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Chips and Sawdust

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From The President's Chair

Dear friends,

Have you ever needed a deadline extended or wished you had time for a complete "do-over?" Well that's where I've been this past year. The spring turned too quickly to summer, and now summer is turning too quickly into fall. Just as the seasons come and go much too fast, so have the years. Even for our still young organization.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. Forty years in itself is something to celebrate. But more than just marking the passing of time, we should all be proud of what the association, and its members, have accomplished during the past years.

First and foremost, early members established a solid foundation for the Association upon which we continue to build. Along the way the association promoted scholarly research, contributed to recording or preserving Wisconsin forest history, supported special projects, raised funds for and awarded student scholarships, recognized individuals and organizations for their contributions to the preservation of Wisconsin's conservation and forestry history and much more. These achievements and the 40 year anniversary gives us reason to celebrate. The Association's Board of Directors and I hope you will join us at Antigo as we recognize past and current members and all that has been done. Details about the annual meeting will be found on the pages of this newsletter.

Just as members were informed prior to the Association's first annual meeting, "member involvement is particularly important so that we can establish direction and purpose to our future endeavors." Likewise your involvement in the upcoming meeting is equally important. Yes, there will be a celebration, but during the annual general membership meeting, as was done in 1976, we will set future goals for the association. If you are unable to attend this meeting please drop me a line, or contact another board member, and share your thoughts and suggestions with us.

On behalf of the Association, I'd like to congratulate, the 2015 Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame inductees, Al Barden and Rachel Jordan. Both Al and Rachel have long and distinguished histories of service in Wisconsin conservation and forestry. They will be inducted into the Forestry Hall of Fame during the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Annual Meeting Banquet at Marshfield during September.

I also share with you, with mixed emotion, the name of this year's recipient of the FHAW Fixmer Award, the late Arley Engel. Arley was one of the first Association members I got to know six or seven years ago and I liked him right away. Just a nice guy! I put off letting him know of his selection for this award because work or other commitments got in the way. Then when searching the internet for a phone number I learned that he had passed away July 19th. A few years ago Arley shared several stories he had written as possibilities for this newsletter. His story, "The Phoenix Log Hauler" ran in a previous issue of Chips and Sawdust, and in this issue, you will find "They're Back Together Again." It's a story about his time with another FHAW member, Eugene Harm. It speaks volumes of Arley's character and why he so deserved this award. I only wish that I could turn back the time, so that we could present him with it personally.

Besides Arley, the Association lost several other longtime members and friends since our last annual meeting, David Richardson of Sheboygan Falls, died on November 9; Dorothy Bear of Elkhart Lake, passed on December 22; Jay Craven, formerly of Stevens Point and now of Milwaukee passed on July 18th and Helen Baumann of Marinette passed away on July 25th. On behalf of the Association, my condolences to all their families.

I hope that this newsletter found you well. I hope to see you in October during the 40th Annual Meeting at Antigo. Until then, best wishes!

-- Don "Schnitz" Schnitzler



Did you know?

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin's handsome corporate logo was designed by Robert Pill during 1976. The book and pine tree symbolize the state's forest history and the Association's objectives.

*Reprint of the first
issue of
Chips and Sawdust*



‘CHIPS and SAWDUST’

A Newsletter from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin

Volume I—No. 1

November 1976

This newsletter is being inaugurated on the premise that our members will want to be kept informed of their Association's growth, its program development and the actions of its directors in implementing those programs. The regularity of the newsletter will depend on the amount of suitable material that may be available. Responsibility for its format and content will not rest with just one editor, but will be divided among the officers and directors. If that sounds like this publication may be rather sporadic and haphazard. It is only because, like the early stages of the Association itself, "Chips and Sawdust" will be going through a period of organization, perhaps mostly by trial and error. Hopefully, items of general interest will be submitted by members from time to time. If readers also wish use "Chips and Sawdust" as a vehicle for editorial comment regarding the Association's activities, we will try to provide space for such discourse also. We would encourage members who have artifacts or memorabilia for sale or exchange to submit such information for a special column that could be of service to potential buyers. In any event, we want "Chips and Sawdust" to be by members, for members, and about members, but still offering tid-bits of news concerning forest history, both past and present.

Membership Growing

The Association's membership continues to increase steadily. The honor of becoming the 100th charter member went to Al Barden of Eagle River on October 5, 1976. Al is an instructor of vocational training in forestry and timber production at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

Our membership goal is to reach 200 by December 31 in further observance of this bicentennial year. You can help attain that objective by enrolling a friend with the attached application form.

