

## Chapter 34

### History of 60 Acres Lying East Of Railroad Track

The land lying East of the Railroad Track is bordered on the South by CTH "A" and on the East by Liberty Street and by the Railroad Track on the West and extends one half mile to the North. I decided to do a history on this parcel of land as it is quite interesting since it contains the land where the old Canning Factory stood. The parcel of land contained 60 acres of land and was divided into ten separate parcels before ending up with the 7 parcels that remain today.

I realize that looking at, reading, trying to decipher legal descriptions can be frustrating and not very interesting unto itself but when one looks at who sold and who purchased the different properties on the east side of the track and north of County Trunk "A"; that many of the names will ring a bell and once rung; will cause the reader in an excited way to further extend the process of page turning.

The original parcel of land was described as the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twelve (12) and contained 160 acres. It was bordered on the West by Fourth Street; on the South by CTH "A" on the East by Liberty Street and extended 1/2 mile to the North.

1879 June 4: The United States Government Deeded the property (160 Acres) to Lewis Robbins via The Homestead Act. The deed was signed by Rutherford B. Haynes; the then President of the United states.

1879 August 17: Lewis Robbins sold a parcel of land to B.M. and Johanna Benson for \$15 and described as follows: Commencing at Railroad Right-of-Way; thence running South 4 chains 16 links; thence East 4 chains 16 links; thence North 4 chains 16 links; thence West 4 chains 16 links to Point of Beginning. One chain equals 66 feet and one link equals 7.92 inches so the description above equals 264.0 feet (4 chains) plus 10.5 feet (16 links) for a description of 274.5 feet by 274.5 feet (1.73 acres). Due to the way the description is written, it is possible to state that this parcel of land is the north part of the existing Norwegian Cemetery. It represents more than half of the total space which was originally established by the Norwegian Church as a place to bury their dead.

1879 August 20: Usually it was the railroad who sold land to individuals but in this case since Lewis Robbins was granted the entire Southwest Quarter of Section 12; the Government inadvertently or with knowledge granted the land where the railroad track was already laid and so Lewis had to deed property to the railroad as described: A 100 foot East by West parcel of land located in the East One Half of the Southwest of Section Twelve (12) and which the center of the 100 feet is where the track is laid. Parcel of land is 6 acres in size and begins on the south end at the junction of the railroad and County Trunk "A" and extends one half mile to the north.

1879 October 29: Lewis and Ellen Robbins then sold the East One Half of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12 lying East of the railroad track (60 acres) to Jane Evans for \$500. Jane Evans was the wife of R.C. Evans; the man who erected the second saw mill in Dorchester just north of the "SS Dorchester" Memorial. The 60 acres includes all the land east of the railroad track and extends east to Liberty Street.

1881 June 13: Jane Evans then sold the parcel of land (60 acres) to Naomi Rice for \$1000.

1881 Jul 9: Naomi Rice sold the parcel of land (60 acres) to A.F.F. Jensen for \$1000 and which is described as that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the railroad track except for an one acre parcel reserved for burial purposes. Lot 1 of Block 4 of the Original Plat of Dorchester was also included in the sale and is where the Block Hotel stands today. Between July 1881 and the end of the year, A.F.F. and Huldah Jensen erected a number of buildings including a house, barn, shed and general mercantile store. The store was located close to County Trunk "A" where the old cheese factory stands today.

1883 May 5: A.F.F. Jensen sold the parcel of land via a Q. Claim Deed to J.J. Lansworth for \$500 and the deed excluded the one acre mentioned in the previous paragraph.

1883 May 7: J.J. Lansworth sold the same parcel of land via a Quit Claim Deed to Huldah Jensen for \$600. The property for some reason was placed in Huldah's name.

1885 May 29: A.F.F./Huldah Jensen sold a parcel of land to "The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church" for \$1.00 and other consideration and described as follows: Comm. at a point 58 rods (957 feet) in Northwesterly Direction along Railroad Right-of-Way 50 feet East from a point where line of railroad crosses section line between Section 12 and Section 13; thence running South 3 chains and 18 links (209.5 feet); thence East 3 chains and 18 links; thence North 3 chains and 18 links; thence West 3 chains 18 links to Point Of Beginning and containing one acre. This description identifies the south part of the existing Norwegian Cemetery.

1885 October 9: B.M. and Johanna Benson sold a parcel of land via a Quit Claim Deed to "The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church" for \$15 and which is described as follows: Commencing at Railroad Right-of-Way; thence running South 4 chains 16 links (274.5 ft); thence East 4 chains 16 links; thence North 4 chains 16 links; thence West 4 chains 16 links to Point of Beginning. As mentioned this description represents the north part of the existing Norwegian Cemetery.

1888 October 13: A.F.F. and Huldah Jensen sold a parcel of land to "The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church" and which is described as follows: Commencing at a point where the May 29, 1885 description left off; thence running East along South Line of said lot 58 feet; thence North to a point 14 feet; thence East 20 feet ; thence running South 14 feet; thence West 20 feet to Point of Beginning. This 14 by 20 ft parcel is believed

to be land that the Jensens had originally reserved for their burial place but decided that general space in the cemetery would be more than sufficient.

1906 December 4: Huldah Jensen sold the parcel of land to Sarah Chase for \$3000 and which is described as that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the railroad track except for two acres reserved for burial purposes. This parcel included 58 acres of land and was sold to Sarah Chase (wife of Frank Chase) who was the lead partner in the Chase and Wells Department Store and which was located where the old Dorchester Co-op Food Store stood for many years.

1914 December 28: Sarah Chase sold the parcel of land to Cora Fleming for \$1000 and which is described as that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the railroad track except for two acres reserved for burial purposes.

1918 March 19: Dr. Crane states under oath that he has known Frank and Sarah Chase for 38 years and that to his knowledge; they owned the land described as all that land lying East of the Railroad Track located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12. This statement was made in a court of law for the purpose of clearing up the title. Recorded by Herman Maurer.

1918 Oct. 25: Cora Fleming sold the same parcel of land to Eugene Sullivan for \$1.00 and other consideration and which included the 58 acres.

1919 May 17: Eugene Sullivan sold the parcel of land to James Webster for \$10,000 and which is described as that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the railroad track except for two acres reserved for burial purposes. The sale also includes all personal property which is estimated at \$2,500.

1924 September 13: James and Esther Webster sold the parcel of land to Christian Skilbred for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the railroad track except for two acres reserved for burial purposes. Once again, this sale includes 58 acres.

1925 April 10: Christian Skilbred sold a parcel of land to the Village of Dorchester for \$1000 and is described as follows: Commencing on the East Line of Railroad Right-of-Way between Section 12 and Section 13; thence East 209 feet; thence Northerly 733 feet to South Line of Cemetery; thence West 209 feet; thence Southerly 733 feet to Point of Beginning. One condition of the transaction is that the Village of Dorchester will agree to build and maintain a road to the cemetery. This parcel includes the land from County Trunk "A" to the south line of the Norwegian Cemetery and included 3.516 acres of land. By this time, the general mercantile build by A.F.F. Jensen in 1881 was no more.

1925 April 25: The Village of Dorchester sold a parcel of property to "The Dorchester Canning Company" for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows:

Commencing 733 feet Northerly on East Boundary Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way or at the Southwest Corner of the Norwegian Cemetery Property; thence East on the South Boundary Line of the Cemetery Property 209 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the Railroad Right-of-Way 360 feet; thence West 209 feet; thence Northerly 360 feet to pob. A condition of the transaction is that the Grantee will maintain the road located on the East side of the cemetery. The village sold the northern half of the property they had acquired and which amounted to 1.73 acres. It is not known exactly what the sequence of events were but it is obvious that the Village of Dorchester played an important role in getting the canning factory to locate in Dorchester. Hats off to our elected officials.

1928 August 13: The Dorchester Canning Company sold a parcel of land to "The Central Canning Company" of Colby for \$30,000 (\$5,000 in Cash and \$25,000 to Henry Mertens who holds a mortgage in that amount) and which is described as follows: Commencing 733 feet Northerly on East Boundary Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way or at the SW Cor. of the Norwegian Cemetery Property; thence East on the South Boundary Line of the Cemetery Property 209 ft; thence Southerly parallel with the Railroad Row 360 feet; thence West 209 feet; thence Northerly 360 feet to Point of Beginning. A condition of the transaction is that the Grantee will maintain the road located on the East side of the cemetery. The deed also states that the transaction includes 3 vineries, tools, utensils, engines, office fixtures and supplies, one Ford Roadster Truck, Beet Machinery, labels, cans, etc. Transaction was approved by the President of the Dorchester Canning Company, Henry Mertens and co-signed by the Secretary of the Co. H. Ockerlander.

1929 April 15: Cora Fleming sold a parcel of land to "The Central Canning Company" for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: Commencing 251.5 ft. North and 18 chains 91 links (1248 feet) plus 32 feet (equals 1280 feet) East of the SW Corner of Section Twelve (12); thence Northerly 75 feet to Point of Beginning; thence Northerly 145 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence Southerly 145 feet; thence West 100 feet to Point of Beginning. This parcel of land was actually west of the Railroad Row and the track but I include it here as it was used and owned by the Central Canning Company in conjunction with their overall operation. I have been unable to identify what structures resided on this piece of land but through the process of evaluation and elimination; I believe that the land contained a railroad loading dock and a warehouse.

1929 Aug. 6: The Village of Dorchester sold a parcel of land to The Central Canning Co. for \$1.00 and which is described as follows: Commencing 373 feet Northerly on the East Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way between Section 12 and Section 13 or at the SW Corner of Land deeded to "The Dorchester Canning Company"; thence East on the South Line 209 feet; thence Southerly 50 feet; thence West 209 feet; thence Northerly 50 feet to the Point of Beginning. If the factory should be destroyed by fire or cyclone and not rebuilt; then the property shall revert back to the Village of Dorchester. This parcel of land is located at the south end of the canning factory property and was needed so the second warehouse could be erected. The warehouses still stand on the site today.

1929 Dec. 2: The Central Canning Co. sold the canning company and the two parcels of land they previously purchased on the east side of the track to Libby, McNeil and Libby for \$1 and other consideration. The previous conditions also applied to this transaction which states the buyer will maintain the road located on the East side of the cemetery. Also, If the factory should be destroyed by fire or cyclone and not rebuilt; then the property shall revert back to the Village of Dorchester. The parcels together equal 209 feet East by West and 410 feet North by South which equals 2 acres. The parcel of land located on the West side of the track was also included in the transaction.

1937 March 3: Christian Skilbred sold a parcel of land to Mary Steinwand for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as all the land in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter Lying East of the Railroad Tracks not previously sold. The next day on March 4, 1937; the property was deeded back to Christian Skilbred.

1941 December 26: The Libby, McNeil and Libby Company sold the exact same property they purchased in 1929 to "The Dorchester Canning Company" for \$10.

1944 Jan. 26: The Dorchester Canning Company sold the exact same property they had purchased just two years earlier in 1941 to "Western Condensing Company (A California Corporation).

1945 January 31: The Western Condensing Company sold the exact same property to the "Golden Eagle Milling Company" for \$1.00 and other consideration.

1949 July 1: The Village of Dorchester sold a parcel of land to Norm and Pauline Laabs for \$1.00 and which is described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the property owned by The Dorchester Canning Company; thence East 209 feet; thence Southerly 323 feet to CTH "A"; thence West 209 feet; thence North 323 feet to the Point of Beginning. Norm and Pauline Laabs built the very modern cheese factory that produced so many world famous cheeses for so many years and although not used for the manufacture of cheese at this writing; the building still stands and is used by the Dorchester Co-op for the storage of feed and other products.

1949 Nov.21: The Golden Eagle Milling Company sold a parcel of land to the Village of Dorchester for \$200 via a Quit Claim deed and which is the parcel of land lying West of the Railroad Right-of-Way (just north of the existing post office property).

1950 March 1: The Golden Eagle Milling Company sold a parcel of land to "The Western Condensing Company" for \$10.00. Once again, a condition of the transaction is that the Grantee will maintain the road located on the East side of the cemetery. The two parcels together equal 209 feet by 410 feet (2 acres) and lies East of the Track.

1950 May 31: Christian Skilbred sold a parcel of land (approximately 54 acres) to William and Anna Sedlack for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows:

All that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twelve (12) Lying E. of the Railroad Track except commencing between Section 12 and Section 13 at the East Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way; thence Northerly 942 feet; thence East 209 feet; thence Southerly 942 feet; thence West 209 feet to the Point of Beginning.

1950 Sept. 7: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to Herman and Lucille Sebald for \$400 and which is described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence East 2155 ft and 33 ft North to the Point of Beginning; thence North 150 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Sebalds sold the property to Adolph and Marge Gorke on Nov.27, 1973. The Gorkes operated an auto repair shop and had the bus transportation contract with the Colby School District. Later on, an used car lot was added to the businesses. The Gorkes sold the property to Gorke Auto Sales (Gregg Gorke - Brian and Sheila Steinmetz) who operated the businesses until they sold the property to Kurt Schwoch on September 9, 2000. The auto repair shop was discontinued and Kurt renamed the bus transportation business "Parkside Bus Service, LLC. Kurt and his right arm, Clarence Klimpke, continue to operate the business in a highly efficient manner.

1950 Dec. 7: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to James/Leora Reynolds for \$300 and which is described as follows: Commencing 2330 feet East and 33 feet North of the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence North 150 feet; thence East 75 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 75 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Reynolds sold the property to Adolph and Marge Gorke on November 15, 1973. The Gorkes added this east by west 75 foot parcel to the 100 foot parcel they purchased in September so their property now equaled 175 feet by 150 feet.

1951 May 15: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to Anna Umlauf for \$500 and which is described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence East 1920 feet and 33 feet North to the Pob; thence North 150 feet; thence East 75 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 75 feet to Point of Beginning. Anna Umlauf and her son Frank moved a small house from east of town to this lot in the summer of 1951 and lived there for 17 years before Frank Umlauf sold the property to Ralph and Bernice Porter on August 14, 1968 for \$1.00 and other consideration. The Porter Estate sold the property to Mike and Beverly Peterson in 1994 and the Petersons sold the property to Wayne and Donna Rau (who own the house next door) in 2004. Today the property is a rental property and the address is 231 E. Center Avenue.

1952 Nov. 10: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to John and Echo Mertens for \$6500 (approximately 50 acres) and which is described as follows: All that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twelve (12) Lying East of the Railroad Track except commencing between Section 12 and Section 13 at the East Line of the Railroad Row; thence Northerly 942 feet; thence East 209 feet; thence Southerly 942 feet; thence West 209 feet to the Point of Beginning and except a parcel commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence East 1920 feet and 33 feet

North to the Point of Beginning; thence North 150 feet; thence East 485 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 485 feet to the Point of Beginning. John Mertens established his trucking business at this location using the barn that Bill Sedlack built as his office and truck repair shop. Also, a large parking lot contained a number of trucks and trailers which would be housed here during periods of non use.

1953 Feb. 28: Norm and Pauline Laabs sold a parcel of land to Fred and Mary Reynolds for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the property owned by The Dorchester Canning Company; thence East 209 feet; thence Southerly 323 feet to CTH "A"; thence West 209 feet; thence North 323 feet to the Point of Beginning. Fred Reynolds took over the Laabs Cheese Factory at this time and discontinued his cheese making in the Town of Holton.

1956 Nov. 23: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to Raymond Bramucker for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: Commencing 1995 feet East and 33 feet North of the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence East 160 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence West 160 feet; thence South 150 feet to the Point of Beginning. Today this property is owned by Wayne and Donna Rau who live there with their children. The address is 243 E. Center Avenue.

1956 Nov. 23: William and Anna Sedlack sold a parcel of land to Lloyd and Lucienne Sorenson for \$300 and which is described as follows: Commencing 2255 feet East and 33 North of the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence North 150 feet; thence East 75 ft; thence South 150 feet; thence West 75 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Sorensens sold this property to Albert and Sylvia Mertens on April 15, 1965 for \$1.00 and other consideration. Albert and Sylvia Mertens sold this property to Dennis and Aggie Mertens on May 20, 1965. Dennis and Aggie Mertens sold the property to Adolph and Marge Gorke on November 27, 1973. The Gorkes now had a parcel of land 250 feet east by west and 150 feet north by south.

1959 March 16: Echo Mertens sold a parcel of land to Jerry and Betty Radlinger for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: Commencing 2405 feet East and 33 feet North of the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence North 150 feet; thence West 75 feet; thence North 217 feet; thence East 267.5 feet; thence South 367.4 feet; thence West 174.6 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Radlingers sold the property to Adolph and Marge Gorke in late 1973. The Gorkes now had a parcel of land 325 feet east by west and 150 feet north by south.

1960 April 5: Echo Mertens sold a parcel of land to Carl and Helen Mertens (approximately 48 acres) for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: All that land located in the East One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twelve (12) Lying East of the Railroad Track except commencing between Section 12 and Section 13 at the East Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way; thence Northerly 942 feet; thence East 209 feet; thence Southerly 942 feet; thence West 209 feet to the Point of

Beginning and except a parcel commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence East 1920 feet and 33 feet North to the Point of Beginning; thence North 150 feet; thence East 485 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 485 feet to the Point of Beginning and except a parcel commencing 2405 feet East and 33 feet North of the Southwest Corner of Section 12; thence North 150 feet; thence West 75 feet; thence North 217 feet; thence East 267.5 feet; thence South 367.4 feet; thence West 174.6 feet to the Point of Beginning. Carl (Butch) Mertens operated his stockyards at this location before moving it to an area South of Medford in 1968.

1960 July 1: Fred and Mary Reynolds transferred the property where the cheese factory is located and which is 323 feet North by South and 209 feet East by West to "The Dorchester Cheese Company" which consists of Fred and Mary Reynolds, Jerome and Mary Ann Reynolds and Clifford and Grace Wetterau. The Dorchester Cheese Company sold the property to "The Beatrice Cheese Company" on January 15, 1974. The Beatrice Cheese Company sold the property to Heartland Co-op Inc. in late 2004.

1968 October 18: Carl and Helen Mertens sold a parcel of land to Liberty Homes of Wisconsin Inc. for \$1.00 and other consideration. It is the same parcel they purchased from Echo Mertens and equaled approximately 48 acres.

1968 Dec. 30: The Dorchester Cheese Company and Foremost McKesson Inc. a Maryland Company (previously known as "The Western Condensing Company" and as "Foremost Dairies") donated to the Village of Dorchester a strip of land which is 33 feet wide and borders the East side of their land. The strip of land is to be used for road row.

1973 June 25: Foremost McKesson Incorporated sold a parcel of land to Meyer Manufacturing Company via a Quit Claim Deed for \$1.00 and other consideration and which is described as follows: Commencing at the East Line of the Railroad Right-of-Way and CTH "A"; thence East 209 feet; thence North 323 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence Northerly 410 feet; thence West 209 feet; thence Southerly 410 feet; thence East 209 feet to the Point of Beginning. This is the old canning factory property.

Meyer's Manufacturing Company sold the property to Dale Dalson in 1997; who then proceeded to establish an used car lot on the property. The Dorchester State Bank was provided a sheriff's deed in 2003 and the DSB sold the property to a New Jersey Finance Company in late 2003. The Finance Company who purchased the paper for the property sight unseen decided that once they saw it; would deed their interest in the property back to Dale Dalson who as of this moment holds title to the property.



## Chapter 35

### Newspaper Tidbits

The Colby and Medford newspapers were producing local written news to the citizens beginning in 1876 while Dorchester didn't get around to gathering important information about the day until 1892. Without some place to gather and research worthy material which can be placed on a sheet of paper; no one could benefit from history past. The Colby and Medford Libraries were instrumental in the production of these writings as literally any newspaper article reproduced here and representing the last 25 years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century came from either one or both of those resources. From the 20<sup>th</sup> century on; most of the information came from the Dorchester Newspapers. Of course any public historical record revealing land sales and such came from the records at the Courthouse in Neilsville.

While reviewing the old newspapers of Dorchester, Colby and Medford; a number of the articles that were written about people in Dorchester and which were printed in the Colby and Medford papers; were written by a Dorchester person who would then mail in the weekly news to the editors. Now because of some of the subject matter; it was vital that the local reporter not identify himself by name but by code. If certain people; who became subject matter ever found out who was doing the telling; why let me tell you that the reporter of the day would be lucky to get out of town without being tarred and feathered. The newspapers of those days were very blunt; telling it exactly the way it happened; pulling no punches. To avoid any legal rankling, the writer left out any potential embarrassing information if descendants of the family in question still resided in the community/area or if the writing appeared to be in bad taste. Some of the code names used by Dorchester reporters were: Blossom, Rats, Professor, Art, Annie, Maud, Dan, Chris, Bachelor Dads, Dotter and others. The newspaper articles were reproduced here without change except from time to time; the writer could not resist the temptation to interject his opinion or attempt to analyze the content of the article. I have identified the newspaper from which the news worthy article was extracted by listing after the date whether it came from (M) Medford; (C) Colby or (D) Dorchester.

The newspapers of the 1870s would have a small section in each edition which would from time to time provide news from the other communities on the line. It would be titled "Up and Down The Line" and provided personals as well as deaths, births and other interesting information about the community most of which was true. Each town would be listed when data was provided to the editor; most usually via a mailed letter and the town would be printed followed by a word starting with the same letter. Some examples are; Unity Units - Neilsville Nuggets - Dorchester Doings - Dorchester Dots - Dorchester Dabs - Medford Memos - Stetsonville Stories - Rib Lake Ramblings - Westboro whags or Whitlings, Curtiss Chips, Thorp Topics, Longwood Locals and other interesting words to identify the location of town news.

Unfortunately, there are huge gaps in which it was quite obvious that no Dorchester reporter existed. Month after month, reviewing the old Medford and Colby newspapers and no news articles about Dorchester happenings appeared. In a way, I guess this is the way it was suppose to be but also sad as certainly news worthy happenings occurred during the years before Dorchester had its own newspaper. On the other hand, when a Dorchester reporter did submit regular reports; there was an abundance of material to be gathered which could then be placed in this writing. It is hoped that the readers will find this section interesting enough to review each and every article posted.

1876 September (C): The election in the Town of Mayville was very closely contested. Following is a list of officers elected for the ensuing year; number of votes cast was 134. R.C. Evans, Chairman - H. Hugoboom and A. McIntyre, Supervisors - D.W. LaBrish, Clerk - J.R. Norton, Treasurer - G.A. Shepherd, Assessor - A. Virch and Benjamin Hammond, Justices - B.M. Benson, L.U. Robbins and H. Locke, Constables - S. Hugoboom and A.F. Sands received a tie vote for the office of Justice - D.O. Miltimore, Sealer.

1876 November (C): The Cenntennial History of the United States is now offered for sale by Mr. D.W. LaBrish of Dorchester. Mr. LaBrish is a young man who but a short time ago had the misfortune of losing his right arm. Now he is trying to get into something by which he can make a honest living. Buy one of those books as it is what everybody needs. The book contains the history of the U.S. for the past 100 years; beautifully illustrated with steel plate engravings, maps etc.

1876 December (C): Dorchester is making lots of improvements; already sidewalks have been built on several of the principal streets and plans are in the making for more soon.

1876 December (C): Building news in Dorchester; Donnelly has got the body of his new hotel up and is rapidly pushing the work forward. Mr. Daniel Shay has a large building up and well under way which we believe will be used as a residence, saloon and dancing hall. Mr. Newton Wiggins is the contractor who is putting this building up. We understand he is working on several other structures and is hiring a large crew to help him with them. B.K. Hunt is building two large and commodious dwelling houses. Mr. J. Boulais has erected a large shop and dwelling and has got a splendid stock of boots and shoes. Also, he does all kinds of custom work and repair.

\*1876 December (C): Mr. B.M. Benson our clever little variety merchant had a mother and two brothers arrive directly from Norway last Saturday.

\*1876 Dec. (C): R.C. Evans Saw Mill has a full crew working and is doing a big business.

1877 February (C): The State of Wisconsin is planning a vote to approve Clark County's request to raise \$15,000 via property taxes so that a turnpike can be built from the Town of Colby to the Town of Dorchester. Some are for this turnpike while others do not want to share in the cost of building it since it will provide them no direct benefit. One hundred and thirty years later and nothing has changed. The opposition group in

Colby claims they already have good road access East and West and see no need for a North South route. Thirty days later a vote was taken and Clark County was given authority to raise the money for the road with some minor modifications which apparently was sufficient to appease all sides. The turnpike will be constructed as soon as the planning and design stages are completed and the money is raised.

1877 April (C): On April 2, 1877; Mr. Wm Ferguson of Dorchester and the head sawyer in Mr. Evan's Mill caught his left hand in the chain cant hook, severing the little finger near the hand and crushing the next one its entire length. The greatest wonder of all is that two tendons attached to the finger were thirteen inches in length and detached from the flesh, just below the elbow and down through the wrist and out at the place where the finger was separated. Dr. Freeman, who had just left a few weeks earlier to reside and practice in Colby was immediately telegraphed; he came and dressed the wound and at last accounts the patient was doing well.

1877 December (C): There is probably no point upon the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company Line where there has been more acres of land sold than right here in Colby and the surrounding area during the past year. We have taken particular pains to inquire into the matter and the result of our investigation shows that D.O. Miltimore of Dorchester (land agent for the Wisconsin Central Railroad) has sold since May over 6000 acres of land in towns 28 and 29 Range 2 East being the Towns of Hull and Holton; the greatest amount being sold in Hull. Mr. Miltimore also located about 60 new settlers in the same territory since last spring but yet there is room for more and we are assured that this number of settlers will be increased by immigration during the next season to be at least four or five times the number of this season. This certainly speaks well for the land in this locality and bids fair to augment the population to very large numbers. Although Mr. Miltimore is interested in the rapid development of this country; much credit is nevertheless due him for the interest he has manifested and the active part he has taken to induce settlers to make this their home. Interested parties in search of homes can do no better than apply to Mr. Miltimore who will always find him courteous, obliging and willing to aid you in looking up a location.

\*1878 June (M): The editor of the Medford Newspaper visited Dorchester in early 1878 and there was not one saloon operating in town. We saw no lazy men hanging around; he went on to say. Daniel Shay had the first saloon under construction in December of 1876 so I believe this statement was made in good faith but was just wrong as the editor from Medford was not familiar enough with Dorchester to know what was happening and what wasn't. This type of conflicting statement occurred from time to time and it then would require another article or bit of information to verify the original statement.

\*1878 Aug. (M): Rev. Lugg received \$80 that was raised by the parishioners for his benefit.

\*1878 September (M): Miltimore Bros. are keeping the best and cheapest store in town; they are selling flour at \$4.75 per barrel, everything else in proportion.

\*1878 September (M): The Berry Bros will soon have their blacksmith and wagon shop completed. Both are good workmen and will give entire satisfaction to their customers.

\*1878 Nov. (M): Last Monday the residents of Front Street were kept awake by the howls and cursing of some drunken men; who amused themselves by pounding on the doors of the post office and adjacent buildings. Some night these fellows will find themselves terribly whipped unless the sheriff steps in and takes charge of them. Respectability and decency have got the upper hand in these parts and this border ruffian style of disturbing law abiding citizens will be put down pretty lively should it occur again.

\*1878 December (M): E.L. Swarthout our deputy sheriff has been reinstated as the landlord of the Central House.

1879 Feb. (M): Dan Miltimore, railroad agent, was in Medford looking to sign a contract with anyone who could deliver quality railroad ties. He was also trying to get people to sign a petition which would exempt the railroad from taxes but noone would sign.

1879 May (C): The editor of the Colby paper writes; Last Thursday we visited the Village of Dorchester and for the first time got a good square look at the business interests of the place. Through the courtesy of Mr. E.L. Swarthout (who has charge of the premises) we were enabled to make the tour of the saw mill there. This mill was erected by R.C. Evans and with its full complement of machinery cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The mill is now owned by the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company who prefers selling it rather than operating it and it is a bargain for someone as we understand ; they will sell it for a price of \$15,000 about one third of its original cost. We believe this to be the best and most complete mill on the line. Dorchester has three stores; Miltimore's Bros. who are doing an excellent business in General Merchandising and in Flour and Feed; they have by close attention to business built up a large trade. Berthin B. Benson dealer in General Merchandise, Drugs, Medicines and also agent for the Allan and Anchor Lines of Steamers. Messrs. J. Boulais & Company, dealers in General Merchandise and this firm also has a Boot and Shoe Shop in connection with the store and they are noted for the excellent quality of their manufactured merchandise. There are two hotels located in Dorchester, both are fine large buildings, of the internal arrangements we can only speak of the Central House which is owned by and occupied by Sullivan Hugoboom. He has a first class hotel conducted with a view to the comfort of the traveling public. After interviewing the several merchants; we in the company of Mr. Swarthout surrounded the village and we give Dorchester the deserved praise of having the best streets of any village on the line. They are thrown well up in the center with a good gutter on each side and plenty of sawdust put on them. This way they dry off quickly and a person can cross a street in about fifteen minutes after a rain shower without getting stuck in the mud. During our perambulations; we noticed several very fine residences among which was the new house of R.C. Evans (a neat cozy house built with a view to comfort). We noticed several houses vacant, owing to the Mill being shut down for the last six months. Dorchester is splendidly located and would with good manufacturing interests make a live little town.

\*1879 July (C): The partnership between D.O. Miltimore and H.O. Eastwood has been dissolved. An article states, by this time, logs have to be hauled from two to five miles

to the mill; that is the pine as the hard wood is hardly encroached upon at all.

\*1879 July(C): The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company is paying \$1.35 for 128 cubic feet of logs each of which must be two feet in length.

\*1879 July (C): The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company announced that they are now running refrigerator cars on this line. The cars will be run as part of the regular freight trains, passing this station on Monday and Friday of each week going North and Monday and Wednesday of each week going South. This will give shippers a chance to transport meat, butter, eggs, etc. without great risk.

1879 December (M): I thought these facts demanded repeating as it was just before Christmas when this event occurred. An extraordinary attempt to commit suicide was made lately by a young man named Hutchinson of Chicago; a student at Hobart College, New York. It seems that he got on a table in his room, placed his mouth over the lighted gas jet and clinching his teeth upon the tip so firmly that he bit it off. The effect of the gas caused him to fall to the floor; where he was found the next morning lying in a room filled with escaped gas. He was unconscious when taken up and his recovery is doubtful for his mouth was horribly burned. For the benefit of those who in the future wish to invent a new mode of destruction; we would suggest that they drink a quart of dynamite and then fall down the stairs.

\*1880 April (M): B.K. Hunt was visiting Medford from Dorchester and it was said this little man can do more business in a hour than a big man could do in an week.

\*1880 April (C): Six miles west of Abbotsford, on the proposed route of a new railroad branch was a small settlement informally known as Quar. Charles Curtiss, a civil engineer employed by the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company lived there for two years and was instrumental in routing the branch line through the tiny village, which was later named for him. The railroad line from Abbotsford to Curtiss was surveyed in 1879 and on Nov.23, 1880; the first freight and passenger train arrived in Curtiss, which became part of the main line between Chicago and Minneapolis. At one time, there were as many as four passenger trains daily in each direction.

1880 Aug. (M): This article talked about the railroad's decision to construct a east west line with Abbotsford being at the junction. It states that lots at Abbotsford can be purchased from Daniel Miltimore (the railroad's land agent) at his Dorchester Office. Abbotsford being at the junction of the western branch of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company's Line will come to be a place of considerably importance. Lots have recently been put on the market and they are going like hot cakes.

1880 Nov. (C): The track laying on the Wis. & Minnesota branch of the Wisconsin Central is completed with the last spike being driven on Monday morning. Gravel trains are now at work ballasting the track which will be ready for regular trains; running on regular time by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This branch will give us a close connection with Chippewa Falls and St. Paul and at the same time enable us to reach our county seat the same day we start.

- \*1881 Jan. (M): The Dorchester school is making good progress under the management of Miss Van Dusen and Miss Orms.
- \*1881 Feb. (M) Lorig's Restaurant. Temperance nog with two eggs at Lorig's restaurant.
- \*1881 April (M): A.F.F. Jensen, Dorchester's new merchant, has several carpenters busy at work fixing up his building on Main Street for a store. Andreas Jensen contemplates keeping a general stock and to sell at living prices. The main street phase is inaccurate as it was sometimes used by people to indicate the most heavily traveled road; rather than using the real street name. Jensen's store was located where the old Dorchester Cheese Factory now stands. Mr. Jensen is the great grandfather of Beulah Jensen Fischer.
- \*1881 April (M): E.H. Winchester is kept busy loading cars with lumber as he was forced to quit work in O.D. Van Dusen's Store due to ill health. He will work for the Van Dusen mill in the art of finding good customers for the mills products. Much of his time will be spent in Kansas and Nebraska disposing of their stock of lumber.
- \*1881 April (M): Mr. J. Ody is building a shoe and boot shop on Main Street. The WCRR sold Lot 3 Blk 4 (where the hardware store stands) to Polly Ody on February 15, 1881 for \$50. Joseph and Polly Ody sold Lot 3 to Frederick Gutwasser on June 27, 1889 for \$625.
- \*1881 April (C): Last week, we visited the Village of Dorchester for the first time in several months and were surprised to see the great improvements that had taken place. Many new buildings have been erected among them being; the new saw mill of O.D. Van Dusen which is one of the finest on the line. It is built after the most approved plan and is supplied with the latest improved machinery; each portion of which performs its duty like clock work. The capacity of the mill is 30,000 feet of lumber per day and it is being run at almost its full capacity. Mr. Van Dusen informs us they will put in a shingle and lath mill immediately and when finished will have the most complete mill on the line. We called on Messrs. "Boulais & Company" and "The Miltimore Brothers" and found both firms busy with their stores full of customers. We met with Ed Winchester who is general salesman for O.D. Van Dusen & Company and who also represents several of the best insurance companies. We also met Joseph Brucker who had just arrived there with eight families of German immigrants and was locating them on lands owned by Johnson-Rietbrock & Halsey in the town of Holeyton.
- \*1881 May (M): Our village school commenced Monday under the management of Miss Van Dusen and Miss Neef. Miss Van Dusen has taught here for the last two terms and has given entire satisfaction. The writer don't understand why school just started in May when it should be the time for summer vacation.
- \*1881 May (C): Bradbury Miltimore is Postmaster and \$70.00 a month is received for stamps. R.P. Ruling is depot agent and Dorchester railroad revenue per month averages \$1,394 for freight forwarded; \$500 for freight received and \$220 for passenger fares.
- \*1881 May (C): The American Express Company and the Western Union Telegraph Co. both have offices in Dorchester. Some of the general merchandising dealers at this time were, Miltimore Bros., Pomplitz Bros., A.F. Sumner, Larson & Ulnen and O.D. Van Dusen.
- \*1881 Aug. (M): Ted Lorig a enterprising businessman of Dorchester will build a dwelling which will be 24 X 44 feet and the basement will be used for a saloon.

