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NEWSLETTER

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Mary Magnuson is Sunshine Chairperson.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As we prepare ourselves for the cold winter months ahead it is well to reflect on our nice summer and early fall. The Heritage Day parade was very hot but was well attended by spectators on the route. Our Gert was parade honoree. The rest of us enjoyed the trolley ride. Our September pot luck was well attended to enjoy the scrumptious food and speaker Mr. Neuman's comments on the old street cars. Grist Mill milling stone location is gradually shaping up with new plantings. Our periodic Sunday and special week day open houses were well received. Furniture from Parkcrest housing is still awaiting placement. We scheduled a museum workday for Saturday, November 20 at 10 AM. Still working on the roof repair and blocking out the squirrels. We're working with the Sons of the Civil War group and First Congregational Church Cemetery and Veterans to acquire a new monument for the Civil War dead. The Society received historical pictures of the old Fowle house at 626 Hawthorne. Thanks Judy. The Wes Eisenhauer proposal to save a slice of the approximately 250 year old white ash on Lake Drive at Badger Ave. is still waiting to be cut down. We especially encourage you to mark you calendar for Saturday, February 12 to attend our annual dinner at the South Milwaukee Community Center. We also ask you to stop at the museum to look at our new back yard storage shed

Respectfully,

Chet Grobschmidt, President

Please check **Dates to Remember** on next page.

Dates to Remember: Nov. 20 work day at the museum 9 AM to 12...
Friday evening Dec. 3 museum open to receive donations, crafts, bakery.
Saturday, Dec. 4 Bake and Craft Fair 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday, Dec. 12 Christmas at the Museum 1 PM to 3 PM - Welcome Santa

Curator's Corner by Gertrude Endthoff
Museum Visitations available. Call 762-8852 or 762-2519

Acquisitions:

. Received photo of 626 Hawthorne Ave., Fowle residence where gingko tree was planted over 100 years ago at the birth of a daughter, Frame purchased by Pres. Grobschmidt.

. Received from Don Broskowski, 3 Blue Books, 1960, 62, and 86. Golden Anniversary book of order of Eagles.

. 1989 Assembly of Wisconsin book from former Mayor Atkinson.

Looking for Information on property of A. Maud 1845-1858 for member from L.A.

Forest Hill Cemetary has 4 lots available for interested parties. Deed is available. Priced about \$700. Per lot. \$2200 for 4. Call 762-4446 or 762-8852.

Museum Visitors, Education Development:

100 Fifth Graders from Blakewood School toured on Oct 19. Mary Magnuson, and Fred Brutvan assisted.

33 members of Blakewood Brownie troop toured Nov. 2.
California visitors and Fowle family relatives toured.

Oct. 6th, Fourth graders from Rawson and Luther Schools received a Centennial Book when they visited City Hall.

Oct. 15th, Curator Enthoff visited first graders at E.W. Luther School and told of school days long ago.

Oct 21 -22nd, Souvenir cards about the placques on the mill stones were delivered to the elementary schools for each student. Middle and High Schools received cards for their staff.

Nov. 28th, Volunteers are needed for serving refreshments at City Council Chambers for the 5th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas.

Get Well Wishes to Mary Magnuson.

Congratulations to Chet Grobschmidt, he and several others from Bucyrus are invited to the dedication of the dipper of the shovel which helped to build the Panama Canal. Ceremonies to be held at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.



STEAMBOATS ON THE MISSOURI RIVER

Fort Benton, Montana Territory -- July 2, 1860 Today history was made on the Missouri River as the steambot **Chippewa** reached Fort Benton with tons of supplies for the merchants, farmers, ranchers, and military of this territory and those parts of the western frontier supplied from this port. Last years trip, which ended 12 and 1/2 miles short of town, paved the way for this year's effort. Captain John LaBarge and officials of the American Fur Company are to be congratulated for their perseverance.

No, the historical society has not acquired copies of the Fort Benton newspaper for July 1860. Federal government ownership of about 149 miles of Missouri River banks from Fort Benton, Montana eastward, recent books on the Lewis and Clark and the Public TV Series retracing their journey has resulted a new recreation of "floating" down the Missouri recreating the return trip of Merriweather Lewis in 1806. Last year my brother floated for two days on the river, camping in cottonwood groves that were the sites of the Lewis and Clark camps. He lent me the books and pamphlets associated with his trip and I found the information on steamboat travel on the river most interesting.

