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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DEC. 5 BAKE AND CRAFT SALE 9 AM TO 3 PM

FEB. 13 ANNUAL DINNER AT B.E. CLUB



NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Post Cards --sold in sets (2). There are 12 different pictures in each set. All are in sepia tone with historical comment on the back. cost-- \$1.50 per set If you want them mailed to you add another \$.50 postage per set. This is a joint venture between Voice Journal Printing and S.M. Chamber of Commerce and S.M. Historical Society.

REMEMBER WHEN BOOK I is a brochure/booklet about memories of times past. Donation of \$1.00 for mailing -- postage is \$.50

Note cards, tie tacs, pewter spoons, history of city book, and old Spectacle of Music Books, post cards, (raspberry jam SOLD OUT) and strawberry rhubarb jam are also for sale.

Send orders to: Gertrude Endthoff, 1520 Menomonee Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

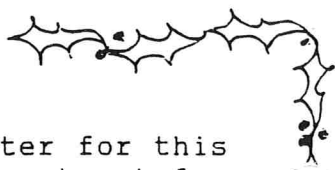


*May the
Peace and Joy of Christmas
be with you*

*throughout the
New Year*

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1992 is coming to an end and with it my last newsletter for this year. I would like to thank the South Milwaukee Fire Department for donating the much needed smoke detectors. They will be installed in the near future. This donation is greatly appreciated by the officers and society members.

The museum is also in need of fire extinguishers. If any members would like to donate one, we would be very appreciative.

One more item from our wish list that is needed at the museum is an aluminum extension ladder. Any member wanting to fulfill this wish would also be appreciated.

Our annual craft and bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 5, 1992 at the museum from 9 am to 3 pm. Please bring your items to the museum on Friday evening December 4th between 6 and 8 pm or early on Saturday morning. Someone will be there at 8 am to accept them.

I would also like to remind our members to donate a handmade or old ornament to be kept at the society for display.

I would like to thank all in advance for their generous donations of craft, baked items and money. Without you, our members, we could not succeed.

One last reminder from your president--please mark your calendar for February 13, 1993. That is our annual dinner at the B.E. Club. Further details to follow.

Addie Becker, President

TREASURERS CORNER

Dues -- Your address label has a number after your name. That number is the month and year that you paid your dues. So if your number is (12/91) then you paid your dues in December of last year. And it is time to renew again.



If you know of any members that are ill, please call Mary Magnuson, 762-9428 with the information, so she can send them a get-well wish.

For Sale TWO LOTS in Forest Hill Cemetery Offers accepted. \$800.00 value. See Gertrude Endthoff or write to the society address.

SEND FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION TO: S.M.H.S., 717 MILWAUKEE AVE.

Piggly Wiggly Store has an historical society slot for your grocery slips. 1 per cent of the total amount of the grocery receipts is returned to the society.



To wish you Peace, Joy and Happiness



WHO CAN OWN THE EARTH AND SKY?

Last weekend I toured the Tippecanoe Battlefield (1811) in Lafayette, Indiana. The field is surrounded by wrought iron fence. An obelisk monument about 100 feet tall stands in the middle and on its four sides the soldiers who fought there are mentioned. Historians have preserved the site and established a museum, gift shop and picnic area there.

A more complete story of the event is obtained in the museum. The whole story is not found on the video tape in the little theatre, but on the dioramas and displays. Excellent artifacts are displayed along with the story of the battle.

The settlers in the area, some who already owned 2000 acres, wanted more land from the Indians living there. Indians, some of whom had already been displaced from Michigan, did not want to sell the land, for "who can own the earth and the sky?"

Because of the desires of the settlers to obtain more land, the government allowed armed forces to confront the Indians at this site. This confrontation was the basis for the Battle of Tippecanoe in which lives were lost on both sides; the Indians were defeated.

180 years after Tippecanoe, interpretations are changing. The history has not changed. It was preserved and done as truthfully as the historians knew how. We are still paying the price for the battle where 150 soldiers were killed and an unknown number of Indians died.

Lois Schreiter

1 Minute for Me

Recently I came across a book entitled ONE MINUTE FOR MYSELF by Spencer Johnson, MD. The title caught my attention. That's what I need, I said.

The short, easy to read book explains that I should treat myself the way I would like other people to treat me. Stopping for a minute several times a day, I ask myself, "Is there a better way for me to take care of myself right now?" I stop, look, listen and discover what is best and I do it. I am happier. The better I care for myself the less angry I am with myself and others.