\*1881 September (M): We think whiskey has rather got the bulge on temperance in this place as Dorchester now supports three saloons.

\*1881 September (M): Our land agent has gone into the stock business and well while we like to see competition; in this case we think the trade belongs to our butcher, as he is a cripple and has a large family to support.

\*1881 Oct. (M): His honor D.W. LaBrish is the chief cook at LaBossier's Livery Stable.

\*1882 Feb. (C): Lewis Robbins had a tree fall on him breaking his back and jawbone.

\*1882 June (D): C.A. Fessler arrived in Dorchester on Oct. 1880 and in 1882 opened up a shoe store where he made his own boots and shoes for sale.

\*1882 June (C): Last Saturday a little episode happened up at the junction which furnished considerable fun for the boys, as long as it lasted and some of it is undoubtedly lasting yet. A beast of prey, of the pole cat species, had taken up quarters underneath the Abbot House and pitched its tent as though it had come there to stay. This occupancy was not strictly in accordance with the rules laid down in the guide, furnished by the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, for the government of its employees, hotel keepers, etc. and proceedings were instituted to dispose the intruder. Instead of calling on the solicitor of the company for a writ of ejectment, as will most likely be done in such cases hereafter, a large box trap was procured and enticingly left where his skunkship could find easy entrance. Saturday morning revealed the fact that the animal had moved in and like the southern Confederacy wishing to be let alone; had closed the trap door to prevent intrusion. At this stage of the proceedings, my host Johnson began to realize he had an elephant on his hands, considerably larger than Jumbo. A council of war was called at which all the wise heads of the burg were present. The question for debate was; what should be done with the body?

1882 Aug. (C): While in Dorchester last Saturday; we noticed that Mr. Sullivan Hugoboom is making some improvements in and about his hotel and when finished will give him one of the best hotels on the line. Also that Jacob Heim and A. Menzie had opened a meat market in the village and were experiencing a big trade. Gus Homsted opened a drug store and was doing just what we knew he would do - a rushing business.

1882 October (C): We were in Dorchester and found everybody happy as clams at high water. Superintendent Doolittle was holding a teacher's examination and town was full of pretty school marms. We called on the following businessmen: Miltimore Brothers, H. La Bossier, O.D. Van Dusen, H. & R. Pomplitz, Larson & Ulven and Milo Hawks all of whom are dealers in General Merchandise. We stayed for the night with Sullivan Hugoboom. Menzie's Meat Market serves only then best meats to his customers and Ted Lorig's beer was nice and cold. We noticed two new churches under construction but did not pursue their denomination.

1883 Sept. (D): Fred Gutwasser started a hardware business selling farm machinery, building materials, etc. He was an agent for Deering Harvesting Machinery and had a harness shop. He owned a large warehouse across the street from the hardware business.

1883 October (C): Messrs. Ed Winchester, Brad Miltimore, Sullivan Hugoboom, J. Plunkett, L. Fowler of Dorchester were in attendance in United States Court; St. Paul: as witnesses in the case of the United States against D.W. LaBrish. Mr. LaBrish made false statements under oath to keep a man from going to prison and the result is; he will be going to prison himself as the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

\*1883 November (C): Dorchester now has six churches and a tannery in full operation.

\*1883 November (C): Ted Lorig is building a fine big barn in back of his saloon.

1884 January (M): The editor of the Medford paper made a trip to Dorchester and he reported: While at Dorchester Monday last; I called on E.H. Winchester for the purpose of examining his new office (new as of last summer). It contains two rooms; finished in hard wood, oiled and polished while the walls were eloquently papered. The front room contained two desks, one for the redheaded boss and one for his gentlemanly clerk and the back room is being fitted up as a sleeping room for the clerk, who is a bachelor and intends to worry through leap year about being caught. Mr. Winchester is in the insurance business and also deals in lumber. He undoubtedly has the neatest office on the line. We also called upon the Miltimore Brothers and H. LaBossier, General Merchants, and they appear to be doing a flourishing business as they keep large stocks of goods and they are financially solid.

1884 June (D): W.D. Chamness opened up a jewelry, clock, watch and silverware store. It was the only one around at the time and his wife runs a millinery shop in the same building. Later on it was operated by George Bassler and later it became known as "The Klaar Jewelry Store". It was located at the southwest corner of the intersection of West 1st Ave. and So. 3rd St. (where Frank and Mary Feldbrugge now live).

\*1884 June (D): Ed Mehner, the oldest real estate dealer around, came to Dorchester in 1884 and conducted business in both German and English.

\*1884 July (C): The new store will be occupied by the Co.; the old store by Schafer Bros.

\*1884 August (C): Mrs. Jake Heim has taken possession of the old store formerly occupied by the Schafer Brothers and will open a millinery and dress making shop. This is just what had been needed in Dorchester for a long time.

\*1884 Sept. (C): Mr. Myers is from Pardeville and he is the new proprietor of the Central House. He has newly fitted and furnished the Central House which now ranks as a No. 1 Hotel. Traveling men come to Dorchester; Mr. Myers will see that you get a square meal.

\*1884 November (C): The depot at Dorchester was robbed of \$480 at 6:00 in the morning just as the agent was coming to work. Two men started running from the platform and were later arrested in Curtiss with \$50 in their pocket. During a chase, money was found along the track as a gesture to rid themselves of the evidence failed.

\*1884 Nov. (C): School began with Professor Dukerchine in the grammar department and Miss Ella Park in the primary department. Charles Fessler the shoe maker says since April 1; he has made 40 pairs of boots, 34 pairs of shoes each averaged \$5.00 per pair. New



houses in Dorchester; Henry LaBossier is putting a new addition onto his residence, Gus Ruhmer is building a fine home and the Schafer Brothers are building a home to rent.

\*1885 September (C): Mrs. Ed Winchester was more than a little surprised last Thursday when she arrived home from a two week visit from S. Dakota; to find that Ed in her absence build an addition to the house. He painted and carpeted and refurbished the house. A brass band armed with musical instruments proceeded to march quietly to the Winchester house where they played a mighty good welcome home tune. They were supported by 75 of the townspeople who rang cow/sheep bells and gave the Winchesters a quiet serenade. Ed in his best suit made a speech and at the conclusion; informed the people who had come to wish them well, that they were to go to any dry goods store or wet goods store they chose and partake of any luxury and charge it to his account.

\*1885 Sept. (C): John Koerner is adding a tin shop to the south side of his saloon.

\*1885 December (C): A story in a 1885 Colby newspaper stated "Oil Paintings " There will be a grand drawing of two Oil Paintings valued at \$250 at Dorchester, Wis. On Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1885. Tickets, 50 cts each. The paintings will be on exhibition at the Colby Post Office from December 10<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> and from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the day of drawing; will be on exhibition at Dorchester. ED MEHNER. PROP.

1886 January (C): E.H. Winchester of Dorchester is known as a practical joker; always ready to play a joke on anyone friend or foe; they all have to catch it. Once in a while though, the boot will fit the other foot. For instance a man at Dorchester kept hanging around Winchester's Office and Winchester was devising some means to get rid of him when the idea struck him to play a practical joke on the man, get him mad and thus get rid of him. To that end he got a party to write a postal card and addressed it to the intended victim inviting him out to White's Mill to take a job of sawing shingles. The man received the postal card and after reading it, went directly to White's Mill where he got a job and returned to Dorchester a happy man. Now the question is - Who is the joke on?? Winchester said as he set them up; he didn't know and in so far as he got rid of the man, he didn't care.

\*1886 May (C): Milo Hawks purchased a one half interest in the store of A.F.F. Jensen.

\*1886 June (C): Wm. Hansmann of Chelsea has purchased the Stephen Mais Meat Market of this village and will hereafter furnish Dorchesterites with the best the market affords.

\*1886 June (C): Brad Miltimore and N. Sante of St. Louis desiring to pass a pleasant time took one of the nice boats belonging to the mill company; launched it in our beautiful mill pond. The pond was clear pitch covered with pine logs and by the time the two seekers after pleasure reached the shore; they were quite a sight to behold. The head sawyer, Charley Anderson who is a bit of a wag; stopped the mill and blew the fire alarm calling the whole town out to witness the sight.

\*1886 June (C): WCRR is replacing all the old iron tracks with new steel ones. They are in Colby this week and will move onto Abbotsford next week. They started the replacement program in the south and will work their way north as time and available track permits.

\*1886 August (C): John Koerner built the Star Hotel in 1886 and operated the business until 1894 when he sold it to Henry Hagen. Mr. Koerner then purchased a saloon. Henry Hagen ran a fine hotel until he sold it to Medford people on Nov. 14, 1902.

\*1886 August (C): The interest of J.H. Wheelock, Winchester and Company of Whittlesey was purchased by Ed Winchester of Dorchester.

1886 Sept. (C): The town is now supplied with attorneys. Even the insurance agents and druggists have tried the strength of their tongues in the court room. A man was arrested the other day for drunken disorder and Gus Homsted appeared as the attorney for the prisoner and argued the case well before his Honor, the Justice and attorney for the estate but his Honor either considered his argument better or the evidence overwhelming for he decided the case against Gus who was so completely broke up over the decision that he went home and had the cholera morbus. He is better now and the prisoner is doing well but he fails to recognize the gentlemen from the drug store.

\*1887 April (C): Dr. H.M. Nedry is building an addition to the property he purchased from H. Siegrist as his aim is to have comfortable headquarters.

\*1887 April (C): An April 1887 article states: the iron fever has struck Dorchester. Some very fine specimens of iron ore have been found west of the village and a company will be formed soon. An July 1887 article states: a new mining company is starting up and G.D. Myers and Henry LaBossier (two of Dorchester's finest) are among the early incorporators. There have been a lot of articles talking about the high grade ore in the Dorchester area but this was the first time that a company was organized to try and make money from the ore. Another article of September 1887 states: While digging a well at the school in this village; a bed of iron ore five feet thick was discovered about twelve below the surface. The substance was examined by men of experience who say it is the genuine article.

\*1887 April (C): William Schafer is doing a land office business in the sewing machine line. He has his store well stocked with them and they are the very best make.

\*1887 May (C): Mr. Charles Fessler has received a large assortment of boots and shoes and will soon be ready to begin business in earnest.

\*1887 June (C): A livery rig can be rented for \$1.00 at J.O. Pierce's Livery; at least Lane says so. This livery was located at the back of the Central House (Pinter's Packing Plant).

\*1887 July (C): A team of cattle belonging to M. Duvall became frightened last Friday and ran down Front Street as far as William Schafers where they were switched off into the lumber yard and soon brought to a standstill. No damage was done.

\*1887 July (C): A 100 yard foot race for a purse of \$50 took place here last Thursday between E.G. Swartz of Kansas City and Fred Myers of Dorchester. Swartz is a runner of some reputation and was brought here by Ed Winchester as a dark horse but it cost Winchester \$50. The time was 11 ½ seconds.

1887 September (C): Fred Kuentz started up his mill Tuesday morning; so he could get out timbers needed for Van Dusen's new mill.

\*1887 September (C): Fred Gutwasser met with a serious accident last Saturday night while attempting to jump off a freight which was in full motion. Fred is not a very handy railroad man and he landed on his face and bruising the same terribly.

\*1887 September (C): Commodore Martin Kleffman built a big produce warehouse in Ironwood, Michigan for shipping products to all points. In 1888, the building and stock burned to ashes. Loss was \$1000.

\*1887 Sept. (C): The newspaper article says that the Dorchester Brickyard is booming and that the upper story of the Golden Star is being plastered. This is the only time that a brickyard has been mentioned and detailed investigation has led nowhere. For a long time I couldn't figure it out but now realize that the Golden Star was the Star Hotel.

\*1887 Sept. (C): Henry LaBossier is building a warehouse directly in back of his store.

1887 November (C): The Wisconsin Central Will Get Its Lands: This headline appeared as it was very difficult for the railroad; being both a hero to some and a villain to many. The railroad had all this land they obtained through the Land Grant Program so: they could recover their investment in laying track through the wilderness. These huge land holdings were not initially tax exempt from the local property taxes and it put quite a burden on the railroad's cash flow. Railroad agents would carry petitions to the people asking them to sign the petition exempting them from property taxes. It was hoped that if the people approved of the petition; that Congress would pass a law authorizing the same. The people did not sign and said if we have to pay taxes; then the railroad should too. Later on, the land did become tax exempt. There were also those who complained about the railroad receiving all the land they did through the land grant program. When the U.S. General Land Office issued a publication stating that certain lands; previously given to the Wisconsin Central Railroad would be open to private settlement and entry; it stirred quite a bee's nest. A further declaration was published by the Secretary of the Interior as follows: The Grant was a grant to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the building of a certain railroad and this grant was made in 1864. The rail was completed in 1875 and the State of Wisconsin approved the grant; having received no valid objections from any legitimate office or official. The deal was made and was done in the proper way; with the land being patented (the final approval) to the Company upon the completion of each 20 miles of continuous laid track; at which point the land on each side of the track becomes railroad property.

\*1888 January (M): Mr. Holway is putting in a large number of Hemlock Logs. He is one of the men that can see something besides a pine tree when he goes into the woods. The day may yet come when the hemlock and hardwood in Taylor County will be worth something and there is more of that kind of timber here than there ever was of pine. It is time the slaughter of valuable timber is stopped.

\*1888 January (C): Peter Schafer purchased the stock of his son William and Peter will now tie up the groceries and dry goods at the old stand.

\*1888 March (M): Dorchester is developing into quite a lively business town. For several years that village slumbered but it has now awakened to new life and vigor and is doing

a rushing business. The town has one saw mill and planing mill but there are two other mills that ship lumber from there. A large amount of lumber is dressed at the planing mill from other mills north and is then reshipped. E.H. Winchester has lately opened a bank in the building formerly occupied by him as an insurance office and appears to be doing a good business. He holds his old insurance trade of course. The stores of the village also appear to be doing well. Dorchester is not a slow town by any means.

\*1888 March (C): Among the improvements in our little community is a toy factory which is being built in the vicinity of the tannery and a drugstore will be built soon.

\*1888 April (M): A horrible accident occurred at Dorchester on Wednesday afternoon which resulted in the death of Joe Panguier. The particulars are as follows: the sawyer in Van Dusen's Mill being absent, the setter volunteered to perform the duties of the sawyer. A sliver having got loose from the log upon which they were sawing, struck the saw and was thrown forward hitting the sawyer in the knee which caused him to fall forward onto the saw. He was cut and torn in such a manner as to be unrecognizable.

He leaves a wife and six children in almost destitute circumstances to mourn his loss. The funeral occurred yesterday at 3:00 P.M.

\*1888 April (C): Nate E. Lane has purchased J.J. Lansworth's interest in the City Meat Market and the firm will now be known as Bursell & Lane.

1888 July (M): WCRR Company - Notice is hereby given that the Wisconsin Central Co. now owns and has merged into itself and will from and after this date; operate the following railroads to-wit: First - The Wisconsin and Minnesota Railroad; formerly so called extending from Abbotsford to Chippewa Falls; the Minnesota, Saint Croix and Wisconsin Railroad formerly extending from Chippewa Falls, via Lake Phalen Junction and Trout Brook Junction to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Minnesota Transfer. The Chippewa Falls and Western Railroad formerly so called extending from Chippewa Falls to Eau Claire and the Penokee Railroad formerly so-called extending from Mellen to Bessemer, Michigan. Second - The Wisconsin Central Company has become assignee of the lease for 99 years and will henceforth operate and control under it; the Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota Railroad formerly so-called extending from Schleisingerville by way of Waukesha and Burlington to the Chicago and Great Western Terminals in Cook County, Illinois. Third - Messrs John A. Stewart and Edwin H. Abbott, trustees in possession of the Wisconsin Central Railroad and lessees of the Milwaukee and Lake Winnebago Railroad extending from Schleisingerville to Ashland together with the Portage Branch and all spurs from the main line of said railroads will continue hereafter as heretofore; to control and operate their railroad independently of the Wisconsin Central Company but will make friendly interchange of traffic and operate harmoniously with it. Dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1888. Approved by Charles L. Colby - President of Wisconsin Central Company.

\*1888 July (C): The stock of A.F.F. Jensen has been attacked by creditors. We do not know the amount of the liability but hope that an arrangement can be made so he will be back in business soon.

\*1888 August (D): A.F. Schmidt started to manufacture broom handles and toys in 1888. Also ran a feed mill at that time. Taken from a 1928 newspaper article.

\*1888 December (C): Sullivan Hugoboom has purchased the furniture of J.O. Pierce who was the proprietor of The Central House as he has contracted for a hotel in Thorp.

\*1889 Jan.(C): J. Holdeman's home is nearly complete at the south end of Dorchester.

\*1889 February (C): Our quiet village was thrown into a state of excitement today by the report that two of our most prominent citizens were to indulge in a prize fight. The names of the participants are Henry LaBossier and Martin Kleffman. The stakes are set at \$500 on the side. LaBossier's trainer is Ed Winchester who by the way is no novice with the gloves. Alex Prentice will train Kleffman. As we understand, the match will come off March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1889. Place has not as yet been agreed upon and the gate money will be donated to the poor.

1889 Mar. (M): There is a prospect that the next year will see a falling off in the number of saloons in Medford. As there are now eight (one for every 125 of population) it would seem that it would be hard to make the business pay with the license at \$200 per year. Less saloons and better regulations for their management would result in much good. It is claimed that if the city is incorporated; parties contemplate opening saloons just outside the city limits and that the town license would be \$25 per year. This may be true but the farmers coming to town and returning home will be depended on for trade by these places and if the farmers of Medford and adjoining towns can afford to support two or three saloons; they will have no just cause to grumble at the hard times. Although this article talks about Medford - I felt compelled to include it as a means of displaying to the reader how quickly this area grew in population.

1889 June (C): The struggle for the Post mastership of Dorchester has waxed warm for the past month. Many of the leading Republicans having pressed their claims to the position. The matter was finally settled last Saturday by a Convention of the leading Republican businessmen. Those entitled to vote in the convention were; Bradbury Miltimore, E.L. Swarthout, John Miltimore, Sullivan Hugoboom, A.F. Schmidt, Ed Winchester and N.E. Lane. The convention assembled at Miltimore Bros. Store. The delegates were all present except Ed Winchester who was at the time so pressed with legal business that he could not attend. On motion of John Miltimore, E. L. Swarthout was elected chairman and Bradley Miltimore Secretary. N.E. Lane then presented the following proxy and it read; Honorable Gentlemen of the Convention; it being impossible for me to meet with you in convention this evening; I hereby authorize N.E. Lane to cast my vote on all questions coming before your honorable body. Signed Ed Winchester. On motion; the proxy was accepted and N. Lane was entitled to two votes in the convention. On motion of Sullivan Huugoboom; an informal ballot was taken with these results; Brad Miltimore 2; A.F. Schmidt 2; and E.L. Swarthout 3. The convention then proceeded to a formal ballot for postmaster resulting as follows: B. Miltimore 2; A. Schmidt 3; E.L. Swarthout 2: Second Ballot: Brad Miltimore 1; A.F. Schmidt 3; E.L. Swarthout 3: Third Ballot: A.F. Schmidt 3 E.L. Swarthout 4. E.L. Swarthout having received the majority of

the votes; was declared the unanimous choice of the convention. Mr. Swarthout then made a few very appropriate remarks in the course of which; he thanked the gentlemen of the convention for the honor conferred on him and he assured them that armed with their valuable endorsement; he would rigorously press his claims for the position.

\*1889 July (C): Chris Hopp of Marshfield who came to Dorchester and started a meat market here some time ago; has returned home as he found out Dorchester has no place for a second class butcher.

\*1889 August (M): Colonel J.A. Plunkett of Dorchester was in town the other day. The Colonel is agent for a patent paper pulley covering and he is making the rounds of saw mills and other manufacturing establishments of Northern Wisconsin.

\*1889 November (C): Dr. Nedry has completed his new office building which is located between Falconer's Meat Market and Fessler's Shoe Store. Hansman new meat market is being erected very fast and William will have a fine place when it is completed.

\*1889 Aug. (C): J. Plunkett & John Kleffman are agents in Wis. and Minn. for the Patent Paper Pulley Covering; samples of which can be seen at John Koerner's Hoop Factory.

1890 Jan. (C): The new year's dance given by the Farmer's Club was largely attended and was a success; financially as well as socially. At three in the morning, two bullet holes were found in the north wall of the opera hall where the dance was held which caused many of the crowd; who were still there to shudder. A little after midnight; there was considerable shooting in the village and one Wm Hansman is supposed to have fired four shots at the opera hall. One shot came through the wall and fell upon the floor of Henry LaBossier's Store; while another entered the building between the ceiling of the first story and the floor hall and the remaining two shots passed through the wall and into the hall on the second story; one of which buried itself in the wall. The other fell to the floor where a large number of people were dancing and many others were seated around. Noone was injured although one of the balls passed within three inches of a lady's head and noone knows who else had a close call for the two balls which entered the hall passed through the crowd of dancers and it was only noticed later.

\*1890 April (C): Miss Carrie Tennant has opened a dress making and millinery shop one door south of the post office.

\*1890 April (C): O.D. Van Dusen has begun tearing down his saw mill here and he will ship it to Fifield as soon as possible.

\*1890 April (M): There will be a meeting in this city next Monday evening of all the physicians and surgeons on the line of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company between Fifield and Abbotsford. The following doctors are in the scheme: Miller and Zeit of Medford; Nedry of Dorchester; McDonald of Chelsea; Sperry of Phillips; and Brauman of Fifield. The object of the meeting is to organize a mutual protective association and to establish a black list upon which will appear the names of all who have been indebted to any of the doctors for an unreasonable amount of time. Each physician will agree not to treat any black listed party until satisfactory arrangements have been made for liquidating previous accounts.

\*1890 May (C): M.R. Hunt and S.P. Armstrong of Ashland Iron & Steel Company were in town looking after their interests in the charcoal line. Paul Blanc is busy building a new residence on LeClaire Ave.

\*1890 June (C): At seven o'clock p.m. last Sunday; someone entered the sawmill of Fred Kuentz while the watchman was walking around the yard and cut the main belt in nine different places; rendering it useless and dangerous; had it not been noticed before starting up Monday morning. It appears that Fred Duchaine told some one about that time; that he was going to Kuentz's mill to see if his logs were sawed and should he find them unsawed; he would cut off the belts. He was seen shortly after; by the watchman and others as he was leaving the mill through the east door and then as he was running down the track in the direction of the coal kilns. He was arrested Monday morning and sufficient evidence was given to bind him over to circuit court. Deputy Sheriff Lane started with his prisoner Monday night for Neilsville; where Mr. Dechaine will have a vacation until December. A large crowd of men and boys followed the prisoner to the depot and their cheers could be heard all over the village when the train pulled out.

1890 July (C): When the Van Dusen Company moved their mill out of Dorchester; it was feared that the town would begin to go backwards instead of forwards. But Winchester, LaBossier and others insisted that it would make no difference in the town. It is now proven that the backward movement has commenced sooner and stronger than anyone anticipated. At their school meeting, Monday evening; the village voted to do away with one teacher and only engage two where heretofore they had three. Colby has four teachers and finds that each one has all that one teacher can attend to. Dorchester has employed three teachers for the past two years but the town is decreasing and they will only have two teachers now. It is either this or it is that the village has people on the penny wise and pound foolish order. When a man or set of men will for the sake of saving 50 cents in taxes; vote to curtail the efficiency of the schools; they are striking a blow at their town that is worse than the removal of two saw mills.

1890 July (M): A letter was written By E.H. Winchester of Dorchester and it is self explanatory: Dear Sirs: In your edition of three weeks ago; you seem to doubt a statement made by me while in Portage as per enclosed which I clipped from the Phonograph of that date and which I quote. E.H. Winchester banker and insurance agent of Dorchester was in town today on business. Mr. Winchester claims that he will write \$500,000 of fire insurance this month. The above is from Portage and evidently is in error as to sell \$500,000 per month would be 6 million dollars per year and while we would like to see Ed sell 6 million dollars per year; we believe there is one too many cypher and the amount should be \$50,000. Even that amount is a large sum for one month - end of quote. Mr. Ed Winchester said ; I am not in the habit of making statements that I cannot back up. I did not mean to convey the idea that I would write that amount every month but I do claim that I write more insurance than any two agencies on the Wisconsin Central Line from Stevens Point to Ashland. Now I will back up my statement as I sold \$500,000 of insurance in June; the enclosed list shows the amount sold and to which party it was sold. The total of the list came to \$519,525. He also says that he would like the editor

to give the same publicity to this letter as he had given to his writing of three weeks ago and that he will give \$100 for any item on the list which is misstated.

1890 Dec. (M): Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Evans of Watertown, South Dakota were in Medford Wednesday last. Mr. Evans was the man who built the second saw mill at Dorchester and for several years he made that place his home. Mrs. E.H. Winchester of Dorchester is his daughter and accompanied her parents on their visit to Medford.

1891 April (M): The tannery people will start two bark camps next Monday morning. They will commence hauling as soon as the bark is cured enough to put into the mills as their stock of bark at the tannery has been exhausted for some days. It is their firm determination to themselves to cure all the bark they will require to keep the tannery going for the coming year but they will also buy from farmers who wish to sell.

\*1891 Aug. (M): A barn at Dorchester belonging to Sullivan Hugoboom was destroyed by fire Thursday night; together with its contents. Loss was \$1300 with no insurance.

\*1891 September (C): Some of the new buildings going up in Dorchester will add to the overall improvement of the community: Fred Kuentz is erecting a large two story mill near the site of the old one; which will be used for a saw mill and for other manufacturing purposes. At present, he is shingling the roof of the mill. Miltimore Bros. Store is now nearly complete and it is a vast improvement over the old one. It is larger and in every respect better fitted to carry on their large business. A new safe has been received; it is a fine one and put up by the Diebold Company. Geo. Krakenberger is building a large two story hardware store and dwelling and when completed; will be a valuable addition to the business area of the town. This week he received a carload of stoves and the new hardware will soon be open to the public. Three houses are also being constructed belonging to Arson Roy, J.E. Bursell and Mrs. Leitzow.

\*1891 Sept. (C): Martin Kleffman of Dorchester shipped the first carload of fat stock from this place on September 8 and he intends to ship two more car loads next week. Anyone having good fat stock will do well to call on him.

\*1891 September (C): Henry LaBossier is running his hay press and he is shipping baled hay as far as there is a demand for it.

\*1891 Sept.(C): The local school has been running for three weeks and 120 students are in attendance. Two hundred square feet of blackboard was put in at the schoolhouse.

\*1891 October (C): October News Items: The Dorchester Dotters went to Colby last Saturday and suffered a defeat at the diamond to the Colby Windwhippers. William Hansman went out of the meat market to try something else. A May of 1892 article said; Wm Hansman has again taken charge of his meat market.

\*1891 October (C): A.K. Berry has moved his blacksmith shop about a block and a half southwest of its former location. He is building a 16 foot addition onto his existing shop to make more room for the business.

\*1891 October (C): Some idea of how the bank in Dorchester is doing; one might gain some idea by knowing that 123 business communications were mailed out.



\*1891 Oct. (C): Our station agent of the last two years, M. H. Stevens, wife and child headed out for Chicago. The auditors checked him out and introduced the new man. John Miltimore will move into the Stevens House as he purchased it from Ed Winchester.

1891 Oct. (M): A letter arrived in Charles Stimm's mailbox of Medford and it stated: Gents; I give you final notice to deliver to me at Dorchester, Wis.; my dog which you hold as you merely stole same. I let you know I have 10 witnesses who seen the dog on your premises. If you do not send same prepaid by next express; I will enter suit against you as I have already engaged a lawyer in the case. Hope you will send dog at once or stand the consequences of the case. Signed Reimund Heindorfer-per Paul Blanc; Attorney-At-Law. Now this is simply horrible! The trouble is Stimm has no dog to render up to appease the wrath of the Dorchester gentleman and his attorney. He does not believe that dogs are profitable property as they eat more than they earn. Charitably persons who may feel disposed to help him out of the scrape might ship a dog or two to the Dorchester gentleman and thereby save Stimm's scalp.

\*1891 December (C): Albert Nedry (17) died on December 9, 1891 of Typhoid Fever.

\*1892 February (C): S.B. Armstrong of the Ashland Iron and Steel Company distributed \$9000 among the farmers in the vicinity of Dorchester last week and all of the amount came through the Bank of Dorchester. To say that Winchester and Lane were kept busy; would be putting it mild. The money was paid for wood that was hauled to the kiln.

\*1892 Mar. (C): The toy factory in the southwest part of the village and formerly owned by August Schmidt has been purchased by the Chapman Bros.; who are fitting it up to manufacture broom handles, cant hook stocks and other articles in that line.

\*1892 March (C): A meeting of everyone interested in the flour mill was held at LaBossier's Hall Tuesday for the purpose of making an effort to raise the \$2000 bonus money necessary to secure the mill. The meeting was a pronounced success and it is altogether probable that in the near future; Dorchester will have a grist mill. One week later this article stated: now it is practically settled that Dorchester will have a grist mill or the mill men will have to put up their \$300 of forfeiture. Arrangements have been completed so that work can be commenced on the mill as soon as the proprietors are ready. There has been some talk that other places have been working to secure this mill; which of course is now out of the question. The mill when built cannot fail to be a permanent benefit to every businessman in the place and even more so to the farmer who lives within a radius of ten or twelve miles from Dorchester. It will not be a one horse outfit but will be a large roll mill; filled with the latest and most approved machinery which will be capable of turning out 120 barrels of flour per day. Besides custom grinding; the owners will buy all kinds of grain that can be converted into flour or feed. The following week another article proclaimed; Ted Ziegler and Wm Weiden, the grist mill men, were in town Wednesday along with H. Thien, agent for E.P. Allis & Co. Full arrangements were made and work on the mill will begin as soon as possible.

\*1892 July (D): Geo./Anna Krakenberger established a hardware store in 1892 and he operated it until he died in 1900. Anna took over operation of the store and harness

shop. The hardware store was located at the SE Cor. of West 1st Ave. and So. 3rd St.  
\*1892 August (D): Mr. F.A. Distelhorst opened a general store in 1892, selling groceries, dry goods, hosiery, felt hats, neckwear, shoes and glassware. The building also contained a bakery, restaurant, millinery and in the back of the store, a saloon.

1893 Jan. (M): L. Cardinel of Dorchester is the inventor and patentee of a device for binding logs on cars and logging sleights. The device is a peculiar chain arrangement that cannot well be described in a newspaper but is of unquestionable utility and has been approved by many who are possessed of practical knowledge in the realm of log loading. Mr. Cardinell is pleased to visit any lumbering firm that has occasion to use chain binders and demonstrate to them that his binder is the particular binder they are looking for.

1893 April (C): A south bound freight was wrecked at Dorchester last Monday morning. In coming over the hill just north of the depot; the train broke in two and the forward portion ran considerably ahead but there being a passenger or two aboard for Dorchester; the engineer stopped the train when he thought the caboose would be along side the depot. However, he was not aware that the train had parted. The rear portion had made the hill and was following with terrific speed and just as the forward portion stopped; the rear portion crashed into it and two or three cars were ground into kindling wood and several derailed. Fortunately no one was hurt.

\*1893 June (C): Charles Fessler of Dorchester has erected a neat and new building at the west end of main (1<sup>st</sup> Ave West) on the section line road (where the Ken Mohan residence stands) and today he opens up his new saloon. He promises to operate a first class place.

\*1893 June (C): Peter Schafer said his son John will take over the store on June 1.

\*1893 September (C): Wisconsin Central is replacing some of their cars with new steel ones. They were manufactured at Des Plaines; weigh no more than the old wood ones and they cannot be made into kindling wood.

\*1893 October (C): M. McDonald intending to go into other business; will sell at auction next Saturday October 28, his entire stock of groceries, boots, shoes, dry goods, etc. at his store which adjoins Dr. Nedry's office on Main Street (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West).

\*1893 October (C): The new cigar factory of G. Tischendorf is nearing completion as is the Bursell Mansion (located where Frank and Mary Feldbrugge now live).

\*1893 Oct. (C): Our new democratic postmaster, Peter Schafer, is busy getting his new post office building ready and he intends to take charge of his official duties on Nov 1.

\*1893 November (C): Our genial and popular butcher, Wm Hansman, has purchased the bank property of Ed Winchester and has converted it into a neat and cozy meat market. Mr. Hansman is a full fledged butcher and we wish him renewed success (located north of where the American Legion Hall now stands).

\*1893 November (C): It is with great pleasure that we spread the glad tidings to the many readers of your valuable paper; that our enterprising merchant, John Schafer; attended church services on Sunday. This is a step in the right direction and we hope to meet John more frequently in the Lord's house in the future than we have in the past.

1893 November (C): News-News-News: it is enough to give Bachelor Dads the blues. Nobody married and nobody dead; nobody came to your writer and began to spat; noone got bogy and started a scrap; noone got run in for taking a horn; no body buried and no body born. Oh for a racket, a riot, a fuss, some one to come to town and kick up a muss; something to stir up the peace laden air, some sensitive offended reader to try and give the Dads a scare; somebody thumped within an inch of his life; someone run off with another man's wife; some delinquent subscriber to pay to "The Photograph" his dues; anything, anything; just so Bachelor Dads can call it news.

1894 April (C): E.H. Winchester stopped in the city yesterday while on his way from Thorp to Spencer. In an interview with Mr. Winchester; we again broached the subject of the difference in business caused by his removal from Dorchester to Phillips. We held that while he might gain in the banking business; he must undoubtedly lose in the insurance business. Mr. Winchester said such was not the case; that he had gained in both branches of business. He said in 1893; he had written more insurance than in any pre-vious year since he engaged in the business and provided the figures to back up that story. The total amount was \$2,133,037 and that does not include any numbers from the Medford office. We of course know that Ed is a hustler but did not think that one agent could drum up that immense amount of business when there are so many smaller agencies along the line and the only way it can be accounted for is that Ed has twenty five of the best insurance companies that he sells for and his losses are always adjusted promptly and satisfactory to his patrons.