There were many difficulties in navigating the Missouri. Meandering of the river, lack of wood to fuel the steambot in many stretches, unfriendly Indians, low water, rapids, shoals, rocks, shallows and submerged trees combined to make the journey perilous. But merchants of St. Louis were interested in supplying settlers who lived along the river.

Cost of transportation was high, one way carriage from St. Louis to Fort Benton was 10 - 15 cents per pound for goods, Passengers paid \$75 for deck passage and about \$300 for a cabin.

Navigation depended on the water level therefore the navigation season had two periods:

Early spring - based on spring rains

Early summer - resulting from melting snows in the mountains.

Ships were constructed with a wide beam, had a draft of about 24 to 36 inches of water and a capacity of about 350 tons. Even with this shallow draft, boats needed a method of passing through rapid water and a method of dislodging themselves from sand and gravel bars. Each boat was equipped with a steam winch in the bow - a crew would be dispatched to go up river of the rapids and bury a log in the bank - the winch cable would be attached and the ship would winch itself through the rapids. Sand and gravel bars were conquered with the aid of spars (long wooden poles attached to either side of the ship with a cable system. These spars would be lowered into the river into the bar and lift the ship in a manner similar to crutches while the paddle wheel and winch pushed and pulled the boat forward.)

There was considerable traffic on the river, for example during 1866 - 1867 a total of 70 steamboats carried ten thousand passengers and twenty quartz mills (used in processing gold ore) into Montana.

Steamboats (or any other kind of boat) could not travel beyond Fort Benton because of the waterfalls just upstream. These falls, explored by Lewis and Clark. Consisted of 5 separate waterfalls over several miles of river. The city of Great Falls, Montana is now located at this site.

Fort Benton was the center of a spider of roads that permitted delivery of goods to a vast area of the west. The Mullan road - 624 miles across the continental divide reach the headwaters of the Columbia River at what is now Walla Walla, Washington. Other roads led to Canada, Helena, Montana, Coulson, Montana, and to St Paul, Minnesota.

The upriver trip took about 2 months and the downriver trip could be done in 2 weeks. In 1879, 47 boats carrying 9444 tons of cargo reached Montana. In the 1880's rail service caused a decrease in river traffic and in 1890 the last steamboat docked at Fort Benton.

S. F. Schreiter

Rejoice at the Phenominal Discoveries 1900 - 2000 Part 1

- 1900 Karl Landsteiner discovers there are at least 3 types of blood, A,B, & O. Frank Baum publishes his book The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. George Lawrence builds camera to take photo of train 4 1/2 feet by 8 feet long for the Paris Exposition.
- 1901 Wilhelm K. Roentgen wins the Nobel Prize for his discovery of X-Rays.
- 1902 Millar Hutchinson invents the first electrical hearing aid.
- 1903 George Perthes finds that X-rays slow the growth of tumors. The Ladies Home Journal becomes the first magazine to reach a circulation of 1 million.
- 1904 Emile Berliner creates the flat disk form of the phonograph.
- 1905 Alexis Carrel paves the way for organ transplantation with his techniques for rejoining severed blood vessels.
- 1906 Vitamins are discovered as essential to life by Frederick Hopkins
- 1907 Auguste and Louis Lumiere develop color photography. Paul Cornu of France designed the first helicopter capable to carrying a person.
- 1908 Orville Wright make the first plane flight that lasts an hour.
- 1909 Admiral Robert E. Perry reaches the North Pole.
- 1910 Major Frank Woodbury introduce the use of iodine to disinfect wounds. Flowers by wire FTD or Florist Transworld Delivery introduced.
- 1911 The National Biscuit Co. (Nabisco) introduces Oreos.
- 1912 A highway was started from New York to San Francisco, now Interstate 80.
- 1913 Henry Ford introduces the first true assembly line, reducing production time of an auto from 12.5 to 1.5 hours.
- 1914 Frederick Wulff, horticulturist, emigrates to U.S. from Germany to plan parks and nurseries for Milwaukee Couty Park Commission. Panama Canal opens.
- 1915 The first trans-Atlantic radiotelephone call is made.
- 1916 Americans get windshield wipers on their autos. Factory wages are 14 cents an hour.
- 1917 Clarence Birdseye invents a way to make food last longer by freezing. Wisconsin born Clairmont Egtvedt, joins Boeing Company and eventually becomes president of Boeing. Road mapping gets underway.
- 1918 Robert Ripley began writing "Believe It or Not" newspaper column. It ran in 300 newspapers in 17 languages.
- 1919 Hugh Moore turns the failing Health cups into Dixie Cups.
- 1920 8.8 million motor vehicles licensed in America, 663 licensed in Great Britain
- 1921 The polygraph test is invented. The first coast to coast regular air mail delivered. Band Aid invented by Earle Dickson was made by Johnson & Johnson.
- 1922 Herbert McLean Evans and K.J. Scott discover vitamin E.
- 1923 Nobel Prize is for the discovery of insulin by Sir Frederick Banting of Canada and John J.R. Mcleod of England.
- 1924 Willem Einthoven of the Netherlands wins the Nobel Prize for inventing the electrocardiograph.
- 1925 Arthur S. Heineman open the world's first motel Monterey, CA.
- 1926 The first pop up toaster debuts in America. 98 percent of children list Edward Stratemeyer's adventure books as their favorite, Harding Boys, Tom Swift.
- 1927 Charles Lindbergh makes the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33.5 hours
- 1928 Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin. Gerber markets baby food, 15 cents a can.
- 1929 The Powder Puff Derby was held. An air race for women flying from Santa Monica to Cleveland. Twenty women competed. Louise Thaden flew it in 20 hours and 20 minutes. James Doolittle flies using instrument only flight. William Piper buys an airplane factory in Pennsylvania. Popeye first appears.
- 1930 Using magnetized plastic tape, the tape recorder is developed in Germany. Richard Drew invented Scotch tape. Mechanical refrigeration introduced.

