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JAMES BABCOCK, EAGLE CONSTABLE

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My life with my Dad in Eagle...



We moved into Eagle from the farm in 1948.

I don't remember exactly when Dad was made a constable of Eagle. I remember he got paperwork (probably from the County) of all the arrests that had been made of people that had gotten stopped for speeding, etc. As a teenager, I found this interesting.

One year (don't remember year) a group of teenage boys went out in the county and picked up some watermelons and brought them back and broke them open at the gazebo and made a mess. Dad had to find out who the boys were and made them come back and clean up the area.

Dad was always active in the community. He was a volunteer fireman and was made a member of the American Legion. He helped with the annual summer parade and activities at the park. I don't know if it was called the Kettle Moraine Days at this time.

He was coach of the baseball team. (Check with Don Enright.) He started the team. He loved to play cards. Always at Emmers or Sasso's. He loved to bowl.

He had a rare type of blood and was always donating it when needed. I remember one time when one of the Mealy family was real sick and needed blood. Dad donated his blood.

Dad worked at International Harvester and was Santa Claus every year. I was told he was Santa Claus for the Village also. He came in one of the fire trucks.

Dad had a speed denominator and a siren in the car to stop people. My brother liked to set off the siren.

My Dad also loved to fish and would bring out some of the Milwaukee Braves to go fishing. My brother Emery said he should have asked for their autographs.

My Dad only had a short time living in Eagle (1948 to 1955). We lived on several farms in the area. I remember these farms. My Dad was

killed in December of 1955 on his way to work by a drunken driver.

My Dad was 43 years old when he died.