1894 August (C): Charles Fessler and F.A. Dahlberg of Dorchester were in the city yesterday. They informed us that the citizens had raised the \$2000 bonus for a factory and that the parties were expected there this week. The firm who intends putting in the factory will purchase the Fred Kuentz saw mill and enlarge it to a considerable extent. What they intend to manufacture besides lumber we failed to learn but they expect to use about \$25,000 worth of elm, birch, basswood and ash timber each year. Dorchester we congratulate you.

1894 August (C): Prentice has been making desperate efforts to knock Phillips, poor scourged Phillips; out of the county seat. It is even stated that while people from Phillips were fighting fire; to prevent Prentice from facing the same tragedy. Prentice people were circulating citations to take the county seat away from Phillips and even went so far as to secure an injunction against the county board; to prevent their letting the contract for a new courthouse. There are two such words in Webster's Dictionary; mean and ungrateful.

1894 Oct. (C): Fred Kuentz sold a parcel of land to Plenkharp Barrel Machine Co. Of Columbus Ohio on October 31, 1894 for \$3750 desc. as follows: Comm. at Northeast Corner of Lot deeded to Peter Schillig; thence North running along RR ROW to South side of Street of Block 2 and 3; thence West along Street 234 feet; thence South 940 feet; thence East 234 feet to POB. Containing 5 and ½ Acres. Phenkharp Barrel Machine Co.

sold the same property back to Fred Krentz on January 28, 1895 for \$1418. It is also interesting to note that the resale price was substantially less than the original payment made for the land. However, there could be a dozen reasons for the difference in price.

1894 Nov. (M): Mr. Martin Kleffman is one of the solid men of Dorchester and the leading figure in the "German Farmer's Society" of that village; which is responsible for about all the enterprise there is in the place. They recently secured an barrel manufacturing concern to build a plant there. This enterprise will circulate about \$20,000 among the residents of that community each and every year. An invitation to the farmers to supply them with over one million board feet of logs for a starter at the most liberal prices we have noticed so far this year.

1894 Dec. (M): The puzzle has been solved; the Medford Newspaper of Dec. 8, 1894 states the following: Lost By Fire - During the early summer it was announced in these columns that the business men and farmers in and around Dorchester had succeeded in inducing the Plenkharp Barrel Manufacturing Company of Ohio to locate in the village. The company would use large amounts of logs and bolts to be bought from farmers. Two weeks ago, just as the company was about to take possession of the property donated (an old saw mill) fire destroyed the mill. The fire explains the difference in price as the buildings were destroyed and therefore not included in the second transaction. This week members of the company came to Medford and opened negotiations for a location in this city. It would appear that there is jealousy among certain citizens of Dorchester and that the ill feeling has resulted in breaking off negotiations or more properly speaking defeating the consummation of the bargain already agreed to. It becomes necessary therefore, for the company to seek another location, which they are now doing.

1894 December (M): An second article from the Medford Paper of December 28, 1894 states; The committee appointed to solicit aid for the factory to be built here by The Plenkharp Barrel Company reported on Thursday that they had secured the necessary amount very readily and Mr. Ozia the gentleman who represents the company here has stated the factory will be built. All the company asks is a bonus of \$1000.00 to be paid when the factory is ready to run and that the committee to make the thousand dollars absolutely sure; took signatures for about \$1,300.00. We learn that the company has bargained for the saw mill, site and dam and it is even intimated that they may do more than they promised in the way of manufacturing.

1895 Jan. (C): Mr. Ozias of the Plenkharp Barrel Co. which manufacturers staves and headings was in town looking for a location to build a factory so states the Colby paper of January 3, 1895. He said the factory uses not the best of woods, mostly elm, oak, birch, maple, and basswood. One can see what they thought of hardwoods at that time. I came across an old deed at the courthouse in Neilsville and it showed that the Plenkharp Barrel Company purchased land in Dorchester and planned to construct a factory here. It is believed that the factory was planned to be erected on the lot where Dick Smith and his son Greg now reside. They also owned the land south of the

creek. I include the transaction here but also noticed that the property was sold back to Fred Krentz after only 3 months so it is obvious the factory never was built here. Perhaps some additional research will solve this puzzle. This would also explain why Mr. Ozias was in Colby during January of 1895 looking for another site for the factory.

1895 Feb. (M): Mr. Ozias mgr. of the Plenharp Barrel Company of Columbus, Ohio was in Medford Thursday in connection with the settlement of the Dorchester Mill Property. The property which had been contracted for by the company but burned down before final delivery to the purchasers. This matter was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. In regard to the company's location in this city; Mr. Ozias reports that owing to the absence of one of the directors of the company; final details of the arrangement were delayed for a few days and nothing definite could be done until this gentleman returned. We are promised definite information in regard to this matter for our next issue.

\*1895 March (M): One month later; a newspaper article states; the barrel factory decision to locate in Medford is up in the air.

\*1895 March (C): Another new county scheme is to take Towns 27, 28, 29 Ranges 2, 3 and 4 West plus Towns 28 and 29 Ranges 1 West and 1 East from Clark County and four towns from Taylor County to be called Garfield County and make Thorp the county seat. As a division of this kind would leave Colby on the county line and divided by the line; the people here are naturally against it. One of the main arguments here for a new county was to unite both sides of the city in the same county.

\*1895 March (M): Werner Mehner (son of Edmund) died at the age of 6. Werner fell down a well and contracted pneumonia, leading to his death.

\*1895 April (C): Hosea Hugoboom is now the owner of the famed and celebrated Clydesdale Stallion "Packman" formerly owned in this city (Colby) by Walbridge & Meritt. Hosea has placed Packman in charge of L.M. Cornwell who is an experienced horseman.

\*1895 April (C): John Miltimore had his house moved to the corner of Main (1<sup>st</sup> Ave West) and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and after the move is complete; he expects to place an addition on the house.

\*1895 Apr. (C): Thursday, Fred Distelhorst & Company opened their new cheese factory.

\*1895 Apr. (C): Fred Gutwasser/Geo. Krakenberger are busy shipping their tanning bark.

\*1895 April (C): Henry LaBossier our Front Street Merchant put in new hardwood floors.

\*1895 May (C): Wm Schmidt, the well known well driller is working in town this week. He drilled a well for Mr. Janke and he has other jobs as well.

\*1895 May (C): Messrs. Hugoboom & Cornwell have opened a new livery stable and an office at the Central House (located where Pinter's Packing Plant now stands). They report a very good business for the start.

\*1895 May (C): Fred Distelhorst, who recently opened a new cheese factory near the village have put some of their goods on the market. They are of the kind called flats or twins and everybody praises the quality of the new cheese.

\*1895 May (C): Dr. Nedry is having a large new barn erected on his place. Andrew Hoefler is the contracting carpenter.

\*1895 May (C): Henry LaBossier has commenced to ship bolts to the Menasha Wooden Ware Co. He has bought some 2000 cords this year.

\*1895 May (C): Fred Pagel our assessor is busy calling on the village's inhabitants.

\*1895 June (C): Anybody desirous to purchase a corner lot with a building which now contains a saloon; call on George Sommers, Dorchester.

\*1895 June (C): George Krakenberger is putting a new hay scale at his hardware store.

\*1895 July (M): Last Sunday afternoon; a game of baseball was played here between the Abbotsford W.C.'s and the Dorchester Colts. One of the most conspicuous features of the game was the kicking against the decision of the umpire, etc. by the visiting team. At the end of the fourth inning; the score was a tie. Lee, the famous catcher became discouraged and he left his position declaring that he would play no more. Soon after, he was seen in the pitcher's box; evidently with the intentions of fanning the Colts. But oh! What a pudding as he was an easy mark.

\*1895 July (M): The Town Board was in session Monday and Tuesday equalizing taxes, etc. Only four licenses for saloons were taken out namely by Messrs. John Koerner, John Burger, Henry Hagen and F.A. Distelhorst. John Ivers and William Schafer having decided to go out of the saloon business. This was shortly after the fire of 1895.

\*1895 August (M): Hosea Hugoboom bought out the livery stable of L.E. Smith who was the proprietor of the Central House (Located where Pinter's Packing Plant now stands).

\*1895 August (C): Henry Hagen bought the lot from Martin Kleffman where his business was located before the fire. Hagen will build a 28 by 32 foot barn.

1895 September (C): September News Items: Our depot agent, Charles Wildason has purchased two lots on Second Street and Frank Falconer will build a new house for him. Mr. Westbrook has commenced building a new dwelling for his family. Mr. Bursell and family have moved into their new house on Main Street (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West - Where Frank and Mary Feldbruegge now reside). Wieden and Son are grinding rye and other grains for 10 cents per bushel; same price as last year.

1895 December (C): December News Items: James Bursell died on December 10, 1895. The coal kilns will buy 8000 cords of wood this winter at a price of \$1.25 per cord. A January 1896 article states; that the coal kiln closed down on Saturday and that 7,500 cords were delivered. In a few days the new saw mill will be up and running. It is not known at this time which mill they are talking about but I will surely know the answer before too long. A second article the following week says the new mill is now ready for business. Bricklayers have commenced work on the new bank building (this would be the Schafer Bank located just north of where the old barbershop used to be).

1896 Jan. (C): Here is the answer: Farmers of this vicinity will please take notice that Westbrook & Putnam will buy logs this winter to be delivered at their new mill in Dorchester; notwithstanding all talks to the contrary. People should not listen to the talk of outsiders; who seem to have an object in spreading falsehoods about the competency of the firm above. They ought to inquire at the right source and ask members of the firm or its authorized agents.

1896 Jan. (C): A year ago last fall, an ox belonging to Martin Kleffman was stolen from a pasture near Dorchester. Although a diligent search was performed; nothing could be learned of the whereabouts of the missing critter and the owner had given up all hope of ever finding out anything about it. How great was his surprise; when last week by chance he came about the depredating parties; who after being confronted, confessed and paid up. He preferred that solution to being prosecuted and sent to the calaboose for the offense. So one by one; the numerous thefts committed in this vicinity during the last year are coming to light and the offenders brought to justice.

1896 January (C): The rivet is an essential part of a pair of ice tongs; was the decision of the witnesses in a bet Saturday night between Martin Kleffman and August Hoffman. August had said that his ice tongs were all steel with the exception of the handles and Martin put up a dollar as a wager that was not the case. The tongs were produced and upon examination; it was found that not only the handles but also the rivet were of iron; not steel. August had to give in and put up a keg of beer for the boys; who were just willing enough to empty it with kind thanks to the loser.

\*1896 January (C): Wm Hansman leased the south part of John Burger's lot and will erect a new butcher shop thereon. The stand he has been occupying in the Gutwasser building has proved to be too small for his steadily increasing business.

\*1896 Jan. (C): J. Bereiter; agent for the J. Obermann Brewing Company of Milwaukee informs us that his firm is making plans to erect a new ice house here in the near future. Mr. Bereiter's business is increasing and as soon as the ice house is built; he will supply his customers directly from Dorchester; while the beer will continue to be shipped by carload from Milwaukee. An February article states, August Holmann has completed the new ice house for the Obermann Brewing Company and it is now ready for business.

\*1896 February (C): Holmann and Griffin - Medford Contractors; have completed Shafer and Spengler's new bank building and within a few weeks; the firm will be ready for business. The new safe arrived Monday.

\*1896 Feb. (C): Last Thursday was payday for the farmers who had delivered wood to the coal kilns. From morning till night, LaBossier's Store was busy as this was where the paymaster put up shop. They dealt out the longed for checks and who was there ready to exchange the script for cash; noone but Ed Winchester from Phillips. Forty farmers had to settle up with the justice before they could draw their checks as they were garnished.

\*1896 Feb. (M): Basswood bolts wanted; 42 inches long free from knots. Must be peeled and all bolts up to 16 inches must be left round. Bolts 16 inches thick and over may be split in halves if desired or left round. None are to be quartered. Will take all amounts from one cord up delivered on cars and price of \$1.75 per cord will remain the same.

1896 March (M): Dorchester is soon to have a factory; so states the Medford Paper of March 21, 1896. It will add largely to the income of the farmers in that neighborhood and may not be out of reach for the farmer in the southern part of Taylor County. It is to be a factory for canning peas, corn, tomatoes, pumpkins and various other kinds of

garden truck. The company putting up the factory will furnish seed to the farmers when desired and will ask no pay until the product is ripe and delivered, when they will deduct the seed furnished and pay the farmer the market value of the balance. This may be worth looking into by our farmers. I have seen articles like this before but never this early as the other articles were around 1901 and 1902. The previous articles reviewed dealt mainly with a canning factory for the extraction of sugar from beets and that bonuses or a higher rate of pay could be expected if the sugar content exceeded 12 per cent. It is obvious that any discussions that centered around the turn of the century were just that; discussions as no canning factory was actually built until 1924.

1896 March )C): March News Items: Edmund Mehner has accepted the agency for Lohr & Weiffenbach of Milwaukee; dealers in Granite and Marble Monuments. J.F. Prosser of Colby was here on Friday to serve a summons on Westbrook & Putnam for a suit against them which will come before Justice Wicker. Last Saturday Sheriff Sheldon of Neilsville was here and held a foreclosure sale of land. The land in question containing 240 acres was sold to John Spengler; who was the high bidder for the paltry sum of \$325. Hansman's new butcher shop is almost completed and Billy expects to move into his new quarters by the beginning of next week. When completed, this will be one of the neatest little businesses on Front Street. August Homsted has bought the lot on which Sorenson Bros. Butcher Shop was situated before the fire. John Fransen one of the employees of Westbrook & Putnam's Sawmill; had the misfortune of getting into the rope of the log-jack last week and breaking his right leg and dislocating his ankle. Dr. Nedry took charge of the unfortunate man; who will be confined to the bed for some months. Mr. Fransen formerly carried a certificate in an accident insurance policy but recently neglected to send in his assessment; consequently he is out of benefit now, much to his own regret.

\*1896 April (C): Leon Cardinal our local drayman has been appointed road commissioner for this district. Since he has qualified for the new position; the sidewalks in this village are beginning to look better.

\*1896 May (C): Frank Nagel had his barber shop raised last week and now it is getting a fresh coat of paint.

1896 June(M): E.H. Winchester of Phillips transacted business in the city last evening and took the early train north Friday morning. By the way, we understand that Ed is a candidate for State Senator in this district and from his wide acquaintance and great popularity; he would no doubt be successful if nominated and the times demand successful businessmen for legislators. In following editions of the Medford paper throughout June, July, August, September and October; Ed was praised first for receiving the Republican nomination and then for his abilities and he was sure to win the senate seat as he was leaps and bounds ahead of his opponent in all ways that count. Then ten days before the election and in the October 24, edition; It states "E. H. Winchester Dead" On Saturday afternoon last (October 19); our old and respected friend, Mr. Ed Winchester died at his home in Phillips; after an illness of only one week's duration. Just one week before his death; he was taken down with typhoid pneumonia and the very best medical



practitioners could render but little assistance. Mr. Winchester had been a familiar figure to residents along the line of the Wis. Central Railroad and Northern Wisconsin for about twenty years and he no doubt had more warm personal friends than any other one man in this section of the state. His bright sunny nature and inexhaustible fund of good humor; coupled with keen business instincts attracted attention wherever he went. He was in every sense of the word a self made man and had acquired a fortune estimated at \$50,000 besides leaving his family with life insurance amounting to \$25,000. His business career commenced in the Village of Dorchester where he held the position of bookkeeper for a number of years but then opened an insurance office several years ago. His success in this line of business was almost phenomenal and in a short time; he opened a private bank in Dorchester. This was also a paying investment. His business was rapidly developing and in 1890 he organized the State Bank of Medford of which he was president at the time of his death. About three years ago; he closed his private bank at Dorchester and again he organized a State Bank at Phillips, of which he was also the president. His business matters had attained such shape early this year that he felt free to enter politics and at the Senatorial Convention held at Rhinelander on August 12 of this year; he was unanimously chosen as the republican candidate for state senator. As the campaign progressed; it was admitted by all parties that his election was an assured fact. Had he lived; he would doubtless have attained high prominence in political affairs and his life would be an inspiration to young men without means who are struggling upward on the rugged pathway of life. Less than twenty years ago; he was an ordinary day laborer in the lumber woods and saw mills of Northern Wisconsin but he was possessed with brains and natural ability and when an opportunity presented itself; he was right after it. This fact was really the key to his success and his record illustrates the beauties of our republican form of government giving equal opportunities to all. His funeral was held last Tuesday afternoon and a special train of four coaches carried large numbers of friends and neighbors of the Masonic Brotherhood (of which order he was a member) to Phillips where they attended the last rites over his grave.

1896 June (D): Gustav Genrich ran a blacksmith shop and lived in the house now owned by Steve Etten and which is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of C.T.H. "A" and So. 3rd St. The blacksmith shop was located at the northeast corner of the intersection of C.T.H. "A" and North 2nd St.

1896 July News Items (C): The freight car serving as a depot is getting a new roof and some general repairs. The Post Office has been moved into the Schafer Store. Charles Fessler is returning to shoe making. Nic Bauer of Medford has opened a saloon in Charles Fessler's Building. The \$500 license at Medford knocked him out there. Saturday night was the grand opening and a great event and for which he had the Kronschnabl Cornet Band engaged to play.

1896 July (C): Wm Weiden's basement was dug out last week. In August, Conrad Frank and Henry Riedel have taken a contract to build Wm. Weiden's new three story home.

1896 August News Items (C): The Bartnik Brothers have purchased a second hand steam powered threshing machine from Menasha parties. Frank Geiger has left the employment of Wm Hansmann the butcher and George Fessler will take his place. John Burger had his yard nicely fixed up with a five wire fence put up around the yard. When the trees he planted grow tall enough; this will be a nice resort during the hot summer days.

1897 June (M): Sophie Fessler died on June 26, 1897. Her children were George, Frank, William, Mary Fessler Poole, Ida Fessler Miller, Anna Fessler James and Minnie Fessler Knapp.

1898 Jan. (M): C.K. Ellingson, the senior member of the firm of Ellingson Brothers was up from Dorchester last Wednesday. He reports that logs are coming in more rapidly at their Stetsonville mill this winter than at any previous time in the history of the company and that they have been compelled to hire an extra scaler in order to keep up. Logs are also coming in at a very satisfactory rate at their Dorchester mill and prospects are very favorable for a big season's output of lumber at both mills. This firm thoroughly understands its business and is very enterprising. They fully deserve the success which they are achieving.

1898 Mar. (C): "The New Era"; Dorchester's second newspaper has arrived; It is a six column quarto (eight sheets) neatly gotten up. Vol. 1 No. 1. Of which made its appearance on Saturday March 26. Clarence J. Zook is the editor and publisher and if he continues as he started; Dorchester will have a good local paper. The following week; Edition of April 7; states "The New Era", a six column quarto lies before us and is neatly made up. We editors speak praises for its editor and wish the new journal success which it justly deserves. It is hoped the good people of Dorchester and its enterprising businessmen will not permit this paper to suffer the fate which befell its predecessor. This last statement indicates that "The New Era" was actually the second newspaper to begin its journalistic process within the confines of Dorchester. So far, I have not been able to identify or discover any other pertinent data which would lead one to further comment; except to say that the statement above would not of been made unless it was factual.

1898 July (D): Wm Sorensen came to Dorchester in 1898 and almost immediately became a leading meat dealer, selling to the city market. He succeeded Wm. Hansman who started the livestock business some years earlier.

1898 Nov. (M): The WCRR must be prospering says the Ashland Press else why would they issue orders all along the line to paint everything a rich yellow. Work has already begun; depots, freight cars, passengers cars, etc.; all are being treated to this coat of golden hue. Returning prosperity in the country at large and the prevalence of the substantial idea that everything in the country has a gold value (not to be cut into by any silver heresy) is probably responsible for this rich yellow. Gold is a rich yellow you know; so is No. 1 Wheat; also the ripe ears of staple corn. Pumpkins take on a golden hue when they ripen for Aunt Jemima's unrivaled pies and a rich yellow is the color of

the harvest moon which beams on fields of smiling plenty. A rich yellow! The popular Wis. Central Lines couldn't have chosen a more fascinating color. It has an alluring warmth about it that along with its accommodating ways and unsurpassed service will attract more travelers and bring in still more substantial freight business to the WCRR.

1899 Feb. (C): Fred A. Distelhorst; the Dorchester Merchant, was in the city Monday on business connected with the Dorchester Bank failure. He informed us that an investigation of the Schafer & Spengler Bank will be undertaken in the near future.

1899 July (D): Henry Lieders opened a real estate office in 1899, specializing in farm sales. Prices back then were \$10 to \$50 per acre.

1899 August (D): Bert Wells and Frank Chase arrived in Dorchester on August 1, 1899 and purchased the Schafer General Mercantile Store. They expanded the operation adding furniture and other products to the general store. They also had a large warehouse for storing grain, flour, etc.

1899 September (D): F.D. Arnold opened "The Cash Store" and being a general store, sold a little of this and a little of that specializing in clothing and everyday food items. The store had been located in the old Van Dusen store building (Located on the lot where Fuzzy's Tavern now stands). In April, 1901, F.D. Arnold loaded up his belongings and moved to S. Dakota.

1899 Dec. (C): John O'Neil, 43 died at Dorchester on Sunday, December 17, 1899 of lung fever. John O'Neil was born in the town of Liberty, Manitowac County on July 1, 1857; he came to the Town of Colby in October 1878 and resided here until some five or six years ago, when he removed to Dorchester. He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Robinson of the Town of Weston on March 21, 1883 and she died on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1898. Eight children were born to them of which four; one daughter and three sons are living. Since removing to Dorchester; John has followed the veterinary profession with considerable success; he was only sick one week and the funeral was held at Dorchester, yesterday afternoon. Besides the children; there are two brothers and two sisters left to mourn his death; one of the latter, Mrs. Agnes Foster resides in the Town of Colby.

1900 April (D): Mr. Valentine Fleckenstine bought out J.L. Roy's place and opened up the Dorchester Machine Shop. He was an inventor as well and could make anything requested of him including bicycles. He invented a glass bottle stopper which was used exclusively in bottling works. Also a machine for manufacturing grass twine. He also sold and serviced sewing machines.

\*1900 June (D): the Dorchester Reporter sold for less than 2 cents a week as the contract price was \$1.00 for a full year subscription.

\*1900 Sept. (D): John Hollenbach arrived in town and he will take over as manager of The Peter Heid Co. The Heid Co. sold fresh lime, brick and cement and operated a

wholesale flour and feed mill until 1900. It was then sold to John Hollenbach who continued the business. He also dealt in pulpwood and shipped large quantities of basswood to the Menasha Woodenware Co. which was used to make pails. The feed mill eventually became the Lotzer Feed Mill and then the Sauter Feed Mill and was combined with the Dorchester Co-op Feed Mill in the early 1970s.

\*1900 September (D): E.L. Swarthout sells Fire and Life Insurance.

\*1900 Oct. (D): R.H. Hilbert Depot Agent is leaving October 1, 1900; maybe Frank Hunt will get the job.

\*1900 October (C): E.L. Swarthout and family have changed their residence from Dorchester to this city and occupy the house formerly owned by Mrs. Mohr at the corner of Second and Clark Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout have lived at Dorchester for 25 years; in fact it was there they promised to take each other for better or worse. They have been among the mostly highly respected people of that village. The citizens of Colby will extend them a hearty welcome as they always do desirable newcomers.

\*1900 October (D): Henry Lieders and Ed Mehner are the two land agents in town.

\*1900 October (D): Dorchester Real Estate Company. C.K. Ellingson Secretary.

\*1900 Oct. (D): The school reports of Oct. 26, 1900; show that there were 40 children registered in the grammar grades and the average attendance was 31. 51 were in the intermediate grades and average attendance was 44 while 79 were listed in the primary grades and average attendance was 59.

\*1900 October (D): Fred Beltz had a butcher shop in Dorchester during October of 1900 and more than likely before that time.

\*1900 October (D): The week ending October 2, 1900 produced 200 feet of wooden sidewalk on Avon Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> Street South). A good week's work for the crew.

\*1900 December (D): An newspaper ad stated there will be a big dance at Wieden's Grist Mill on December 26.

1901 Jan. (D): Geo. Krakenberger died on January 20, 1901; he left his wife Anna and ten children to mourn him: Elizabeth Krakenberger Luloff - Rosa Krakenberger Shaw - Benjamin Krakenberger - George Krakenberger - Clara Krakenberger Winchell - Nora Krakenberger - Eviline Krakenberger - Hildegard Krakenberger - Raymond Krakenberger - Delia Krakenberger Korerner.

\*1901 May (D): John Fisse's House/Meat Market on Avon Avenue (Second Street) is in the process of being painted this week (located on lot north of Al/Norma Meier's home).

\*1901 May (D): Hennlich house and sign painters became established around this time.

\*1901 July (D): Wieden's Saloon and Bowling Alley and Beer garden (It was located north of the new Dorchester State Bank where the house stands that was called the Fuchsgruber home) was advertised in the July 5 edition of the 1901 Dorchester paper. It was called Wieden's Hall and Bowery and there were dances at the Grist Mill Hall.

\*1901 July (D): Henry Erlic had a bicycle repair shop.

\*1901 August (D): Dorchester population was 471 in August 1901. Census was required

to be taken before Dorchester could officially become a village as population had to be at least 400. Town of Dorchester became the Village of Dorchester in October 1901.

\*1901 August (D): Daniel O. Miltimore died in North Troy, Vermont on August 26, 1901. He was more or less the founder of Dorchester and is buried in Los Angeles, California. He came from Harrison River, British Columbia and was 61 years old at the time of his death. He became president of the Los Angeles Olive Growing Association.

\*1901 September (D): John Schafer is placing a stone foundation under his house on Avon (South 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) Street. The house where Elda Ludwig now lives.

\*1901 Sept.(D): The vote for incorporating Dorchester into a village was 58 for-8 against.

\*1901 December (D): Fred Gutwasser will build a second warehouse south of the other one across the street from his store. It will be 40 by 70 feet in size.

\*1901 December (D): P. Wilbert was the proprietor of the Central Saloon and in 1901; he sold the saloon to Frank Wocelka (one of Medford's finest) for \$2,700. This included the lots, house, barn and saloon.

1902 Mar. (D): Newspaper article said that the meat market owned by Fred Belz will be taken over by Schmidt and Schmidt. Property is located on Avon Street (Second Street). Located on the lot North of where Al and Norma Meier live.

\*1902 April (D): A.F. Schmidt operated a farm from 1879 to 1885 and then moved from the farm to Dorchester and built a broom and toy factory which he operated until 1889. He then took a position with Deering Harvesting Mach. selling equipment to dealers until he resigned March 1, 1902. He then opened a meat market promising daily deliveries.

\*1902 April (D): A fire occurred on Avon Street (South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) In the Sullivan Residence. The houses next door of Cardinal and Metzger burned down.

\*1902 April (D): Most cheese factories closed during the winter months as the milk production went way down during the cold weather.

1902 May (M): O.D. Van Dusen of Prentice is a guest at the Kirby Hotel. As years go in Northern Wisconsin' Mr. Van Dusen is a pioneer lumberman of that section. Following the advent of the Wisconsin Central Railroad; he first engaged in the saw mill business at Dorchester in the early 1870s. From there he went to Prentice and became the president of the Jump River Lumber Company; which for years was one of the largest concerns in Northern Wisconsin. Although advanced in years, Mr. Van Dusen is vigorous and as keenly alive to all that concerns the best interests of his town.

\*1902 July (D): Joe Kronschnabel bought a saloon and it was located where the Dorchester Bank now stands. The saloon was called "The Palm Garden".

\*1902 July (D): The Badger State Telephone Company moved their central office out of the Henry Hagen Building and into the G.N. Schultz Building (just south of the old bank).

\*1902 August (D): Wm. Maes took over control of the Dorchester House (Hotel) and also ran a livery stable at the same location.

1902 Aug. (D): William Wieden was proprietor of the Star Hotel in the early 1900's. The records do not show that William Wieden ever owned the Star Hotel so it is assumed he leased the building for a period of time. "The Dorchester Herald" displayed his ads during that time.

\*1902 Sept. (D): Conrad Kramer built a large livery stable on Main St (1<sup>st</sup> Ave. West).

\*1902 September (D): There were two bus lines operating between Abbotsford and Dorchester in 1902. The one stationed in Abbotsford was operated by Sherman and Penney and the one in Dorchester was operated by Joe Will.

\*1902 September (D): The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company completed their half mile passing track deployed east of the depot.

\*1902 September (D): Henry Hagen proprietor of the Star Hotel indulged in a little sugar beet culture this year; bringing in a beet when trimmed weighing 4 pounds 6 ounces.

\*1902 September (D): It is good to see that several new members signed up and joined the Dorchester Volunteer Fire Department Wednesday night.

1902 Sept. (D): Some Good Reports - It does the writer good to publish from time to time the reports of big yields of grain from small amounts of seed. Julius LeClaire gave us a sampling of his timothy, rye and oats some time ago and the rye measured 6 feet 3 inches; the timothy 5 feet 8 inches and the oats 5 feet 2 inches. Yesterday we cut from Henry LaBossier's field of sweet corn in the village; two stalks which measured 10 feet 3 inches and 9 feet 9 inches in height. Henry Breed brought in two sugar beets from his garden; one of which weighed 3.75 pounds and the other 2.5 pounds. Belz reports a potato raised by him weighed 3 pounds 3 ounces and C. P. Peck reports that 5 potatoes in one hill weighed 9 pounds. John Collins tells us that he has corn out home that measures 12 feet and 4 inches. John also presented us with a 15 pound cabbage last Saturday which measured 35 inches across the head from outside leaf to outside leaf and the head 14 inches in diameter. Many thanks John. We do not record this as being the largest cabbage grown here this year but it is a good average size cabbage. The largest cabbage we have heard of here was raised on the Pope fruit farm which tipped the scales at 35 pounds. Talking about cabbage, my cousin Bettie Kumhera Smith ( her mother was my dad's sister Rose Jantsch Kumhera) remembers her mother Rose singing a poem during sauerkraut time and it went something like this. The Sauerkraut Poem: We knew it was kraut time - when grandpa called us 'round - He'd give us each a dime - then he'd let us stomp and pound!! Oh what a happy time that was - For me a little feller - When we put that crock - Way down in the cellar!! For when sauerkraut is smelly - Then sauerkraut is fine - I guess I ought to know it - I eat it all the time.

1902 September (D): Card Of Thanks - Whereas arrangements have been made whereby we will turn our plants and lumber business over to Ole Paulson and Olovus Stephens on January 1, 1903. We wish through the columns of your paper to express our heartiest thanks to the people of Dorchester and vicinity for their liberal patronage and trust the same patronage will be extended to the new firm. Based on our long experience with Messrs. Paulson and Olovus; we do not hesitate to recommend them to our customers as

reliable honest industrious men worthy of your trust, confidence and support. The new firm will buy logs, bolts and do custom work identically on the same lines as we have done heretofore and will if possible be a more strictly cash concern than we have been. Ellingson Lumber Co., by C.K. Ellingson.

\*1902 Oct. (D): Froland/Locke (Dorchester Beef Co.) Dealers in Fresh-Salt-and Smoked Meats; Fish and Oysters in Season; Buyers of Poultry - Hogs and Livestock.

\*1902 Oct. (D): Mrs. G.N. Schultz received a letter demanding money or the mercantile building will be burned down. Letter with money was to be made out to P.L. and mailed at the Dorchester Post Office. Mrs. Schultz put money in an envelope and took it to the post office and informed the post master as to the happenings. She said for him to wait and see who would call for the envelope. The culprits were Miss Bertha Habeck 15 yrs. old and Peter Leonhart.

\*1902 October (D): William Maes has livery stable; rigs with drivers or without. He has the best horses and wagons around.

\*1902 October (D): Ed Mehner is planning on erecting an office building in the spring south of the barbershop.

1902 Oct. (D): The only exclusive shoemaker and dealer in Dorchester is Charles Fessler who came to this part of the country 22 years ago from the County of Sheboygan. When he first came here it was with the intention of farming and he settled upon a piece of land. Here he stayed for two years when he suffered an accident whereby he broke his leg and was compelled to give up his agriculture life. He moved to the village and began the manufacture of boots and shoes. He has continued in this line up to the present time. He is the owner of a fine block and his store is stocked fairly well. Next spring, he intends to enlarge his stock. At present, he is City Marshall and a very effective officer he makes.

\*1902 Oct. (D): N.Tabor reports the sale of fifteen organs and one piano last month and five more organs last week. He has the agency for the Cable, Hein, Kimball, Kingsbury and Chicago Cottage Organs. A Tabor newspaper ad of 1902 states: Holiday Offer - \$75 Kimball organs from now until Christmas will be sold for \$65 with payments at only \$9 quarterly. These W.W. Kimball organs have six octaves, a bevel plated mirror, black walnut or oak. Height is 78 inches; width 54 inches; depth 23 inches; weigh boxed 450 pounds. Eleven stops - having two full sets of reeds of six octaves each. Bass and treble couplers, vox humana, knee swells and grand organ lever. These organs were awarded the prize at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893 and are sold on a five year guarantee against any defect which may develop. Now is your chance to buy. N.G. TABOR. It is also reported that Mr. Tabor disposed of his team of Indian ponies last Saturday to a man at Chelsea for \$200.

\*1902 Oct. (D): The headlines of the Oct. 19 edition of the Dorchester Reporter states: Dorchester a small city; Surrounded by one of the finest Agriculture Sections in the State with Mills, Factories, Creameries and Enterprising Business Men. Good Schools, Fine Churches, an Organized Fire Department with New Apparatus and an Advancement Association that is putting forth every effort to bring Dorchester to the Front.

1902 Nov. (D): C.J. Leitz arrived in Dorchester from Lowell on Nov. 20, 1902; with his undertaking tools. He is a first class furniture man and plans to build a new store in the spring of 1903. The store will carry a wide variety of furniture and undertaking supplies.

\*1902 Dec. (D): Gas lights were added to the street corners brightening everything up.

\*1902 December (M): A committee of Dorchester citizens interested in the establishing of a sugar beet factory; recently went to Menomonie Falls to investigate the factory there. They brought back a most encouraging report and are now busy getting the farmers in the area interested in the project.

\*1902 December (D): Basket Ball Started - Two basketball teams were organized here last Friday evening and will be known as the first and second teams. The boys have rented LeClaire's Hall and the first practice is called for Saturday evening. With a few weeks of good solid practice, the teams hope to be in condition to meet some of the neighboring teams. The teams consist of Nels Nelson, Arthur Gutwasser, Ray Hugoboom, Wiklfred LaBossier, Albert Distelhorst, George and Ben Krakenberger, Will and Emery Miltimore and Baldwin Mehner.