You and I are basically alike.

When you treat yourself better, you are happier. When you are happier, other people, including me, are happier when we are with you. When you take very good care of yourself, you are also helping take good care of others.

When we each nurture and care for ourselves, we can then go on to nurture and better care for each other. More important than my being loved is my being loving. We do not run away from ourselves, but take care of ourselves and take care of one another. Especially good relationships develop when I have a good relationship with me and you have a good relationship with you. Then, when we finally begin to care more about each other, the world will have PEACE.

Have a Happy Christmas and New Year. Be good to yourself.
L.S.





THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

THE STORY of the incorporation that made the village of South Milwaukee out of the northeast corner of the town of Oak Creek in 1892 was lost for 42 years. But about a year ago, City Clerk Herman Daehling, while sorting out some old papers to separate the rubbish from the valuable ones, came across an old roll that proved to be the original articles of incorporation of the village.

This story of the incorporation is told in the following article which gives the chief items of interest in the old document, partly by direct quotations and partly by resumes of the facts stated therein:

"The undersigned residents and taxpayers within the territory herein described in the town of Oak Creek, county of Milwaukee and state of Wisconsin, hereby give public notice that they desire to have said territory incorporated and organized as a village under the provisions of Chapter XL of the Revised Statutes of the State of Wisconsin, by the name of the Village of South Milwaukee; and to that end have had said territory surveyed and a correct map thereof made by E. M. Spalding & Co., surveyors, showing the courses and distances of the boundaries and the quantity of land contained therein; that said territory is described as follows, to-wit:"

(Then follows such description.)

They further give notice that they have caused an accurate census of the resident population thereof as it was on the 8th day of August, 1892, to be taken, exhibiting the name of every head of a family and the name of every person a resident in good faith of said territory on the said day and the lot or quarter section of land on which he resides, which census is duly verified by John C. Williams, who took said census.

They further give notice that said survey, map and census have been left at the store of George McCreedy, Esq., which is the post office, within said territory, and the same will be there kept subject to examination at all reasonable hours by every person interested for a period of five weeks from the posting of this notice.

They further give notice that on the 15th day of October, 1892, they will apply to the Circuit court of Milwaukee county, at the courthouse in the city of Milwaukee in said county, at the opening of court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order incorporating said territory as a village by the name of the Village of South Milwaukee.

"Dated this 29th day of August, 1892.

F. E. MANSFIELD.
S. C. STEWART.
LOUIS GEORGE.
JOHN MUNZINGER.
J. E. VOLLMER.
WM. C. FADEL.
H. W. DONSING.
E. L. MINSTER.
FRED KOCH.
J. A. BETHEL.

deposes and says, that on the 30th day of August, 1892, he posted up in three of the most public places in that portion of the Town of Oak Creek in the County of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin described in the annexed notice, a copy of said notice, to-wit: one of said notices he posted up and securely fixed in a public place at the Post Office within said territory; another of said notices he posted up at the waiting room of the Chicago and Northwestern depot; and another of said notices be posted up in a conspicuous place in the office and barroom of Koch's hotel, near the said depot.

"John C. Williams, being duly sworn, on oath says that on the 8th day of August, 1892, he took the aforesaid census of the territory described at the caption hereof for the proposed boundaries of the Village of South Milwaukee;

"That said territory on the said 8th day of August, 1892, contained within its boundaries a population of Five Hundred and Seventeen persons of whom Ninety-nine were heads of families and all actual and bona fide residents within said territory;

"That said census was taken in compliance with Section 855 Annotated Statutes of Wisconsin, and the same is in all respects true and correct."

The 517 persons, of whom 99 were heads of families, which John C. Williams, Civil War veteran and later postmaster of South Milwaukee, found within the described territory, are all listed in the document.

To the best of the knowledge of the writer the persons listed among that 517 who are still residents within the limits of South Milwaukee are the following:

Ella, Irving, Martha and Edgar Fink; A. Hawker; Katie, Nettie and Nellie Grobschmidt; Joseph and John Boehm; Chas. Passo; Mrs. Lizzie Eilers; Arthur and Wallace Tommet; Mrs. Everett Fowle; Mabel, Lulu and Clinton Fowle; Ralph Bethel; Luella Donsing; Katie Howard; Belle and Maude Shafer; Fannie George; A. C., M. A., A. L., J. J. and W. J. McCreedy; E. Minster; Mrs. J. Minster; Lottie Minster.

