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# RECOLLECTIONS

*Monticello Area Historical Society News*

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Happy Fall Y'All,

Our visitor season at the Museum is almost over. Although our numbers didn't break any records, the guests were appreciative and interested in our displays. Now it's time to focus on a different portion of our collection and tell a new Monticello Area story. We are still brainstorming and welcome any suggestions.

So good to have general membership meetings again - our last one this year will be October 27th at 7 pm in North Room of Zwingle Church.

The board recently met with Danielle Benden, owner of Driftless Pathways to assess our museum and its potential and its problems. She was very complimentary of our facility and progress. Danielle offered an outline of recommendations that her company can assist us with, including collection inventory and management, volunteer training, youth and community involvement, and exhibit ideas and updates. The board agreed that professional directions is needed to get our Museum on the right track. We will meet soon to determine the most beneficial way to work with this consultant.

Enjoy the Season,  
Mary Davis, President

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## Collection Archivist

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## 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.



*The following history of Monticello was researched by Karen Brugger*

## **1918-World War I**

Letter from Private Fred Aebly, a Monticello boy serving in France with Co. E, 64th infantry, 7th division. He had recently received a copy of the Messenger, a most welcome and rare treat when one is 5000 miles away. After arriving in France rode in a boxcar with capacity of 40 men or 8 horses. Arrived near Lorraine, started off for camp with full pack weighing 80 to 100 pounds, then another 10 mile hike to be greeted by the German "whizbangs." Fortunate to escape unhurt. To support trenches hiking from 8 P.M. until 5 A.M. relieving 90th division. Trench life and dugouts being a great place to take refuge when the "whizbangs" begin coming in frequent intervals. Here we came to know the meaning of real artillery barrage. Received further instruction in use of hand grenades, rifle grenades and automatic rifles. All very efficient in modern warfare. Plenty of rainy weather, I sure would like to get acquainted with the chap who invented the phrase "sunny France." Winters are mild, very little snow, seldom freezes more than six inches.

A gas attack is the most dreaded thing in warfare, termed sneezing gas. This causes a sneezing spell so that a soldier is often unable to keep his gas mask on. Then the poison gets in its deadly work. The casualties from gas are very large. I experienced but one gas attack and then I was lucky enough so that I didn't have to wear my mask more than half an hour.

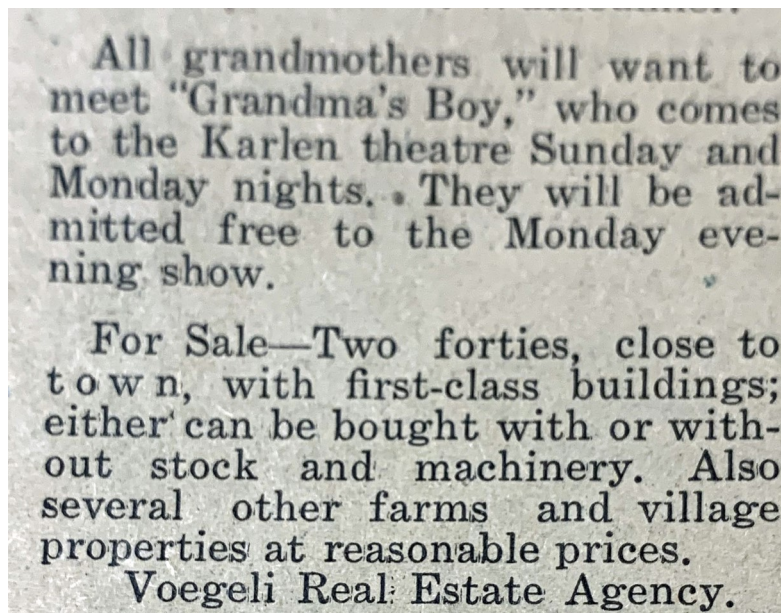
I have been in several different artillery barrages but have always come through unharmed. Certainly most fortunate when I consider the comrades who were killed, wounded or gassed along side of me. The average person has no idea of the destruction caused by artillery barrage. I have seen places in open fields where the shells hit so close together that it had the appearance of a checker board. In wooded sections I have seen many places where the trees all the way from 18 inches to 4 feet in diameter were leveled to the roots and large tracts of timber where not a tree is left standing with a limb on it. It reminded me of a corn

field in the states after a hail storm had passed through and left nothing standing.

The aeroplane is another implement of warfare that also proved very effective. Thousands of photos taken from these planes and many enemy positions were located by studying the pictures. They were also largely used for observing attacks during a battle.