\*1902 December (D): In the past six weeks N.G. Tabor sold 28 organs and 4 pianos. Wow!

\*1903 January (D): Wm Weiden at his saloon has a 16 foot steel shaving produced from one steel bar by mechanic Valentine Fleckenstein. That is 6 feet longer than the article praising another mechanic of producing a shaving of 10 feet in length.

\*1903 January (D): Mrs. C.D. Bitter opened a bakery in the Distelhorst Building (located on the lot north of Fuzzy's Bar). She will carry in stock a good assortment of bread, cakes, pies, cookies, etc. absolutely pure and baked fresh daily which she will sell at retail and wholesale. A specialty will be made of parties, receptions and public gatherings with pastry on short notice. We wish the new bakery well.

\*1903 Jan. (D): E.L. Swarthout was agent for the Home and Continental Fire Insurance Company and had his office at the Herald Office. He also dealt in real estate buying and selling whenever possible.

\*1903 January (D): The largest order for hay ever received here, from one individual; was received by G.N. Schultz with 50 rail cars being ordered.

\*1903 Jan. (D): Dr. Nedry has contracted the small pox and which quickly became the all important topic of conversation of our people in the town and now anyone having a fever or afflicted in anyway; of course has the small pox. Dr. Nedry is now keeping company with the other patients in the pest house located on the La Bossier property (located south of the old bank building). This leaves us minus a doctor for the time being and we wish the confined patients a speedy recovery.

1903 January (D): First Annual A Success - The first annual ball held by the Dorchester Volunteer Fire Department last Friday night at La Claire's hall was a grand success in every way. The hall was filled with dancers and something over \$26 was netted. Music was furnished by the full Columbian Orchestra of Colby and their sparkling two steps and dreamy waltzes hardly ever failed to bring forth the dancers appreciation by being encored. Representatives were present from nearly all the neighboring towns. About



30 were present from Colby. The fire company is to be complimented upon the success of the affair and we all look forward to their next annual.

1903 Feb. (D): G.N. Schultz who owned and operated a mercantile store in Colby purchased the general store from Henry LaBossier in Dorchester and opened up "The Merchandise Emporium" . It was a large General Store and he hired John Sturner a young man of business ability from St. Paul, Minnesota to manage the operation. They sold a wide variety of products including groceries, dry goods, hosiery and gent's neckwear. The G.N. Schultz Store as it was known was located just South of the old Dor. State Bank.

\*1903 February (D): Professor N.G. Tabor is organizing another juvenile band and he expects to have enough people signed up to begin practice next week.

\*1903 Feb. (D): Fred Garbrecht will take over as the new proprietor of the Star Hotel (Chuck's Rustic Inn). Will Garbrecht resigned his position as clerk from the store of Wells & Chase to assist his father at the Star Hotel. Will's vacancy will be filled by Art Herman.

\*1903 March (D): John Verhulst purchased the livery stable from C.J. Leitz. John had built the cheese factory at Bruckerville a few years ago and had built up quite a business there. He will now live in town and do the livery work and teaming.

\*1903 Mar. (D): The quickest, surest, neatest, easiest and most effective way of putting out a chimney fire is to take a large wet cloth and wrap it around the stove pipe just above the stove. The moisture from the wet cloth forms a cloud of steam inside the pipe which rises and smothers the fire in the chimney almost at once. This method has proven effective in the case of a chimney fire so fierce that the stove pipe all the way from the stove to the chimney was red hot and has never been known to fail. The success of this method has been demonstrated by the Appleton Fire department according to an article appearing in the Crescent - Chilton Times.

\*1903 April (D): The Habeck and Nelson saw mill outfit arrived here last week by freight and was all hauled out to the new site with the exception of the boiler which was taken out Tuesday. It was spiked upon two heavy timbers and drawn by 18 horses. The outfit will be used for a lath and shingle mill this summer. We understand that next fall it will be moved into the village.

\*1903 April (D): John Koerner sold his lots to A. Lieder on April 20, 1903. Lieder sold the west half of the lots to Conrad Kramer who will build a 30 by 80 foot livery stable.

\*1903 Apr. (D): An ad states that a man who squeezes a dollar does not squeeze his wife.

\*1903 April 24 (D): John Koerner sold the old printing site to Wm. LaValie of Chelsea.

\*1903 May (D): Henry Breed moved to Medford in 1903.

\*1903 June (D): Dr. L. Crane arrived here last week from Weyauwega with his household goods and office equipment and has opened an office in the Gutwasser block. His family is expected to arrive in a few weeks and will occupy the Kramer house. Dr Crane is a graduate of the Milwaukee Medical College and has spent one year in the Rush Medical and has practiced nearly two years and one year being in the Trinity Hospital at Milwaukee and is highly recommended. We extend a cordial welcome to Dr. Crane and family and wish them success.

\*1903 July (D): The Miltimore/Tabor Building on Main St. (1<sup>st</sup> Ave) Is getting new siding.

\*1903 July (D): There was a bakery in the Bursell Building (located where Frank and Mary Feldbrugge now reside) on July 3, 1903. It also states that the bakery goods will be kept in the home of P. Blanc.

\*1903 July (D): Charles Waldesin has been depot agent here for the past 11 Years. Charlie Swift has been assigned to take over the agent responsibilities.

\*1903 August (D): G.N. Schultz is erecting a private telephone line between his store in Colby and his store in Dorchester.

\*1903 August (D): Herman Kalepp is marketing a sure winner; his new cigar is called "Dorchester's Best".

\*1903 September (D): New Miltimore store on Main St. (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West) will be rented to John Burger who will open a shoe store there on September 1, 1903. He will rent the Miltimore House as well for one year.

\*1903 October (D): Lewis and Ellen Robbins had five children; Alice J. Robbins, Carrie E. Robbins, Elsie E. Robbins, Melvin Robbins and Julius S. Robbins.

1905 July (D): Mrs. Marlow opened a business in the Kramer Building. She sold fresh fruits, cigars and tobacco, fancy and staple groceries. Meals were served at all hours and she also had a home bakery. Located in the building which is no longer there just West of where Debbie Koncel lives.

\*1906 January 26 (D): Ole Froland fell into a water tank and drowned.

\*1906 February (D): Huldah Jensen advertised her 58 acres for sale on Feb. 9, 1906.

\*1906 February (D): A quick news item said the boys had a party at Kayhart's Hall.

\*1906 Feb. (D): William Maes and Fred Distelhorst came home Saturday from Spirit Lake where they erected a new saloon for the former. Wm has great hopes for his new saloon.

\*1906 May (D): Oscar Peterson (cheese maker) added on to his building.

\*1906 May (D): Dr. Crane sued H. Heidrick and Mrs. Hass for \$38.00 for not paying a legitimate doctor bill. Frank Nagel represented the plaintiff and was able to convince judge Bitters quite easily that the bill was a fair charge for the doctor's services.

\*1906 May (D): John Hollenbach advertised his feed store in the newspaper.

\*1906 May (D): Bert Wells plans to build a house north of Skerbecks ( Copeland House).

\*1906 June (D): A puzzle appeared in the 1906 newspaper. Take the number of your living brothers and double the number. Then add three to the total. Multiple by five and add it to the number of your living sisters. Multiple the result by ten and add the number of deaths of brothers and subtract 150 from the result. The right figure will be number the deaths. The middle number will be the number of living sisters and the left number will show the number of living brothers.

\*1906 June (C): A Dorchester lady has found a sure cure for broken dishes. If the dish to be mended can be tied together with a stout string; then place it in boiling milk and leave for one hour; you can never tell the dish had been broken and it can afterwards

be put in boiling water without the pieces coming apart. This experiment has been tried and proven and many are the broken dishes thought to be useless which are now as good as ever.

\*1906 June (D): Clark County population is 29,349; an increase of 3,594 over 1900.

\*1906 June 26 (D): Mr. Nelson started cheese box production at the Nelson and Bery Mill in Dorchester.

\*1906 Aug. (D): Herman Spengler died August 24; he was the father of Mrs. John Schafer.

\*1906 Aug. (D): Lapp and Sturner installed a public phone booth at the G.N. Schultz Store. They also offered a reward of \$25.00 for anyone providing information and leading to the arrest of those individuals interfering with their telephone lines or poles. The first long distance telephone booth was installed in the Sturner Residence on January 4, 1907.

\*1906 August (D): Wells and Chase had Flour (Grist) Mill in connection with their store but located on a side spur of track.

\*1906 October (D): Jacob Lapp is going to put in a telephone exchange next summer.

\*1906 October (D): L.M. Allen opened a restaurant and bakery on October 26, 1906 next to Le Claire's Hall. Also sold cigars, tobacco and other goods. Located on the East side of LeClaire's Opera House.

1907 March (C): The postal department has raised the rental of call and lock boxes at the post office. Postmasters received word that call boxes must be 20 cents per quarter and lock boxes 45 cents per quarter hereafter. See notice hanging in a conspicuous space in the post office and don't jump onto the postmaster as he is in no way to blame for the raise which commences April 1.

1907 April (D): Wood and Helm Meat Market. Newspaper ad of April; 26, 1907 states "We are buying Beef - Veal and Hogs. No location as of yet has been found.

\*1907 May (D): Wood and Helm who operated a meat market in the Ernst Building about a month ago; today they sold their stock to A. Sorenson and Co. and closed the shop.

\*1907 June (D): Newspaper ad states that William Wieden has his house and saloon for sale and that the house alone is worth \$5000 but if someone buys it now, he will sell it for half price.

1907 June (D): The editor estimated the Dorchester Population in 1907 to be 600. I do believe the estimate was on the high side. F. Elwell, who has been filling Harsh's position as depot agent left for Minneapolis Wednesday evening and G.A. Harsh is back at his old stand again.

1907 July (D): Johanna Jantsch died Thursday at 8:30 P.M.; July 4, 1907 at her place of residence in Town Of Holton. N. Davis of Milwaukee opened up a harness shop in the Skerbeck Building on Friday.

1907 Sept. (C): Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Schultz and children had a most miraculous escape from serious injury when returning to Dorchester from Green Bay in their auto on Sunday. The car collided with a cow as day turned into night. While traveling, Gus noticed some cows feeding on the side of the road so he kept one eye on them and the other on the machine. In cow fashion; one of them took a desire to cross to the other side and although Gus gave her two thirds of the road; the collision was sufficient to break the steering gear and the car swerved into the ditch with such force that the occupants; except Alvin were thrown out. Mrs. Schultz, who had the baby in her arms received bruises but not of a serious nature; while the others escaped with only a severe shaking. A Dorchester liveryman brought them home and the machine is in the shop for repairs.

1907 September (D): Rumor has it that a new railroad will be built this fall from a point several miles north of Owen to Maplehurst and through to Kennan which if true would open a large area of farm and timber land.

1907 September (D): Gust Genrich has several men working building him a new barn. On account of scarcity of wood last winter; several of our residents have bought coal stoves and will use coal for fuel this winter. John Hollenbach received the first carload last week and it sold like hot cakes.

1907 October (C): Mrs. O.D. Van Dusen; died in her 47<sup>th</sup> year of life at the hospital in Minneapolis on September 26, 1907. Flora Hugoboom was born in Oshkosh on February 20, 1861 and came with her parents to Dorchester in 1875. After her marriage to Mr. Van Dusen; she resided at Phillips until about three years ago when family moved to Minneapolis. She was a very energetic, hardworking lady and overtaxed her strength. She was being treated at the hospital for nervous prostration at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her untimely death; her husband, two sons; Louis and Ivan, a daughter; Zora, her aged mother Mrs. Sullivan Hugoboom of Dorchester; a sister Mrs. E.L. Swarthout; a brother Raymond Hugoboom and hosts of friends here and wherever she was known. She was buried in the family lot at Riverside Cemetery.

\*1907 Nov. (D): Lapp and Sturner extended their Telephone Line into Taylor County.

\*1907 November (D): The Village of Dorchester is expected to have electric street lights installed on each corner before Christmas. Cost to operate will be \$600 per year.

1910 November (D): Ole Paulson was the highest bidder at William Smiths auction last Wednesday and thereby got about 40,000 pf the finest pine logs available and they will be hauled to to Dorchester and sawed into lumber at the Paulson and Stephens Mill. Mr. Pribbernow of Curtiss was the only other bidder but Paulson proved to have the largest bunch of greenbacks.

1907 December (D): One of the most important events in the history of Dorchester and elsewhere throughout the world; took place around this time. The reason for this was that at 5:00 P.M.; current for electric lights would be turned on for the first time. Since

many residents had never seen an electric light before; imagine what suspense and excitement there must of been. Not all homes were wired; so people without electricity went over to a neighbor to see the wonderful new light. By our standards today; the new lights were not so wonderful; as there were no switches, no globes, no chandeliers; just plain cord hanging from the ceiling with a bulb at the bottom. At first the current would only come on at 5 P.M. and shut off promptly at 11:00 P.M. The customers would be warned in advance of the shut off; by the lights dimming (called winks) three times in five minute intervals. If lights were still needed after this time; what could one do but get out the old kerosene lamp and light the wick. Electric current initially, was not needed during the day as no electric appliances existed. Meters were not installed in the home at first; as everyone paid the same monthly rate. All in all, electric lights were a blessing for most people; especially people like doctors who could now perform their duties in an enlightened way.

\*1907 Dec. (D): The Dodge Creamery Company of Lake Mills, Wisconsin has contracted with Nelson Bery Lumber Company to erect a new creamery building on the land bought from Barney Burns (known as the old fish pond) and located on the east side of South Fourth Street just north of the bridge. Creamery will be 24 ft by 40 ft and the engine room will be 16 feet by 20 feet. Creamery will be completed by February 1, 1908.

\*1907 December (D): Miss Franciska Mueller (niece of Mrs. John Jantsch) arrived from Arnau Bohemia for an extended visit.

\*1908 February (D): Edmund Mehner is painting a beautiful picture of a lion and tiger. It is 6 feet by 9 feet and will surely be worth a thousand dollars when it is finished. The writer has obtained a post card picture of this painting via the most graciousness of Miss Beverly Paulson. Today that painting is in the hands of Ernest Mehner Jr. (grandson of the painter). What a treasure to have in the family; something that this truly gifted man painted with his own hands.

\*1908 Feb. (D): John Koerner sold the old print shop and lot to Charles Knopp for \$400.

\*1908 March (D): A.D.Hunt was the rural Carrier with Louis Homsted as sub.

\*1908 Mar. (D): John Hollenbach sells flour, feed, hay, lime, brick, cement and seeds.

\*1908 April (D): Our tonsorial artist, Frank Nagel, is bound to keep abreast of the times and yesterday he installed a fine Koch's hydraulic chair in place of the old one.

\*1908 June (D): There were seven saloons in Dorchester during this time. John Sedlack is learning the barber trade at Frank Nagel's Tonsorial Parlor. We don't doubt but Johnny will make a first class barber with a year's practice.

\*1908 June (D): A company was organized here Monday consisting of Fred Martens, A.F. Schmidt, Ben Krakenberger, A. Koch and Otto and Albert Sauter. They have leased the H. Nuerenberger Grove one mile south of Dorchester for a period of five years. They are erecting a 30 x 50 foot dancing pavilion this week and improving the park in other ways. They intend to have the work completed Sunday when they will hold their first regular picnic and dance.

1908 July (D): William Monroe took over duties as depot agent. One week later Mr. Munroe went to work and discovered someone had broken into the depot causing \$150 in damages to the building and destroying tickets, etc. but they received no money as Mr. Munroe had remove that the previous evening. These acts are the work of a gang who have been causing problems up and down the line.

\*1908 August (D): John Verhulst is building a large addition to his livery barn.

\*1908 September (D): Mr. John Buehrens of Milwaukee has leased the old print shop building and he will open up a first class tin shop about September 21. He will move his family into the Fred Laack house.

1909 Nov. (M): New Stump Remover: This was the time of the inventor. Many new products and techniques were coming into use; John Lemke of Interwald was in the city Wednesday and said he had just purchased a new stump remover from Wm. Tonne for 35 cents. He stated that a Rhinelander farmer named Nolan had been using acid for clearing land of stumps with good success. He writes as follows: It may be of interest to your readers to know that stumps can be removed from land at a cost of 4 cents cash and five minutes labor per stump. The method which I discovered last April works this way; with a two inch auger bore a hole perpendicularly into the stump at least two feet. Pour into the hole one pint of a mixture of equal parts of nitric and sulfuric acid. Then plug the hole tightly with a plug dipped in melted paraffin. In 30 days time, stumps so treated will be a charred, pulpy mass (roots and all) and they may be spread over the soil as a fertilizer with a shovel. I have just stumped 16 acres of new land at my Newbold Farm in this manner. It is quite likely if four cents or even thirty five cents will clear some of our biggest stumps so that you can remove the ashes with a shovel; there will be a run on the drug stores and nitric acid, sulphuric acid and paraffin will be in great demand.

1909 January 22 (D): The Brecke Telephone Co. Of Stetsonville purchased the Lapp Sturner Telephone Exchange of Dorchester.

1909 February (D): J.P. Jensen purchased two acres of land from Henry Hagen; which is opposite the William Wieden Property (Located on the west side of Front Street and at the North end of the 100 block).

\*1909 Feb. (D): Joseph Kronschnabl sold the old Robbins House and lot to Henry Weber for \$325. Located just North of the Kronschnabl Tavern at the corner of Front St. and Center Avenue. Located where the parking lot of the Dorchester State Bank now stands. Maxam Brothers of Stetsonville purchased the butcher's outfit owned here by Andrew Leider and had it moved to Stetsonville on Monday where they will open a butcher shop.

\*1909 March (D): Ashenbrenner and Gipp - Buyers in Hay, Grain and Potatoes. Cash paid for all produce. Ed Gipp Manager.

\*1909 Mar. (D): G.O. Gullickson - opened first meat market in 1879. 1909 News article.

\*1909 April (D): A.F. Schmidt sold "Herman Farmers Mutual Insurance". Sturner Bros. selling all kinds of seeds for garden/farm; call the "Dorchester Flour and Feed Store".

\*1909 April (D): Thomas Wilson will build concrete blocks to order at the site of the old flour mill.

\*1909 May (D): A new orchestra started up in town called "The Imperial". Perhaps this was the Tabor Band??

\*1909 May (D): Skat Scoring Cards are available at the printers and can be purchased for 50 cents per one hundred scorecards.

\*1909 July (D): This date; there are 145 Breweries in Wisconsin.

\*1909 July (D): Hurley Wisconsin had 58 saloons on one street in 1909.

1909 Nov. (D): Wm Wieden's Saloon and Hall which he called the Bowery was located on the lot just north of the new Dorchester Bank (where the Fuchsgruber home stands).

1909 December (D): An old newspaper article reported that there was an eclipse during this month in 1909 and it got so dark that a group of local men got lost and did not get home until after dawn. A. Wagner of Dorchester will buy Furs of all kinds including Skunk, Raccoon, Mink, Fox, etc.

\*1910 January (D): Abbotsford and Northeastern Road was taken over by the Soo Line.

\*1910 March (D): Miltimore and Son had a store in March of 1910. They advertised rubbers and overshoes for sale. J.V. Sturner had a feed store and mill in March of 1910.

\*1910 April (D): Census for Dorchester was 476 peaceful souls.

\*1910 May (D): This week another big business transaction took place in the village when Herman Marquardt purchased the Dorchester Meat Market of H.O. Froland. Marquardt will take charge of the shop next week. Charles Wallace who had been traveling with the Skerbeck Wild West Company died on May 1<sup>st</sup> after being bitten by a cat two weeks ago; causing hydrophobia.

\*1910 July (D): Jim Kramer ; the well mannered grandson of Conrad Kramer has informed the writer that around 1950; he was talking to Bill Munroe who informed him that one year after his arrival in Dorchester; he sold 950 passenger tickets in one day who went either North or South along the line.

\*1910 Aug. (D): The village board of Dorchester ordains as follows: No person shall lead, drive, or ride any horse, mule or cattle on any sidewalk, nor leave any team or wagon standing; without the same being securely hitched...(nor for) more than two hours. Violators to be punished by fines of not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars.

\*1910 November (D): Conrad Kramer moved his family into the John Fisse House.

\*1910 November (C): August Homsted Dead: The sad news of the death of August Homsted ; postmaster and druggist of Dorchester. August formerly lived here and has hosts of friends who will mourn his death and we extend sympathy to his wife and son. The funeral will be held from the residence on Saturday at 11:00 A.M. under auspices of the Colby Masonic Lodge of which he was a member. The remains will be taken to Stevens Point on the noon train for internment.

1911 Feb. (C): Propose New Way To Fix Boundary - It is suggested that Wisconsin and Minnesota Legislatures End Dispute. Attorney Generals of both states request governors to take necessary action - Controversy is of long standing. Atty. General Baneroft has recommended to Governor McGovern that the boundary line dispute between Wisconsin and Minnesota be settled by an amicable agreement by the legislatures of the two states. The suggestion will be followed and the Wisconsin legislature will be asked to appoint a special committee to confer with a similar committee of the Minnesota legislature and recommend a settlement. Atty. General George D. Simpson of Minnesota has agreed to ask Governor Eberfeldt to make a similar recommendation to the legislature of the gopher state. If the settlement reached is approved by the legislatures of the two states; congress will be memorialized to establish the line as agreed on. Only that portion of the boundary line lying in Lake Pepin and the St. Louis River is in dispute. A friendly suit is now pending in the United States Supreme Court to determine the boundary line between the two states. This will be continued until it is found how the new plan of settlement works out. Wisconsin claims that the portion of the boundary in Lake Pepin is in the center of the channel which is close to the Minnesota shore. Minnesota claims it is the center of the lake. Wisconsin claims that the boundary line in the St. Louis River is in the center of the river as that stream flowed in 1846. Minnesota claims that it is midway between the dock lines established by the United States Govt. Because officers of both states have attempted to exercise authority to the boundary lines claimed by them; many conflicts and suits have resulted. The right to tax valuable docks and other property along the St. Louis River and the authority of the Wisconsin State Railroad Commission over railroad property along the river is also involved.

\*1911 March (D): O.A. Peterson sold Indiana Silos made of Yellow Pine and Oregon Fir. Any size you want and also sells Raymond Vane Less Windmills.

\*1911 March (D): A newspaper article said that Charles Fessler's shop burned down on March 12 (located where the Ken Mohan residence now stands); but that George Koehn's Shop next door was saved.

\*1911 March (D): An article states that Charles Fessler purchased the building next to Henry Hauser's Saloon for his shoe shop. Hauser's was located on the corner where Pinter's Packing Plant is now located.

\*1911 March (D): An article states that Gust Schrader runs "The City Meat Market" Dealer in Fresh, Smoked and Salted Meats which is located next to Dr. Foley's Office.

\*1911 April (D): Ed Gipp arrived here from Arkansas. Joseph Weber operated a photography shop. John Buehrens sold and installed Mueller Furnaces.

\*1911 May (D): Henry Erlei started an automobile chauffeur's school. Joseph Jantsch graduated from Colby High School.

\*1911 May (C): William Will, the liveryman is the last one so far to succumb to the prevailing disease. He has been ailing with it for some time and we all shocked Monday when the news spread over the city that Billy Will had gone and purchased an automobile. It is a Ford and it was bought of Wells and Chase, the Dorchester agents. He forgets himself once in a while and yells; Whoa.



1911 June (D): A saloon was located on Railroad Right-of-Way ground north of the stockyards. William Wieden has sold his hotel stock and furnishings to Ben Lewis of Cadott. Wm had been the proprietor of the Star Hotel these past years. Dr. S. Brace of Rib Lake purchased an automobile of Wells and Chase last week. Twenty cars have been sold by Wells and Chase this spring. O.J. Koll has resigned his position as cashier at the Dorchester State Bank; Herman Maurer of Medford taking the position.

1911 June (D): A cute saying appeared in the paper of June 1911. There was a notice on an old abandoned shanty in Canada that a prospective farmer came to use for the night which said; 4 miles to the nearest neighbor; 20 miles to the post office; 30 miles from the railroad; 40 miles to the nearest school; 50 miles to the nearest church; 150 miles to the nearest Republican; one half mile from the nearest Democrat and Hell; Gone to Wisconsin which is God's Country.

1911 Aug. 25 (D): John Sturner/L. Hettinger purchased a warehouse from Frank Chase and Burt Wells which they will turn into a potato storage facility. Otto/Albert Sauter have exchanged their livery barn and all their livery outfit for the farm of Christ Glenzer which is located five miles south of Curtiss. Mrs. L Fuchsgruber and Son have purchased all of the furniture stock of Chase and Wells and will add it to their own stock. When fully stocked; the furniture store will be one of the brightest businesses in the village.

\*1911 Sept. (D): Foundation for the new Roller Mill has been completed. Gust Bobbe arrived from Amherst on September 22, 1911 to get ready to manage the mill. Gust is a great uncle of Tom Bobbe who lives in the residence immediately south of the library.

\*1911 Oct. (M): Black River Falls is Swept By Flood - so says the October 20, 1911 edition of the Medford Star News. Fifty out of Sixty Business Blocks and Eighteen Residences Carried Away in Torrent Released by Bursting Dam. No lives lost - Damage is estimated at over \$1,500,000. Principal Business Streets Now Form New Channel of Black River — Supplies From Nearby Cities Relieves Food Famine — Engineers Blame Construction of City Power Plant for Disaster.

\*1911 Nov. (D): John Miller traded his farm for Herman Marquardt's Meat Market.

\*1912 January (D): John Kramer was awarded the contract for two new out houses at the Dorchester school for \$169.

\*1912 Jan. (D): Ed and Wm Berry opened a meat market next to Dr. Foley's Building.

\*1912 January (D): The new Bobbe Roller Mill opened its doors.

\*1912 Feb. (D): Dick Schreiber took over the old "Cash Meat Market" on Feb. 2, 1912.

\*1912 June (D): Baldwin Mehner was awarded the contract to be the head architect for the construction of the Taylor County Court House.

\*1912 July (D): An newspaper article of July, 1912; reported the Berry Meat Markets of Dorchester and Abbotsford were in operation at this time.

\*1912 November (D): William Driscoll has purchased the building owned by N.G. Tabor in which this office is situated and as soon as arrangements can be made will start up a

restaurant and confectionary store (located west of Jean Goessel's residence).

1913 January (D): John V. Sturner sells and buys lumber so says a newspaper ad from that time. Oscar Peterson of Peterson Bros. has disposed of his interest in the hardware business to his brother Lewis and A.C. Larson of Stangleville, Wisconsin. In exchange for his interest, Oscar Peterson will become the owner of a large farm at Denmark, Wisconsin which has been the property of Lewis Peterson.

1913 Jan. (D): Wed. evening Wells and Chase closed their store and discontinued their business in this village. The remainder of their stock will be purchased by the Dorchester Co-op who intends soon to move their present stock from the G.N. Schultz building into the Wells and Chase Building which they now own and will continue their business there.

\*1913 February (D): Dorchester Roller Mill (Bobbe) was in operation during this time.

\*1913 February (D): T.H. Cochrane Company selling apples by the barrel.

\*1913 Feb. (D): The Dorchester Creamery has been purchased by Paynter and Heyder Co. The creamery will open again on February 10, 1913. It is not known which plant they are talking about but perhaps it was the one on fourth street just north of the bridge on the east side of the road. Further research has shown this is the creamery which was located west of Ernie and Shirley Mehner's residence.

\*1913 March (D): Henry Hoerstgen discontinued his meat market in Dorchester. Mr. Trestik of Milan is expected to takeover.

\*1913 May (D): Albert Esser is getting material ready for putting up a first class opera house and dance hall this spring. He has purchased the residence of Henry Weber which he will move to the rear of Genrich's Blacksmith Shop and the new hall will be erected on his lots north of the saloon.

\*1913 June (D): August Mueller has leased the Star Hotel from John Schmitt for another year. Frank Gates had his household goods moved over from Marathon City last Saturday. Ed Sauter and Gust Laack moved the goods by wagon. He has rented rooms above the John Miltimore & Son's Store.

1913 July (D): The Village passed Ordinance #19; which states that all sidewalks and roads and sewers and drains must comply with and be computed by the Datum Plane. The Village which said Datum Plane is situated 50 feet below the point where the stone foundation in front meets the brick of the building of the Dorchester State Bank. All measurements on Front Street will be measured from this point.

1913 July (C): Automobile turns turtle: W.D. Chamness, the Dorchester jeweler, was in the city Tuesday and informed us of an automobile accident which occurred about midnight on Monday near Dorchester. Dr. Crane had two ribs broken and his shoulder blade was cracked; while Frank Gates suffered a fractured collar bone. Pete Ludovic, driver of the car, Dr. Crane, Frank Gates and Fred Doerenburg; all of Dorchester were returning home from Abbotsford and were near the village when the car from some

cause or other jumped to the west and turned completely over (turtle). Two of the occupants were caught underneath; the two mentioned being the ones injured. The other two received a good shaking up but no bones were broken. It was a miraculous escape for all of them. Help was summoned from the village and the injured taken to their homes; while others cleared the wrecked car from the road. Although the car was running north; it landed directly across the road, headed for the west, one wheel off and the top and lights badly smashed.

1913 Aug. (D): Edmund Mehner's Curtain Painting was installed at Esser's Hall in August of 1913. Edmund had placed an ad in the paper 6 weeks prior to this asking all parties who contracted him for a space on the curtain to view his work as soon as possible as it would be impossible to make corrections once the painting had been hung and installed.

\*1913 August (D): J.V. Sturner sold his feed mill to Paul Lotzer on August 29, 1913.

\*1913 August (D): Gust Genrich has sold eight hay loaders so far this year. Together with what the other dealers have sold, it appears that quite a number of farmers have decided to quit loading hay by hand.

\*1913 August (D): Property owners along Front Street have commenced removing their old wooden sidewalks in preparation to having the cement walks put in.

\*1913 Oct. (D): Edmund Mehner died; the obit stipulated he had 5 sons and 3 daughters.

1913 December (D): Mrs. Mary Zastrow sold restaurant and confectionary to Heasel Bros. Of Stanley. The deal fell through and Mary sold it to George Bassler in January of 1914. The restaurant in question was located in the Kayhart Building (located where Frank and Mary Feldbrugge's residence now stands).

1913 Dec. (C): Help Make History - Some years ago; one of our special correspondent collected considerable data upon the early history of Colby and surrounding vicinity with a view to writing a history of the city and surrounding country but he never did get around to doing it. He now informs us that he has some very interesting letters from some of the early settlers which are mighty interesting reading and has offered to put them in shape for publication for us. Beginning with the new year; we will publish each week one letter detailing these interesting historical and other events of the pioneer days of Colby and surrounding towns until all are printed. If you have anything in the line of an anecdote of the early pioneer life which you think is worth preserving; will you kindly write it out in as brief a form as possible and hand it to us within the next few weeks. We will then put it into shape to appear with other interesting letters of the early day life of pioneers. I have decided to list a couple of those early recollections here as history cannot be better defined than by those who actually experienced the difficulties of the early days. The two shown are from January and March of 1896.

Dorchester, Wisconsin - Jan. 28, 1896: Replying to your favor will say that I am really not one of the earliest settlers here as I came in the spring of 1878. Mr. Hosea Hugoboom of this place is one of the oldest settlers as he located here in the spring of 1872. He has

been living here continuously ever since. He and my father came here together and located on lands adjoining each other and began their clearings which also joined. A Mr. Stephens is also an old resident here but I do not know the date he came. There were a few settled early in the vicinity of where the village of Abbotsford now is but I can only remember a few of their names without giving dates and I do not know in what order they settled. Mr Tom Dillon, Mr. Castle, the Hagens, Leichtman, Reil, Ploiff, Johnson, Welch, Olson and Thompson families. Then there are some living near Curtiss who should be numbered among the real old settlers of the Town of Mayville. August Homsted, the LeClaires and Mr. W. Sebold are also to be numbered among the old residents of this town. While I might enumerate some rather laughable events that happened here in the early pioneer days; yet when it comes to historical facts and figures; I can only speak from memory and that is not always infallible. Bradley G. Miltimore

Abbotsford, Wisconsin - March 18, 1896: In this article; my objective will be to give as comprehensive an account as possible of the first settlement in what is now the Town of Holeyton. In doing this; we presume it will be of great interest to speak of the manner in which these early settlers were compelled to live the many sore trials, the sorrows and the joys. The homes were made from the rough tree felled from the forest, chinked and plastered with clay dug from the ground. The courageous fathers and mothers; some which have moved away, others are in the grave; yet many are still living with heads covered with the snow that never melts but they could honestly and truly say; this is home and it is OURS. The first families to make a settlement in this new and seemingly uncompromising country were Richard and William Tennant who hailed from the county of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin. In 1870; it was generally rumored that a company known as The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company would build a lane of road through this dense and magnificent forest north to some point on Lake Superior. Acting upon this info in the fall of the same year; Richard and Wm Tennant made entry under the Homestead law for 80 acres each. Richard entered the East One Half of the Northwest and William the West One Half of the Northeast of section 20, Township 29 Range 2 East. They set to work at once building a log shanty on William's farm; first making a crib of logs and roofed it over with scoops; then plastered the crevices between the chinking with beautiful yellow clay which was always at hand and reached by digging about a foot below the black loamy top soil. Some of the other early settlers were George Holeyton, Rufus and Henry Barker, Hubbard Moss, Naaman Hodge, Judah Lyon, H. Kayhart, J.C. Sparks, Sterling and the Pradts and others but those we have named have made the deepest impression on our mind and were the most conspicuous in the early history of the settlement. While the shanty of William was probably the most prevailing type; yet there were some of more imposing architecture and Richard Tennant was the first to boast of a story and a half log house with a shingle roof. The boards and shingles were hauled by team 80 miles. The families of the Tennant boys left Grand Rapids on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1871 with their wives, children and household effects; all on one pair of sleights hauled by a spanking span of bays belonging to Edgar Tennant. For two days; we followed the Wisconsin Central supply or "tote" road. Our turning point was to be a blazed tree which marked the point we should turn to go to our forest homes. The snow

was over three feet deep and at five o'clock in the afternoon of March 23<sup>rd</sup>; our team became tired our from wallowing through the deep snow; breaking road all the way and refusing to budge another inch. Alone in the deep forest and yet deeper snow and the shades of night being rapidly drawn; not knowing how far we were from our gilded palace. We were prepared to spend the night outdoors when a yell from Edgar was sent reverberating from tree to tree; wakening the rabbits and sending them scurrying from their hiding places. We listened while the dying echoes seemed to mock us with the utter uselessness of thinking that any human being was within hailing distance in such a wilderness of woods. Then as the last faint echo died away in the distance; from the forest depths we thought we could catch the sound of an answering call. Again Edgar's rolling voice filled the woods with echoes and this time there was no mistaking the answering call which was nearer than before and soon we saw William with his yoke of brindle oxen plowing through the snow to tow us into the harbor. Such a joy you can't imagine at the meeting and even greater when we gathered in the little log hut; sitting around the bounteous spread of warm potatoes, bread, tea and hot flap-jacks. New families continued to come and within a few years; every piece of land open to entry had been taken and things began to assume a more civilized aspect. In the spring when the snow began to disappear; we tapped the maple trees and made the delicious maple syrup and sugar and an occasional candy pull for the benefit of the children. Trees were felled and what was later found to be valuable birch, basswood, butternut, oak, maple and elm; all of which was hauled and piled in log heaps and burned to make a clearing in which to plant a few vegetables. After a few summers and many clearings; it was possible to see the deep blue sky. Deer which were very plentiful were lured to destruction by means of a deer lick. Placing salt in a hole or making a brine and saturating a stump or log with it would set the stage for act two. On moonlight nights; the early pioneers went to the meat market which consisted of a perch in a tree near the lick from which one could watch for his prey. We remember on one occasion when Mr. Holeton made a vow to have venison steak for breakfast. With his trusty rifle; he sought the perch he had erected in a spreading elm; clambered up and began his waiting and watching. He did not have long to wait for he soon heard a deer approaching the lick and his mouth began to water at the thought of the juicy steak that would be his for breakfast. The deer took his time and was slow in coming to the lick. Just then a storm came up and Mr. Holeton hurried back to the safety of the hut; hearing the deer slip away with his steak still on the hoof. The next day, when his wife began preparing the morning meal; she asked where he had put the venison. The winter of 1872-1873 was probably the hardest one that the early settlers had to endure. Often there was nothing in the house to eat except venison and Johnny Cake. Later there was only spoiled wheat and milk and so the faithful oxen were killed; part of which was traded for regular groceries. When spring came; we feasted on delicious leek which grew in abundance on the forest floor. R.C. Tennant - Town Of Holeton.

