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Let's Hear it for the Ladies

In this issue we are featuring several Women's Organizations that have flourished in Eagle through the years. These are added to the article on "the Priscillas" from the fall 2009 issue.

From the Open Door Club which began in 1915 and is no longer active to the American Legion Women's Auxiliary which is still active today, to the beginnings of The Order of the Eastern Star in Eagle, we present this tribute to the women of Eagle.

All of these writings were obtained from notes and minutes of the organizations.

Perhaps our readers know of other women's organizations that have not been listed here. We urge you to let us know of any others that we might feature in a future newsletter.

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HE'S THE WINNER!!

All memberships renewals were entered into the drawing and Connie Potrykus was the happy winner of the clock shown made by Mike Rice. If you are interested in having a hand made clock from Mike contact him at 594-2011 or e-mail him at mrice@wi.rr.com.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Jean Cisler

In the fall of 1931, Donald Marty, Master of the Blue Lodge, called a meeting of the members of the O.E.S. who resided in Eagle, but had membership in other places. His intention was to start a chapter of the O.E.S. in Eagle and he prepared a petition to that end, signed by 25 persons. This petition was sent to Oliver M. Pugh, Worthy Grand Patron. Upon reviewing the petition Brother Pugh did not think it advisable to start a chapter in Eagle. Donald Marty quickly called another meeting and a letter was sent to Sister Maxine Stenerson, asking her if she could influence Brother Pugh to change his decision.

Apparently Sister Stenerson was persuasive enough to cause Brother Pugh to call another meeting with the Eagle people and eventually to allow the institution of the chapter "Under Dispensation."

The Eagle group met regularly beginning on July 6th until October 5th, 1932, when the Eastern Star chapter of Eagle, working under a dispensation, was granted a charter.

On October 18th, 150 sisters and brothers assembled in the Masonic Lodge room to witness the Eastern Star chapter of Eagle constituted as the Wm. W. Perry Chapter No. 275 and the officers installed. On November 14th, 1932, the chapter was honored by a visit from the Worthy Matron of the Wauwatosa Chapter, Sister May Seymour and Worthy Patron Brother Gary Isinring. It seems they had a special reason for visiting the "Baby Chapter."

Brother Isinring addressed the group, saying that he had noticed when he attended the Institution that there were a few things that were needed. He then proceeded to present the members with staffs and a baton, citing beautiful verses with each presentation. He then presented a large box to the Worthy Matron and urged her to open it. She did so and found a beautiful electric Star. At this wonderful gift a gasp and then smiles spread over all. This was the longed for but presumed unattainable object to beautify the chapter room and make the atmosphere truly Eastern Star-like. Subsequent gifts that were given to the chapter included: the Altar Bible from Mrs. Wm. W. Perry and her daughter, Ruth, Star Point Emblems, Rob Morris Chapter of Palmyra and Ballot Box, Dousman Chapter.

The chapter which started in 1932 with twenty-five members had increased by 1942 to 50 members. Some years many members were added to the roll and other years death decreased the roll. In listing the original officers it appeared as though they had almost as many officers as members. Space prohibits us from listing the twenty members who had one sort of title or another. However the first one listed was Worthy Matron, Charlotte Stead.

Fun and frolic counterbalanced by the seriousness of the work have made the Chapter dear to its members.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

The response to the shutters was overwhelming. Thanks to everyone who purchased shutters. Since we had more donations than shutters, we asked some individuals if we could use the money to purchase a new door. A plaque will be displayed listing all the donors:
 \$25.00 Donation: Jeff Nowicki, Barbara Jatzak, Jean Bowey, Elaine & Don Ledrowski, Russ & Jill Steinhart, Stephanie Kalnes (in memory of Ras & Donna Kalnes), Elaine Heilberger, Karen Matters (in memory of Jerry Mealy), John & Mary Vymetal-Taylor, Diana Hall, Ellie Hall, Eagle Business Association, Nancy Manschot, Robert & Carol Kwiatkowski, Dorothy Kau (in memory of Alvin & Jim Kau) Kathryn Chapman Ruby, Rob & Pat Hawes, Paul & Sandra Fisher and Gay Semanko.. \$50.00 was donated by Eris Thurston, Steve & Linda Steinhoff (\$25,00 in memory of Jerry Mealy), Sarah Rosenkranz (\$25.00 in memory of Dr. Rosenkranz.)

AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY

Several years after the close of WWII, a group of determined women, 35 in number, met at Sasso's Hall with the idea of beginning a unit of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The date was April 12, 1948 and Clara Burton was selected as President, with Mary Sasso Crosswaite as Secretary. A constitution and by-laws were put together with the help of Flora Webber of Waukesha. The following year the gavel was turned over to a new president and they immediately instituted the Past President dinner, which continues to the present day.

On August 12th of that same year the Summer Legion Round Up, later known as Kettle Moraine Days, was held. The location was the Village Square with the Auxiliary serving the food. This was the first of their many money raising events. They handled the fish pond and kiddie parade at the Legion Social and assisted at a Legion sponsored water festival at Eagle Lake with various water games and competitions. They catered a dinner to raise money and had a baseball game between the Auxiliary women and Eagle girls. In 1953 they voted to turn over the proceeds from their food stand for the next five years to the Legion to help with their building fund. They sold Christmas cards and had a pillow case card party, whatever that was. They made and sold fruit cakes at their bazaar. They served a Christmas dinner for 120 people from the Telephone Co. They sent Christmas cookies to service men from the area. In addition to helping the Legion, the Auxiliary yearly sponsored a Badger girl. The Legion itself sponsors a Badger boy. This sponsorship included providing a trip to Oshkosh for a week where they learned all about how government works. We all could use that.

Every April was Pan America month for the Auxiliary. They gave talks and showed films of a South or Central American country.

But it wasn't all work and no play for the Auxiliary. In 1958, they celebrated their 10 year anniversary. For that the legion held it's one and only Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball. Mickey and Minnie Mouse were among the guests. Through

Notes from Karen Matters, adapted by Jean Cisler

the years they had celebrated birthdays, had Christmas parties and dinners out. They held a Hunter's ball at 50 cents a ticket for the women whose husbands went deer hunting. After one of their Past President dinners, which was held at Chucks, the bus taking them ran into a problem. It broke down in Dousman. Luckily, there was a tavern close by so that none of the women need get dehydrated while waiting for another bus. Several women even helped the overwhelmed bartender. Then it was noticed that some of the women were missing, but luckily they were found trying to mount a wooden horse at a nearby store. It was an evening to remember. The following year they decided to go to a play, Brigadoon, starring Dennis Day at the Melody Top.

They made a tablecloth which the women signed for \$1.00 each, another fund raiser. After the women signed in pen, another member embroidered over the signature.

The Auxiliary is still active today, but not to the extent it once was. Their two main fund-raisers currently are the World's Greatest Cookie Sale held yearly on the day after Thanksgiving in Waukesha. And you will always see them on Kettle Moraine days at their food stand dispensing roast beef sandwiches, among other things as they have since 1948.



Top Row Left: Ann Kreston, Carol Tritz, Ruth Murphy, Mickey Briedenbach, Marilyn Marks, Maddie Lupone, Joyce Brauch.
Bottom Row, Left: Helen Mealy, Karen Matters, Gladys Raduechel, Grace Rohloff, Betty Mich.

THE OPEN DOOR CLUB

Taken from original documents donated by Red Hinkley,
adapted by Jean Cisler

In the early part of the 20th Century , around 1915, a women's group quietly assembled to begin The Open Door Club. This club was not exclusive to Eagle; other groups formed around the country. Though no Constitution or Bylaws have been found, notes we have indicate that this group involved themselves in matters of some significance. Their rules were simple:

1. Parliamentary Practice at all Meetings.
2. A 5 cent fine for not responding to roll call.
3. A 25 cent fine for omission of papers.

