early last Tuesday morning made their way into the cellar of the Wittenwyler-Burgy cheese factory, a few miles southwest of Monticello, and made their get-a-way with three boxes of limburger cheese, each weighing 147 pounds. It is believed to have taken place around 2 to 3 A.M. according to cheesemaker Rudy Lengacher. Going into the factory workroom, which is never kept locked, the thieves clipped the padlock on the door leading from the workroom into the large cellar by opening another door and into the quarters where the boxed cheese is stored and stole 3 boxes of the product. Instead of tracing back their steps they removed the bar on the inside of the door leading from the store into the boiler room and escaped unmolested.

The robbery was discovered when Mr. Lengacher's assistant went into the storeroom to begin working in the morning. He immediately reported the theft to his employer and investigation revealed the thieves had even taken the padlock with them, presumably in an attempt to leave as few clues as possible. This makes the second time within the course of a few months that cheese has been stolen from the Wittenwyler & Burgy factory, three boxes had been taken last October. During the past 15 months thieves have also drained approximately 200 gallons of gasoline from the tanks of sedans belonging to Mr. Lengacher and John Wittenwyler, sometimes visiting the premises twice a week.

On January 7, 1932 the Messenger states that although watches are maintained for the thieves, they have been unsuccessful thus far. On various occasions someone has laid in wait in back of one of the cars remaining until 3 A.M. only to have thieves stage their raid the following night. The identity of the guilty parties is known by Lengacher and Wittenwyler and they have

taken precautions against future raids and if the thieves know what is healthy for them, they'll buy their gasoline in the future.

THIEVES STEAL FOUR BOXES CHEESE FROM SILVER FACTORY

January 28, 1932

Entering the cellar of the factory by sawing off the padlock, thieves sometime Saturday night stole four boxes of limburger cheese from the Silver factory located 4 miles east of Monticello. No trace of the thieves has been found, the culprits leaving no clues. The boxes of limburger weighed approximately 125 pounds each. Adolph Kaufman is maker at the Silver factory. The thieves also stole 20 gallons of gasoline from a barrel owned by Mr. Kaufman. This is the second time within a few weeks that factories in the vicinity have been raided, the other being the Wittenwyler & Burgy. Two other Green County factories were raided the past few nights. The Clarno south of Monroe was robbed of a 50 gallon and a 25 gallon barrels of wine and a block of cheese. Friday night the Bidlingmaier factory west of the Clarno town house suffered the loss of a box of Brick cheese and one wheel of Swiss.

Further research revealed no one apprehended for any of these incidents. There must have been some hearty parties with all this cheese and wine.



CLASS OF SIXTEEN GRADUATE

Exercises Held at Karlen's Hall
Last Thursday Evening

The annual commencement exercises of the Monticello high school took place at Karlen's hall on Thursday evening of last week, June 1. The Class of 1922 is the largest class ever graduated from the local school—eleven girls and five boys receiving diplomas.

Because of the size of the class and the fact that each member was represented on the program, no outside speaker was heard, Principal Paul Bergen making a few remarks and offering some excellent advice at the close of the program proper. The individual efforts of the graduates were exceptionally good. The class motto, "life is what we make it," was very nicely worked into many of the themes, which were all well received by the large audience. The class colors are green and silver; the class flower, the American Beauty rose; class mascot, the peacock.

Class honors were won by Otto Blum, who gave the valedictory address, and Wohla Muehlmeier, salutatorian.

The following young people received diplomas, evidencing the fact that they have completed their high school education, one of the most important cycles in their lives: Ruth Abley, Otto Blum, William Baebler, Genevieve Crouch, Yolanda Elmer, Norma Feldman, Roy Feldt, Kenneth Kennedy, Selina Marty, Wohla Muehlmeier, David Purintun, Monica Staedtler, Selma Wittwer, Lester Weissmiller, Martha Wulleumier and Nona Zweifel.

Again On Way to Mexico

The two Henrys—Milbrandt and Duerst—are again hitting the trail to sunny Mexico with a couple of cars of Green county Holsteins, having pulled out of the local station of the Milwaukee Road on Monday of this week on the first lap of the long journey south. The shipment was consigned to parties at Mexico City by Adam Duerst, local buyer and went forward via express, as usual. This is the third shipment which Milbrandt and Duerst have accompanied to the border within the past few weeks.

All newspaper clippings in this newsletter from 100 years ago.