\*1914 February (D): Mrs. L. Fuchsgruber and son have secured the agency for selling player pianos. Henry Erlei drove down from Medford last Saturday in a IMP Cycle Car. Dr. Nystrum of Medford has the agency for the sale of these cars around here.

\*1914 February (D): A deal was consummated Tuesday whereby Frank Nagel who has been the proprietor of the Dorchester Barber Shop for the past 21 years; sold his equipment to Frank Kellner for a consideration of \$1,025.

\*1914 February (D): A new furniture store will be opened up in the building (where the village's well #2 now resides) next to the Miltimore and Son Store; at present owned by Mrs. Driscoll. The store will be managed by H. Jensen formerly of this place.

\*1914 April (D): Frank Nagel bought the building next to the barber shop for \$150.

\*1914 August (D): J.H. Johnson has traded his property in this village for a piece of timberland north of town. He will move to Stetsonville where he has a steady situation with Ed Ruhmer who is going to build a planing mill.

\*1914 Aug. (D): A meeting will be held in the Booster Club rooms next Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Volunteer Fire Department for this village.

1914 October (D): H.A. Gehring recently purchased the house and lots on third street from his son Paul for a consideration of \$650. F.L. Keen a photographer, is located in town with his equipment and is prepared to take photographs of all kinds. Oscar Leslie has purchased two small houses on second street formerly owned by John Fisse.

1914 November (D): Mrs. Nick Ludovic has traded her property (The Dorchester House) in this village for the general merchandise store of Vincent Wuest in Medford.

1914 December (D): Bradbury Miltimore one of the few remaining early pioneer businessmen of this community died Monday morning at eight o'clock. He was nearly 62 years old. In 1904 he had the honor of serving the village as its president and at the time of his death; he was serving his second term as village clerk.

1915 Jan. (D): The Village of Dorchester has signed an agreement with the Medford Electric Company to provide power for the street lights. This was accomplished at a meeting of the village board when a resolution was passed by an unanimous vote granting the Medford Light and Heating Company a franchise to construct electric lines along the street and alleys of the Village of Dorchester for the purpose of furnishing electric lights to the village and light and power to anyone else desiring it.

A newspaper article of March 1965 states; The people of Dorchester have been fooled so often by the rumor of an electric lighting system that it will not be very surprising to hear that the Medford Light and Heating Co. who was granted a privilege of erecting their lines throughout Dorchester for street and commercial light; has backed down and has refused to make use of the rights and privileges granted them by the village board. Well we should worry; it seemed too good to be true anyhow right from the start.

\*1915 Jan. (D): John H. Johnson, for several years employed in one of the best barber shops in Chippewa Falls; has started a barber shop in this village in the building located in the building south of Schultz's Store.

\*1915 January (D): Ed Lietzow resigned his position as Village Marshall Tuesday. He has rented the Schlimgen farm southwest of town for two years and will move there. F.W. Zastrow has been appointed Marshall in his place.

1915 Jan. (D): On January 29, four people narrowly escaped death in this village early Saturday morning when fire of unknown origin and which seriously threatened several other buildings; totally destroyed the Dorchester Hotel and all its contents. The building was owned by Vincent Wuest of Medford and rented from him by John Sullivan. Dave Peterson, the Stetsonville telephone man was the first one to discover the fire. He happened to be in the village that night and was a guest at the hotel. Awakened, he managed to pick up most of his clothes and crawl down the stairs; awakening the others on his way down. By that time however, the stairs were so filled with smoke that the other occupants of the building consisting of John Sullivan and his mother and Miss Margaret Sprotte had to crawl out of an upstairs window and jump to the ground with nothing on but their nighties and a look of terror.

1915 February (D): Dr. Galen Nedry, formerly of this village and son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Nedry of Medford was married last Wednesday to Miss Delvia Smith, head nurse in the Wesley Hospital, Chicago.

1915 February (D): Vincent Wuest of Medford was in the village on business Tuesday and Wednesday. He is applying for a license to run a saloon on his lots where the Dorchester House formerly stood. If a license is granted him he will erect a small building at once, in which he will start the saloon and then go ahead and put up a large two-story building similar to the one that formerly stood there.

\*1915 Mar. (D): Vincent Wuest opened up his saloon Monday night. A gay crowd led by a three piece orchestra, celebrated the occasion in a proper and fitting manner. Wuest purchased the shop building owned by Oscar Laack which stood across the road from George Koehn's residence (where Pat Bock's residence stands) and moved it to the lots formerly occupied by the Dorchester House. The Dorchester House burned down on Jan. 29 and Vincent needed some temporary quarters for his saloon until a new hotel and saloon can be erected. Fred Birkholz repairs gasoline lamps and install electric wiring.

\*1915 March (D): Herman Kronschnabl has rented the former B.G. Miltimore building of O. Manas and will put in a bowling alley and pool and billiard tables (located where the American Legion Hall now stands). Andy Siegert traded his saloon and lots in this village Monday to Louis Garbisch of the Town of Holton for his large farm (Sharon's Cozy Cor.).

\*1915 Mar. (C): A Story of the Remarkable Echo; The wonderful echo of the suspension bridge across the McNair Straight in Wales has made the structure famous. If one of the main piers of the bridge is struck by a hammer, the sound of the blow is returned in succession from each cross beam supporting the roadway and from the opposite pier standing 576 feet distant. At the same time the sound is reflected back and forth between the water and the floor of the bridge at the rate of 28 times in five seconds. They say it is like music, like beautiful music never before heard; flowing across the top of the water.

1915 Mar. (C): What Some Of Our Neighbors Say; Of course it is none of our business but we just can't help wondering what there is about the female form that keeps some of our girls from freezing these cold winter days. You understand now, that we don't know a thing about it but we've been told that they just don't wear hardly anything. Why only this week at the drug store, we heard one girl say that another girl was old fashion because she wore long sleeve (excuse please) under apparel. She didn't say apparel either but it means that and the girl who was talking about the other girl didn't have on that kind. Anyway she said she didn't but she had on some hose that were as thick as a cigarette paper split twice and she started out to tell of the girl with the homespuns but just then Art snickered and the conversation changed. Well we can easily see how a girl could powder her face thick enough to keep it from freezing and since we don't know anything about them and it isn't any of our business; we can guess they powder up good and plenty all over and then put on enough clothes to keep the powder from blowing off.

1915 April (D): April News Items; John Zastrow has recently purchased the creamery building (located on east side of fourth street just north of the bridge) on the formerly land owned by Mr. Carpenter and he will operate the butter making enterprise. Frank Hirn had horses for sale.

1915 May (D): Vincent Wuest is making preliminary preparations for the erection of his new hotel building where the former Dorchester House stood. He has let contracts for the erection of a 30 x 66 foot cement block building which will be two stories high, with a hotel lobby in front and a sample room on the south side. Opening off the lobby will be a hotel dining room. Upstairs will have thirteen bedrooms for hotel accommodations.

1915 May (D): Richard Schreiber is having a new barn erected on his place just north of town. The Tischendorf Bros. are doing the work. Mrs. Henry Leiders arrived here from Appleton last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Leiders are now keeping house in the Skerbeck residence across from the depot.

1915 May (D): Fred Smith arrived last week from Milan and he intends to erect a residence on his lot just south of Dr. Foley's house in the near future. D.W. Tiffany of the Abbotsford Electric Co. was in the village Monday making the initial preparations for the installation of the electric lines. I wonder why Abbotsford was doing this work as in January of 1915; the Medford Electric Company was awarded a contract to install electric power into the village. Perhaps it had to do with the distance as Abbotsford is much closer and perhaps there were some government regulations which demanded Abbotsford be given the contract.

1915 June (D): Frank Tepolt who has been proprietor of the former Premeau saloon north of town for the past nine months will move his family to Dorchester after July 1<sup>st</sup> and his brother Florian will take charge of the saloon.



1915 June(D): At the special school meeting held Monday evening; the question of building a new schoolhouse, not to exceed \$12,000 was voted on. Sixty one votes were cast for and 18 against. A building committee of four was established and they are A.D. Hunt, Lewis W. Peterson, O. Mannas and Julius LeClaire. Valentine Fleckenstein sold a Metz runabout to the Athens mail carrier Sunday. A.D. Hunt who has been using a Metz on his route here for the past year; delivered the car to Athens.

1915 Sept. (D): Louis Garbisch built a two story residence in back of the saloon at the corner of Second St. and Center Avenue (where Sharon's Cozy Corner Bar now stands).

1915 Nov. (D): The local depot is getting fixed up with the floor in the freight room being lowered and a new roof is being put on. The stock yards are being enlarged and a new well is being dug so sufficient amounts of water will be available for the stock.

1915 Nov. (D): Joe Kronschnabl sold his 80 acre farm to Anselm Schmidt taking his home on 3<sup>rd</sup> street in trade. The total arrangements are being held in confidence.

1915 December (D): Mrs. F. Zastrow this week leased the bowling alley from Herman Kronschnabl and will continue running the business. We understand she intends putting in a full line of tobacco, cigars and confectionery. Herman Kronschnabl received word this week that he has received the appointment as postmaster of Dorchester.

1915 Dec. (D): Sunday night at 12:30 A.M.; fire destroyed the barn of Conrad Kramer together with six ton of hay. The fire is supposed to have been started by tramps as two were seen in the vicinity.

1915 December (D): Last Monday evening about 8:20 P.M., a large meteor fell about five miles west of Stetsonville on Strathman's farm. The sky was beautifully illuminated for a few seconds and the terrific noise of the oncoming comet was heard for several miles distant. Many farmers had their windows broken by the crash. The meteor extends above the ground about eight feet and is six feet across. Another meteor fell on Frank Baensch's house six miles northeast of here this week and done considerable damage.

1916 January (D): The many friends of Emery Miltimore will be pleased to learn that he has secured a position as bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Phillips. V.L. Troxel who operated the Star Restaurant here for several months came Thursday to pack up and ship his furniture to Alma Center where he is now located. Frank the little son of Charles Nagel befell with an accident that may cost him the sight of his right eye. The whip he was using to drive cows into the barn snapped back and hit him in the eye.

1916 Feb. (D): Louis Skruvani sold out his stock of shoes and went to Milwaukee to be with his son who had been in a terrible accident. However, in April he returned and opened up another shoe store in the same building that he owned; this time with a new fresh supply of footwear. Paul Lotzer owned the Feed Store as of this date.

1916 March (D): Moving operations were begun last Saturday on the Paulson building which formerly stood adjacent to the store of Miltimore & Sons (near the alley way where the village's well house now stands) and is now in position at its new location between the drug store and bowling alley on South Front Street (just north of the American Legion Hall). The building as soon as it is properly placed will be remodeled, fixed up and will be used for the new post office.

1916 March (D): The Post Office will be moved into the new quarters prepared for it on next Wednesday March 15. The new fixtures put in by Mr. Herman Kronschnabl are a credit to our village. There will be more room and larger boxes.

\*1916 April (D): Joe Rozalsky will rent the building by Dr. Foley's Office for his shoe shop.

\*1916 April (D): Frank Nagel bought the lot east of Dr. Foley's Office.

\*1916 May (D): The Civic Club was organized on May 25, 1916; with the president being Mrs. E.L. Homested. The first project is to obtain authorization from the railroad to park over the railroad grounds across from the bank building. This authorization was obtained in June of 1916 along with a letter from the person in charge; who also stated that the Civic Club should let him know if the railroad might be of assistance for this very worthwhile project.

1916 June (D): Joseph Schober this week put in a new cement sidewalk along the south side of the Block Hotel which improves the appearance of the hotel a great deal. Work began this week by Joseph Weber on the building recently purchased by the Midway Telephone Company and is rapidly progressing.

1916 June (D): T.H. Cochane Co. - We pay highest market prices for potatoes, hay and farm produce. F.A. Clark Manager. The funeral of Mrs. Alice Gutwasser who died of cancer at Chippewa Falls June 18 was held in this village June 22. The deceased was the wife of Arthur Gutwasser and the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Julius LeClaire. Two children survive, Velma and Leonard.

1916 July (D): July Items: A deal was closed Mon. wherein Max Vircks of Athens became the owner of the barber shop building and fixtures formerly owned by Fred Gutwasser and occupied by John H. Johnson. Ed Burss and P.F. Maslowski bought livery stable from Chas. Schaus. They will add two autos to the assortment of buggies and wagons.

1916 July (D): Village of Dorchester purchased a 45 gallon chemical fire engine. Fire Chief Joe Weber informs us that if several old batteries are placed in a stove or furnace and burned ; they will immediately clean the chimney from all soot and dirt and prevent chimney fires. Emma and Will Jantsch came home from Minneapolis last week for the summer. Lightning struck the catholic church Friday night doing quite a bit of damage.

1916 August (D): Contracts were drawn up Wednesday wherein M.J. Olson will soon become the owner of the restaurant and ice cream parlor of George Bassler.

Contractor Sheppard of Medford is this week putting cement steps in front of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and also putting in a walk the entire length of the church property.

\*1916 Sept. (D): Just as we go to press we learn that J. Schuld of Westboro has leased the Miltimore Building and will take possession Monday. Mrs. C.E. Burss and family of Thorp arrived Thursday noon to make their home here for the future. Mr. Burss is in the livery business here.

\*1916 September (D): Hans Sorenson on Wednesday of last week sold his 40 acre farm one half mile west of town to Charles Windling of Area, Illinois. Hans will soon move to town and take up the carpentry trade.

1916 December (D): Vincent Wuest, proprietor of the Block Hotel is this week installing a bath room outfit for use by his patrons and the general public. The hardware business that has for the past sixteen years been run by Valentine Fleckenstein was bought last week by Arthur and Harry Garbisch together with the building (located where the Laundromat now stands) . The new firm will be known as The Dorchester Hardware Co.

1917 February (D): A grand prize Masquerade Ball will be given at Esser's Opera House on Monday February 19. Hansmann's Orchestra of Stevens Point will furnish the music. A prize of \$3.00 will be given for the best group. One dollar each to the best gent and best lady and one dollar each for the most comic gent and most comic lady.

1918 May (D): Believing that the consolidation of the Herald Plant with that of the Colby Photograph will serve to materially reduce the cost of production and thereby enable us to give our subscribers/business patrons a better newspaper than could be done under the former arrangement. The publisher of the Herald has therefore decided to move its plant from Dorchester to Colby and hereafter the Herald swill be printed at that city. As of May 10, 1918; Dorchester is receiving electric power from the Abbotsford Power Plant.

1918 May (D): Contractor Joseph Schober is erecting a large barn on the farm property of Valentine Fleckenstein (located where Tony Yaron now lives). Irving Goessel is kept busy installing milking machines these days. The machine has proven itself a great time saver to the farmer and we predict that in but a few years milking machines with the farmer will be as common as the Ford car.

1918 July (D): Paul Lotzer purchased what is known as the Dorchester Opera House of Joseph LeClaire and will use the building as a storage house for hay. The beautiful drop curtain was purchased by Baldwin Mehner of Fond Du Lac. The painting on this curtain was the work of the deceased Edmund Mehner and was considered by many as one of the finest pieces of artistic work in the state. A newspaper ad of July 8, 1918 stated that the Fancher Hardware Company purchased the hardware stock of L.W. Peterson.

1918 August (D): Oscar Laack will open his garage next Monday morning. This is a new addition to our prosperous village. Mike Maslowski rented his livery stable to Art

Holliday of the Town of Little Black. Ed Sauter is going to do the draying until Art moves to town. Art is also going to start a machine and auto repair shop. An October 1918 newspaper article states; Arthur Holiday moved into the rooms over the livery barn last week and expects to open his machine and auto repair shop about Nov. 1.

1918 August (D): Mr. and Nrs. Nick Holch who recently sold their house to Charles Guth (where Beverly Paulson now lives); left for LeSueur, Minnesota last Wednesday to make their home there. E.H. Ruhmer of Stetsonville bought two lots in the old school addition (where Sam and Mattie Bach live) from A.C. Gutwasser and will soon commence the erection of a modern home. A later newspaper article stated - The new residence E.H. Ruhmer is building on Avon Avenue (South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) will be a dandy when completed. Henry Malchow sold his house and two acres of land to a party from the Town of Deer Creek for \$1,900. The sale goes to show how real estate values are going up in our prospering village. On August 3, lightning struck the large brick chimney on the Catholic School and did considerable damage.

1918 August (D): Frank Paulson resigned his position as manager of the Farmer's Building Supply Co. and formed a partnership with Ray Hugoboom of Polley, Wis. They leased the garage of Frank's brothers Ansel and Edgar both of whom were called to the colors.

1918 Sept. (D): John Murette; who recently sold his farm to George Decker (where Meyer Manufacturing is located) and then went to New York to buy a farm, returned again last week and is satisfied that Wisconsin is just as good a state, if not better than old New York. He intends to buy a home here and is satisfied to stay in Wisconsin. An October article stated - John Murette this week purchased the house and seven acres of land from John Richwalski (now known as the Ortlieb farm) on the south side of the village.

1918 Oct. (D): Louis Marlow received a letter from his sister who lives at Cloquet, Minn. stating they have lost all their belongings together with their house. Quite a few from this village live now at Cloquet but so far everyone is reported alive; having only lost their worldly belongings. The fires are still raging and being fanned by high winds.

1918 Oct. (D): This article about one of Dorchester's leading citizens appeared in a publication titled "The History of Clark County" and I thought it needed to be in these writings as Dorchester would not have developed as it did without people like this who were willing to lead the way. Gustof Genrich, better known as Gust was the proprietor of an up-to-date blacksmith's shop in Dorchester located at the extreme northeast corner of Clark County. Gust was born in Germany on June 15, 1862 and his father August Genrich was a wagon maker who died in 1896 at the age of 74 years. Mr. Genrich's mother, whose maiden name was Berdenia Mass died in 1887 when she was 62 years old. From his father, Gust Genrich learned the wagon maker's trade. In 1879, he came to the United States and for some time followed his trade in different places in New York and Pennsylvania, going from the latter state to Berlin, Wis. where he followed his trade there. From Berlin he went to Michigan, where he was foreman of shops for

several years in the mining districts before coming to Dorchester in 1894. Here he started a shop and has built up an excellent business, not only as a blacksmith but also as a dealer in all kinds of farm implements. His shop which is located in a good two story frame building , is fitted up with two forges and a gasoline engine for furnishing power and he gives employment to two or three men all the time. For the accommodation of his implement business he also has a large warehouse. A man of progressive and enterprising spirit, Mr. Genrich has not been satisfied to follow only the usual routine of his business but in 1911, he patented a sleight knee of his own invention which is called the "Malleable Oscillating Sleight Knee" and under the same patent , he also manufactures a boy's bob sled. This branch of his business has grown until he is now shipping these goods to the Dakotas, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana as well as to various points in Wisconsin. In 1903, having become by this time become recognized as a permanent acquisition to Dorchester; Mr. Genrich was elected as a member of the village board and in 1907 to the Mayville Town Board. He has also served on the finance committee of the school board. For the last ten years and up to the present time; he has held the office of village treasurer. He is a member of the "Odd Fellows Club" and of the "Camp of Modern Woodmen of America"; having passed through the chairs in the former organization. In 1888, Mr. Genrich was united in marriage with Matilda Peters; who was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on March 23, 1872 and who was the daughter of John and Mary Peters. Her father was born on April 28, 1814 and her mother on Sept. 25, 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Genrich are the parents of eight children whose names are; Wm born on October 9, 1889; Olga born on September 18, 1891; Otto born on November 4, 1893; Hugo born on January 22, 1896; Henry born on June 1, 1898; Elmer born on Sept. 3, 1903; Lawrence born on October 5, 1905 and Lloyd born on June 1, 1908.

1918 Nov. (D): Soo Agent Wm Munroe states that the business done at the local station during the month of October was \$8500. This sure is some business for a town of our size. Andrew Sorenson has been helping out at Schreiber's Meat Market this week. Andrew makes quite a butcher and his many friends think of the time when he was in the business when one could buy a pound of the best steak for ten cents and a soup bone for five cents. Now you have to pay 35 cents for steak and 25 cents for a soup bone.

1918 Dec. (D): A telegram was received here from Frank Tepolt announcing the sudden death of his only son at Mount Alden, Texas where they had just moved last month.

\*1919 Jan. (D): John Miltimore (Son of Daniel and Brother of Bradbury) had three sons; Roland, Emery and William. John died on January 18, 1919. He built a store of his own after his partnership with Bradbury was dissolved.

\*1919 January (D): Andrew Fritsch moved the carpenter shop owned by Joe Weber from the Joseph Kronschnabl lots down to Joe's land where the old Bery and Nelson Mill used to stand (located on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street south of the bridge on the east side of the street).

\*1919 January (D): The village has been in the dark the past week. The electric lights have sure been on the bum and it is the wish of all that the Chippewa Company will hurry up and connect us with a real electric concern.

1919 Feb. 1 (D): Mrs. J. Miltimore sold her store building to A.J. Young of Abbotsford. George Haeuser purchased a cheese factory near Greenwood and will move there with his family in the near future. Joseph Schober is remodeling the upstairs of Ed J. Fuchsgruber store building and as soon as he gets it ready, Ed will move upstairs.

\*1919 Mar. (D): Saloon owners were informed by Jung Brewing Co. beer prices would go up by \$3.00 per barrel and the owners then agreed to raise whiskey prices to 20 cents and beer to 10 cents per glass. Bottle beer would stay the same at 15 cents per bottle.

\*1919 March (D): The Wheeler and Timlin Mill has 200,000 board feet of logs to cut. Mill will begin cutting on Wednesday.

\*1919 April (D): Frank Skerbeck left for Elyrea, Ohio last Monday to bring an elegant steam carry-us-all. This is one of the latest improved machines and is far better than a merry-go-round. O. Manas sold the old Brad Miltimore building to Joe Weber this week. Consideration was \$1,000. Joe sure got a bargain. He intends to use the upper rooms for himself and the lower floor he will probably use for a photograph gallery.

\*1919 May (D): W. N. Evans the popular harness maker, like a bad penny returned again to our village. He has leased the building on Front Street located between Marten's Saloon and the Shoe Shop and will open a first class harness shop. He was in the building when the fire of 1929 destroyed his shop.

1919 June (D): Abruptly in the Dorchester Herald for Friday June 6, 1919; Editor A.P. Gessert wrote with this issue "The Herald Goes Out Of Existence". What Dorchester did for a newspaper for about four years is not to be ascertained from the Archives. The Herald file ends of course with the June 6, 1919 issue. The next evidence of a village publication is a file of the Weekly Clarion; the first copy of which carries the front page dateline; Dorchester and Abbotsford, Wisconsin Friday March 2, 1923. The masthead lists Ray Hugoboom as editor and publisher. Hugoboom in 1900 established the Reporter which subsequently became the Herald. This column picks up items from the Weekly Clarion commencing with the issue of Friday June 8, 1923 under the head "45 years ago". Before that the curiosity of today's publishers is aroused by two gaping holes in the columns of the front page. Over nine inches is cut out of the top of the second column of the issue of March 30, 1923 and eight inches was cut out of column five of the issue of March 30,, 1923. Did editor Hugoboom heed the plea of a subscriber for a clipping of a cherished event? Or did he acquiesce in the demands of an irate resident that objectionable matter be expunged from the record? Or What?

1920 Jan. (C): Kruegers Must Pay: The trial of the first of several suits against the Krueger Family of Withee, alleged draft resisters; was held in the circuit court at Stevens Point before Judge Park. The plaintiff in the case was Emil Lainio who was injured in the posse battle with the Krueger Boys. He asked damages in the sum of \$20,300. Mrs. Caroline Krueger, (mother of the four brothers) 58; under indictment and at liberty on \$3,000 bond showed no emotion as witnesses testified. She was the only one of the defendants in the courtroom. Ennis was shot and killed by the posse on September 23, 1918; Frank and Leslie are serving life terms in the penitentiary for the murder of Harry Jenson (Soo Line

Operator) at Withee; who was a member of the posse. Louis is believed to be near the Mexican border in hiding. After nine hours of deliberation; the jury brought in a verdict of \$5,015.50 compensatory damages and \$1,000 in punitive damages for the plaintiff. One year later; Louis was captured in Chippewa Falls.

1920 February (C): Principal Joseph Jantsch of the Unity School spent the weekend at his home in Dorchester visiting family.

1920 Mar. (D): Some early milking machines: The milker apparatus was fastened on top of a regular 10 gallon milk can that the farmer sent to the factory. You did not have to pour the milk into other cans and there was no pipeline. The milking machine was on four wheels, with the gasoline engine mounted on top and the can sat there as well. There were two sets of milking cups connected to the can; one on each side of the machine so two cows could be milked at the same time. After electricity became available through-out the countryside, the gasoline engine was replaced by a electric motor. Another of the first mechanical milkers was a DeLaval. It was shaped like a milk can with the set of teat cups hanging from the top. It had a long hose that connected to a petcock on the vacuum line that ran along the stanchions and was powered by a small electric motor. Another one was the Surge, which had an oval bucket with one set of teat cups that was suspended from the cow with a wide rubber coated strap. It too was connected to the vacuum line with a long rubber hose. Of course the cats didn't like the mechanical milkers very much because there was no way, one could squirt milk into their mouths as before the new invention came on the scene.

1920 Sept. (D): Village Board Proceedings: Motion made and seconded that a permit be issued to Ed. Kramer to move the old LeClaire Hall Building (opera house) along 4th st., 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and Front Street to his property on Front Street; such building to be on said site on Front Street ten days after it is moved into the street and that Mr. Kramer will block all streets with proper notices that are obstructed and that he be liable for any damages caused by any accident arising from the presence of this building in the street. Motion carried. Mr. Kramer purchased the building from Mr. McDonald and moved it to the lot north of his store. His store was located in the John Schmitt Building (now Chuck's Rustic Inn).

1920 Oct. (D): The Farmers Building Supply Company are having a cement walk installed in front of their new office and warehouse this week (located where the O & N Lumber Company resided). Joe Schober and crew are doing the work. Ed Fuchsgruber is laying a concrete foundation and floor for his garage in back of the undertaking parlors. He has purchased the Joe Schober garage and it will be moved onto the foundation asap.

1920 Oct. (D): A Condensed History of Dorchester - Interesting History and Early Events of the Village as Prepared and Written by the Freshman Class at the Local School; The village of Dorchester was founded by in 1873, nearly 47 years ago by Daniel O. Miltimore and was named by one of the railroad officials after his home city Dorchester, Mass. The

original plot was laid two miles north of the site of the present village and was known as No. 59 meaning that it was 59 miles from Stevens Point. The first village consisted of a depot, side track, turn table and a few buildings. In the fall of 1874; Dorchester was moved two miles south. Here a saw mill had been erected by the side of a little creek sunning through the town, by the firm Sands and Buell and was known as No. 57. The Town of Mayville in which Dorchester lies up to this period consisted of a part of the Town of Beaver; when through the efforts of Daniel Miltimore and Hosea Hugoboom, it was set apart as a separate town to be known as the Town of Mayville. The next year the village was platted. In the same year, a school house was built and Mrs. Sands was engaged as a teacher. This building accommodated all the wants of the people in the educational line for three years. In 1876; because of the rapid growth of the town, a large two story school building was erected which today is used as a garage. Then in 1916; as the town had become more and more populated, a large brick school house was built. Daniel Miltimore built the first store building in 1874 which was owned and operated by the Miltimore Bros. This building was burned in 1891 and was replaced by the present store building which is now used as a residence. In the early days of Dorchester; there were no mills for grinding of grain. At that time all the flour and feed was brought in by train from down the line. A man by the name of DeMoss was the first to own and operate anything in the line of a grist mill. In 1874; DeMoss found two large stones in the woods which he took home and chiseled them into proper shape and constructed a machine to do his grinding. Instead of steam; a yoke of oxen was used to operate it. In 1892; Wm Wieden and Son constructed a large four story roller mill. The first hotel was a large two story building known as the Central House and which was constructed by Hosea Hugoboom in 1875. In 1890; it was destroyed by fire and never rebuilt. Dorchester was incorporated into a village in 1901. In 1889, Ashand Iron and Steel Company erected 8 coal kilns one mile south of town and a few years later built two more. This gave the people market for their wood. One may travel many miles, visit many places, both large and small but none will be found which shows more enterprise than is shown by Dorchester. Dorchester's prospects are indeed bright. One of Dorchester's greatest advantages is that it is sitting in the middle of one of the greatest agriculture regions of Wisconsin. A failure of crops has never been known here. Dorchester is well represented religiously; there being five denominations, each possessing a fine edifice. All branches of business are represented in this village. In 1885 Ed Winchester established a bank. He remained cashier until 1883 and then Schafer and Spengler established a second bank in 1895. In 1912; a large opera house was erected by Al Esser. In 1915; the Block Hotel was built and this is a fine building with all modern improvements. The development of this section has been rapid and permanent. Where you saw a small log house; you now see a large frame house or bungalow. Where you saw a small log barn big enough for about two cows; you now see barns large enough to accommodate 20 to 30 head of cattle and the produce from 60 to 100 acres of land. Where you saw small patches of land under cultivation; you now see farms which are second to none in Northern Wisconsin. Dorchester to this day is growing. Some of the new buildings are the homes of Ruhmers, Vircho, Lees, Pueschers, a warehouse owned by Farmers Building Supply Co. and the Weekly Clarion. In 1917 when world war broke



out; Dorchester supplied a great many of both drafted and enlisted men and Dorchester went over the top in all its Liberty Loans. Dorchester is thus a patriotic town. So ends the history of Dorchester so far. Though not exciting, it is of greatest interest to those who reside here.

1920 October (D): Clark County Census - Below are given the government figures for the census of 1920. Comparison shows that Dorchester has gained 43 in the last ten years while Abbotsford; owing to the removal of the railroad division has sustained a net loss of 316. Dorchester went from 476 in 1910 to 519 in 1920 while Abbotsford went from 947 in 1910 to 631 in 1920. Clark County as a whole went from 30,074 to 35,173.

1920 Oct. (D): Last Sunday was a "Red Letter Day" for Dorchester. For the first time in the history of our little village, the unexpected happened as every store, saloon, butcher shop, barber shop; in fact every business place was closed. Numerous signs hung in front of several places with the inscriptions "Dorchester born in 1873 - Died in 1920. Cause; Prohibition. Just how long this will last is hard to foretell.

1920 Nov. (C): Girl Dead And Home In Ruins: Miss Lenora Crane, 18 year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Crane of Dorchester is dead and the Crane home is a mass of ruins; which occurred as a result of an explosion when Lenora attempted to start a fire with kerosene. Doctor Crane was in Milwaukee and Mrs. Crane was visiting at Brighton Beach when the accident occurred. Lenora's brother arose early, prepared breakfast and went to Abbotsford where he works in a garage. Lenora arose at eight o'clock and tried to start a fire using kerosene. An explosion resulted and she was enveloped in flames. Attempts to smother the fire with bedding were unsuccessful. As the doors were all locked; it took some time before she could get out and run to the neighbors for help. When she did reach the nearest neighbor; she was burned beyond recognition. She was given first aid and doctors were summoned from Dorchester and Abbotsford. Death occurred at 5:30 P.M. the same afternoon; two hours after Dr. Crane returned home. The mother arrived late to find her daughter dead and the home destroyed.

1921 January (C): How Animals Sleep: Elephants sleep standing up and when in a herd; a certain number will always stand watch while the rest sleep; for the big powerful beasts are timid and cautious at night and will not go to sleep unguarded. Bats sleep head downward hanging from their hind claws. Birds with a few exceptions sleep with their heads turned tail ward over their back and the beak thrust beneath the wing. Storks, gulls and other long legged birds sleep standing on one leg.. Ducks sleep on open water and to avoid drifting to shore; they keep paddling with one foot thus making them move in a circle. Foxes and wolfs sleep curled up with their noses and the soles of their feet close together and blanketed by their bushy tails. Lions, tigers and cat animals stretch themselves out flat upon the side. Their muscles twitch and throb indicating they are light and restless sleepers. Owls, in addition to their eye being sideways across the eyes when they shut their lids; have screens that draw out light for they sleep in the daytime.