New Book on Logging

"Caulked Boots and Cant Hooks" is a collection of personal reminiscences by George Corrigan, charter member who is credited with providing the idea that resulted in the birth of the Association. George details many of his logging experiences during the period 1912 to 1937 on the north central areas of Wisconsin. Those wishing to get an autographed copy can write him at R.F.D. Box 82—Saxon, WI 54559.

Aid to Forest History Research

For those doing research on a particular aspect of early logging or lumbering history, it is possible that new sources of information can be tapped through your fellow members. For example, you might like to trade log branding hammers with Karl Baumann of Peshtigo, or exchange notes with Ed Steierwaldt of Tomahawk on how or where to acquire logging camp blacksmith tools. Perhaps you want to know more about the locations of narrow gauge logging railroads—just ask Jim Kaysen of Cedarburg. And Walter Scott of Madison can tell you all you will want to know about centennial trees.

If you want to be put in touch with other members who may share a common interest, just drop us a note and we'll try to make the connection.

Early Lumber Industry of Northwestern Wisconsin

One of the more absorbing accounts of the early development of the lumber industry of the St. Croix and Chippewa River drainages is contained in Col. W.G. Hoar's "History is Our Heritage". Particular emphasis is given to the building of the Crescent Springs Railway and the operations of the Shell Lake Lumber Company between 1879 and 1902. The book was published by the White Birch Printing Company at Shell Lake.

Logging Museums

If you have not yet visited any of the seven major logging museums in the state, you are missing an opportunity to re-live some aspects of the old lumberjack days. Take an hour or two to stroll through the re-created environments of that era. Almost certainly you will again hear the stomp of caulked boots, the bizarre words and phrases of lumberjack lingo, and perhaps even the echo of "T-i-m-b-e-r-r-r!" Museums locations are:

Rhineland Logging Museum.....Rhineland (Oneida Co.)
Connor's Camp Five & Lumberjack Special....Laona (Forest Co.)
Menominee Logging Camp Museum.....Keshena (Menominee Co.)
Marinette County Historical Museum.....Marinette (Marinette Co.)
Paul Bunyan Logging Camp.....Eau Claire (Eau Claire Co.)
Born Lumber Museum.....Downsville (Dunn Co.)
HistorylandHayward (Sawyer Co.)

Historic Note

From the front page of the Stevens Point (Portage Co.) "Evening Gazette" of May 21, 1879: "The estimated log crop on Wisconsin streams this season is 1,635,000,000 feet, against 1,075,000,000 last year."

Compare the foregoing with 1973 sawlog production of 386,500,000,000 board feet, plus 1,758,400 cords of pulpwood, a product for which a market did not exist in 1879. If that pulpwood volume is converted to board feet at the conventional rate of 2 cords per 1000 board feet, the total 1973 cut was 1,265,700,000 board feet, a harvest greater than in 1878! Who said Wisconsin's forests are disappearing!

Authors who are current or former members of the FHAW and their books

Robert E. Arndt—*The Story of Tripoli Wisconsin* ^{2007 *}

Joyce I. Bant—*Culture and Continuity of
Knox Mills, Wisconsin 1864-1931* ¹⁹⁸⁵

Richard C. Brown
— *Rails Into The Pines* ¹⁹⁸⁰
— *Logging Railroads of Rusk County, Wisconsin* ¹⁹⁸²

John P. Case — *The Longyear Legacy: Land – Timber – Minerals* ¹⁹⁹⁸

Mary Roddis Connor—*A Century with Connor Timber* ¹⁹⁷²

Sara Witter Connor—*Wisconsin's Flying Trees in World War II* ^{2014 *}

George Corrigan—*Calked Boots and Cant Hooks* ¹⁹⁸⁶

Jay H. Cravens—*A Well Worn Path* ¹⁹⁹⁴

Robert Duerwachter
— *The Dousman, Marlboro & Southern: The Tibby Line* ^{2006 *}
— *The Whistle don't blow Long Enough: The History of the Chicago & Lake
Superior Railroad* ^{2008 *}
— *The Ponds of Scuppernong* ^{2009 *}
— *The Saga of Timber Baron Charles Whitewood Fish* ^{2009 *}
— *It's Train Time! The Story of the Bug Line* ^{2012 *}

