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DIARY OF AN ORDINARY WOMAN, CIRCA 1897

The following are excerpts from a diary of an ordinary woman, who in lived in the late 1800's. Her diary was found hidden away in the attic of the house owned by Mike and Ann Sadler who live on Main Street. Since the author never put her name in the book it took some detective work to track down the writer. She happened to mention it was her 8th wedding anniversary and when we checked weddings from Waukesha county on that date we found out who she was. Her name was Mary Churchill Colyer. In her later years after she had become a widow, she lived with her granddaughter Florence Pardee. Once the author was determined, we needed to have a good soul to transcribe the written page to the computer. We found that good soul in Barb Jatzak, who diligently deciphered a hundred year old document, so that we might get a glimpse of the life of a woman at that time. Spelling has not been altered.

Dec. 23rd, 1896 GRPa and I went to Wauk. Drew \$80.25; He paid his taxes \$39.50
Bought him an overcoat. Paid Emily all up for June 15.00
Bought 2 Rockers 6.00 ,Gave me .50c , Car fair 2.00, I picture.76c

Jan3, 1897, Sunday Raining hard all through. Caught cold, oflle nasty. Trees all budding out. To bad. Afraid will not have no fruit on this year. Maud still down with me. GaPa and I have a terrible cold. Geo. bumming as usual. Stormed all day. No one in. Maud could not go to church. Too bad. She was disappointed. No word from the children.

Feb.10, Wednesday Snowing quite hard. Work. Work. Feel little better today. Made 5 mince pies for din. Had lunch. Geo down town afternoon. Geo hitched up team took GaPa down to get sack flour. Ida going over to Matties after her dress. Going to get some ribbon not paid .75 Sack flour 1.25 tobacco .10

March 5 Friday—A beautirul day. Thawing all day. Work as of old, churned scrubbed oil cloths all through. Kitchen besides. Worked all this forenoon. Geo went to Mill. With feed for cows. GAPa churning. Split little wood. After noon changed all the towels on the chairs to h\them ready for wash. Worked over my butter. Changed my dress. washed GrPa cleaned him up etc, Sun shining lovely.

April 9 Friday a beautiful day. Work as usual
Maud still helping me. Geo plowing GrPa churning. I cleaning my cupboards and dishes. Took me till 3 o'clock. Then I commenced to paint it. Maud got din. GPa down town gok S key 50c. Tobacco .10c Plastering .50c

April 20 Monday A very nice. Mrs Stead mother is dead. Work as usual. Maud churned I sprinkled down my cloth. Made loaf brown bread. Donuts. Carried down the bedding from front bedroom aired them and put them back. Worked over butter, skimmed my milk. Scald pans fixed up shelf in din.room. Maud helped all she could. It froze so hard could not plow. So men drew manure and getting ground ready to sow grain. Eve. Geo carried down 2 jars of butter 14# 2.28 Paid for flower//Geo tobacco .10 he gon back to the dance. Maud got cold.

May 1 Saturday A cold windy day. Work still Geo and I washed Maud the housework, W churned GrPa went to old farm to see how it was getting along. Hary Rolly down they got little colt-black.

DIARY OF AN ORDINARY WOMAN, CIRCA 1897 (cont.)

GeoFin is out he is gon. And paid up in full 5.25. GrPa bought his overcoat 3.00. I shall miss him to help me. I put down oil cloths worked all day like the d. Maud offle blue. Geo going to Chicago. GrPa paid him all up. Took his overcoat. Will pay for his shoes 3.00

June 8,9 Cold still. Work as usual. Nothing new. Ida got a letter from Flossy. Trying to get a bus. Coming home Monday GrPa cultivating corn. He carried down a jag of straw. Got bottle Sky.50 Killed chicken for afternoon . Afternoon sit and talked nonsense. Pa Churchill here came from Wauk. Got new suit 5.00 from Nelson. Mamie after cream . Ida took Pa Churchill home with Rob. I don't feel very well today. GrPa cultivating potaoes and Henry cutting weeds. Ida and I rode up to Stickeles, had a lovely ride. Nothing but cook eat made bread. Afternoon did nothing but sit and talk,etc. Had supper. Did not go out riding. Staid in good night.