1921 July (M): The entire community was shocked Thursday afternoon when word was passed from one to another that Herman Kallien was dead. The fatal accident occurred when Mr. Kallien and his son Walter were hauling in hay. Mr. Kallien was building the load and when nearly completed; the horses jerked throwing him backwards with such force that he fell from the load receiving a broken neck, killing him instantly. Mr. Killian was born in West Prussia, Germany in 1870.

1921 Jun (M): Frank Skerbeck for nearly 40 yrs a residence of Dorchester; died of heart trouble while riding on his merry-go-round at Oshkosh on June 15<sup>th</sup> his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. During wedding festivities of his granddaughter, Tillie Sebold, he in his usual genial way; suggested a ride to add to their joy and during the ride he quietly slipped away into the land where trouble never follows. The body was brought back to Dorchester Thursday afternoon and will be laid to rest on Friday. Services were held at the Catholic Church of which he was a faithful member and internment was in the Catholic Cemetery. Frank Skerbeck was born in Ausic, Austria on June 15, 1847 and at the age of twelve; he mastered the feat of swallowing swords and entered the circus ring. Mr. Skerbeck has always laid claim to the fact that he was the first man to perform this feat; which has never been disputed. On Feb. 22, 1869; he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Tillie and 16 children were born to them; eight of whom are dead and eight living; three sons Joe, Gust and Frank and five daughters Antoinette, Annie, Clara, Amanda and Pearl.

1921 June (C): Although this article is about the Colby Central Canning Co., I decided to include it because this company purchased the Dorchester Canning Co. and so there is a connection there. The Central Canning Company Factory of Colby started up last Monday with about a 100 employees on the payroll and during the week has been running about an average of ten hours out of twenty four. The crop of peas at this time average about 50 per cent but the quality is considered to be very good. The low percentage is said to be due to the heavy rainfall in the spring which was followed by the hot, dry weather which we have been experiencing for several weeks. If relief doesn't come in the shape of rain soon' it is feared that the growing peas will suffer serious damage. At present the peas average about 1500 pounds to the acre and there are 540 acres under cultivation. The capacity of the new plant is 1200 cans per hour. The present product is divided into three grades each having five different sizes; the fancy, the extra standard and standard. It takes 150 gallons of water per hour (I believe they mean per minute) to operate the factory and the supply is fully provided for at the present time. Besides the water from the city well; water is obtained from the Blodgett well and the Colby State Bank well. The pumps and motors are furnished by the company for the two latter wells. A steady stream of water is pumped into the mains and no trouble is experienced in keeping the large city reservoir and tank up to their full capacity. W. Christensen of Manitowoc is head man of the plant and the office consists of O.R. Briggs (company secretary) and E.J. Shea as bookkeeper.

1921 Oct. (M): Peter Miller, son of Mr. And Mrs. August Miller was the victim of a serious accident which came near being fatal on Sunday last. A bull which had seemingly been

tame before; got loose and attacked Peter breaking his leg and injuring him badly about the face. He was hurried to the Marshfield Hospital where it was found that his jaw was broken also. At last reports; he was getting along nicely.

1921 Dec. (M): No Wisconsin Bank failures; is the December headline. Wisconsin Banks have prospered throughout the year 1921; without a single instance of a bank failure; even in the midst of a nation wide financial depression that closed banks in nearly every other state of the union. Statement was issued by the Wisconsin Banking Commission.

1921 Dec. (D): Wm Jantsch has often wondered why his name has never appeared under the office cat column. Probably the editor is afraid of the (mail) to express himself.

1922 Jan. (M): Mrs. B. Skidmore Writes of 1878 and compares it with 1921: As 1921 is now drawing to a close; thoughts come to the time 43 years past. I was living in a small log house - just myself and my three children as my husband had to remain in Milwaukee to work for wages. It was my job to maintain the homestead. Our little house was built right in the thick forest, great trees right close to the sides of the house all around. There were no roads made; we had to follow the blaze on the trees to get through. We had to get supplies in when the snow was good and deep and keep a good sharp axe along all the time to chop down a tree now and then for firewood. When the snow was gone, I used to go out to Dorchester afoot and carry in supplies. Had to watch closely for the trees that had been blazed or notched. Wolves and various wild animals were very thick. Very seldom did I see any people around except Indians who had their wigwams just a little ways from our log cabin. I was more afraid of the Indians than anything else for they used to come into my house wanting food. I treated them kindly and they never molested me but I was much afraid of them as I was alone with my children. I cleared land around the house with the help of the children. Most of them were too young to work. I had a nice garden the first year. It was February when I came. I never felt homesick; as I was so busy all the time. There was no time to get homesick. Settlers were few and far between; most of them got discouraged and soon pulled out. They tried to persuade me to give it up; said I was killing myself working so hard. I said No I shall stay; I came here intending to make a home and a home I will make or die trying. I have stuck to that purpose and here I am today. I have a good home and I am in good health for a woman my age. I work right along and thank God for the way he helps me from day to day. I shall be 79 years next month so the hardship has not hurt me so much as the folks said it was going to. Beginnings are always interesting providing we can look back on a well spent life and can say conscientiously "Come what will - I have aimed to do the very best I could". Thank God I have that comfort. Now in my old age, it is good to take the teachings of Jesus Christ for our guide. Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you. The good that is done by us in the corner of our environment will be felt when we have passed away to the great beyond where everyone will be rewarded according to his work.

1922 Dec. (D): Third Radio Installed In Village; Arthur Garbisch has installed a radio receiving set and so far has tuned in on many interesting programs. This makes the third set installed in the village.

\*1923 March (D): Albert Premeau was the first manager of the O and N Lumber Company. Sauter and Marcotte operated a feed store.

\*1923 May (D): The Dorchester Co-op began operations on April 24, 1910. Gas Pumps were installed at the feed store in May of 1923.

1923 May (M): Dr. H.M. Nedry Buried At Dorchester Tuesday - Dr. Nedry who practiced medicine in this vicinity for about 35 years died Thursday at his farm home at Norwalk, Ohio from a stroke of apoplexy. The body was brought to Dorchester and was laid to rest beside that of his first wife, who died in 1901. Present at his funeral was his widow, Mrs. Minnie Nedry and son Claudius and all of the children who could be reached in time: Dr. Clive Nedry of Chippewa Falls, Dr. Galen Nedry of Louisville, Maurice of Minneapolis, Robert of Wahkon, Minnesota and Helen of Eau Claire. Services were conducted by Rev. Sibson of Mobdovi who was pastor of the Methodist Church at Medford during Dr. Nedry's residence there. Other children who survive are: Mrs. Homer Cross of Tillamook, Oregon; Earl Nedry of Portland, Rusk of The Dalles, Oregon; and Henry who is a school principal in Oregon. A brother and sister; George Nedry and Mrs. Edith Nedry Cortner both of whom live in California. Dr. Nedry led a very active life in this community. He was known to practically everyone in this section of the state; in former years he owned many farms in the vicinity of Dorchester and Medford. He was born in Melmore, Ohio in 1885. He graduated from Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland, Ohio and in 1887, he came to Dorchester to practice medicine. He was there over 30 years. He then retired and lived in Kansas a couple of years before moving to Medford. He resumed the practice of medicine there for several years before moving to Ohio in 1920 where he lived on farms near Wakefield and Norwalk. Some of the dates and number of years mentioned in this article are incorrect but I decided to leave them as they were written.

\*1923 June (D): Walter Klaar who has operated a jewelry store here the past three years; decided to make a change. Next week he will move to Thorp and open a store there.

\*1923 July (D): At the adjourned school meeting Monday evening; it was decided by a vote of 37 to 29 to change the school from a State Graded School to a District Free School. Adjournment was taken to July 31<sup>st</sup> for the state to sanction this action before finishing the balance of the business.

1923 July (D): The Sorenson Brothers had a reunion this week at the several homes of the brothers living here. There are six brothers and they haven't all been together since the death of their mother 14 years ago. The four; Ernest, Andrew, Hans and Pete live here while S.J. lives in Superior and M.N. lives in Milwaukee. Holtz Bros. who recently purchased the Henry Pueschner lot; where their store was located before the fire are having it cleaned up and will erect a new fire-proof building.

1923 Aug. (D): Callahan Says No School; The annual school meeting was held with the Rev. E.W. Marks calling the meeting to order. Clerk Louis Homsted informed those present of what he had written to Superintendent Callahan and read the reply he received. Acting upon the suggestion of Superintendent; immediate installation of the high school or third year was abandoned and the sum of \$1000 levied to be placed in a building fund which is intended to be added to until such time a building can be erected without undue hardship by taxation upon the people of the district. State Superintendent Callahan's letter is given in full below: Mr. Louis Homsted; this is in answer to your letter of July 28. I regret exceedingly that I cannot see my way clear to issue to your district a high school certificate of establishment. The chief reason is the assessed valuation of your district in the amount of \$445,743. This sum is insufficient to maintain a good high school without an excessive tax burden. It is my judgment that the electors of your school district should not consider the question of organizing a district free high school with an assessed valuation of less than \$900,000. If as you state, the assessed valuation of your district will increase materially within a year or two, then it is my judgment you should adopt a building program at that time so that you have sufficient assessed valuation to maintain a good high school; you will at the same time have sufficient room. I realize fully the situation as it exists in your district with reference to additional high school work but at the same time we must keep in mind that there is a limit to taxes and that we must see that the boys and girls especially those in the primary grades get a square deal from a health view as well as an educational point of view. If the assessed valuation of your district increases materially during the next year and a majority of the electors is then in favor of establishing a district free high school; you are assured that I will give your case full consideration at that time. John Callahan-State Superintendent.

1923 August (D): O & N Managers Enjoy Picnic; The annual picnic of the O & N Lumber Company was held at Electric Park which is halfway between Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. The event is a meeting of the yard managers and their families for a day of amusement and getting acquainted. The O & N Lumber Company is headquartered at Menomonie and they operate 37 retail yards in Northern Wisconsin.

1923 August (D): Wisconsin's first cow testing association was organized in 1906. At that time, the average Wisconsin cow produced 3,700 pounds of milk containing 150 pounds of butterfat. In 1923, the average production of a Wisconsin cow is 7,000 pounds of milk with a butterfat of 265 pounds.

1923 Oct. (M): Dr. C. E. Nystrum Died Here Friday - Dr. Nystrum one of the most widely known men in Taylor County. He died at Medford Friday afternoon, having been taken suddenly worse Thursday. He was fifty four years old. Dr. Nystrum was very active in the affairs of Taylor County, in addition to handling a large medical practice here over a long period of time. He promoted the summer resort at Lake Easadore which lake bears his middle name. He was active in politics, serving several times as chairman of the Taylor County Republican Committee and attending a number of national Republican conventions. He was a member of the American Medical Assn., the Wisconsin Medical

Assn., the Price/Taylor Assn. and other medical organizations. Dr. Nystrum was a public spirited man always endeavoring to promote some undertaking of local benefit. He founded the Medford Clinic Hospital and has always been desirous of seeing a large public hospital erected here. The funeral services were held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church Monday morning and which was conducted by Rev. Fr. Reuter. Burial was in the Medford cemetery. Pall bearers were principally his former hunting companions: they were A. Gearhart, R. Musselman, E. Jacobs, Dr. E. Watson, K. Urquhart and A. Perkins. Among the out of town people here to attend the funeral were Dr. Nystrum's uncle, John Murat of Stevens Point, for whom the old village of Murat at Lake Easadore was named; Mrs. Louis Anderson and son from Stevens Point; Mrs. S. Ouren of Racine; Dr. and Mrs. Coops and Dr. Doege of Marshfield; Dr. C. Nystrum of Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Een; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Czesleba and son Herbert and Mrs. Geo. Een of Shawano; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bemis of Stevens Point; Fred Norton and many other former associates of the doctor. Conrad Easadore Nystrum was born at Waupaca on June 4, 1869. His father was a tanner and when he became proprietor of the first tannery at Medford; the family moved here. Dr. Nystrum received his early education here and his medical instruction at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Chicago. He finished his medical course in 1892 and began his professional work at Medford. He was the pioneer physician in Taylor County to perform an appendicitis operation. Dr. Nystrum was married at Medford April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894 to Maria Connaughty of Fond Du Lac. There are three children; Miss Martha Nystrum who has been engaged in teaching; Dr. Ray Nystrum who has been engaged in practice with his father and associates at the Medford Clinic Hospital since his graduation from Marquette University and Lester Nystrum who is taking the medical course at Marquette.

1924 February (D): The Victor Marcotte Family have moved to Phillips where Victor has gone into partnership with Otto Sauter in the dray, coal and ice business.

1924 June (D): A.L. Hunt built a big new ice house next to his residence. The Meas Bros. are putting in new stalls in the old central garage building across the street from the Clarion (at rear of Pinter's Packing Plant near the alley way) to be used as a sales stable.

1924 July (D): Louis Homsted, clerk of Joint School District No. 1 of the Town of Mayville and Vill. of Dorchester has completed the register of children of school age, composed of the names, ages and other information of 121 children - 56 boys and 65 girls.

1925 March (D): Post Office Moved To New Quarters; Things finally shaped themselves so that the local post office could be moved to its new location at the Quality Hardware Building. This was accomplished by the arrival from headquarters for the order of new equipment which had been placed on order by the incoming post master, Louis Homsted. The actual move took place last Thursday afternoon when the lock box section, records and other paraphernalia were transferred. The new post office is in an excellent location, making it much easier for all to get their mail. The appearance is also very nice as everything is new and we are to be congratulated on having such a fine post

office. Herman Kronschnabl who has performed the duties of postmaster for the past ten years is taking a rest now. Herman plans to get back into the printing business as soon as possible and we wish him best of success wherever he decides to go.

1925 Mar. (D): Newspaper ads state; The Evans Harness and Shoes are the best; A Good Harness - \$46.00 - A Nice Harness - \$50.00 - A Fine Harness - \$58.00 - Excellent Harness \$62.00 - A Rattling Harness - \$63.00 - A Crackerjack Harness - \$65.00 - A Jim Ripper - \$67.00. We sell the Lion Brand Shoes - Made in Milwaukee. Bobbe Mill For Sale - Small Down Payment - Liberal Contract - Easy Payments - Residence On same terms - Inquire of Charles Fleming - Medford Wisconsin.

\*1925 Sept. (D): Gayhart Hadmann of St. Paul is working at the barbershop of Max Vircks.

\*1925 Oct. (D): The Dorchester Canning Company canned 34,300 cases of peas (80 cases per acre) while the beet crop was only 25 per cent of normal. Twelve hundred cases of peas were shipped to the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company at Port Morris, N.Y.

\*1925 Oct. 30 (D): Rudy Ortlieb bought the Leffel Pool Hall and Rudy operated the hall until 1927. Joseph Kronschnabl still owned the buildings at this time and Rudy just purchased the stock and equipment (where Sharon's Cozy Corner Bar now stands).

\*1925 December (D): The Mead Bros. Were buying and selling livestock in Dorchester.

\*1926 March (D): Joe Sebold and George Baumer ran the automobile service station in Stetsonville and sold the Hudson and Essex Lines.

\*1926 Nov. (D): A.C. Kieper was operating the Dorchester Bakery at this time and it is believed the bakery was located in the Holtz Building (just north of Fuzzy's Bar).

\*1926 November (D): There were 164 cannery factories in 38 counties of Wisconsin.

\*1926 Dec. (D): Sauter Brothers are operating and advertising their products at this time.

\*1927 Sept. (D): The Dorchester Co-op is installing new feed mill equipment and once power is hooked up, it should be ready to go.

\*1927 Nov. (D): Frank Diesing was manager of the Co-op store from 1922 to 1927.

\*1928 Feb. (D): John Eakin started a chicken hatchery in Dor. with (2) 500 size incubators.

1928 March (D): Dorchester v Spencer - Bringing their total number of wins up to six games by virtue of a 10 to 9 victory over Spencer Tuesday evening assured the local fans that the wearers of the Cardinal are a real team. The game if we may be permitted to call it such; had nothing spectacular to offer. Due to the small size of the gym; real basketball was impossible. As usual Vircks scored the first basket, that being the only basket scored during the first quarter. In the second quarter Martin, Spencer's scrappy forward tied the score 2 to 2 which remained unchanged the rest of the quarter. Things looked dark for Dor Hi when they were held scoreless during the third quarter while Spencer piled up five more points. After repeated efforts Vircks landed a long shot and Cliff Herman slipped through for two more baskets which with Vircks free throw brought their score up to ten. Fritsch of Spencer scored a long shot just as the final whistle blew.

\*1928 March (D): Iggy Sauter worked for Max Vircks as a barber in March of 1928.

\*1928 May (D): Fred Hoffman bought the Blue Ribbon Bakery from Max Vircks. A delivery truck will be used to deliver to the neighboring towns. Initially only bread will be baked but other bakery goods will be added as time permits.

\*1928 June (D): The Haeuser Barn at the old central site was torn down by Tambornino and the materials were taken to his farm and reconstructed. This barn had functioned as a livery stable for many years.

\*1928 June 30 (D): Fred Werner and Henry Mertens dissolved their partnership.

1928 June (D): From 1884 to 1928, Koward F. Pruyn Post 168 of the "Grand Army Of The republic" served the veterans of Dorchester in Clark County. The post was never large but its handful of veterans from the 1910s and 1920s kept the post in good standing with the department. Post 168 was named for Howard Pruyn, First Lieutenant of Company A, Sixth Wisconsin, from Baraboo. Pruyn was in command of the company at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863 and he was wounded in the regiment's charge at the railroad cut. He recovered and served with the Sixth until he was killed in action on May 8, 1864 at Laurel Hill, Virginia in an opening engagement of the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. The membership of the Dorchester Post in 1887 (the first year) was 21 and the membership in 1925, 1926 and 1927 (the last three years) was 1. August Homsted (the Pharmarist) was the first commander and the last member was Charles Beyreis.

\*1928 August (D): Albert Vangsness purchased the old John Bery House south of the Jensens (where Wanda Moser now lives).

\*1929 October (D): The Genrich Bros. owners of Tri-Count Fur Farms will make three shipments of muskrats this year.

\*1929 October (D): Fred Gutwasser died on October 17, 1929. He was 75 years old.

\*1929 Nov. (D): The new club rooms over the Paulson Garage will house a card party for the young folks of St. Louis School. Also a skat card party will be held next week.

\*1930 July (D): Water For Hens; There is about a pint of water in a dozen eggs and if the water supply runs out for just a few hours, as it frequently does during these hot days, the egg production will often suffer for several days following. Professor Halpin of the College of Agriculture has observed instances where flocks of hens have been thrown into a premature molt because the water supply ran short for a days time. The laying hen drinks a great deal of water and she must have enough water or milk to furnish her body with all the liquid it needs, if she is to do her best.

\*1930 Oct. (D): Carl/Helen Mertens are operating the Kronschnabl saloon/bowling alley.

\*1930 Nov. (D): The feed store in town in November, 1930 was called "The Sauter Bros".

1931 June (D): Opens Shoe Shop in Ulrich Building; Mr. Ludwig Reichersamer, our new shoe man situated in Rudy's building, arrived here from St. Paul and opened up for business Monday. He has been in the shoe business all his life, starting as an apprentice at the age of nine, so naturally he is an expert repairman and shoemaker. He was employed for two and a half years at St. Paul prior to coming here.



1931 June (D): Fred Werner Wins 4<sup>th</sup> Award at Skat Tournament; Fred Werner accompanied Ed Umbrecht, the cattle buyer to Milwaukee Saturday and participated in a National Skat Tournament held in the auditorium. Fred won fourth award which has usually profited the winner \$250. He won 25 hands, losing one for a net of 24 hands and scored 699 points. Fred returned home Monday via the Soo Line.

\*1932 May (D): Rutzky's Mercantile bought a new panel truck so deliveries will be made.

\*1932 September (D): Sam Ugoretz will store potatoes in his warehouse on the old McDonald Farm across from the Catholic Church.

1933 May (D): Dorchester is to have a new business establishment in the very near future. Albert Premeau who has been manager of the O & N Lumber Company for the past 11 years left their employment on the first of May and is now completing plans for a new meat market and lumber office here.

\*1933 Sept. (D): The village widened and deepened the creek area south of Conrad Kramer's stock shed (Otto Genrich's House). This would provide for an area where the fire department could obtain water more easily during times of fire emergency.

\*1933 Oct. (D): Iggy Sauter ran the "Sanitary Barber Shop" in NE corner of Block Hotel.

\*1933 October (D): The Sedlack Service Station was a highly successful business.

1934 April (D): Louis Sebold is now Northwestern Oil Co.'s new agent here and will take the place of Joe Schober. Change took place on April 12; we wish Louie the very best.

\*1934 October (D): John Jantsch Sr. (83) passed away on Tuesday October 9, 1934.

\*1934 Oct. (D): The Village purchased a new siren to alert firemen of a fire. It will be installed in the Front Street Park on a steel tower. It will replace the bell from the school that has been the device to make everyone aware of an emergency since 1916.

\*1934 Nov. (D): Wm Jantsch traveled to New Holstein to pick up a new snowmobile that he purchased. The kit includes all necessary parts to make a snowmobile out of his auto.

1935 August (D): The interior of the south part of the Erickson Hardware Building on Front Street that houses the Post Office was redecorated last Friday and Saturday by the Mehner Bros. The Vircks Barber Shop installed a Barscope Machine this week as another step was taken toward serving their customers with a modern and sanitary shop.

1938 March (D): Digging on the WPA Village Sewer System has begun near the bridge on So. Fourth Street. Digging has been going slow due to the frost and numerous cave-ins.

1938 March (D): String less green beans will be canned at the Dorchester Canning Factory this year in addition to peas according to Sid Sorenson, manager of the local plant. New and clearer safety bullet proof glass was installed at the Dorchester Bank this week. It replaces the original glass which had been in the bullet proof front since its installation three years ago.

1938 March (D): Seidel Bros. Purchased the Sedlack Service Station on March 8, 1938. Henry Mertens purchased a 1938 air conditioned Nash Tudor Sedan this past week from the Nash sales Agency.

1938 Aug.(D): J.E. Allar operated the feed store before selling it to Sauters around 1930. This date seems to be in conflict with my understanding of the dates and events that took place with the feed mills so will look further to see if this date can be verified.

\*1938 Aug. (D): Village is discussing ways of installing a village wide central water system.  
1938 Sept. (D): Dorchester High School will add agricultural studies to the curriculum beginning September of 1938. The two parochial schools will teach 99 students this fall (75 at St. Louis and 24 at St. Peter's).

1939 April (D): During the spring election; Dorchester voters passed a referendum authorizing the village board to proceed with obtaining necessary funds to install a village wide water system. It passed 118 for to 83 against. How in the world could 83 people vote against such a proposal. In May of 1939, Hauptwell Company of Auburndale offered the low bid of \$176.00 to drill the first test well. It required a second test well which was done on the Adolph Karrup Property and this well showed good results. Sixty gallons per minute were achieved without the level dropping. The test shaft was down into 11.5 feet of good water producing gravel and right on top of bedrock. Thirty Seven (37) feet of water was in the shaft when well is idle. Another test performed on June 15, 1939 was throwing water at 90 gallons per minute. Dorchester will receive \$44,311 from the Federal WPA Grant Program. Work on the water system started on August 31, 1939. The Fred Distelhorst House will be the first building hooked up to the system as he is located right across the street. The Peerless Pump cost \$1369.84 and the Iron Removal Tank cost \$1870. The water tower from the foundation to the finial or top of the ball is 155 feet. The center cylinder is 5 feet in diameter. The tower is now complete as of December 7, 1939. On January 25, 1940, the Max Vircks home was the first home to have a new water meter hooked up and so he officially became the first to have water produced in his kitchen from a faucet. The water tank holds 50,000 gallons and the standpipe holds 18,000 gallons. Total cost of the water system was \$74,000 with \$44,000 being provided via the WPA Grant Program and the village was responsible for \$30,000 which was accomplished with the selling of bonds. The Sewer System cost \$32,000 with \$29,000 being provided by the WPA Grant Program and \$3000 by the village.

1939 April (D): Donald Kraut in a April 6, 1939 newspaper edition advertised "Order your Easter Lillies - Potted Plants - and Cut Flowers" Now.

1939 September (D): With the new state law now in effect; school buses will pick up students who live in the country providing each child with the opportunity to have an education. This will begin with the September 1939 school year. The 1939 school year had 50 Freshman, 30 Sophomores, 31 Juniors, 15 Seniors, and 54 in grades 1 thru 8 for a total of 180 students in all 12 grades. Oscar Laack was hired to be the first bus driver.

\*1940 January (D): Wheeler Timlin became O & N Lumber Company.

\*1940 January (D): Carl and Helen Mertens will move into their new home next week. O & N Lumber Company had the contract to build the entire home.

\*1940 January (D): The Charles F. Hanson American Legion Post 139 was transferred from Abbotsford to Dorchester on January 10, 1940.

\*1940 Feb. (D): Ben Krahn purchased the Premeau tavern on February 29, 1940 and the property from Sarah Kronschnabl. Located where Sharon's Cozy Corner Bar now stands.

1940 Mar. (D): Pearl Kraut will open beauty salon in the Block Hotel on March 19; as she leased the back two rooms for this purpose. Entrance will be from the NW part of bldg.

\*1940 June (D): Seidel Bros. will have free movies at Seidel's Corners beginning in June and extending through the summer. The movies will be under the direction of Ben Gall.

\*1940 July (D): Paul Powell from Marshfield is running Rudy Ulrich's Tavern.

\*1940 September (D): A big celebration is planned for September 21, 1940 as this will be the official grand opening of the New Village Wide Water System.

1940 Oct. (D): The large three story Henry Froland house burned down on October 23. This is the home now occupied by Tom and Elaine Reynolds. The entire home was not destroyed but in order to rebuild a new home, the structure that remained was razed down to the floor of the first story. Only the basement survived this tragedy as the home was unique in that it was a full three story home; the only one of its kind ever constructed in Dorchester. Wm. Weiden had the home built in the fall of 1896.

1941 Mar. (D): Four stolen slot machines were found a mile east of Athens corner Sunday morning by Clarence Ellenbecker of Athens. Two of the machines were identified as those stolen from the taverns operated by Alfred Hinke and Clarence Fenner of Dorchester. Both taverns lost the machines in recent burglaries.

\*1941 June (D): Fenner's Tavern and Paulson's Garage will sponsor free movies for the summer; Ben Gall has been hired to show movies at corner of CTH "A" and 2nd Street.

\*1941 June (D): Peter Beck resigned as Manager of O & N Lumber Company after serving in that capacity for eight years. Mr. Israel who has been manager of the O & N Lumber Company in Bloomer has been transferred here to take Mr. Beck's place.

\*1941 July (D): Seidel Bros. doubled the size of their garage and tavern.

\*1941 July (D): The Schreiber Meat Market added onto the north end of their building which will provide room for 200 freezer lockers.

\*1941 Aug. (D): John Schmitt has torn down the old shed in back of his property on Front Street and is putting up a new four car garage. The Dorchester Co-op Produce Ass. has the foundation in for their new office space between its two buildings. Schreiber's Meat Market has the outside shell up for their locker plat.

\*1941 Aug. (D): Frank Tepolt sold his building to a fellow from Medford who moved the structure there. Building was located in what is now the backyard of Jean Goessel's residence. Ray Krakenberger is building a new 28 x 40 foot laying house on his property

at the north end of Front Street to house his 350 New Hampshire Red Hens. This is the first of six houses Ray will be building as an addition to his hatchery facilities.

\*1941 Nov. (D): Emil Pudleiner sold his building to Will Implement Company of Owen who razed the building concrete block by concrete block and moved it to Owen in Nov. Remember this was leading up to war time and people were already conserving materials.

\*1941 November (D): The O & N Lumber Company purchased a new 10 inch power saw and a 6 inch jointer which will assist them in providing better service to their customers.

\*1941 November (D): After much delay due to inability to get the proper equipment and rainy weather; the basement for the new building being erected by Ed Werner for his Clover Farm Store has been dug. The building will be 32 feet by 45 feet; two stories high with the store being on the main level and living quarters on the second story. It will be built of cinder block and cement finish.

\*1942 January (D): Otto Heidtke last week moved his shoe repair business out of the Andrew Siegert Building and into the building on Front Street owned by the Dorchester Co-op (Where Dr. Crane had his office for many years). Andy Siegert is installing laboratories in his tavern to comply with the village ordinance and will use the rest of the room occupied by Otto Heidtke to enlarge his tavern.

\*1942 Feb. (D): The Dorchester Sewer Plant opened up for general use on February 25.

\*1942 March (D): Ed Werner opened up his new store with a grand opening on March 15.

\*1942 May (D): Frank Nagel died on May 13, 1942. He had three children; Henry Nagel, Elsie Nagel Roth and Vilas Nagel.

1942 Nov. (D): On the morning of November 14; the U.S. Cruiser Juneau was steaming in company with the surviving ships of the naval battle of Guadalcanal. Suddenly she was rocked by a tremendous explosion; being hit by a Japanese torpedo. The Juneau disintegrated sinking immediately with a loss of 700 men. Among these were the five Sullivan Brothers for whom a destroyer was later named "The Sullivans' DD 537.

1942 December (D): Herman Holtz who formerly operated a General Store in the village and of later years has been farming the Beisner Farm in Dorchester has been appointed the new manager of the Dorchester Co-op Produce Association succeeding Elmer Genrich who will be inducted into the army next Monday.

\*1943 February (D): Henry Froland is now the janitor at the Dorchester Public Schools replacing George Hurth who is employed with the O & N Lumber Company.

\*1943 April (D): Henry Gebert takes over as proprietor of "The Block Hotel" July 1, 1942. Nine months later, on April 22, 1943; Henry changed his mind and left the business.

1943 February (D): Mrs. Ray Krakenberger has resigned her position at the Midway Telephone Company here because of ill health. Miss Zelia Whitman has replaced her and will change off with Miss Elaine Krakenberger as regular operator here.

1943 May (D): Track Team Places Third In Meet at Colby On Tuesday; Local Boys Make Fine Showing; The Dorchester track team of the local high school entered the track meet for the first time this year; competing with seven other schools. The local team made a fine showing; placing third among the schools. The teams and the ratings were: Colby 30 ½ - Rib Lake 29 ½ - Dorchester 28 ½ - Loyal 20 ½ - Unity 19 ½ - Spencer 18 - Abbotsford 17 and Westboro 16. Dorchester ratings in the different events were; Pole Vault Robert Krause 1<sup>st</sup> place 8 feet 4 inches and Ray Robida third place. In the 440 Marvin Tauchen placed first with a time of 1:04 ½. Delbert Dake won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mile and Stanley Bochanyin placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the broad jump. Allen Pudleiner tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in the high jump and the relay team composed of Krause, C. Paul, Dake and Pudleiner placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1943 June (D): M.S. Sorenson (School Board President) has stated that the school bus will run again this year. A new 24 passenger school bus will be purchased and the 42 passenger bus will be sold to the Marshfield School District as it is too big to maneuver on the roads in the winter and spring. In the meantime (until a new bus can be procured and modified with seats) Max Kronschnabl and Gordy Schief will pick up the school kids with their passenger autos.

\*1943 July (D): Clarence Vircks is presently installing a basement in the barber shop. A new furnace and shower will be installed as soon as the basement is completed.

\*1943 Sept. (D): John Mertens started building his new concrete block building to house and repair his trucks. Building was started in Sept.1943 and will be 42 feet by 70 feet.

\*1943 October (D): Rutzky sold his stock out from his general mercantile store and moved to Mellon on October 1, 1943. He operated a grocery store here for 15 years.

\*1943 September (D): Ray Krakenberger built a new chicken hatchery.

1943 October (D): Village of Dorchester and the Dorchester School District jointly purchased the Hinke Ball Diamond Lighting System last week. The poles will be extracted from their present location and moved to the ball diamond west of the school building.

1943 December (D): Julius Werner Writes About "Burnt Toast" Maidens and Mosquitoes - Dear Mr. Merriman: Not knowing who to write my thanks to for the carton of cigarettes, I received from the Commercial Club, I'm taking the liberty of asking you to extend my thanks to all the members for the very apropos gift. The package arrived just before Christmas, so it went a long way to erase the longing for those nice white Christmas's back home. Just now I am back on Guadalcanal Island, after a rather hectic time on Bougainville. We're living in a more civilized fashion again, without having to put in all that foxhole time. While on Bougainville, I was very fortunate in capturing a Japanese Sumari sword which same I'm going to send on home as soon as I can find safe means for sending it. Chet Rinka was also in Bougainville bu try as I did, it was just impossible for me to contact him. However, a good friend of ours, Lt. Coffey of Milwaukee, served as a sort of liaison between us, so at least we were both able to know how the other member was faring. Chet should be here in a couple of days so I'll be certain to see him then. I have now been out here five months and during that time I have really done my share of

traveling. I've been to both Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand with the 6<sup>th</sup> Marines; the outfit that landed in the Gilberts recently and also to several different camps on new Caledonia; then on to Guadalcanal, Bougainville and finally back to Guadalcanal again. I'm getting along as well as can be expected but I can assure you that tropical life in the South Seas is far different from what the travel agencies would have you believe. The dusty maidens are too much on the burnt side, the mosquitoes are veritable "dive bombers"; the rain doesn't rain, it floods; the swamps are really swamps as per Noah Webster's Dictionary and the jungle, lizards, insects, etc. are definitely just as we used to read about back in grammar school days. This has become a rather tiring missive, I'm sure so I'll call a platoon halt right here and repeat my thanks to the Commercial Club for the nice gift. Best wishes to one and all. Lt. J.J. Werner, USMC  
P.S. Would appreciate a subscription to the Clarion - send Ed the bill.

1944 January (D): Wenzel Renner 86 died on January 14, 1944. He was born in Bohemia in 1857 and arrived in Dorchester in 1892.

1944 July (D): Funeral Services were held on Saturday for Ed Ruhmer 68 who died at Mercer on July 19. Mr. Ruhmer owned the National Lumber & Cedar Company here for two years about 23 years ago. He built the home now owned by Dr./Mrs. A.W. Schief.

1945 March (D): An announcement has been made by the Mertens Brothers (John and Albert) that they will open up a garage in the village soon. John was in the trucking business before his induction into the United States Navy and Albert has operated the business during his absence.

\*1945 July (D): Wm Munroe local agent for the Soo Line today announced the Chicago to Ashland Sleeper will be discontinued July 14.

\*1945 Aug. (D): Bernard Gall is planning to remodel the Ulrich building across from the Clarion Office; with a view toward holding regularly scheduled motion pictures beg. Sept.