Kenneth Elliott— *History of the Nicolet National Forest* ¹⁹⁷⁷

James Kaysen—*The Railroads of Wisconsin* ¹⁹³⁷

Michael Knudson—*Warriors in Khaki* ^{2012 *}

Kurt Korten Hof
— *Long Live the Hodag* ¹⁹⁷¹
— *Sugar Camp 1891-1941* ¹⁹⁹⁶

Edward M. Marple—*The Hayward Lakes Region* ¹⁹⁷⁹

Mike Monte—*Cut and Run* ^{2002 *}

William O'Gara—*Fosters & Nobody Else's* ¹⁹⁸⁸

Howard Peddle—*Wisconsin Log Marks* ¹⁹⁸⁰

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Randall Rohe

- *A Centennial History of the Jones Lumber Company* 1993
- *Ghosts of the Forest* 2002 *

Malcolm Rosholt

- *The Wisconsin Logging Book 1839-1939* 1980
- *The Battle of Cameron Dam* 1974
- *Lumberman of the Chippewa* 1982
- *Photos from Wisconsin's Past* 1986

Robert P. Rusch

- *A Pictorial History of the Rib Lake Area* 1981
- *Taylor County Wisconsin* (Arcadia Publishing) 2014*

Mary Schueller

- *Rustic Reflections of Copper Falls State Park* 2005 *
- *The Soldiers of Poverty* 2006 *

Michael F. Sohasky

- *Wisconsin's County Forests: conflict over Indian timber rights* 1994

Leland G. Sorden—*Lumberjack Lingo* 1969

Gordon Sorenson —*History of Drummond* 1982

Mully N. Taylor — *The New Wood County* 1978

Please Note: If you know of additional published works by our Forest History Association of Wisconsin members, please let us know .

Welcome New Members!

The FHAW would like to welcome the following new Members to our Association.

Chuck Pogorelnik
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Michael Knudson
Bismark, North Dakota

Dennis Schneider
Marinette, Wisconsin

Looking for Volunteers!

As we begin planning our 2016 and 2017 Annual Meetings we are looking for 1, 2, or 3 volunteers to help with local arrangements in 2016 Walworth/Kenosha Counties in 2017 Barron County

Let one of the board members Know of your interest!

2015 Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Inductees Alvin Barden and Rachel Jordan

The Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame was founded in 1984 by a group of public and private forestry organizations to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the practice and progress of forestry in Wisconsin. This year, two individuals who have dedicated their working careers, time and talents for the betterment of our state, its forests and woodlands will be inducted into this elite group.



Alvin L. Barden

Members of the FHAW should be familiar with the first inductee, Al Barden. A charter member of the Association During his forestry career Al worked for Trees For Tomorrow Inc. (9 years), Nicolet College (18 years), and Wisconsin Forest Productivity Council (10 years) .

Barden was a leader in promoting Sustainable Forestry; teaching thousands of Wisconsin students, both young and old, the value of caring for our renewable natural resources. He provided the tools and encouraged woodland owners to use all available public and private, financial, educational and technical resources to assist them in managing their woodlands.

Barden was recognized by Society of American Foresters with the John Macon Award, 1998; Elected Fellow, 2002; Golden Membership Award, 2012; by the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association with the Outstanding Leadership as President, 2003 - 2005; Distinguished Service Award, 2009; by the Wisconsin Association of Resource Conservation & Development Inc. as an Outstanding RC&D Supporter, 1998 and by the American Tree Farm, with a Leadership Award, 1999 – 2001.



Rachel Jordan

The second 2015 inductee, Rachel Jordan, is a dedicated supporter and innovative leader of efforts to improve management and sustainability of private forest lands. She has been a tireless promoter of environmental values and biotic diversity and is a valued advisor to the forestry community.

Rachel Jordan was the first National Outstanding Tree Farm Winner for the American Forest Foundation. She followed that with being very involved "Nationally and State Wide" as a "spoke person" for small private non-industrial forest landowner (Family Forest Landowners). She was influential and people listened. She gave speeches throughout the country by request. Her efforts helped lay the foundation for the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association.

Jordan has been recognized with the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association distinguished Service Award, 1990; a UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Award of Distinction in appreciation of "highly meritorious service to agriculture and rural life", 1991; Landowner Recognition Award from the Bureau of Wildlife Management, DNR; Wisconsin Tree Farmer of the Year, American Tree Farm System, 1994; National Tree Farmer of the Year, American Tree Farm System, 1996; and Wisconsin Land Conservation Association 1997.