July 3 Saturday Terrible warm. Work all out the way brought 3 boxes strawberrie. Cooked beef. Ida got her hair curled ready for the race . We all got ready went to see parade. Pa Churchill Sile all the family came. Then out came Cha.Gus.Miss Sleep, Miss Moran from Wauk. Also Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Griffith. 2 children. Such a houseful. Ida got din with Maud help. After a while we all over to the ground. I took Mrs. R. Ida took Mrs. Griff. Came home got lunch. The folks got ready for Wauk. Ida Myrtle Maud myself GrPa all went down to the fire works. They were very good indeed.

Mary Colyer wrote in the diary until March of 1898, although she lived until 1932. We don't know why she ended her writing so soon, but we are grateful for this look into life in the late 1800's.

August 18 A beautiful day making bread. 2

cakes churned, etc. Help Ida Geo Flosy picked cucumbers. Lillie Myrtle called. Got little yeast. GrPa Henry drawing manure. At din GrPa gon after skey 25,tobacco 10 nothing but to rest till tea time. About 4 o'clock was taken with a chill lasted til I had to go to bed. Shook like a pople leaf.



Home on Main Street, formerly owned bt Thomas Pardee. This is where the author of the diary, Mary Colyer stayed with her granddaughter , Florence Pardee in her later years.

Obituary

Mary Churchill Colyer was born in the town of New Berlin, Waukesha County on November 12, 1842, She was one of eight children, all having preceded her in death , with the exception of her youngest sister, Mrs. Emily Stickles.

Mrs. Colyer was married twice, the first time to J.M. White of Waukesha on March 26,1862, having one daughter Ida, since deceased.

In November 39, 1889, she was married to Lambert Colyer of Eagle and has since resided here.

After the death of Mr. Colyer she made her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Pardee, She leaves surviving her one sister, Mrs. Emily Stickles, her granddaughter Mrs. Florence Pardee, and her great-granddaughter Mabel Pardee as well as several nieces and nephews,

The funeral was held from the home,Rev.W.B. Petherick of the M.E. church officiating, with interment in the family plot in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Watch for more excerpts from the diary of an ordinary woman in our July Newsletter

AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE



Mal Olson signs a copy of her book for her guest.

The desire to write fiction, particularly romantic fiction, came early for Mal Olson. The first story she recalls writing was in sixth grade where they were studying the Bastille. Her story at that time could more accurately be called historical romance, for the plot centered around a young girl and her love caught up in the drama of the Bastille and separated by the young man being imprisoned. As in any good romance story, the lovers were reunited at the end.

She continued to write short stories, poetry, whatever could satisfy the writer in her soul. Eventually, she felt it was time to write a novel for publication. Over the years she wrote two novels, together with her daughter and critique partner, as well as four of her own. These were sent out to publishers who routinely sent them back, uninterested. Not one to give up easily, she continued writing and sending out manuscripts. She quotes J.A. Konrath, who said “There is a word for writers who never give up—published.”

Her adherence to that quote did result in her first published novel, *The Shadow of Deceit*, described as an “adrenaline kicked romantic suspense.” That proves to be a completely

accurate assessment. Previously she has written several short stories which are now online, as is her novel. She has lived in Wisconsin for almost all of her life, and is currently living in Eagle, WI. She incorporates Wisconsin locales in her works. It takes two years to complete a full length novel. She thoroughly researches the characters and incidences in her book, believing that the strength of the characters is essential to a good story. This attention to detail led to her attending The Sheriff’s Department’s Citizen’s Academy Course. There she had the opportunity to handle weapons, visit the medical examiner’s lab where autopsies are performed, and seriously delve into the world of law enforcement. Her novel is currently for sale in print or e-book at Amazon, Wild Rose Press or any online bookseller.