\*1945 September (D): Students at the Dorchester Public School for the new school year was 33 Freshman - 31 Sophomores, 26 Juniors, 14 seniors and 31 in grades 1 through 8.

\*1945 Sept. (D): Buehrens Tin Shop is deconverting from military production and will concentrate on civilian use production. They are now manufacturing 1000 hoops per month for producers of rind less blocks of cheese.

1946 Jan. (D): Morris Keefe formerly of Edgar and an ex-serviceman took possession of the Dew Drop Inn (Fuzzy's Bar) on January 1. Rev. Sprengler will be installed as pastor of St. Peter's Church here at Sunday evening services January 8. Charles D. Lennon, principal of Dorchester Public Schools since October 5, resigned that position during the holidays. Charles Riggin, originally hired for that position at the beginning of the year, will assume the duties of school administrator when school reopens after the holidays.

\*1946 Feb. (D): Mary Jantsch died Feb. 21, 1946 at 10 :00 P.M.; she was 88 years old.

\*1946 April (D): The Midway Telephone Telephone Company purchased the Miller Saloon (located where Cheryl Baechler's Beauty salon now stands).

\*1946 May (D): Neal Smith purchased the Donald Kraut Building on South Front Street. It is presently being leased by the Gateway Poultry and Egg Company. Neal Smith has plans to open up a wood working plant at the site.

\*1946 May (D): The Soo Line Railroad Co. has been advised of a modification of Order No. 60 issued by ODT, which suspends that portion of the original order requiring a reduction on May 15 in passenger train service to 50 per cent of the total coal burning passenger service locomotive mileage operated on April 1 of this year. Accordingly the train service reductions scheduled for May 15 including the curtailed operation of trains 117 and 118 between Spencer and Ashland were not made and trains will operate as in the past.

\*1946 May 23 (D) The village awarded a contract to remove the old wood sidewalks and install new concrete ones. Total cost will be \$12,000 to remove 25,000 square feet of wood sidewalk and to install 25,000 square feet of concrete walks with 3000 lineal feet of curb and gutter. Price to individuals will be \$1.50 per lineal foot of walk ways.

1946 June (D): E.L. Bieck added a 14 foot by 60 foot addition to the north side of the hardware store. Milton Kronschnabl Tuesday assumed his new duties as assistant postmaster at the local post office of which Max Kronschnabl is acting postmaster. Miss Rose Kronschnabl who had held the position since March of 1944 recently resigned.

1946 July (D): Construction Items: Construction began this week on new sidewalks and gutters for the village. John Mertens is erecting a residence across the street from and a short distance south of the high school. Louis Sebold this week broke ground for a home north of Paulson's Garage and across the street from the Mertens construction. Neal Smith is pouring a concrete floor in the basement of the former Kraut Building which he bought recently to house his laminated wood products business. Walter Lehnetz is building living quarters at the rear of the Clarion Office (Emergency, acute and permanent, too).

1946 Sept. (D): Twenty Five veterans of World Wars I and II met at the clubhouse last Thursday evening to begin an organization of a local post of the American Legion. The post will be named Leach Paulson in honor of local youths who were killed in the last war. E.J. Piechowski was elected commander, E.G. Beisner - first vice commander, Lester Dake - second vice commander, Milton Kronschnabl - adjutant, Galen Waldhart - sergeant-at-arms, Ray Holtz - finance officer, James Bauerfiend - historian, Wm Jantsch - chaplain, and Frederick Reynolds - service officer.

\*1946 October (D): All stores will be open Friday nights and will close Saturday evenings at 6:00 P.M. A man named Cox invented the modern day chainsaw on this date.

\*1946 Oct.(D): The fire department acquired the old mill property. Purpose is to make a wildlife park at the site. Help is expected from the Ag Students of Dor. High School.

\*1946 Oct. (D): The Leach Paulson Post has been notified by the legion headquarters that they will become a chartered post.

1946 Dec. (D): A newspaper advertisement reveals Mertens Brothers of Dorchester also sells the Kaiser Dishwasher. They are on display and one can be obtained for \$99.

\*1947 April (D): It was decided to change "The Dorchester Spartan's Name" to "The Dorchester Red Devils" for the 1947-1948 school year. Clarence Vircks chairman of the Commercial Club on arrangements for the club's annual banquet honoring the local high school basketball team; announced today that Ted Fritsch, fullback with the Green Bay Packers has been secured as guest speaker for the annual event.

\*1947 April (D): Free movies for the summer will be sponsored by the Dorchester Commercial Club on the lot west of Paulson's Garage. Ben Gall will show the movies.

1947 May (D): Leo Younker sold tavern to Art Jensen on May 12. Younker had just purchased the tavern from Utz Hinke a year earlier in 1946. Tavern was moved to the southeast corner of his property where it stands to this day. Sale includes the house too.

\*1947 June (D): Bernard Staab opened Staab's Cabinet Shop in the Kaage Building across from the Clarion Office on June 2, 1947. In March of 1953, Bernard began construction of his new shop along highway 13. It will be 32 feet by 72 feet with the front 18 feet being designed as a showroom. Bernard moved into his new shop on September 1, 1953.

\*1947 Jun (D): Village reached agreement with Northern States Power Co. to increase the illumination of the street lights. The 27 existing street lights will be expanded to 29 and those on Front Street which operate on 5500 lumens will be increased to 10,000 lumens. Those operating on 1400 lumens will be increased to 4000 lumens. There will be no increase in costs to the village for the increased illumination of the street lights.

\*1947 Aug. (D): Charles Zaborowski completed his blacksmith shop on August 7. A Sept. article stated - Charlie Zaborowski announced the opening of a general repair business in his building across the street from the O & N Lumber Company. Frank Stoiber last week broke ground for a home which will be 26 x 36 feet in size. He will build it at the west edge of the village between the George Hurth and Joe Geiger residences. Lester Vircks has moved into the residence recently built by Edgar Paulson (bldg. Ron Robida converted into a garage). The sub floor has been laid on the Sauter residence across from the public school and the skeleton wall framework went up this week. Werner Heidtke and family from Missouri visited here with his father Otto Heidtke and sister, Mrs. Cliff Ellingson.

\*1947 Sept. (D): Clarence Miller, Medford; assumed his new duties Monday morning as Manager of the Dorchester Cooperative Produce Association. Ninety Four high school students are enrolled for the school year 1947-48; 60 students in grades 1 through 8.

\*1947 October (D): Ray Holtz resigned his position with the Dorchester Co-op Food Store effective Tuesday September 30; terminating nearly two years service as manager. He became manager November 21, 1945 succeeding Mrs. Roy Wiseman.

\*1947 Nov. (D): Funeral services for Andrew Sorenson 91, pioneer resident of the community who died Monday; were held from Salem Evangelical United Baptist Church. Reverend Miller officiated at the rites and burial was in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller moved into their new home on Highway A east of the village. They have been building the home since late last summer and will finish it after moving in. Joe Kristy who bought the former Anna Werner house and some land from Frank Hollman; have torn down the old house and are building a new one along with a garage.

1948 Feb. (D): Schreiber's meat market under David and Donald Schreiber decided to expand the interior of the store by removing the back wall and using the space behind the wall to place more products for sale. Mrs. Pat McCarron and Mrs. Guy D'Orazio plan to open a new woman's ready to wear store in the village about March 1. The store to be known as the J & G Store will be established in the building being vacated by Emilie's Store which is being moved to Colby (located in saloon area of Chuck's Rustic Inn).

\*1948 Mar. (D): By order of village board; the interior of the village hall is being enlarged into one large room. The barred cages which occupied the back room of the hall has been sold for scrap iron and the space vacated is being converted into the hall proper.

\*1948 April (D): The Neal Smith Wood Working Building on Front Street is going to be remodeled. A new front will be included in the remodeling project and a 14 x 68 foot addition will be added to the rear of the structure.

\*1948 May (D): Ray Connors of Manitowoc on May 1 purchased the sheet metal, plumbing and heating departments of the E.L. Bieck Hardware Store. The transaction involved complete stock and equipment of the business and the building across the street from the hardware store where Mr. Connors will maintain his office.

\*1948 Jun (D): The John Buehrens moved into their bungalow south of the Paulson home.

\*1948 July (D): Residential building continues in Dorchester with a home for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werner under construction. Ground was broken last week for a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Genrich. The Frank Stoiber home is nearing completion.

1948 Aug. (D): The village has decided to fill in the frog pond located between the canning factory and CTH "A". The pond was created during the days of the canning factory boom and was excess water from the canning factory. It could also be used as water to fight any fire which might threaten the canning factory. The pond has of late been causing problems with a influx of mosquitos and frogs.

\*1948 September (D): The Dorchester High School Basketball team was first called "The Dorchester Hi Team" and that endured from 1916 to about 1928. From 1928 to 1935 the name became "The Dorchester Cardinals". From 1935 to 1947, the name was "The Dorchester Spartans" and from 1947 to 1962 when the Dorchester High School was no more; the team was called "The Dorchester Red Devils".

\*1948 October (D): The village will install a skating rink for the young people of the community on the creek behind Pat McCarron's Place as he has donated his land for this purpose. The rink will be created as soon as the freeze takes hold in the fall of the year.

\*1948 Oct. (D): Sauter Bros. will open their new implement store and farm machinery repair shop next week which will be located at the junction of Front Street and County Trunk "A". This aspect of the business will be an add-on to the feed store and mill.

\*1948 Nov. (D): The old Sam Ugoretz Potato warehouse has been purchased by Neal Smith and it will be used in conjunction with Smith's Wood Working Factory.

\*1948 Nov. (D): Norb Geiger purchased the Froebel Produce Business and is now buying eggs under the name of Dor. Produce Co. He is using Krakenberger's Hatchery Bldg.

1949 Feb. (D): Letters from the State Industrial Commission were read at the January meeting of Dorchester school board Thursday evening. The Industrial Board orders the Recreational Hall to be improved with a fire resistant enclosure to be built around the furnace and toilets must be installed. The bulging sides of the building and the weak ceiling supports were also noted in the recent inspection.

1949 Feb. (D): Dorchester's high school's basketball team upset the dope bucket and kicked it into oblivion here Friday night when the squad downed Rib Lake's strong, fast, hard playing quint on the Recreation Hall floor; 51 to 45. It was Rib Lake's only loss in conference play this season and the local team's 12<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

1949 March (D): Mrs. Bertha Gutwasser Observed 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 6: Mrs. Bertha Gutwasser, Dorchester's oldest resident, quietly observed her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday here Sunday. Several friends and neighbors called during the day, and Monday to pay their respects to the aged woman who has made her home the past several years with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Max Vircks. During her 66 years's residence in the village, Mrs. Gutwasser recalled she has seen it change from a logging camp and mill town to a farming community. When she and Mr. Gutwasser came here in 1883, there was still several stands of timber which long since have been sawed into lumber. They came here to operate a hardware business which they conducted for 30 years. They rebuilt the store twice after fires during that time. After the last fire, they erected the building which now houses the hardware business of Fred Dankemyer. Before coming here, they lived for 7 yrs in Milwaukee, after their marriage which took place Feb. 28, 1876 at Eirchhaym. She was born Bertha Hamfmeister on Mar. 6, 1853. Mr. Gutwasser died Oct. 17, 1929.

\*1949 June (C): Wis. Traffic Code has been amended to change the color of school buses from the red, white and blue color scheme to a yellow known as "school bus chrome". The amendment, passed by the 1949 legislature calls for all school buses in the state to be painted or repainted the new yellow color by Sept. 1, 1953. The revision was made to the uniform school bus color standards prescribed by the National Comm. on Safety Standards.

\*1949 June (D): The Village held a referendum on June 21; regarding whether a new community hall should be built. The referendum easily won as the vote was 180 for and 16 against. The coming months will be used to find an appropriate site and to determine the specifics. Cost is estimated at \$70,000. Aug. 1949 - The new municipal auditorium will be erected on the location presently utilized for the Commercial Club's Clubhouse (located where the American Legion Hall now stands); it was decided by the village board at a meeting held in the village hall Friday evening. Apparently this decision was second guessed as the hall was not built on this site.

\*1949 Oct. (D): Henry and Otto Genrich dissolved their partnership in Genrich Implement Company. Henry will buy out Otto's interest and continue to operate the business.

\*1949 Nov. (D): Norm Laabs is building a new cheese factory on CTH "A"; just east of the railroad tracks. The project started in January of 1949 and the grand opening was held on Oct. 7, 1949. People from miles around came to the grand opening as this was an opportunity to see the very latest technology being utilized in the cheese making business. The plant still stands today but is only being used for the storing of feed products.

1949 Nov. (D): Alvin Karau of Merrill was high bidder Tuesday at the auction sale of the Hotel James here when he offered the auctioneer \$12,000 for the building, bar, hotel fixtures and furnishings. James Johnson have operated the hotel for the past five years.

1950 April (D): The village will place a water fountain on Front Street next to and just north of the Dorchester State Bank beginning April of 1950. The fountain will be opened each spring and closed in the fall.

1950 May (D): A couple of interesting though processes from our elderly statesman of the day. A male of the older generation commenting on the current disgraceful divorce rate; states that it might just be that romance lasted longer in the old days because the bride looked much the same after washing her face as before the ablution. Ever since the end of the war many Americans have been bothered by the fact that despite record high incomes; they cannot buy as much with their money as they did 10 years ago. Everyone knows that the dollar will buy only about half as much as 10 years ago. That fact is most apparent when you consider the nickel. While that coin will still but a shrunken bar of candy or a depleted glass of beer; it is a forgotten coin in most retail commerce. Its real last stronghold was in transportation and that ended when the New York subway doubled their fares to 10 cents. Now another traditional market, the telephone call is being doubled to 10 cents. The case of the vanishing nickel is of course an indication of more to come and that the high cost of living is a real danger to be reckoned with. One may wonder, what is next; will the quarter too become one more coin to wear a hole in the pocket of its holder as no useful item of merchandise will be available to purchase.

\*1950 May (D): Dr. Foley Day was organized by the citizens of the community to say thank you to a man who contributed so much to the town and the entire area since he arrived here in 1909. Not before or since has so much well deserved tribute been thrust upon one man. What a day it was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 1950. A parade was the highlight of the day with a beer float and candy float for the kids and many others. Words of praise came forth from those who knew and loved him. Even the first baby he had delivered 45 years earlier came to pay his tribute.

\*1950 June (D): An appeal went out to all able bodied men and women to donate their labor to the construction of the new memorial hall. In order to keep cost in line with previous estimates, volunteer labor will be an absolute necessity. Fortunately the community responded over whelming to the appeal.

- \*1950 July (D):Dorchester School Board voted to build new house for the school buses.
- \*1950 August (D): The Dorchester Co-op installed scales just north of their store. Also, on the east side of the street between their two buildings; they installed a 500 gallon tank in which they stored molasses. Once the tank was installed, a building was constructed over and around it joining the two buildings which had been there.
- \*1950 August (D): Western Condensing Company (owners of the old canning company) is using the buildings for warehouse storage.
- \*1950 August (D): Brunswick submitted a bid for four bowling lanes which was accepted by the village board in the amount of \$11,854. Also a contract with the school district has been agreed to which will result in a \$2000 per year rental fee to use the Memorial Hall Gymnasium. The bowling alleys were installed in June of 1951 and league bowling will take place in the fall.
- \*1950 September (D): Henry Mertens moved his scale and other equipment to his barn north of the water tower as the old railroad stockyards is going to be removed.
- \*1951 Jan. (D): Otto Genrich purchased Paulson's Garage; he will keep the Paulson name.
  
- \*1951 June (D): The Village has agreed to take over the operation of the public library. Previously, the library was run by the Patroness Club. Mrs. Erlei was the key figure in organizing the library twenty years previous. The village has also announced that the bowling alley installation in the Dorchester Memorial Hall has been completed and that open bowling to the public will be available this weekend.
- \*1951 June (D): Neal Smith purchased the old Recreational Hall (known as Esser's Hall) for \$2055.59. He will move the building to his factory across the street.

1951 August (D): J. & A. Furniture Company of Chicago purchased the Buehrens Factory and Residence and will begin operations there on September 1, 1951. Jack Beasley and Anton Stulgo heads up the new group which specialized in the manufacture of occasional tables of various types. Different styles in bleached mahogany and walnut finishes lead the way for the product line. Some of the tops are made from plastic and other top finishes are pre-printed on the wood. Three months later in December of 1951; 100 tables per day were being shipped out the door.

1951 Nov. (D): In spontaneous action; Dorchester's Front Street Merchants today stated beginning Sat. Nov. 10; they will open their doors Saturday nights for the convenience of evening shoppers, instead of opening Fri. nights which has been the custom in the past.

- \*1952 Feb. (D):The Dorchester Library was moved to its new quarters in the Mem. Hall.
- \*1952 May (D): May 8, 1952 will be the last day for the Mertens Brothers Partnership as they have decided to split the company into two corporations. John will operate the trucking Division and Albert will run the automobile sales and service division.
- \*1952 Sept. (D): Home Economics has been added to the high school curriculum. A new classroom will be erected soon by Steel Structures Inc. of Medford for a cost of \$7,834.
- \*1952 October (D): Ray Krakenberger has sold his large block building to Walter Zuber who will move his Metal Stamping and Machine Business and Tool & Die Works here in

the next two weeks. Walter specializes in the manufacture of door locks and bearings for the United States Navy. He will also be making stainless steel tanks for the dairy industry. The hatchery will continue to operate as before.

1953 Jan. (D): Now installing and making ready machinery and equipment in the store space of the Richter Building, just north of Richter's Bar; Ben gall announced today that he will open a shoe repair business there on Monday, January 12.

\*1953 February (D): After about 10 years as manager of the local yard of the O & N Lumber Company, Roy Wiseman was replaced last week by Frederick Kieser. George Hurth who had been laid off briefly is employed as second man.

\*1953 May (D): The Dorchester Furniture Company purchased the Quonset Hut Building (now owned by Ron Robida) on North front Street from Frank Brodhagen (Northland Henneries) on May 7, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beasley owners and operators of the local furniture factory report their business has grown and the expanded operations require additional storage space as their factory is used totally for manufacturing and shipping.

\*1953 June (D): Dedication and blessing of the statue of the Blessed Mother and Infant Son Jesus took place at St. Louis Church here Sunday May 10 at 2:30 P.M. The figures are a gift to the parish by the Skerbeck Family in memory of Mrs. Ida Skerbeck who died on Mother's day in 1952. It has been place between the church and the rectory.

\*1953 Oct. (D): Alvin Meyer received a patent on a "Box End Gate Control". The control consists of a lever and spring arrangement on a pivot. The mechanism holds the gate up securely eliminating the danger of the gate falling shut. The springs lift, assisting in the opening of the gate, pulls it toward the box when closed and holds it securely in place.

\*1953 November (D): The Dorchester Furniture Company was sold to Lester Simerson of Medford on November 1, 1953. The Dorchester Furniture Company purchased the old O & N Lumber Co. Buildings on November 18, 1965. These buildings provided additional manufacturing space as well as storage for raw materials. Remodeling included providing for a large sawdust storage bin. The existing structures on the O & N Lumber Co. Lot were remodeling into one usable and efficient building in April of 1966.

\*1954 Feb. (D): Village purchased two acres of land north of the Memorial Hall for \$1000 from Elaine Krakenberger. Land will be used as parking lot for Mem. Hall activities.

\*1954 May (D): Wm. R. Munroe Resigns Station Agent Job Here: Completes over 46 years of service with one company - He was stationed here nearly the whole time. A career of nearly half a century in railroading ended for William Munroe Monday when he tendered his resignation as station agent for the Soo Line here. Mr. Munroe went to work for the old Wisconsin Central Railroad at Cadott on April 11, 1908 and at the time of his resignation had served just a month longer than 46 years as agent for the line at Cadott and here. What was to become a tenure of 46 years in the local depot began for him when the company transferred him here on July 3, 1908. During that time he witnessed the change of Dorchester from a lumbering and farming community to a strictly agricultural area as the forests fell before the saw and axe. He said Wednesday, that while he worked for the Soo Line many years; he had gone to work for the Wisconsin Central and quit

work with the Wisconsin Central since the railroad reverted back to the old name last March 1. Harry Marquardt is temporarily handling the duties of agent at the local depot. He is relief agent with the company and came here May 3<sup>rd</sup> to remain until a permanent agent is assigned to the job. Mr. Munroe before becoming connected with the railroad, published the old Cadott Blade, predecessor of the present Cadott Sentinel. He said this week that he has no plans for the future other than to enjoy his new leisure.

1954 May (D): F. Keiser, manager of the local yard of the O & N Lumber Company and a Mr. Schultz of Milwaukee, representative for a manufacturer of soundproofing materials appeared before the Dorchester Village Board. They provided the board with facts and figures and estimates relative to improving the acoustics of Memorial hall auditorium. Schultz in a hour long presentation opined that for the best results, total wall and ceiling area of the auditorium should be treated with the acoustic materials. The board stated the money to perform the task was too great and Mr. Schultz suggested an alternative method for less money. His new estimate was \$1,389 for treating the south wall plus a partial covering of the side walls for another \$700. The board said they would let him know at a later date.

1954 July (D): William Monroe resigns as Depot Agent and his last day will be July 3. He arrived here in 1908 and his total career for the railroad spans 46 years. Robert Rottier was assigned as his replacement officially on August 1, 1954.

\*1954 July (D): Meyer Lumber Co. opened here by the Meyer Brothers on a five acre piece of land across and to the north from Meyer Manufacturing. They have all kinds of lumber available and are adding more all the time. A 230 foot building open to the east is on site to keep the lumber nice and dry.

\*1954 Aug. (D): Manager Fritz Kieser announced Monday that the local yard of the O & N Lumber Company will be closed as soon as stocks and materials on hand can be transferred to company installations in other towns.

1954 Sept. (D): The O & N Lumber Company will close its door on Sept. 20. The O & N Lumber Company purchased Farmers Building and Supply Company in 1923 and Farmers Building and Supply grew out of the Wheeler Tilman Saw Mill which goes back quite a way. Managers for the 31 years they were in business in Dorchester; starting with the first was Albert Premeau, Peter Beck, Henry Nacker, Ike Israels, Roy Wiseman and Fritz Kieser. 1954 October (D): Art Jensens sells tavern two miles west back to Leo Younker.

\*1955 Feb. (D): Wm Jantsch local rural mail carrier on Friday, suffered his first accident in nearly 35 years of daily rounds to post office patrons in this community. The accident was almost a miss as his car was struck in the rear from the right side as he was passing through the intersection where the old cheese factory stands one mile south of the village.

\*1955 May (D): Frank Hiebsch completed 33 years of service in the Dor. State Bank; when he retired on May 1. He served as cashier and president of the bank since 1922.

\*1955 July (D): Melvin Fischer owner of the TV Tower Factory took over the Machine Shop and Metal Stamping Business which was operating in the Krakenberger Building. On July 28, 1955; Melvin moved his business operation to the old Laabs Cheese Factory.  
\*1955 July (D): In a transaction completed July 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. And Mrs. Lehnertz became owners of the Dr. F.P. Foley office building buying it from Mrs. Foley as of that date. Repairs to the building have been commenced and the Lehnertz family plans to integrate the structure with their present Clarion property next door.

1955 Aug. (D): Minnesota Town Stunt Balloon Found In Field Wednesday; About 7:00 A.M. Wed. Billy Rau picked up an object in a field of the William Malchow from which turned out to be a chance for a prize. It was a balloon released from the site of the South St. Paul water carnival about 8:00 P.M. Tuesday night and it carried a card, requesting its return to the Minnesota city. A number of the balloons were set free and the card explained that the finder of the balloon traveling the greatest distance from the point of release would be awarded a prize.

1955 Nov. (D): Returning from a trip last Thursday; James Richter assumed the duties of manager at the Dor. Coop. Produce Association's Grocery Store over the weekend.

1955 Dec. (D): Seidel Bros. sold their service garage and tavern/restaurant to a group headed by Bernie Johnson and Connie Harrellson. They will call it Seidel's Inc.

\*1956 Feb. (D): Seidel public party attracted large numbers Monday. Several hundred persons partook of lunch and beer as guests of Seidel Bros. and Seidel Inc. at a grand opening-farewell party at the Seidel Service Station and Tavern on Dorchester Corner Monday. Event commemorated the change of ownership of the business which Frank and Albert Seidel sold January 1 to a group of persons who incorporated the business of Seidel Inc. The crowd attending was sizable which was indicated by the quantities of refreshments consumed which included 7 half barrels of beer, 62 loafs of bread, 30 lbs. of cheese, 35 pounds of meat, 10 pounds of onions and 25 jars of pickles.

\*1956 Mar. (D): Village bought a 1956 Chev. Fire Truck from Radlinger Chev. for \$2,662.

\*1956 July (D): Neal Smith bought the former Krakenberger Building from Walter Zuber which will be used as a warehouse for raw materials. The building had previously been used by Fischer's TV Tower Company.

1956 July (D): Fifteen citizens of the community met in the Block Hotel dining room last Thursday and organized the Dorchester Lions Club. Jerome Radlinger was elected Pres. Bernard Johnson, First Vice Pres., Lloyd Sorenson, Second Vice Pres., Louis Sebold, Third Vice Pres., M.S. Sorenson, Secretary and Donald Sauter, Treasurer. S.A. Mansour, state secretary was the installing officer. Fire Chief Herman Sebold reported today that he has received word that the new fire truck will be delivered later this month.

1956 Sept. (D): The Dor. Co-op is building a new warehouse building which will be 50 ft by 72 feet where the R. H. Conner Building used to be. R.H. Conners had a sheet metal

business in the old Fred Gutwasser Warehouse Bldg. which had been purchased by the Beasley Company and was moved in two pieces to the south end of Front St. a few years earlier.

1956 November (D): The village telephones will operate without the intervention of an operator for the first time in Dorchester beginning November 29, 1956. The dialing system will automatically connect the requestor to the person he or she is dialing. Three thousand phones will be connected to this setup in the Dorchester area.

\*1957 May (D): Gus Skerbeck 81, former Ringling Bros. Circus performer died May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bethel Convalescent Home near Arpin. Funeral services were held at St. Louis Church with the Reverend Father Schuh officiating. Gus was born October 7, 1875 in Bohemia and came to this country in 1882 with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skerbeck and their eight children settled on a farm north of this village and operated a circus and show business. In his earlier years, Gus performed with the Ringling Bros. Circus and about at the turn of the century, he joined his brothers Joe and Anton in establishing their own circus. In later years, he had been associated with the Skerbeck Amusement Company founded by his brother Joe and since his death operated by his nephew and niece, Eugene and Pauline Skerbeck. He was married in 1897 and a daughter Alice Skerbeck of Chicago survives. His wife died in 1927. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Weydt of River Falls and Mrs. Amanda Kaarup of Wautoma, one brother Frank of Iron River, 38 nephews and nieces. Twelve brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

\*1957 May (D): Ernie Mehner Buys Former Telephone Exchange Building - The building on Center Avenue which formerly housed the Midway Telephone Company's Dorchester Exchange last week was sold by the company to Ernest Mehner. The new owner, a local painting contractor, contemplates remodeling of the building. While his plans are at present are indefinite; he plans to make of it either a residence or a paint store. The Midway Telephone Company which installed automatic phones in the village built a new exchange here last year. During the modernization process; they erected an outdoor telephone booth at the intersection of Front Street and Center Avenue - on the corner by the Block Hotel Building.

1957 June (D): Herman Sebold announced this week that he bought the local bulk oil plant from Northwestern Oil company; serving residents of this community with gasoline, fuel oil and other petroleum products. The new owner started in the oil business here in 1941 when took over management of the company plant from his brother Louis.

1957 June (D): Mr. and Mrs. Grinkerwich quietly celebrate their 58 wedding anniversary with a high mass Sunday June 16. The couple was married on June 19, 1899 in their native Lithuania and immigrated here shortly thereafter. They lived in Chicago before coming to this area in 1914 and operated the farm that their son Charles now runs. They moved to the village in 1937. They had eight children of which four are living.



1957 June (D): Skerbeck Circus Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The Skerbeck family circus story begins in Austria. Founder, Frank Skerbeck Sr., owned a linen factory in Bohemia (now The Czech Republic) but depressed times came and he traded his factory for a small circus. The entire family performed and for a time the venture flourished but eventually it became bankrupt. However, one of the children Frank Jr. Kept his interest in the circus world alive. About 1880 when he was 30 years old; Frank Jr. Bought a piece of land through an agent in Wisconsin and came to this country. He thought he was buying a grape vineyard but learned it was virgin farmland. He cleared acreage, established a farm and built a barn large enough to accommodate members of the family in rehearsals of circus acts for the show he intended to establish. The Skerbeck family prospered and grew. There were 16 children, nine of whom lived to adulthood and all of these were trained for some circus performance. The father Frank Jr. taught himself to be a sword swallower. He died in Oshkosh in 1921 while a passenger on a merry-go-round. Austrian friends came and among them was Ida Skerbeck who also joined the circus. The first few years; Skerbecks spent the time on the farm, extending cleared acreage and rehearsing acts. In the winter they went on tour, playing halls, opera houses, museums, etc. in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Chicago. Their acts were always well received and standing ovations were a common response at the end of the night. The year 1884 was the first tenting season which was the same year the Ringling Bros. went on the road. It was Frank Skerbeck who encouraged Al Ringling to go out under the tent and sold him the first tent the Ringling Bros. Circus ever used. That first year the shows got into upper Michigan, playing in Iron river, Bessemer and Wakefield. The family was split, some staying on the farm while others traveled as neither farm nor show could support the family alone. After the close of the season, Frank and his daughter Antoinette went on tour and were so successful; they were joined by Joe and Gustav, sons of Frank and they made it almost an all winter tour in St. Paul and winding up in Chicago. In 1885 Frank entered into a partnership with Eph Williams but a run of bad luck and Frank's own desire to handle his own circus brought an end to the partnership. In late July of 1885, the dream came true the Skerbeck Circus became a reality. The circus opened at Medford with 10 wagons, a 12 piece band and several trained animals. Mr and Mrs. Frank Skerbeck, Joe, Antoinette, Gus, Antone and Clara served as the performers. After a successful season, Gus and Joe took billing as separate acts in a number of cities. In 1890 and 1891; the family joined with the Professor Williams & Co. Consolidated American and German Railroad Shows and toured the east but they reorganized in 1892 and went into upper Michigan. Joe fell at Grand Marais and painfully injured himself. The panic of 1893 found them joining hands with other shows but the gate wasn't there and they were compelled to store the equipment although some of the family joined a troupe at the Chicago's World Fair. In 1894, the family was signed up by the Ed David Circus and toured the south. Then they joined the Phil Davenport Shows out of Yazoo, Mississippi. They made several changes, going to another outfit in 1895 and another change in 1896 brought them with Kirkhardt and Rhine. These are names of shows known to grandparents of today's circus lovers but which have since joined the list of "used-to-be" attractions. Then came the big change-the lasting one. The day of experimenting was ended. In 1899, the Skerbeck Circus was launched. Never again did the family lose its identity be being associated with some

other circus name. However, they did change to a carnival after a big experience in 1908; when they played with a carnival in southern states. Joe operated a carnival from 1912 to 1914 when today's show, The Skerbeck Carnival was organized. He has been welcomed back by old friends year after year in almost the same central west and northern territories. The old timers have gone one by one but the best traditions of the show business is live and will be seen when the Skerbeck Carnival comes to Marquette June 10 to June 15 under the auspices of Marquette Knights of Columbus Council 689.

1957 Aug. (D): William Munroe this week sold his home to Oscar Violand. The Munroes have purchased a home in Seal Beach, California and will move there in October. A September newspaper article stated - Mr. and Mrs. Wm Munroe plan to leave today for Seal Beach, California; where they will make their home, terminating almost half a century of residence in this village. Arriving here in 1908, he was station agent and operator for the railroad for 46 years retiring in 1954 at the age of 82. William "Bill" Monroe died on March 23, 1967; being 94 years old at the time of his death. He was born June 2, 1872 in Marquette County. When he was 10 years old, his family moved to Cadott where his father published the old Cadott Record. Here Bill learned the printing trade and before coming here as station agent and operator for the Wisconsin Central Railroad Co. he published the Stanley Sentinel and at the time of his move here was editor and publisher of the Cadott Blade. He and Winifred Dodge were married June 27, 1897 in Cadott. Mrs. Munroe died July 27, 1965.

1957 Sept. (D): The report of Albert Mertens that he saw a bear Wed. night of last week caused quite a furor in the village the rest of the week; indicating that the hunter instinct lives on. Al who along with his other duties is president of the village board of trustees; was returning home from a meeting of the board when he saw the bear near his residence. While he watched, the critter made its way up the alley which transverses the block on which is situated the Edna Paulson residence, Neal Smith Incorporated, Clarion office, Tony Yaron home, among others. It was to the Yaron home that conjecture later sent the bear for a sampling of the fruit in the backyard orchard. No one however caught a glimpse of the animal after the first report. Jimmy Ortlieb reported that bear spoor had been noted in the Ortlieb fields for the past week and M.S. Sorenson showed bear hairs that he had recovered from a fence. Clarence Kalepp vouched for the authenticity of the hairs as he was with Sorenson at the time. Still it stands; no further sightings have been made.

1957 Nov. (D): Schreiber's purchased a delivery truck in 1956 to accommodate their growth in wholesale meat sales. News of the closing of one of Dorchester's oldest business came this week with the announcement by Richard and David Schreiber that they will discontinue their retail food business when present stocks of groceries are sold. After closing of the retail store; they will continue in the wholesale selling of meats and servicing of the sausage route established last winter. Closing of the store will bring to an end over 45 years of service by Schreibers.

1957 Dec. (D): Ben Gall moved a line of shoe repair machinery into the Kaage building across the street from the Clarion Office. He will open a shoe repair shop there.

1958 Feb. (D): Two community leaders died during this last week. Raymond Hugoboom 79; who established the village newspaper died January 30, at New Port Richey, Florida. He was brought here for burial. Funeral services for Max Vircks 71 were held at St. Peter's Church here Saturday. He entered the barber business here in 1916 after four years in the same calling at Athens. His son Clarence took over in 1938.

1958 April (D): John Mertens died Tuesday April 8 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield after a long illness. He would of been 38 years old April 19 as he was born that date in 1920 on the family farm in the Town of Little Black. He and Echo Krakenberger were married here February 2, 1938 and they had eight children. Mr. Mertens spent his entire life in the trucking business except when he served in the United States Navy during world war II. He owned and operated Mertens Trucking Company in the village until mid 1955 when he moved the business to Missoula, Montana. Due to bad health he relocated back to Dorchester in November of 1956.