The Germans were the first to use barbed wire entanglements with very good results. Millions of feet of barbed wire is strung all over the invaded portion of France. One would think it impossible for a human being to get through the entanglements. The number of motor vehicles used in the war was 120,000, invaluable in transporting food, munitions and supplies. The machine gun is an effective weapon for keeping them from us. They are geared up to 500 shots per minute and one man can do the work of 200 men armed with an ordinary service rifle.

He concludes with November 11, the day the Armistice went into effect to cease fire. The Americans played a wonderful part in the war. It was up to them to finish the job and they certainly made good. Our resources and supplies were unlimited and our Army second to none, even though the Kaiser thought it would take us three years to train an Army.



*All newspaper clippings in this newsletter from 100 years ago.*

**Monticello Messenger**



# STATE REGISTER *of* HISTORIC PLACES IN WISCONSIN



## GONSTEAD CLINIC of CHIROPRACTIC

Mount Horeb, Dane County  
Date of Construction: 1964

The Gonstead Clinic of Chiropractic is an excellent example of Contemporary design. This unique building, with its complex multi-gable roof, built-in lobby furniture and exterior tile art, is still used as a chiropractic clinic. The building was designed by Wisconsin architect John W. Steinmann. Dr. Clarence S. Gonstead was one of the most influential persons in American chiropractic during his lifetime and the clinical techniques he developed (the Gonstead System) still influence the profession today. By the late 1950s, his Mount Horeb practice was largest single-doctor chiropractic office in the world. When he died in 1978, Dr. Gonstead was internationally famous.

Above from “Columns,” the newsletter of the Wisconsin Historical Society (September—December 2022) recognized John W. Steinmann of Monticello.



Mr. and Mrs. Graf built their Spanish Tavern called the Chateau in 1933. The structure was both their home and business. The interior of the tavern had booths and dancing space in the rear. Facing the east was an open air “beer” porch with direct access to a rock garden. According to architect J.C. Steinman, Jr. it was built for \$3,500. The property was acquired for \$2,000. The Bar and Grill opened in 2022 under a new name and ownership. Perhaps some day this structure could be placed on the state register of Historic places.



Lena Graf



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### Remember This Very Important Fact

Every garment in our stock of ready-to-wear is absolutely new this season for the reason that this department is a new one with us. Therefore, when you buy here you have the absolute assurance that whatever you select is a late 1922 garment.

We buy only goods of dependable make and our prices are down to bed rock, being based on a large volume of sales at a small margin of profit.

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# People's Supply Company

#### 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.

#### 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.



# Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION



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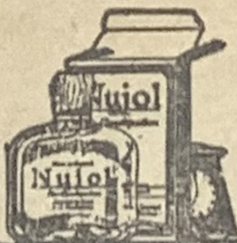
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## Piles

are usually due to straining when constipated.

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A LUBRICANT—NOT A LAXATIVE

## Great Hickory Nut Drive Staged in Mt. Pleasant

Route 2, Oct. 2—So even the tiny hickory nuts are not safe any more. Last Sunday, after a bounteous dinner was served in cafeteria style, with a surplus of more than twelve baskets, an army of about sixty-not squirrels not chipmunks, but real people—invaded the beautiful hickory tree grove on the Conrad Babler farm, than which there is none its equal in Green County.

Cities like Madison, Monticello, Monroe, Albany, Blanchardville, Oakley, and Bernerthaly were represented in the drive which was nothing if not relentless. But, Oh, Lord! Everything that had the semblance of a nut would have found its way into a receptacle had it not been for a few wise ones in the bunch who pretended hickory nut and a bitter nut and to know the difference between offered their advice accordingly.

The wanted hickory nuts were plentiful, however, and while some of the invaders found the job picking them off the ground a rather arduous task, there was the satisfaction of getting a bit of much needed exercise out of the undertaking.

The nut drive not only yielded a plentiful supply of nuts but a generous measure of enjoyment as well.

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## MRS. ALICE MOSHER A BRIDE

### Former Residents In Romantic Wedding at St. Paul

"True love never dies," so saith the aged couple reunited after to separation of over half a century.

Fifty-two years ago among the picturesque hills of Wisconsin began a romance which culminated last week at St. Paul Park in the marriage of two former sweet-hearts.