1931 The George Washington Bridge over the Hudson River opens, built with double the span of the previous record holder. Betty Boop first appears.
1932 Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic, from Newfoundland to Ireland in 13.5 hours (14 hrs. & 56 min.) Landing Vehicle, Tracked was built by Don Roebling for the Florida swamps.
1933 The Lone Ranger debuted in January on Detroit's radio station WXYZ.
1934 Shirly Temple sings "On the Good Ship Lollipop" in the film Bright Eyes.
1935 Charles F. Richter develops the Richter scale, used to measure the strength of an earthquake.
1936 Charles A. Lindbergh and Alexis Carrel creat a form of artificial heart for use during cardiac surgery. Dick Tracy first appears.
1937 Law student Chester Carlson invents the first method of photocopying, xerography.
1938 Using stainless steel, English surgeon, Philip Wiles, performs the first total artificial hip replacement.
1939 Sikorsky, Bell, Hughes, Hiller Piasecki, and Kaman are working on helicopter designs. The Dixie Clipper flies passengers to Europe, meals catered by the Lord Baltimore Hotel. First air-conditioned car arrives.
1940 The first color television broadcast airs, using the system developed by Peter Carl Goldmark.
1941 William Piper employs 1000 workers at 44 cents an hour (half the going wage) and an opportunity to learn to fly. He gives the army 10 Piper Cubs.
1942 "White Christmas" , Irving Berlin's song is the most popular.
1943 A Dutch doctor, Willem Kolff, invents the first kidney dialysis machine. First public flight of the helicopter.
1944 DNA is isolated as the hereditary material for nearly all living things by Oswald T. Avery, Colin MacLeod and Maclyn McCarthy.
1945 The first P-V-3 "Dog Ship" helicopter built for the Navy flew. It was the only one manufactured. Pam American Airways bought 20 Stratocruisers.
1946 All electronic computer (ENIAC) with vacuum tubes to display decimal numerals finished by John W. Mauchly and John P. Eckert. The first turbojet engines were buried in the wings of airplanes.
1947 Jackie Robinson becomes the first black major league baseball player in this century.
1948 Edwin Land invents the Polaroid Land Camera. Transister invented by Brattain, Barden and Shockley.

Welcome to New Life Member: Erna Hann
Membership dues in Jan. 1999
Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00; Donations always welcome.
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Ice Cream

Put into small quart size zip lock bag

1 cup cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 tablespoon sugar

Seal the bag

Put small bag into gallon size zip lock bag

Add 12 ice cubes

2 tablespoon salt on the ice

Seal the outer bag

Shake the bag 10 minutes

Ice crystals form

Soon it will be soft serve ice cream.

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happy holidays