The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters is the sustaining agency of the Forestry Hall of Fame. Members of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Committee include: Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee, Timber Producers Association, Wisconsin Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry, Wisconsin County Forest Association, USDA Forest Service, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point.

Persons may be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame by member organizations, representatives of member organizations, or individuals through a member organization. Nominees may be professionals or nonprofessionals in the field of forestry or related fields, living or deceased, resident or nonresident. Eligibility is determined by the persons accomplishments and contributions in Wisconsin that have influenced forestry progress in the state.

If you would like to place a name into consideration by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, please contact our Forestry Hall of Fame Representative, Tom Jacobs at Tree.trails@gmail.com

2015 Fixmer Award Recipient Arley Engel

The recipient of this year's Fixmer Award probably doesn't need any special introduction having been an active member of our Association for many years and a regularly attendee of our meetings.

At home in Chippewa Falls, Arley was a committed member and dedicated volunteer of the Chippewa County Historical Society. He enjoyed his involvement there and the opportunities to share stories about the rich Chippewa Valley history. Whether speaking to groups of school children or adults, or writing for the Chippewa County Historical Society Newsletter, the *Eagle Speaks*, Arley had a gift to share.

Since 2003 Arley was an annual presenter at the society sponsored, "The Past Passed Here," giving hundreds of 4th graders from Chippewa Falls Elementary Schools an up close look at 1800's style camp, including a Fur-Trade camp and a Lumber-era camp.

Over the years, Arley, authored 51 articles for the society's newsletter. Since his passing, the society has prepared a manuscript of these articles that is now at a designer for layout and photo placement. The book will be available later this fall.

For his outstanding record of service to the Chippewa County Historical Society and his efforts to preserve Chippewa Valley's heritage the FHAW is pleased to name Arley Engel the 2015 Fixmer Award recipient.



Arley sharing logging and forestry history during a Chippewa Falls "The Past Passed Here" event



From the Newspaper Archives



History of Logging Era
On Wolf River

Written by William Alft
For Langlade County Historical Society

In beginning to relate what the eastern part of Langlade County was like at the start of the logging and driving of saw logs down Wolf river, we must picture in our minds the vast tract of land covered with solid virgin timber from upper Pine Lake, extending south following the Wolf River valley to Shawano, and east and west for many miles of this wonderful stream.



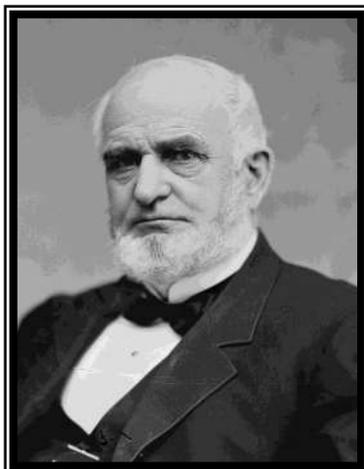
The Wolf River in Langlade County

When man first became interested in the beautiful stand of white pine, sharing a large part of this territory with hemlock, basswood, elm, and birch, it became necessary to find a way to transport this timber to the mills to the south, located at Shawano, Oshkosh, Neenah, Menasha, New London, and other points, as no railroads were operated north of Clintonville at that time.

So the lumbermen decided on the only available transportation, which was driving the logs down Wolf River to the various mills, located along its mouth, and along the shores of the lakes into which the Wolf emptied. In order to carry out the driving of these logs, it became necessary to improve the Wolf, and build dams at suitable points. In improving the Wolf it was necessary to have a large crew of men camped along its shores cutting out

a number of trees which had fallen into the stream. A part of the river was also covered with large boulders, many of them from four to eight feet in diameter, and rising above the water from one to five or six feet. Blasting these boulders and opening a channel suitable for floating logs down was extremely hazardous work.

At this period, 1870, Philetus Sawyer and other Oshkosh mill men organized the Wolf River Improvement Company to make this river navigable for saw logs. Thomas Ainsworth of Shawano, superintended the building of dams in improving this river. Many million feet of pine and other timber have passed down this river to Oshkosh. The Choate & Bray, and Paine Lumber Company, Campbell & Cameron, and Crocker Chair Company did an extensive business here.