The roll call at the September 4th, 1915 meeting was answered by: Any U.S. President, when inaugurated, and length of office. Wow! And remember, it was a 5 cent fine if you didn't answer.

The roster shows there were 50 members. They had a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition there was a program committee. One woman from the membership led the discussion which included subjects such as: Child Welfare in the Home, History of Women in Trade Organizations, Prison Reform and Public Charities, Peace and Arbitration, The Great War and Immigration, Boy Scouts and Camp for Girls and Principals of Eugenics (Eugenics is the study of selective breeding, applied to humans with the aim of improving the species.) This subject was widely popular in the early 20th Century but fell into disrepute when it was associated with Nazi Germany.

Since this was before the 19th amendment allowing women to vote, was enacted, suffrage was also a subject of interest. This was clearly not a sewing circle.

Records available track the meetings through 1915 up to April 21st of 1922. It can only be assumed that they disbanded at this time. Among the members were Mrs J. Mealy, Mrs D. Pardee, Mrs. H. Pardee, Mrs . A. Steinhoff, Miss Fitzmorris, Mrs. M. Bovee, and Miss Sprague to name a few.

Poetry Corner

When Little Buggers Come to Visit Our School

Cot Hessie 1928

I want to say a word or two
About our Eagle School
There's not a spot on this green earth
That's kept so sweet and cool.

Our teachers in the different grades
Are doing noble work
And not a pupil in the school
Would ever think to shirk.

Alas one day the teachers spied
A tiny insect try to hide
Among the curls of a sweet brat
That kept a surplus in her hat.

Oh boy, twas then an uproar rose
And everyone was on their toes
The teachers ordered every kid
To part their wool and show their lid.

So in they filed with sobbing breast
To have the teacher make a test
To see if anything had made it home
Upon their little shaggy dome.

OBITUARY

(Photo not available)

Donald L.(Buck) Wambold,Sr.
Dec. 21, 1932-Dec. 1,2009

Donald L. “Buck” Wambold, Sr.,76, of Eagle, passed away Tuesday, December 1,2009 at his residence. He was born on December 21st, 1932 in Eagle, the son of Leroy and Henrietta (Machold) Wambold.

Donald married Suzanne Curley on September 18th, 1956 in Iowa, later renewing their vows at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle. Suzanne proceeded him in death August 28,2008.

Donald was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Donald, Jr. (Kathy) of Mukwonago, Joanne (John) Kaye of Arkansas, Jerry (Jeanette) of Michigan,

Patricia (Don) Meyer of Eagle and Laurie Sullivan of East Troy: grandchildren, Lester, Carrie, Josh, Nicole, Angela, Danny, Cheri and Jay; four great-grandchildren, Brandon, Yzzie, Railee and Rener; and his sisters, Eunice Rowe, Phyllis Aplin, Ramona Sdono. He is further survived by nieces,nephews, other relatives and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wesley and Harvey and sister Edna Timm.

A gathering of family and friends was held on December 10th starting at 10 a.m. A memorial Mass followed at 11 a.m. at St. Theresa’s with Rev. Dennis Ackeret officiating.

OBITUARY



Kenneth C. Skidmore
April 25, 1927-Dec. 30th, 2009

Kenneth C. Skidmore, age 82, of Sun City, Arizona passed away December 30th, 2009 at Hospice of Arizona after a courageous battle against metastatic prostate cancer.

Ken was born April 25, 1927 and raised in Eagle. After serving in the U.S. Navy near the end of World War II, he returned to Eagle and learned his profession as a railroad agent for the Milwaukee Road. He retired from the railroad in Wausau in 1985 after more than 36 years of service. Ken and his wife, Ann were then able to pursue their love of travel and adventure throughout the United States, finally settling down in Arizona. He enjoyed all sports and meeting people. His long term passion was the computer and genealogy.