R. S. and W. D. Fowle; Adie E. Moore; Frank Boyle; Henry Zimdars; L. M. and Maud Stuart; Mrs. A. Heidelberg; F. L., Ray A. and Maude P. Hook; George Whitmore; Mrs. D. Whitmore; R. W. Whitmore; C. H. Weeden; F. L. Grover; Henry Peake; Mrs. O. Peake; Edna Peake; Carrie W. and Wellington Dibley; Lillie Ahrens; George Lorig; Grata L. and Frederic Krueger; Olive Dowie; W. J. Lowerr; Hattie Fowle; A. E. Bunn; F. C. Fadel;

John and Carrie Miller; Mrs. Mary Lorig; James McCreedy; J. H. Fisher; Mrs. Mary Brings; Annie, Magie, Tarisa and Joseph Brings; Ida, L. A. Walter; Frank and Peter Maleschafke; Paul Schnetcky; George Griswold.

The document contains a lot of other affidavits, etc., but the above will serve to bring back a lot of recollections to those who were here in the hectic days following the "boom" of 1891 and 1892 and just preceding the big depression of 1893.

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"John C. Williams, being duly sworn, on oath



SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
717 MILWAUKEE AVENUE

Drawing by Barb McGivern

SITE OF BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 1992

9 AM TO 3 PM

Post cards, note cards, tie tacs, pewter spoons, History of South Milwaukee, Remember When Booklets, strawberry-rhubarb jam, various gifts and bakery items on display.

REMEMBER WHEN ARTICLES PRINTED BELOW ARE ABOUT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, 1945 REPRINTED FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, 9-91.

New Life

I was a member of a tank crew with the 4th Armored Division on Feb. 15, 1945, when a radio message announced there was a telegram for me. They said they would drive by and throw it to me. It read: "Congratulations, you are the father of a healthy baby boy, 7 lb., 5 oz., named William R. Richter III." It was more than a year before I saw him, but it will always be the most vivid memory I ever have.

*William R. Richter Jr.
Winter Haven, Fla.*

Yankee Know-how

The 17th Airborne jumped near Wesel, Germany, in March 1945, as part of the Spearhead Invasion across the Rhine River. We had no vehicles, but that evening we captured a German half-track. One tire was flat and a large hole had been shot in the radiator, but my captain said if I could figure out how to drive it, he would sit up front with me. That night when we moved out, the engine overheated. We stopped at a farmhouse for water, but found only milk, which we poured into that hot radiator. *Never* have I smelled anything like that hot, sour milk as we drove on through the night carrying men, ammunition and two artillery guns.

*Eugene G. Dickens Sr.
Charlotte, N.C.*

Young Loss

I was 22, working seven days a week, 10 hours a day in a defense plant in February 1945. We had three children—a girl nearly five, another two-and-a-half, and a boy of six months. I was at work when my brother-in-law came and told me my brave darling had been killed Jan. 16 in the Battle of the Bulge.

Later, I cried as I bathed the oldest child. She said, "Don't worry, Mom. When Daddy gets to heaven and gets his wings, he'll come flying straight home to us." Their Dad would be proud of them today.

*Marjorie Hayward
Union City, Pa.*



Christmas Blessing

Christmas Day 1944, was cold, with low clouds hiding the Appennines of northern Italy. In a sea of mud, lines of ambulances brought the wounded to an evacuation hospital. Nurses and medical personnel greeted each patient with "Merry Christmas" and Christmas music played over the intercom. Word spread from cot to cot: our first hot

meal in Italy—turkey with all the trimmings. Outside, women and children sat in the rain holding GI cans, patiently waiting for dinner leftovers. To the refrains of "Silent Night," combat-hardened GIs went through the chow lines or left their beds, walked out through the mud, and with rain blending with tears, placed their Christmas dinners in each can.

*William C. Smith
Tallahassee, Fla.*

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DUES ARE LISTED BELOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH TIME, MONEY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PROGRAMS. THANK US--BY BECOMING A MEMBER. YOU ARE NEEDED.

Dues:

Seniors \$4.00 Professional \$10.00
Single \$5.00 Life Membership \$100.00
Family \$6.00 HELP PRESERVE YOUR HERITAGE. YOU LIVE HERE.

Send to Lois Schreiter
104 Brookdale Dr.
South Milwaukee, WI. 53172

Name _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ I can help with _____
Type of Dues _____ \$ _____

Bake and Craft Sale - Dec. 5 - 9 to 3pm



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LITTLE TURQUOISE MADONNA

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