*Philetus Sawyer
United States Senator
from Wisconsin,
1881 - 1893*

Amusing Incidents

There were many amusing incidents that can be mentioned that transpired in both logging and river driving camps here on the Wolf. Much could be made of Peter Gratten, camp superintendent for Choate & Bray, who it was claimed had three crews; one discharged, going home; one newly hired, on its way to the camp; and the other working in the woods. Then there was Robert Gilray, son of a Presbyterian minister, who kept all guessing with his boyish pranks which he had in store then, notwithstanding his mature years. To mention another, Benjamin Colwel, who bought 80 acres of timber land near Pine Lake way back in 1884. After cutting a strip half a mile wide on each side of Wolf River, and one and one-half mile down stream he had not quite reached a southern boundary of the 80 acre tract.

Gilmore's Mistake

In the improvement of Wolf River some interesting incidents occurred. In the year 1896, when the writer was first employed as a driver on Wolf River, I worked with, and had many conver-

sations with the old loggers, who worked on the first drives down this stream. I was told a story of a man by the name of J. Gilmore, who was sent up river from Shawano to look at the feasibility of improving the Wolf River and to make an estimate of its cost. Coming to a point in the river where the Langlade county line and the Menominee Indian Reservation join, just south of the Log Cabins, which is owned by the writer, he found the river full of large boulders, and overgrown with cedar. The water passed between the boulders underneath the cedar roots and moss. Thinking that the river ran underground, he returned and reported that the river ran underground, and it was impossible to improve it.

But the improvement company which was composed of fearless, undaunted, and determined pioneers, again sent another man by the name of Jim McClaud, to make further investigation. McClaud found that by cutting out the cedar, and blasting the boulders it was possible to open a channel, and drive logs through it. And, so with Mr. Gilmore making a mistake of thinking the river ran underground it was named "Gilmore's Mistake," and has been known by that name to this day.

Wolf River Dam

It was found necessary to build a

series of dams along the river, so the water could be controlled to flood the many rapids and falls so that the logs could freely float over the many boulders cluttering the rapids.

The most import of these dams was the dam built at the outlet of Post Lake, which was used as a reservoir. This dam has since been replaced by the county, which built a concrete dam in place of the old brush and gravel dam, as all the dams were called at that time. Other dams were the Lily Dam at Lily, the Larzelere Dam at Langlade, the Gardner Dam, located on Section 25, Township 31, Range 14 east, and the Dells Dam built at the head



Wolf River Dam and Rapids Quarter Mile Above Dells

of the beautiful dells on Wolf River, on the Menominee Indian Reservation, and also a dam at Shawano, which was not built for driving purposes, but to run a grist mill at that point, and since used and maintained by the Wolf River Paper and Fibre Company at Shawano.

Tragedy at Gardner Dam

About the year 1878, soon after driving was started on Wolf River, a sad accident occurred in the spring of that year. Six men were left at the Gardner Dam to raise the gates very early in the morning. But the water from Post Lake Dam arrived earlier than expected, and the crew of six men awoke at 12:00 o'clock midnight, and found that the water had arrived and was running over the dam. The foreman, a man by the name of Kennedy, took his men out to the dam, and started to raise the gates. As soon as the gates started to rise, the terrific pressure of water forced the dam, and with a terrible roar the dam went out carrying with it the six men.

Two men who were sleeping in a tent nearby heard the crash and jumped out of their bunks. Above the roar of the rushing water they heard the cries of men who being swept to their death. Running to the river bank to give what assistance was possible, they at once came upon a man who was washed on the logs nearby, and succeeded in dragging him to shore. The man's name was John Satterlee, a half-breed Menominee Indian, who is still living on the reservation near Keshena, the sole survivor of the disastrous attempt to raise the gates on the dam. The other five were drowned or dashed to death on the rocks and amid the wreckage of the dam.

But the Gardner Dam was immediately rebuilt as it was almost impossible to drive logs through the rocky river below the dam without it.



*Matthew H Carpenter
US Senator
from Wisconsin,
1869—1875,*

Military Road

In 1868 Matt Carpenter, United States Senator, had a bill passed by congress authorizing the construction of Military Road from Green Bay to Fort Howard, for an overland route for troops to march in case Cana-

da should make an attack in winter, or after navigation closed in this country. The promoters of the Military Road Company were not so much concerned about the safety of this country as they were about getting at the valuable timber lands located in the townships 31, 32, 33; ranges 13, 14, and 15.

At this time C.M. & W. Railroads were gathering lands in these townships and ranges with the privilege of choosing the even or odd numbered sections. They chose the odd numbered, leaving the even numbered sections except 16 in each town to the Military Wagon Road Company.