Monticello Messenger

June 1, 1922



2022 Annual meeting was held May 19th at the Pink Heifer as we celebrated our Covid delayed 25th anniversary.



The Woelffer Family 1924 Roy & Ida with Betty on lap and Royal Jr. in back.

Carrier Pigeon Alights at Home of J.B. Purcell

A carrier pigeon which alighted at the home of J.B. Purcell, Washington township, on or about the 19th day of May, is still being entertained by the members of the household and appears to be perfectly contented with its new surroundings. Evidently exhausted after its long flight, the bird alighted in the barn yard at the Purcell home and made no effort to get away when Mr. Purcell picked it up. The pigeon is purple in color and carries a band on each leg, from one of which appears the following identification mark, 603)-lf-21C. Mr. Purcell is of the opinion that it belongs to a Milwaukee loft and is one of a number participating in a flight to Milwaukee from an up-state city about the 17th.

Milk is Best Food Say Badger Chemists

“For countless ages the varied races of the world , doing many kinds of work and living in different climates, have been unconsciously taking part in a huge food experiment, the results of which show man what to eat and what not to eat, “ declare H. Steenbuck and E.B Hart of the Wisconsin Experiment station in a new bulletin, “Milk the Best Food.”

Some people have lived exclusively on plant materials— seeds, roots, leaves and stems; others have added there to meat, fish or eggs; some have used milk from the cow, goat, mare and buffalo; and still others have lived on meat with small additions of plant material.

“Results show,” they announce, “that the most virile peoples which today are the leaders in the onward march of civilization, have made use of the animal as a provider of food, particularly of milk and dairy products.

Stallion Notice

The Pure-bred gray Percheron stallion, Donald, will be at the Alfred Voegeli barn, Monticello, every day during the season from this date on.

Zweifel and Bridges Agents

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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Streiff Farm Goes at \$105

The J.J. Streiff farm of 200 acres, situated a mile southeast of New Glarus, on the New Glarus—Monticello road, was sold at \$105 per acre at public auction on Thursday of last week. The successful bidder was Peter Z. Klassy, of New Glarus. Mr. Streiff offered the farm at auction following the sale of live stock and other personal property. L.F. Ross, Belleville, was the auctioneer, and J.W. Barlow, Monticello, officiated as clerk. Owing to present conditions both the farm and personal property sold at figures much below the prices prevailing a few months ago.

Insecticides—Arsenate of lead, Hofstra for flies; white Hellebore, Paris green dry lime Sulphur, Bordeaux mixture, Sure Noxem for insects on plants, fruit trees and vegetables; fly spray for flies on stock.

R.W. Woelffer



Railroad crossing sign from Exeter Crossing. Come see it any Saturday and visit with docents.

FLORENCE

OIL COOK STOVES



The Stove You Want

Picture this Florence Oil Cook Stove in your kitchen. It burns kerosene, is easily regulated and easy to keep clean. Everything, from slow-simmering soups to

baking-powder biscuits, turns out perfectly when cooked the Florence way. Come in today and let us show you why a Florence is the stove you want.

Dick L. Zentner

Important Notice

Property owners are asked not to deposit rubbish or other material in the streets of the village unless permission is first obtained from the street committee or street commissioner. All rubbish or other material deposited without permission will be removed by the street commissioner and the expense charged up to the property owner.

PETER ZIMMERMAN
Street Commissioner

Special thanks to David Velte, Wil-Kil Pest Control of Monticello for identifying our bat problem in basement near front of museum for no cost to museum. June 2022

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J. P. ZENTNER, D. D. S.
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H. J. HORNE
DENTIST

Second floor of the new Legler Block,
Phone 178.

Office hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM



UNDEFEATED CLASS B STATE CHAMPIONS

Winners of every meet in which they participated, including the state meet at Madison, with nineteen Class B schools participating; the district meet at Platteville and the Tri-County Meet. Reading from left to right, standing: Willis Marty, Herman Babler, Coach E.W. Foster, Fred Burgy, Laurance Marty. Seated: Lester Weissmiller, William Baebler, Capt. Roy Feldt, Kenneth Kennedy, Roswell Richards. Bottom: Harvey Milbrandt, Gerald Dooly, Luther Lemon, Howard Kennedy. Class B at the state meet includes all schools with an enrollment of 300 and under. The Monticello high school has an enrollment of 69.

MEMBERSHIP

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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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

MAHS Museum

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Email: mahs@tds.net

Hours of Operation

The museum will be open
May until October
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
jules.cappelle@gmail.com.

Admission to the museum is free and
a quarterly newsletter from Monticello
Area Historical Society is included with
your membership.

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

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