Waukesha County Sheriff Daniel Trawicki. presents Mal with a certificate after completing the Sheriff’s Department’s Citizen Academy Course



Making it real

They say, "Laughter is the Best Medicine." And it's a lot cheaper than that other stuff they want us to take.

The Importance of walking

Walking can add minutes to your life.

This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the heck he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 250 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there!

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

Now that I'm older, I thought I was getting more patient. Turns out I just don't give a darn.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,..... just getting over the hill.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



OBITUARY

Jon Robert Matters
 May 29, 1936-February 17th, 2012

Jon Robert Matters, 75, of Orfordville, died Friday, February 17, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Janesville. Jon was born May 29, 1936, in Waukesha to the late Jack and Frances (Echner) Matters.

Jon married the love of his life, Shirley Edmonds, on November 5, 1960, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle. Jon was a member of the National Guard, the American Legion Post in Eagle and the Eagle Lions Club. Jon worked for Waukesha Dresser for many years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Family meant the world to Jon. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Jon is survived by his wife of 51 years, Shirley, of Orfordville; his four children, Sherry (Jim) Manogue of Butte, N.D ;Pam (David) Marks of Fort Atkinson, Bob (Jackie) Matters of Orfordville and Chris Matters of Jefferson; his eight grandchildren ,Tricia Duelge, Jessica Manogue, Jon Marks, Stephanie Marks, Jennifer Murphy, Katie Schulz, Michael Roesch and Cassie Fell; six great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Karen Matters and her children, Tim & Kathy. Jon is further survived by other relatives and many, many good friends.

Preceding Jon in death are his parents, Jack and Fran Matters; his brother, Tom Matters; and two sisters -in-law, Mildred (Wally) Pipp and Margie (John) Kropetz.

Private family services are planned.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jon's name to The ALS Association 1275 K Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 2005.

Haase-Lockwood & Associations Funeral Homes and Crematory of Eagle assisted the family.

IN OUR HEARTS

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and the days before that,too!! We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. Now all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we will never part. God has you in his keepings, we have you in our hearts.

OBITUARY

Guenther "Schatzie" Busche
 Sept.. 21, 1923- February 17, 2012

Guenther "Schatzie", age 88, left the love of his live of 65 years, Liselotte "Lisa" to be with his Father in Heaven on Friday, February 17, 2012.

Guenther was born September 21, 1923 to the late Alfred and Wilmine (Solkie) Busch in Germany.

He married Liselotte (Lisa) Sauer in 1946 in Germany. Guenther and Lisa came to the United States from Germany in 1952. They lived in Milwaukee and then Hartland before moving to Eagle in 1992. Guenther is survived by wife of 65 years, Lisa, grandson Jeff Stasny, his dear friend Zida Reed, friends Guy Stevens, Robert and June Handsclke, his dogs Dede and Bimbo, other relatives and many good friends.

"Schatzie,I love you and will miss you so very much,"

Private family services were planned . Memorial contributions in Guenther's name may be directed to : Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, 3551 State Road 67, Elkhorn, WI. 53121.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home in Eagle assisted the family.

Patio Project

Please consider donating time or money to help complete the flower beds around our new patio. If you adopt a flower bed, your responsibility would be to water and weed the beds as needed. The following monetary donations have been received to date.

\$100.00 in memory of Pat Monroe from her family
 \$25.00 from Harold "Red" Hinkley
 \$25.00 from Nancy and Jim Manschot
 \$25.00 from Elaine & Don Ledrowski

Donations can be sent to: EHS, P,O,Box 454, Eagle, WI 53119 Attn: Don Ledrowski.

For more information call Elaine at 262-594-8961

OBITUARY

Patricia M. Monroe
June 8, 1928— February 12, 2012

Patricia M. Monroe., age 83 of Eagle died Sunday, February 12th, 2012 at Linden Grove in Mukwonago.

Patricia was born on June 8th, 1928, the daughter of Peter and Mabel Higgins . Pat spent her childhood helping out at her parent’s business, the Higgins Summit Creamery near Oconomowoc. On April 19,1948 she was united in marriage to Robert Monroe. She had worked at Krestan’s Grocery for several years, as well as being a very active member of St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Eagle and a member of the Eagle Historical Sociey.