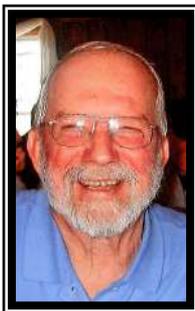
Dan Gagen at Pine Lake, Mortzfeldt of Swamp Creek, and Henry Strauss of Twin Lakes were, were the first to locate on this road after it was completed north of the reservation.

(Editor's note: The preceding article appeared in the Antigo Journal, June 7, 1932)

Draft Agenda
Annual Business Meeting of FHAW Members
October 22 or 23, 2015

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting, Goodman, Wisconsin
3. President's Report
4. Membership Committee Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Audit Report
7. Awards
8. Nomination Committee Report
9. Scholarship Report
10. Exhibits Report
11. Old Business
 - Newsletter Printing
 - Survey Results
12. New Business
 - Future Annual Meeting Locations
 - ◇ 2016 — Walworth/Kenosha Counties
 - ◇ 2017 — Barron County, Wisconsin
 - FHAW 5 year goals
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

Note: Minutes of our last membership meeting, and a summary of the survey results (see pages 26—27) will be sent electronically October 16th, and a limited number of print copies will be available at the meeting.



Arley Engel

They're Back Together Again

Written by Arley Engel *(Spring 2011)*

This is my thought as I woke up with pain in my right arm on Saturday morning February 20th 2011 from a pulled muscle and in need of a pain pill. I had been dreaming of how much I would be missing by elderly buddy, Mr. Eugene Harm. To give you an idea of our camaraderie, I will take you on a tour of some of our trips around Chippewa County and the surrounding communities for the year 2010.

Lets start with Eugene Harm's and Don Bichner's birthday party at the Chippewa County Historical Society on January 7th. Eugene and Don had been friends for many years, and their connection had arrived as members of the society. We have photos of them blowing out the candles on their birthday cake. Eugene was 86 at the time, and Don 83.



Don Bichner (left) and Eugene Harm (right)

Our next stop will be the Cushing Farm at Cobban. There is a very romantic old barn on this farm that takes us back to the early 1900s. Gene tells of how much lumber had been shipped to Cobban by rail, and the barn was built in 1912. The barn is still standing and is now owned by the LeMay family. One day we toured the barn, it has a drive in area for the horse and carriage with living quarters above, a three section haymow with two sets of tracks for the old style hay fork. Mr. LeMay was born in the living quarters of this barn.

As we are out cruising, lets travel to the Ray Peterson farm in the town of Colburn. Gene asked if I would go to the door to see if any one was home. After knocking on the door a couple of times, my knocks were answered by Ray. I introduced myself and told him I had an old buddy of his, Mr. Harm, in the car and he said please bring him into the house. After which we had a very nice visit with me getting in a few words whenever I could. Ray told us of a couple of schools in the area that we hadn't taken pictures of yet. This was one of the projects I was working on to get as many photos as I can of what's left of the old country schools in Chippewa County. As we headed back to the Chippewa Manor Retirement Community, Gene asked if we could stop by the Harm Farm as he want to show me the new AGCO tractor his sons Bob and Bill had recently purchased. After taking photos of the tractor and chatting with the Harm boys I noticed a silo on the farm across the road was setting at a 10 degree angle, and thought I better get a picture before the "Leaning Silo of Drywood" would be torn down.



Leaning Silo of Drywood

On the way down Highway 27 as we went by Alan Olynyk's place, Gene asked if I would stop and take a photo of the pile of logs beside the highway. They were harvested from a timbered area on the south end of the Harm Farm with some as big as 30 inches across. Nice logs for today's market. As we were going by the Bohemian Hall the sun was just right so we stopped and took a photo which came out fine. Now, we were getting late as Gene had already missed one meal. I must inform you here that Gene had been on a feeding tube for nearly two years and I have been scared to try to render his Ensure directly into his stomach by this tube method so we rushed back to the retirement center.

We are now already into the end of March with more trips coming in April, one being to visit a friend of ours from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Alan Gurtner. Alan and his family own Ray's Market and have built a new processing building and store combination just south of Highway 29 and a quarter-mile east of Highway 13 at the Abbotsford exit. A beautiful new building after a devastating loss by fire of their place in Unity. It has always been fun to take Eugene to visit with Alan as their interests are the same as mine. We talk the same talk.

