



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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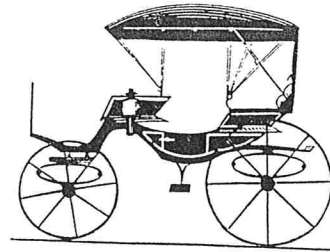
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Mary Magnuson is Sunshine Chairperson.



**HAPPY 150 BIRTHDAY STATE OF WISCONSIN
 HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
 CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year! We're looking forward to a prosperous 1998 for everyone. I would like to thank all the board members and officers who helped out at the Bake and Craft Sale and for Christmas at the Museum. It was good to see so many of you!

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Historical Society have been discussing the possibility of placing markers at the foot of the Mill stones in Oak Creek Parkway. As you know these were part of the Mill and Dam which was built by Horace Fowle. The stones date back to the 1830's. The Society will again have an entry in the upcoming Heritage Days Parade. Our Annual dinner is set for Valentine's Day, February 14, 1998 at the South Milwaukee Community Center. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Gertrude and I are planning to do filing during the month of February. If anyone can help out, please call me at 768-8790. Thanks for you help! Hope you all enjoy winter. See you at the dinner!

Dean Marlowe, Jr., President

FOUNDED MARCH 1972 BY MR. AND MRS. DENNIS RANKIN

INITIAL DIRECTORS -- DENNIS RANKIN • PENNY RANKIN • GEORGE HOOK • MARY MCCARRIER • BRUCE RAYESKE
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OUR SYMPATHY: TO JOSEPH LONGO AND FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF WIFE AND MOTHER, PHYLLIS.

SPEEDY RECOVERY: TO HELEN HEGEMAN

Curator's Corner by Gertrude Endthoff



Remember When -----

Washing was done on a wash board?

White clothes were boiled and hung on a clothesline to dry. Most everything needed to be ironed and soap was soap and often made at home.

You could set your clock by the on time trains or the noon whistle from a factory?

Christmas shopping was done after Thanksgiving?

A nickel bought a candy bar, a package of gum or a magazine?

You could buy a house for less than a car costs today?

Women always wore hats and gloves to church, to teas and on trips?

Postal cards cost a penny, first class postage was two cents and when mail was delivered twice a day?

Banks were only open a few hours a day?

Cloth diapers were used, which were washed and hung outside on a clothesline to dry and were then folded by mothers?



MUSEUM ACQUISITION: A framed slate board from the Church of Nazarene; and Zion's Flange(Sounds of Zion), a 1911 German/English song book from Timothy Tangen.

RECIPE FOR A WONDERFUL SWEET SNACK

--30 CALORIES EACH AND 1 GRAM FAT



CHOCOLATE-DIPPED APRICOTS

1/3 CUP SUGAR

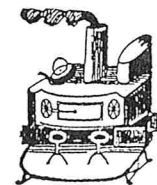
2 STRIPS LEMON ZEST

1 CINNAMON STICK

24 APRICOTS (ABOUT 1/4 POUND)

2 oz. BITTERSWEET (NOT UNSWEETENED) CHOCOLATE, MELTED

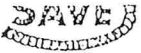
1 TABLESPOON CHOPPED PEELED PISTACHIOS



Line a baking sheet with wax paper and place a wire rack on the top. Set aside. In a small sauce pan, combine sugar, lemon zest, cinnamon stick and 1 cup water, bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 3 minutes. Add apricots and simmer gently just until tender, 6-8 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer the apricots to the rack. Cool completely.

Dip half of a poached apricot into melted chocolate, letting the excess drip off. Sprinkle some chopped pistachios over the chocolate half and return the apricots to the rack. Repeat with the remaining apricots. Refrigerate until the chocolate has set, about 20 minutes. Store in fridge for up to a week in airtight container lined with waxed paper. To melt chocolate, chop into coarse pieces and melt in a small glass bowl in the microwave on medium power for about 2 minutes, stir once or twice.

We received a letter this week from Celia and Stella Peplowski that was found among the papers of Jane Peplowski Poplar, who passed away in 1996. Jane's husband, Joseph P. Poplar fought in Germany in WWII.



IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPD-R 201 Poplar, Joseph P.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



21 August 1945

- Mrs. Jane L. Poplar
1320 Madison Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Poplar:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to your husband, Private First Class Joseph P. Poplar, Infantry. The citation is as follows:

SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. Serving as a scout, Private First Class Poplar pointed out concealed enemy positions in woodland near Augustdorf and led his squad in reducing them in violent fire fighting. Private First Class Poplar killed or wounded five German snipers on the way. Later, he was wounded by a sniper but seeing a wounded comrade he carried him half a mile to a barn where first aid was administered to both. Then, in spite of his wound, Private First Class Poplar returned to his squad to carry on with the attack. On 9 April 1945 Private First Class Poplar was killed in action in Germany. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him."

The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Illinois, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Witsell".

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

JANUARY is the time for MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. New membership dues in Jan. 1998
Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00;
Donations always welcome.**

**Mail to Membership Chairperson Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South
Milwaukee, WI 53172 (414)764-2118**

**WANTED--JELLY JARS WITH COVERS--- CALL Jewel Heise, 762-4650
DEPOSIT grocery receipts from Piggly Wiggly into Historical Society slot at the store.**

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WELCOME TO THE 26TH ANNUAL DINNER OF S.M. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 14, 1998 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM South Milwaukee Community Center

Please send reservations AND check to the S.M.H.S. Treasurer. **YOU MAY INCLUDE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RESERVATIONS ON SAME CHECK.**

Menu: Baked Chicken, salad, baked potato, baby carrots, Black Forest Torte

Price: \$13.00 per person. Reservation by February 5th. Checks to:

Treasurer Fred Brutvan, 729 Monroe Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

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