Survived by her beloved husband, Robert, of Eagle, cherished mother of Marsha (Norman) Bronson, and MaryJo (Steve) Walbrandt.

Dearest grandmother of Patrick and Matthew Price, Jon Walbrandt, Bridgette and Lindsey Bronson and Shannon (Randy) Meillier. Great –grandmother of Asher Bronson, Brin Fuhrer and Dalton Meillier. Patt is further survived by her faithful canine companion ”Katie” and was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Thomas; daughter Rebecca and her siblings.

Visitation was held Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Haase Lockwood Funeral Home, 103 W. Eagle Street, Eagle, WI. A Mass of Christian Burial for Patricia was held on Thursday , February 16, 2012 at St. Theresa Catholic Church with Father Dennis Ackeret officiating. Burial followed at the parish ceremony. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 20875 Crossroads Circle #350, Waukesha, WI 53186. Hasase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home of Eagle assisted the family.



Patricia M. Monroe

OBITUARY

Violet Orchard
March 30, 1910– March 10, 2012

Violet M.Orchard, (nee Locker) passed away Saturday, March 10,2012, at Fairhaven in Whitewater. She was born March 30, 1910, in Oconomowoc, the daughter of Gerhard and Katherine Raasch Locker.

She attended parochial and public schools there, was confirmed in St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in 1923 and graduated from Oconomowoc High School with the class of 1927. She attended Spencerian business College. She was employed by the Oconomowoc Canning Co. and worked in the booking department from 1928 through 1937.

She married Curtis Alvin Orchard on Sept. 25, 1932 at Sussex. They moved to Wauwatosa in 1933 and to the Little Prairie area in 1943, raising their Guernsey cattle on their farm known as “Happy Acres.”

She was a member of the Little Prairie United Methodist Church and its Women’s Society, where she held various offices in both organizations. She was also a member of Ward’s Senior Homemakers. In addition, she was a charter member of the Palmyra Historical Society. She belonged to the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee, The Eagle Historical Society and the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association.

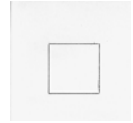
She is survived by three children, Kathryn (Robert) Morrow , William (Kathleen) Orchard and David (Terri) Orchard ; five grandchildren, Julie of Janesville, Kristi Orchard (Brian Laufenberg) of Columbus and Jennifer Orchard of Madison, and Curtis and Heidi Orchard of Palmyra; and one great grandson, Dane Laufenberg. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Evelyn Best, Beatrice Locker and Frances Fulmer; and two brothers, Gerhard and Ronald Locker in infancy.

Visitation was on Thursday, March 15 with the funeral service on Friday, March 16, with Donald Enright officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Little Prairie United Methodist Church. Haase-Lockwood and Assoc. Funeral Home assisted the family.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*. Ice Cream Social/ Band Concert
July 8th , 2012*

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Check your address on the newsletter. The number after your name indicates the year you last renewed. It is through your support that we are able to carry out our mission to collect, record and preserve the history and artifacts of the Eagle Area..

Did you know that we have gift certificates available? When looking for a gift for the parent or kids that has everything, consider a membership in the Eagle Historical Society.

I would never ask a lady her age but if a lady or gentleman told me they were 85 years old that would make them eligible for an Honorary Membership in the Eagle Historical Society. As an Honorary Member they would still receive their newsletters and invitations to special events and I promise I would never send them a letter asking them to renew their membership and pay their dues, but if they wanted to send a monetary donation for any reason I would not refuse it. So if you are turning 85 or know someone who is, just call me so I can add them as Honorary Members.

Additional Membership

Marge Plainse	\$8.00 Senior
Bill & Judi Zell	\$25.00
Gert Fredenberg	\$20.00

For any changes or corrections to the Honorary or Complimentary Members, please contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or E-mail to dledrowski@wi.rr.com.