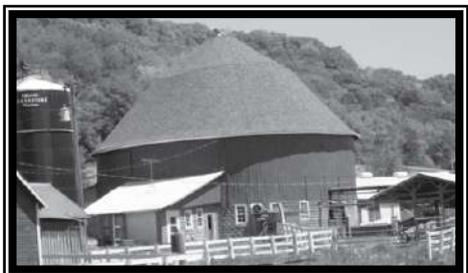


*Ray's Market, H3590 Elderberry Road
Colby, Wisconsin*

When traveling in this area it is always fun to head south on 13 to Marshfield then take Highway 10 west to the Neillsville area then north on County O and into the Amish and Mennonite country. One day when I stopped to chat with one of these gentlemen I asked him how far he went to school? He said, "Oh, about 2 miles," and if he got tired of walking then he would run. This area has schools for the communities almost like we did back in my country school days, with theirs being more of a ranch-style home, with LP Gas for heat, but they still use outdoor toilets. Think of them frost days, "Burr," it was cold in those little houses.

I took Eugene past our old home farm on County F in the town of Wheaton. The farm is now owned by a Liedel family. They have painted the house and barn to their old splendor when they were built in 1919 and 1920, during the good times after WWI. As we traveled around the county we both enjoyed seeing the new modern machinery, but there is a soft spot in both our hearts for the old stuff also.

One day in May we took a tour in Buffalo County to take photos of the old round barns that are still standing. We found only six or seven of the 17 or so that are still listed as surviving. On our way back we toured into Pepin County and stopped to visit Eugene's daughter, Joanne, her husband, Dan Lerum, and their children Samantha and Jacob. We found Joanne working at their eating estab-



Round barn in Buffalo County, Wisconsin

ishment on Highway 35 in downtown Pepin. What a beautiful place, decorated with a water falls made with rocks from the Harm farm in Drywood. Gene said he could never get Joanne to pick rock at the farm, but she sure hauled them by the pickup loads to be used in the building of this water scene at the front of their new place of business. It is a beautiful restaurant with an Ice Cream Parlor and an antique and Knick knack store included. The main building is decorated with memorabilia of old machines from the Harm farm supplied by Eugene and Dolores. Joanne took time to feed Eugene while we there. Then we headed back to the Manor.

Eugene enjoyed his meal time at the Manor with the assistance of the staff on duty. No matter who the young ladies were that fed him, they always carried on a conversation, with a little history of Chippewa County thrown in by Eugene to keep the girls interests up. It was fun to watch and listen to the stories from both sides.

On the 7th of June, Eugene and I stopped to see a friend of mine, Mr. Ken Wheeler. Ken lives north of the old X Bar at Bateman. The purpose of this stop was to get some information and a photo of an old school bell that had been donated to Pioneer Park, the home of our local antique tractor and machinery show. The bell was donated by Clinton Jensen. It had been in the bell tower from the Frazer School which was located on highway N, west of Albertville Road on the north side of the old Chris Jensen farm. It has School District #3, Town of Wheaton, cast into its form. The question is, "Why does it say the Town of Wheaton, when the school was in the Town of Howard?"

Eugene took great pride in the items he donated to us at The Chippewa County



A building at the Menominee Logging Museum (above) and logging artifacts on display there (below)



Historical Society and The Cadott Area Historical Society. He was also heavily involved in acquiring log memorabilia to be used in the Logging History Museum at Keshena. Eugene, Don Bichner and I took a trip to visit this place a few years back. The items on display there are awesome. A gentleman by the name of Jacque D. Vallier collected and paid for all these items. Then he built seven buildings representing the old days of logging to house them. After this was all completed, he donated the entire setup to local the Indian Tribe. The Keshena museum is located a quarter-mile north and a quarter-mile west of Keshena.

Eugene and I had the pleasure of going on a ride with our local antique car club on the Yellowstone Trail. This ride was setup by Joann and Paul Oman, they were great hosts and it was a beautiful day for a ride. Some of the stops we made were Yellowstone Cheese House in

Cadott, the Catholic church in Boyd, Stanley Historical Society (a very impressive place), Wayside Park at Thorp, and then on to Owen where there is still an original marker on one of the older buildings in town which tell you to take a right turn at this corner.

Another day we took a ride over to Edgar to visit an antique pea vinery on the Leroy Lange farm. We both had many fond memories of the old pea vinery of the Chippewa Canning Company. It was a great show, and we even bought fresh peas at \$1.00 for a five quart plastic pail full. It was fun to watch the whole family work on the pea harvest. Leroy even sent us down into his woods at the end of the field to check out his log house, a real neat cabin with twin sleeping lofts connected to a spiral stairway and a walk way between the two lofts.