Ken will be greatly missed by his wife, Ann; daughter, Cynthia (David) Lambrecht and son, Jeffrey, as well as other family members and his many friends.

A funeral service was held at 12 p.m., January 9th, 2010 at Mealy’s Funeral Home, Eagle with pastor Karen Klatt officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial with full military honors followed at Oak Ridge cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials were suggested to Hospice of Arizona, 12740 Plaza Del Rio Blvd., Peoria, Arizona.

Mealy’s Funeral Home assisted the family.

OBITUARY

Bernice A. Lueck (nee Hornbeck)

May 23rd, 1915-Nov. 29th, 2009

Bernice A. Lueck (nee Hornbeck) 93, died Sunday, November 29th, 2009 at Waukesha Springs Rehabilitation and Nursing Home after suffering a fall at her home. She was born May 2, 1916 in Palmyra, to Raymond and Lily (Meister) Hornbeck.

She was married to John A. Lueck on January 30, 1932, in Waukegan, IL. He preceded her in death in October 2004 after 73 years of marriage.

For eight years, they owned and operated a grocery store in Palmyra. They later farmed in Palmyra and Eagle until John retired from farming in 1970, when they moved to Mukwonago. They resided in Mukwonago until John's death in 2004. Bernice then moved to Racine with her daughter Joyce and son-in-law, Jerry Babcock, until her death.

She traveled extensively with her daughter and son-in-law to Europe, Australia, New Zealand and various sites, with frequent trips to Florida. Her favorite trip was an Alaskan cruise in 2007.

Bernice is survived by her son, Jack Lueck of Waukesha, Joyce (Jerry) Babcock of Racine: three grandchildren: five great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Robert Schellinger and his staff, along with Waukesha Springs Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, for their excellent care.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. until the 7 p.m. funeral service Wednesday, December 2nd at Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle with the Rev. Rick Hartley officiating. Burial was on Thursday, December 3rd. at Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra

Mealy Funeral Home in Eagle assisted the family.



OBITUARY

Arthur C. Isleb "Huntz"

Sept. 25, 1922-Nov. 9th, 2009

"Huntz" found peace Monday, November 9th, 2009 at his home in the town of Troy. Arthur was born September 25, 1922 in Rugby Junction, WI to parents Arthur and Anna (nee Kazewski.)

He attended school at Washington High School in Milwaukee, where he was All State in Football, Wrestling and Track and Field. His talent rewarded him with an athletic scholarship to UW Madison.

Arthur enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps just after Pearl Harbor, during WWII and was the recipient of a Purple Heart. On March 8, 1947, he married his bride Betty (nee Erdmann) in Milwaukee, where they lived until purchasing a farm in Eagle, and eventually moved to the East Troy area.

All of Arthur's working years were at Wood National Cemetery, where he served as the Chief of Buildings and Grounds. He was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Troy.

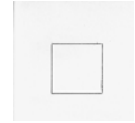
Arthur is survived by his wife, Betty, son, John (Kerry) of East Troy and daughter, Sally (Brian) Johnson of Madison. Grandchildren Elizabeth and Katherine Isleb, sisters Violet Behrens, Ruth Schilling and June Ferderbar. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive him. Arthur is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Nancy, brothers Howard, Russell, Phillip, Douglas, Fred, and sisters Sylvia and Jeannette. Funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Troy on November 12th, 2009 with interment at Highland Park Memorial Park Cemetery.



Semper Fi



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JUNE 27

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EHS GOLF OUTING
KETTLE MORaine DAY PARADE
JULY 11 ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT
AUGUST 15 OPEN HOUSE



OCTOBER 30
NOVEMBER 2

PUMPKIN PARTY
ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE



Mark your calendars and consider volunteering for one of these events.