Away back in 1870 in the little town of Monticello, Wisconsin, James S. Noble, a youth of 18 years met and loved "sweet sixteen" Alice E. Barlow, but their love affair was of short duration, for fate stepped in and Mr. Noble's parents moved to another town and the young lovers were separated. As time wore on, hearing nothing from each other, both married and settled down to wedded bliss. Miss Barlow then Mrs. Mosher coming to St. Paul to live. While Mr. Noble has been a resident of Minneapolis for over 30 years, neither knowing of the whereabouts of the other. Both in time buried their life companions. Mrs. Mosher was the mother of three daughters, Mrs. Nellie Wallace, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Ashley E. Hull and Mrs. Ila Tussler, St. Paul Park. Eight grand children and three great grandchildren. Mr. Noble has no children. One year ago Mr. Noble made a trip east to visit Boston, his birthplace, stopping at his old home town, Monticello, he learned for the first time that his "sweetheart of long ago," had been living for years with ten miles of him. On his return west he sought out his former friend, who was then living with a daughter at St. Paul Park. Old friendships were renewed and it was soon discovered that the flame of true love still burned in their hearts as ardently as it had in their younger days and just one year from the day they met last time the happy romance ended in a pretty wedding Thursday afternoon, 4:30, Sept. 28, 1922, at the home of the bride's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley E. Hull, Pleasant Ave., St. Paul

Park. Rev. John S. Rood, pastor of the Community church officiated in the presence of the immediate family of the bride. Little Alice Evelyn Hull, a granddaughter, was flower girl and the only attendant. She was daintily attired in a frock of white organdy and carried a basket of asters.

The bride looked radiantly happy in a becoming gown of brown canton crepe and wore a corsage bouquet of white roses and bavaria. The white-haired bridegroom, not withstanding his seventy years, led his blushing bride to the altar with as youthful a heart and elastic step as he would have done half a century ago, if fate had not intervened. The rooms were beautifully decorated in autumn leaves and garden flowers.

A bountiful wedding dinner was served, after which the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip, and on their return will take up a residence in St. Paul.

The bride has won many admiring friends during her residence at St. Paul Park, who join in wishing her and her chosen companion many years of happiness and contentment. -St. Paul Daily News.

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The foregoing story, which was enclosed with an announcement of the marriage, was read with more than ordinary interest by the editor of The Messenger, for the reason that it was through the Messenger's "bureau of information" that Mr. Noble first learned that his friend of long ago was still among the living and it was also through this same "bureau" that he obtained the essential address which resulted in the first meeting.

Mr. Noble's father was a brother of Ed Noble, who was associated in business here with A. Garland back in the Civil War days.

The Messenger takes pleasure in extending hearty congratulations to the "newlyweds," with the wish that they may live to enjoy many years of their new found happiness.

*Monticello Messenger October 12, 1922*



## Dry Cleaning and Pressing

We wish to announce that we have purchased the equipment of the Monticello Cleaning and Dye works, owned by W.U. Branstetter, and will conduct the same here-after in connection with our tailoring department. We will specialize on cleaning, repairing and pressing all kinds of men's and women's apparel and are in a position to guarantee absolute satisfaction at moderate charges. This department will be under the personal supervision of Adolph Kistler, manager of our tailoring department, who has had years of experience in this particular line of work. Work received by parcel post will receive prompt attention. We pay return charges.

## Congratulations

### Mt. Pleasant-Perry Middleton Mutual Insurance



Above: Downtown Monticello new construction. It all started on the 27th day of May, 1876, twenty-six residents of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, and surrounding area did mutually bind and obligate themselves in writing as charter members of a town mutual insurance company for the purpose of indemnifying each other for loss to their property by fire. The name chosen was the Mt. Pleasant Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Each of these members paid in \$250.00 to start the company. The first records available are from 1889. The biggest policy at that time was for \$3,700. In 1890 it was \$4,750 and in 1900 was \$6,600 and 1903 was \$7,200. Cows were worth \$35.00, horses \$70.00, and calves \$5.00 at that time.

## Mineral Point Drillers Discover Great Ore Vein

Mineral Point.—Wednesday afternoon of this week, only a brief while before going to press with this issue, we learned by phone that parties drilling for sewerage purposes in the rear of Mrs. F. E. Hancorn's lot in the second ward, near Ridge street, had gone through since the dinner hour from 14 to 16 feet of lead and jack ores, at a depth of 80 feet. This is remarkable—nothing like it before in this historic mining town of eighty years standing. As the news spreads excitement increases.—Tribune.

### 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**

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## 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

P.O. Box 463  
204 N. Main St.  
Monticello, WI 53570  
Phone: (608) 938-4216  
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  
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A guided tour of the museum can be  
arranged for all groups anytime.

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