Off-loading peas on vines into the pea viner

We have a photo of Joe Joas, Eugene Harm, Jim Schuh, and myself taken on Joe's 96th birthday depicting some of the old and some of the new timers at the history center. A photo that can never be repeated. I also had the chance to travel with Eugene and his old classmate, Ray Polzin, to their 68th year class reunion at the new Four Corners Restaurant in Cadott. They had six of the original class members present. An interesting day for them and me.

In September there was a convoy of antique cars touring around Chippewa Falls. Tom Wall had headed up this group, but was not with them the day we took photos of the cars. The cars ranged from 917 and older back to 1908. A real impressive group, fun to chat with, and some very beautiful old cars including a Columbia, Mitchell, Talbot, and Overland and almost any kind of model T Ford that one has ever heard of.

Eugene and I took many trips to the old farmstead in the woods north of Crescent to watch the construction of the "Man House," a cabin in the woods built by the farming Harm boys with the help of the rest of the family members. I would take Eugene to the farmer's breakfast when he felt up to it. At the farmer's breakfast, a bunch of us older farm kids from Sunnyside School in Wheaton got together on Monday mornings to chow down and spread the bull. We all enjoyed Eugene's company at these gatherings. We celebrated Eugene's 87th birthday on January 18th at the history center, a little late, but that's our schedule. This turned out to be the last time we enjoyed his presence there. I had stopped to visit at his apartment a few times after this but we never made any more trips. On Monday, February 14th I called Eugene to see if he wanted to attend the February birthday clutch on Tuesday. He said maybe not, as he was having some stomach pain and a bout with diarrhea and couldn't depend on his early warning signs to make it to the bathroom in time. He was a man of great pride.

On Tuesday morning about 7:30 we received a call from Eugene's daughter, Joanne, stating that Eugene had been taken to the hospital about 11:00 o'clock Monday night due to severe stomach pain, and that he passed about 5:00 o'clock that morning. The end of an era for the two of us. No more trips for two histori-

cal fellows. Good bye old buddy, it has been a great trip.

Eugene's wife, Dolores, had passed away on June 2, 2005. She was also very active with historical activities in and around the Chippewa Valley and did most of the bookwork to help Eugene in their quest for local history. And now, "They're Back Together Again."

That's all for now from Engel's Little House on the Wheaton Prairie.

Arley R Engel



*Dolores and Eugene Harm, 50th
Wedding Anniversary, 2004*

40th FHAW Annual Meeting Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express
2407 Neva Road—Hwy 45
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409



Standard Double Rooms
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Reservation Deadline—September 22, 2015

Included: Internet and
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**FHAW 40th Annual Meeting
Antigo, Wisconsin
October 22—24, 2015**

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, October 22

- 4:30 pm NorthCentral Technical College, Wood Technology Center of Excellence, 312 Forrest Avenue, Antigo
Welcome and Tour with the Director, Travis Allen.
- 6:00 pm **Hoffman House, 1015 5th Ave., Antigo**
Reception and Cocktails (cash bar)
- 7:00 pm Dinner (Catered by 45th Avenue Café)
40th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, October 23

- Breakfast Bar at Hotel
- 8:30 am Bus leaves to NorthCentral Technical College-Wood Institute
- 9:00 am Lectures:
Elcho Civilian Conservation Corps Camp — Joe Hermolin
Primary Glider Training in World War II, Antigo Glider Pilot School — Sara Connor
Urban Forestry in City Environment — Sara Repp
Logging Companies in Wisconsin—Ed Forrester and Frank Hitz
- 11:00 am Bus to Kretz
- 11:15 am Tour: Kretz Lumber Company — Bus to Restaurant
- 12 noon Lunch — The Refuge Restaurant, 410 WI-64, Antigo — Bus to Amron
- 1:00 pm Tour: Amron Ammunition Plant
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- 1:45 pm Bus to White Lake Historical Society
- 2:25 pm Lecture:
Logging on the Wolf River — Judy Peterson & George Rock
Tour: White Lake Historical Society Museum
Bus to Antigo
- 4:00 pm
- 5:00 pm **Swartzendruber Supper Club, 1315 Forrest Ave. Antigo**
Reception and Cocktails (cash bar)
- 6:00 pm Dinner (Wisconsin Fish Fry)
Auction to follow
- 9:00 pm Bus back to hotel

Saturday, October 24

- Breakfast Bar at Hotel
Antigo Walking Trail Bridge
Special Antigo auto tour arranged and led by Mike Sohasky—more details to come

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