1958 May (D): Al Sauter 72 long time business man in the village died Saturday May 10 after a lingering illness. Albert Sauter was born February 17, 1886 on the family farm one and a half miles southwest of the village. With his brother Otto; he engaged in the livery and fray business in 1910 and was engaged in that business and also farmed for about a dozen years. In 1923, he and his brother Edwin established the feed business in which he was actively engaged until his last illness. He moved to the village in 1930 and devoted his entire life to the business. He and Anna Marquardt were married August 30, 1913 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church and a son Donald was born to them. She died June 2, 1922 and on November 12, 1925; he remarried with Mrs. Anna Seidel who survives him.

1958 June (D): Neal Smith is adding a new steel Butler type building to his north plant which will be 60 feet by 80 feet. George Greaser and Alvin Meyer who operate a pole yard as of January 1958 and in July they will expand the yard to include a pressurized treatment capability for poles. They plan to provide poles for all kinds of pole buildings, sheds, barns, other commercial buildings and to telephone and power companies.

\*1958 June (D): Mrs. Mary Sorenson 71, widow of Hans, died June 5 at her home in Michigan. Mary Fritsch was born near Brillion June 9, 1887. She and Hans for many years lived in this village where he was in the meat business with his brother Andrew and later worked as a carpenter. They built the present Richard Schreiber home before moving to Mount Norris where they have lived for the past 35 years.

\*1958 June (D): Sid Sorenson is named Janesville Manager for Libby McNeil and Libby. He was manager here for many years of the canning factory during the 1920s and 1930s.

1958 July (D): A crew of workman are presently engaged in remodeling the former St. Louis School Building into a convent to house the teaching staff. The interior of the

building is being altered to provide additional living quarters instead of school rooms. In other projects on St. Louis Church property; sidewalks are being laid around the new school and the parish women are cleaning and readying the school for reopening at the beginning of the new term.

1958 July (D): With all the talk about the small school must go with particular notice to our own Dorchester High School; we became curious just how numerous Wisconsin's small high schools really are. A count was surprising. Current propaganda seems designed to give the impression that small high schools are in the minority in Wisconsin and that Dorchester is only one of a few that haven't been incorporated into a larger system. But it is not so; nor is Dorchester High School the smallest in the state. A count discloses that there are at least 76 schools in the state with smaller enrollments than ours. One of those operates with 26 students; less than one fourth of Dorchester's 105. There are others with populations in the 30s and 40s and numerous ones in the 60s.

1958 September (D): On September 20, 1958; Lloyd Carlson purchased the Paulson Garage from Otto Genrich. The building burned down on September 3, 1959.

1958 Nov. (D): Schreiber wholesale meat sales was discontinued in November. This action eliminated the Schreiber name from the commercial activity of Dorchester for the first time in many years.

\*1959 Mar. (D): Dor. Co-op approved building a new feed mill, size will be 60 ft x 120 ft.

\*1959 March (D): Steel Structures Inc. of Medford has been approved as the contractor for a new public grade school in Dorchester. Cost will be \$95, 327.

\*1959 May (D): Ed J. Fuchsgruber (Village Health Officer) announced today that 14 new cases of measles have been reported to his office making a total of 24 cases reported to him since the outbreak of the disease.

\*1959 Aug. (D): This was the first year that charcoal grilled chicken was on the menu for the Dorchester Days Celebration which was held at Dorchester Park on Front Street.

A tug of war also was on the agenda between the big boys of Holton and Mayville.

\*1959 Sept. (D): Al Baker builds new home for his garage. Al Baker broke ground for his garage to be erected along highway A in the east part of the village. Footings were poured Friday for the building which will be constructed of concrete block and with an asphalt roof. It will be built upon a concrete slab and the garage proper will be 38 x 40 feet with a 14 x22 ft parts department and office room. Fifty two feet along the front; the building will face north on highway "A" across the highway from the Mertens barn.

1960 Feb. (D): Gordy Schief closed the hardware store on February 1, 1960. Anselm Schmid is leasing the building and will open up a hardware store at the same location. In addition to the regular items sold in a hardware store; the Schmid's will also carry a full line of roofing and siding materials which is a business they had previously conducted at the place of their residence on highway 13.

1960 February (D): The new public grade school was dedicated on February 28, 1960. Reference to the weather brings to mind the recollection of old-timers of the last generation remembering that some newspapers were printed on wallpaper during the disruption of transportation service by the great blizzard of 1888

1960 March (D): William Wieden Died In Minnesota Last Month; Mrs. Elizabeth Bunke Tuesday informed the Clarion that that word had been received from Mrs. Hattie Turpon of Florida that her brother William Wieden died in a St. Paul Hospital. A railroad employee all his adult life; he was born here and is survived by his widow, two sons and three grandsons. The Wieden Family were early day residents of Dorchester and Mrs. Bunke said all the children were born here. The elder Wieden owned and operated a flour grist mill where the installation of the Marathon Cheese Plant now stands. The mill burned down in later years and the elder Wieden operated a dancehall, saloon and bowling alley on the location of the present Tillie Schmitt home and later still; operated the old Star Hotel which is now (Chuck's Rustic Inn). The family moved from here to Marshfield where they operated the Northwestern Hotel for many years.

\*1960 March (D): A plan to merge the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie (The Soo Line), the Wisconsin Central and the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroads were approved Tues. in Minneapolis by the boards of director of the three companies. The merger plan contemplates the unification of the three lines into one railroad to be known as the Soo Line Railroad Company.

\*1960 March (D): Richard Schattl Has Not Bought The Krakenberger Building; all is not gold that glitters; nor is the product of the rumor factory news; for instance; seeking to confirm the grapevine's report that Richard Schattl had purchased the old Krakenberger building and planned to salvage materials from the building to erect a 3 car garage. The Clarion's Gracia Lehnetz was informed by Mrs. Schattl that Mr. Schattl had written Mrs. Julia Hunt Usilton with a view toward opening negotiations for a possible purchase.

1960 May (D): Poppy Associated With War For More Than A Century-In Flanders Fields the poppies blow and so the flower that precipitated one war became the symbol of another and with Memorial day of all those who have died in war. The poppy was first associated with war in 1840 in the form of opium. World Book Encyclopedia explains that the fireworks started when the Chinese clamped down on Great Britain's smuggling of opium to China. Britain took the opium issue as an excuse to declare war but when the opium war ended in 1842; the issue was left unsettled whild Britain concentrated on exacting trading privileges from the Chinese. Three quarters of a century later, the poppy became a symbol of World War I. In 1918, when a YMCA staff worker named Moina Michael read the poem about Flanders Field, a U.S. Military Cemetery in Europe; she conceived the idea of wearing a poppy in memory of those soldiers who had died in World War I. Miss Michael persuaded the American Legion to adopt the poppy as its Memorial Flower and the National Convention approved the resolution in 1920. The Veterans of Foreign Wars adopted the poppy and conducted the first nation wide poppy sale for the benefit of war veterans in 1922.

1960 June (D): Richard Schreiber Is On 3-Month Visit to Germany - Richard Schreiber left May 28 for Germany where he plans to visit relatives three months. It is his second visit there within the past several years. He has rented his home here to the Thomas Winkless family. Mr. Winkless is music instructor at the local school.

1960 August (D): Beginning with the school year of 1960, Iodine Tablets will no longer be distributed by Clark County to the county's school children. The county recommends that iodized salt be used to supplement the normal food intake.

1960 Sept. (D): The ghost of a by-gone day arose to plague workmen here when Tony Yaron prepared to lay new sidewalk along the west lot line of the fire hall. The reservoir which a couple of generations ago provided water for the fire fighting in the village was found to be swallowing the walk, causing the need for repair. To make the new job permanent then; remnants of the reservoir were excavated and the walk will be replaced atop a solid footing which will replace the less careful original filling of the reservoir.

1960 Oct. (D): Conrad Kramer Dies at Age 81-Conrad Kramer 81 died at 2:45 P.M. Friday October 14 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield after suffering a stroke on October 6. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at Christ Lutheran Church in Abbotsford with the Reverend F.H. Sprengler officiating. Burial will be made in the Abbotsford cemetery. Friends may call at the Polnaszek Funeral Home from Sun. afternoon to noon Tuesday when the body will be taken to the church. Mr. Kramer was born in Germany September 5, 1879 and came to this country with his parents at the age of 14. The family settled on a farm west of Dorchester. He was married to the former Emma Wuest in Dorchester January 10, 1903. After their marriage; the Kramers resided in Dorchester for 27 years operating a livery stable, farming and trucking business; then for nine years lived in Marshfield where he was an employee of the Roddis Plywood Company. From Marshfield they went to Park Falls and later came to Abbotsford. He retired in 1949 and Mr. and Mrs. Kramer celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1958. He is survived by his wife; three daughters - Mrs. Archie Graffunder, Park Falls, Mrs. Edward (Evelyn) Sitzberger and Mrs. Claude (Irene) Castner both of Marshfield; two sons - Alfred of Dorchester and Vilas of Wisconsin Rapids; four sisters and three brothers; thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Two children preceded him in death. Mrs. Kramer died at the age of 77 on February 2, 1963.

1960 November (D): George Seidel bought Slim's Bar in July of 1960 and by October had completely renovated the place. A new horseshoe bar has been put in place with 20 stools occupying a bar length of 41.5 feet.

1961 Jan. (D): The bank building went through an extensive remodeling project which was completed this week. The finished product will offer the latest in client customer interaction with the bullet proof glass and cage wire and the turntables all removed.

1961 Feb. (D): Richard Schreiber died on February 8, 1961 in Germany while visiting relatives there. His body was interned there and so we say "Goodbye" to one of the best sausage maker ever to grace the inside of this small hamlet of Dorchester. He was 78 at the time of his death and was buried in Eilvese Germany which was the residence of his sister Martha with whom he had been visiting. He was born in Germany in Dec. of 1882 and came to this country at the age of 27. He located in this village and in 1912 bought the Cash Star Meat Market; a business he was active in until 1957. The business operated by David Schreiber closed the retail store in 1957 but continued in the whole-sale sausage business until the summer of 1958. Don Schreiber was the architect of the wholesale sausage business and it was said he could complete his route in the shortest time possible.

1961 April (D): Construction will begin on the new Co-op Building next week on July 14. Building will be 50 feet by 98 feet with a 15 foot by 32 foot wing on the west end to house a drive through unloading space and a 16 foot roofed loadong dock on the south end. Grand Opening was held on April 7 and 8 of 1961.

1961 May (D): Unloading of Party Lines Planned by Midway Telephone Company; the Midway Telephone Company will in the near future have direct dialing capabilities and calls will no longer be handled by operators as in the past. If a user calls an unused or discontinued number; a recording will inform them that have dialed an non-working number.

1961 May (D): Sixty Year Old Program Uncovered By Joe Weber; Razing the Krakenberger Building, Joe Weber this week uncovered a program for the Fifth Annual Commencement of Dorchester Graded School. The commencement was dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1901. Place of the program was not indicated. Louis Homsted was the first name on the list; followed by George Krakenberger, Erwin Schafer, Arthur LeClaire, George Burger, Mamie Sullivan, Roas Distelhorst, Josephine Souvey, Mary Herman and Anna Breed. Frank Falconer, August Homsted and Andrew Sorenson are named on the piece as board of education and R.M. Lamont as principal.

1961 June (D): The Village of Dorchester purchased the old Kaage Building and Property from Oscar Violand which will be the site of the new fire hall expected to be built next year. Cost was \$2000.

1961 July (D): Joseph Jantsch Writes of His Personal Experiences with Community's Rural Schools: Joseph Jantsch a native of this community, recently retired from a lifetime of teaching here and in Spokane, Washington. He was prompted to the following comments by the passing of the one room schoolhouse of this area. The news in the Clarion regarding the sale of seven rural schools in the Dor-Abby School District evoked within me intermingled feelings of nostalgia and optimism; nostalgia for the days that were and optimism for continued progress in education for the days that are and those to be. Of the schools which went on the auctioneer's block, I had some close personal contact

with three; the Draper, the Barry and the Bruckerville. The Draper School was formerly known as the "Windfall School District" because of a tornado which had toppled trees in a quarter of a mile strip and several miles long. My contact with that school began through my father, John Jantsch Sr. He constructed the building but that happened before I was old enough to remember. However, I do remember when I was about ten years of age walking for many forenoons from our home north of Bruckerville to the Draper School site where my father was building an addition to the front of the building in order to bring him his noon day lunch. There brother Bill and I would spent the rest of the afternoon attempting to be of some help pulling out nails or handing father his carpenter tools when needed. No doubt we weren't of much assistance as the library books on the shelves competed with our willingness to serve.

Dissension-The two story Bruckerville structure was built to replace the one room white school house where the majority of my brothers and sisters attended and where I received the first eighth grade diploma ever given out in the district. I shall forever be indebted to the teacher, Guy Carleton, who inspired me to seek wider horizons. If I remember correctly, my brother Henry and sister Mary began their schooling in another building; possible the first on the Bruckerville site. I also owe a debt to another dedicated teacher, Kurt Beyreis, who influenced me to attend one semester after my eighth grade graduation, in the new two story where on the second floor; he spent extra time in addition to his regular eight grades giving me instruction in Algebra and physical geography to make it easier for me to do high school work at Colby the following year. When the building was planned to be a two-story affair; it was the intention of the district to employ two teaches, each one to teach four grades. Thus the Bruckerville District may be given the honors of being the first to attempt consolidation. However that objective was never realized because of ensuring litigation by a splinter group headed by a Mr. Newgard who led the fight to build their own school near the banks of the Eau Plaine. This was given the name of the "Eau Plaine" school. I became very acquainted with the Eau Plaine school because I happened to be its teacher from 1913 to 1915. To this day some of the pupils who began their ABC's under my instruction still live in that community. It was only a few years ago when on a visit to Dorchester I discovered that the Draper and the Eau Plaine school were one and the same. The era of the one room school is over, never to return. However, it should receive recognition in history for the part it played in the pioneer age of the Dorchester Communities. The new age with its increasing demands for more efficient education requires the advantages made possible through consolidation. However, let us not forget what the one room rural school house meant to the pioneers. Let it inspire several local, public spirited "historians" through perusing the records of each of the seven schools and interviewing the alumni for first hand information write its story before it is too late.

1961 Aug.(D): E.J. Fuchsgruber Marks 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Here; Edward (Foxy) Fuchsgruber last Wednesday observed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his entering business in Dorchester. He called the Clarion to mention the event and then went about his routine duties as he had done for so many days during the past half century. It was on August 11, 1911; that



he came here with his mother Mrs. L. Fuchsgruber from Appleton to open a furniture store and undertaking business. The firm organized as Mrs. L. Fuchsgruber and Son was housed in a two story frame building on the lot where George Seidel's Bar now stands. Mr. Fuchsgruber described it as similar in style to the Porter Building (Chuck's Rustic Inn) which is located next door to his existing place of business. Mr. Fuchsgruber conducted the undertaking business and assisted his mother in the furniture department which was extensive; dealing in a complete line of furniture and bedding. He brought eight years training to the new venture having worked for a DePere firm that length of time. He was born in DePere May 7, 1887. His father died in Juneau where the family had been in business before moving to Appleton. His mother died in Wausau on July 6, 1950. Taking note of the changes wrought by time; Mr. Fuchsgruber this week compared the undertaking establishment of a half century ago with the funeral parlors of today. He pointed out that in 1911; the undertaking department of the business was housed in a preparation room and a stock room containing the firm's stock of coffins. He said then it was the custom that the deceased lay in state at home; with services now performed in funeral parlors being done at home also. As with all businesses; there were ups and downs; with a critical blow coming on May 1, 1923 when the building and stock burned to the ground. There was also a lot of other property destroyed in that fire; including most of the block which now contains Neal Smith Inc. The Clarion, Charlie Zaborowski's Blacksmith Shop and the Dorchester Furniture Company. A total of 14 buildings were consumed in the flames that day; the area of which was described at that time as the main part of Dorchester's Business District. In 1926, Mr. Fuchsgruber established an exclusively undertaking business in the Froland Building where the Carl Habeck's reside (where Frank and Mary Feldbrugge now live). He operated there a couple of yrs before moving to his present location (south of the barber shop) in 1928. The present funeral parlor was built by John Schmitt for occupancy by Ed Fuchsgruber on property adjoining the then Star Hotel which he owned and operated (Chuck's Rustic Inn). The back part of the funeral parlor is the old real estate office built by Edmund Mehner in 1903 and occupied by Mehner and Frank Nagel. The old real estate office building became the back part of the funeral parlor and new construction was added to the front. Mr. Fuchsgruber and the former Isabelle Schmitt (daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Schmitt) were married in 1918. Mrs. Fuchsgruber and their daughters Ruth and Dawn moved to Kimberly in late July of 1955. Another daughter Gretchen is Mrs. Art Seidel and they had moved to Kimberly earlier. Mr. Fuchsgruber is 74 years old and is actively engaged in his business. He does however wish to retire and gave permission to state his business is for sale.

1961 Sept. (D): St. Louis School had 181 students in grades 1 through 8 for the school year beginning in September of 1961. In 1962 St. Louis had 185 students in grades 1 through 8. The 1963 St. Louis Census was 186 which is the highest number recorded since the school opened in 1914. St. Louis School has 167 students for the 1965 school year. There were 162 students signed up for the 1966 school year.

1961 Oct. (D): Kaage Building Sold To Curtiss Man For Razing; Sam Schrock of route one Curtiss has bought the old Kaage Building from the Village of Dorchester for \$25. The village recently acquired the former Kaage property from Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Violand for development into a village hall, fire station and garage. It adjoins the present fire hall property across the street from the Clarion. Removal of the building from the site is the next step in planning and Sam has agreed to complete this task by January 1, 1962.

1961 Oct. (D): Henry Ramminger retired as a rural mail carrier on Oct. 27, completing almost 40 years of service. During his 40 years, he estimates he made 550,000 miles using 43 horses, 15 automobiles and a snowmobile. William Jantsch retired on Sept. 30, 1964 and he estimated he made 500,000 miles during his almost 45 year career. He had 295 boxes to fill each day and used 26 automobiles, 8 horses and 4 snowmobiles.

1961 Nov. (D): Hurth's Grocery will be closed at month's end; Richard and Adele Hurth this week announced they will discontinue their Hurth Grocery at the end of this month. They are conducting a stock clearance sale and this week they are offering everything in the store at 10 per cent discount from their regular selling prices. The Hurths have operated the store since August 1, 1959 in the building which Ed Werner built for his store about 20 years ago. Since he sold out to Otto Genrich a decade ago; it housed the Pinter Grocery (three times) and the Krueger Grocery before the Hurths established their store. Both Richard and his mother said their plans at this time are indefinite.

1962 May (D): Impede Plans for delivery of Natural Gas in This Area; An intervention to the Federal Power Commission by the coal interests may cause a delay in construction this spring of the natural gas system planned for 15 North Central Wisconsin towns by America Gas Company of Wisconsin. The Federal Power Commission had been expected to authorize construction of the gas line but a few minutes before the intervention deadline on March 26; five coal groups filed a joint petition to intervene against American Gas Company. The hearing on the intervention has been set for May 27 and it is not known at this time how long a delay can be expected. The gas service is being brought to Dorchester, Abbotsford, Colby, Medford, Stetsonville, Unity, Curtiss, Owen, Withee, Stanley, Boyd, Thorp, Jim Falls, Cadott and Cornell.

1962 Aug. (D): St. Louis School Opened Tuesday With 185 Students; 185 students attended opening day at St. Louis School. They are almost equally divided through the eight grades as follows: First Grade - 24; Second Grade - 29; Third Grade - 22; Fourth Grade - 20; Fifth Grade - 25; Sixth Grade - 24; Seventh Grade - 23; Eighth Grade - 18. Teaching sisters at the school are Sisters M. Otille - M. Edwaedin - M. Nila - M. Christiana and M. Tiberia.

1962 Sept. (D): The village board voted to install 16 fluorescent lights in a three block area of Dorchester. Cost will be \$9850. Plan Commemoration Event On Village Street Lights; Dorchester's new street lights lit the village Wednesday night for the first time. Plans are underway to commemorate the installation of the modern lights. M. Sorenson

has charge of the arrangements which are now in the formative stage. Two lights and supporting poles were yet to be set up Wed. and all still need to be painted. When all are up and working; there will be 18 modern fluorscent street lights. Seven are on NSP power poles and the others are on iron standards specially set at the edge of sidewalks to carry the fixtures. The Dorchester Co-op has agreed to build a new bulk oil station.

1962 October (D): Mrs. Roy Frane opened a beauty salon in the old Pinter Grocery Store as Bill remodeled the interior making a Laundromat on the west end of the building while the east end can be used for a small business like a beauty salon.

1962 November (D): Open House Sunday at the Maurina Funeral Home; The Maurina Funeral Home will be formally opened to the public at an open house Sunday, James Maurina owner, announced today. The former Edna Paulson home has been completely remodeled to provide appropriate facilities for the service. The owner said today that no effort has been spared to provide the community with the most modern facilities of its kind. Maurina bought the Paulson home taking possession in August. Since then he has been making alterations to adapt the place to the needs of a funeral service. The entire first floor of the building has been converted into a funeral home and the second floor has been remodeled into living quarters where Mr. And Mrs. Maurina and two children reside. Dorchester's new funeral director came here from Milwaukee where he had worked three years for a funeral home there. He served an apprenticeship at Oconomowoc and is a graduate of the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science at Milwaukee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maurina who farm four miles north of Owen.

1963 April (D): Elect Board of Directors for Development Corporation: Village boosters interested in the Dorchester Area Development Corporation met Monday night in Legion hall and elected a board of directors to supervise activities of the newly formed corp. Attorney Donald Johnson of Neilsville who drew up the articles of incorporation and filed them with the state, reported on the action taken on the authorization made at the last previous meeting. Corp. papers have been filed with the Secretary of State and the Clark County Register of Deeds. Monday's night meeting was held and the members voted to elect the board of directors which would consist of five members. Elected were Dennis Mertens, James Maurina, Elmer Krueger, Lloyd Sorenson and John Pinter.

1963 May (D): Grand Opening For New Beauty Shop: Mrs. Roy Frane today announced that she will hold a formal opening for Dorchester's new beauty shop Tuesday of next week, May 21. She also announced a special deal on permanent waves to commemorate the occasion. Her landlord (Bill Pinter)announced a special on dry cleaning for the occasion.

1963 June (D): Mail Delivery To Be Hastened By Zip Code; Our five digit code is 54425, Postmaster Franklin Fritsche announced today. Everyone in Dorchester will use this ZIP Code on all their correspondence to speed mail deliveries and reduce the chance of mis-sent mail, he said. ZIP Code, the post office department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery goes into effect nationally on July 1, of this year.

1963 June (D): Art Herman Funeral Services Held Today: Funeral Services for Art Herman, long time resident of this community was held Tuesday June 18 from Peace Evangelical Church here with the Reverend Fred W. Kollath pastor officiating at the rites which were held at 2:00 P.M. Burial was in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Maurina Funeral Home which had charge of arrangements. Mr. Herman died June 15 , Saturday afternoon about three o'clock at the Medford Nursing Home where he resided the last three months. Arthur George Herman was born January 16, 1880 in Fieldon, Illinois and came to this community with his parents in 1895 from Marshfield. They settled on a farm west of the village where the Arnold Rhyner Family now live and on July 19, 1911; he and Nora Krakenberger were married here. Mrs. Herman died on March 16, 1944. Mr. Herman worked in a shipyard at Superior during the first world war and followed that, he worked 28 years as a maintenance carpenter for the Soo Line railroad. Surviving are two sons and three daughters; Clifford and Geraldine Sebold of this village, Dorothy Hartman of Marshfield, James of Whilton and Myrtle Glasbrenner of Madison. Besides his wife a son Kenneth preceded him in death in 1945 and also a sister.

1963 August (D): St. Louis School Opened Tuesday With 186 Pupils; Tuesday 186 students attended the first day of classes at St. Louis School here. This is one more than the 185 enrolled for the 1962-63 term. Teachers at the school are Sister Francilyn for grades 1 and 2 with 34 pupils; Mrs. Leonard LaBerge for grades 2 and 3 with 26 pupils; Sister Nila for grades 3 and 4 with 36 pupils; Sister Edwardin for grades 5 and 6 with 41 students and Sister Otille principal and teacher of grades 7 and 8 with 49 pupils. Sister Fidelia is the instructor in vocal and instrumental music at the school.

1963 Aug. (D): New Buildings Provide Space For Local Businesses: Additional services to residents of the community and persons farther afield will be provided in two new buildings now nearing completion at opposite ends of the community. A manufacturing plant is being built on the Meyer location at the west edge of the village and a service station is being completed near the Al Mertens residence just outside the village along State Hwy 13 at Seidel's Corners. Installation of facilities remains to be done on both.

1963 Aug. (D): Lester Vircks Died Friday At His Home: Funeral Services for Lester Vircks 49, of Stanley were held Tuesday from Epiphany Lutheran Church, Stanley. Burial was held in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Vircks had suffered a heart condition for a number of years and succumbed to it at his home last Friday. Lester Vircks was born on May 22, 1914 at Athens and came to Dorchester with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Vircks. Lester and June Paulson were married in Dorchester and the family lived here a number of years. Ten years ago, they moved to Stanley and have resided there ever since. While here, he worked for Edgar Paulson and later worked for automotive supply centers in Medford and Stanley. Survivors include his widow; two sons Glen and Dennis; two daughters Nadine Walter and Debra, two brothers; Clarence of Abbotsford and Marvin of West Allis and his step-mother Lydia Vircks of this village.

1963 Sept. (D): Old Cemetery In The Village Is Cleared And Cleaned: The Dorchester Norwegian Cememtery located just north of the old canning company, has been completely and entirely cleaned up and cleared out and bears little resemblance to the weed growing patch it has been for the past 20 years. A new cemetery board has been appointed by Village President Cliff Wetterau and that board now controls the cemetery. The board is comprised of Chairman - Leslie Staab, Secretary - Dennis Mertens and Treasurer - James Maurina. The only surviving member of the former board of the Norwegian Lutheran Church is Treasurer Empey who resigned his position to make way for the new organization. Leslie Staab and Otto Genrich did the cleaning and clearing work on the cemetery where there are about 110 graves, many of which are unmarked. Buried there are four Civil War Veterans and these graves will be supplied with new markers by the Veteran's Administration; Staab was told by P.C. Ludovic, Clark County Service Officer. About 60 graves in the cemetery are marked with tombstones

1963 October (D): The village has agreed to drill a second well so that in case of an emergency; citizens of the community would not be without water. By May of 1964 a second well had been drilled and tested. It provided 175 gallons per minute which is a good well indeed. It was located in back of where Jean Goessel lives and now occupies the well house of village well No. 2. The cost to develop the well was \$5000.

1963 Oct. (D): The Dorchester Hardwoods Inc. Purchased the old mill property from the Dorchester Fire Department on October 17, 1963 for the purpose of establishing a dry kiln lumber operation. An expansion of the dry kiln operation was completed by Sept. of 1965. Two buildings with 2 bays per building were added to the plant. Each bay is 21 X 40 feet with each structure being 40 feet high. The plant will double their overall capacity and there are 10 men working each day. Neal Smith Inc. Is a big customer for the plant and that makes things a lot easier having a good customer that close.

1964 Feb. (D): Art Siikarla Resigns as Manager of Shippers Co-op; Art Siikarla manager of the Farmers Union Livestock Cooperative of Stetsonville the past four years has tendered his resignation to the board of directors; effective March 1. He reluctantly submits his resignation and it is due to other interests requiring his full attention. Two basketball teams are organized in the village; The Rockets and the old name of Aces are now embroiled in the deadly duel of basketball representing the village on the court. The Aces include Joe Herman, and Allen Empey as Managers, with Wayne Underwood, Sam Zier and Tim Mertens rounding out the team. The Rockets consist of Allen Kalmon as Manager, Albert Schultz, Ken Anderson, Tony Chijknacki, Ron Klimpke, Dale Ludwig, Gordy Ludwig, Loren Ludwig, Jim Schiferl and Roger Baehr.

1964 July (D): Skerbeck Memorabilia at Circus World Museum; The Circus World Museum at Baraboo this year includes among its many exhibits a panel on the Skerbeck Family Show Troupe of this community. The museum operated by The Wis. Historical Society is dedicated to keeping fresh the tradition of the circus and the dedicated people who trouped with the large variety of shows which traveled the length and width of this

great country for over a hundred years. Another of the attractions at the museum is a band organ which is the property of Eugene Skerbeck fourth generation of the family in show business. Owner of several of the mechanical musical instruments; Gene has loaned the band organ to the museum for an indefinite time.

1964 Aug. (D): Dorchester Pitcher Hurls No-Hit Game and Is Loser; Joe Herman the hard throwing righthander for the Dorchester Baseball team threw a no-hit game Sunday against Phillips which beat the local team 2 - 0 on the local diamond. It was his second no-hitter of the season. He won the other. Phillips scored the only two runs of the game in the first inning on an error by the second baseman and passed balls by the catcher. Thomas the winning pitcher allowed 7 hits, struck out 5 and walked 2. Peterson came in during the sixth inning with the bases loaded and struck out Dale Ludwig. Thomas returned in the seventh. Herman struck out 10 and walked 4.

1964 Sept. (D): G.T. Rutzky a former resident of this village died today (Thursday) at Menominee Falls, his son Sam reported to friends here this forenoon. He said funeral services are planned for Monday from Helke's Funeral Home in Wausau. Rutzky operated a grocery store in our village for a number of years before moving to Mellon 20 years ago.

1964 October (D): Schmid's Rebuild Former Schreiber Store Property; Work on the rebuilding project of the former Schreiber store building progresses toward completion. Mr and Mrs. Anselm Schmid Jr. Who bought the fire damaged property some time ago have built a roof on it, laid a new floor and rebuilt the front and entrance. Plate glass windows have been installed across the entire front of the former store and the entrance has been moved to the north into the area which formerly housed the locker plant and is inside the building. Banks of fluorescent lights have been installed on the ceiling. Mr. Schmid said the other day that they have no immediate plans for the building other than completion of the work now underway.

1964 Nov. (D): The Story As Told By The Kindergarten Bus Driver; He calls his passengers the billion dollar cargo. I haul a billion dollar cargo every day at noon. I drive a kindergarten route and believe me, you haven't lived until you've driven a kindergarten bus. It has been a short time since I've started but I am learning fast. My first stop at noon is just east of town and little Marie is a real living doll. She has a long lane and nobody hurries her; she walks as if to say I am a taxpayer and I don't have to hurry. Now Marie doesn't talk much, evidently her mother has brought her up not to talk to strange men but as we drive along three miles to the next stop; she like all the others is soaking up the wonders of nature. I wonder how long I will be a strange man to her. Next I pick up Debbie; she always waits until I stop and when I give her the signal she starts swinging and takes off like an Olympic runner bringing her knees clear up to her chin. She won't say anything when she gets on the bus but I always get a smile which is worth a thousand words. Next I get Sharon and when I come over the hill; she and her dog are both racing down the lane but of course only one gets on the bus. I can always get a good morning out of her. Then further up the road I get Brian. Now you cannot get a word out of him,

no matter what. He studies all the other kids continuously. Next comes Sherry and I always greet her with “Hello Good Looking” and she replies “Hello Mr. Bus Driver”. Now the action starts. Some way she’s is the starter because very kid on the bus wants to talk at once. That’s when I start getting the questions. What’s this for and what’s that for and believe me they ask a lot that I can’t answer either. Next we go further east and get little Mike. He is another one that waits for my signal before crossing. He isn’t any bigger than a pint of peanuts but has a baseball cap no one could get away from him. It is five miles to the next pickup and that’s where I get mark. If it was 50 miles; it would be worth it just to see that big smile when I open the door. I don’t believe he would get in for any other driver as he has to look everything over before he enters. After he gets in, he stands for a few moments before picking out his seat. Then he makes a bee line for it and if he never learns anything in school; he will get by with that big smile of his. Next we get Eddie, and when Eddie starts for the bus; it is a direct shot. If there is a muddy place in the way, right through it goes Eddie. Then another Mike, all smiles and another red baseball cap. Already the discussions have started. Five more miles and I pick up Jerri who like Marie doesn’t talk to strange men. Then my last stop is Raymond and then into town. Community citizens, you have no town hall. That is our school house. Mothers, you have no worries at all if all kindergarten kids are raised like yours, there will never be another juvenile delinquent. Everyone is just as cute as a bug’s ear. One little boy asked; Mr. Bus Driver, why don’t you take us home at night? Then I explain that I have to take high school kids home after school. But he said, if you take us home; you can come to our house for supper. To go along with the joke, I said Good what do you have for supper? He said, usually summer sausage. A voice from the backpipes up and said my dad says summer sausage is goat’s meat. I watch them in the mirror while I am waiting at the stop signs. They seem to know a little about everything; enough at least to make them curious. Once in a corn field alongside the road, two farmers were standing looking at tow badly mired tractors on a chopper. I heard one little boy say; I wonder what fun they get out of that. Okay farmers, you answer that. Two little girls behind me were discussing the habit of smoking and we have no worries there. One says, my daddy smokes, does yours? Then this baby doll answers, my mommy and my daddy both smoke all the time. They smoke about sixteen dollars everyday in cigarettes. The other day in the city I wanted a new pair of stretch pants and mommie said we can’t afford pants today so she goes across the street and buys two cartons of cigarettes. They can always afford them, isn’t it disgusting. Don’t worry mothers, I won’t say who said what. Every time we come to a railroad track, I have to explain why we stop. They just cannot understand what law is. I tell them I stop because that is the law, like not more than three in a seat is the law. If they had their way, they would all be in one seat. Sometimes we sing little kids songs and I sing right along with them and they can’t figure out why I would know those songs. I suppose to them I am about 500 years old. I love everyone of them. They are so eager to learn but there are so many things about this world they just do not understand but come to think about it, neither do I. Taxes, world events, politics and things like that are no problem to them. They worry more about the leaves falling off the trees or why a black and white horse isn’t a Holstein horse or why a certain sow only has two pigs or how the bunny rabbits keep warm in the winter. They

have a little world all of their own. God bless them that they can be so happy because when most of us are gone; they are going to be paying the taxes for the mistakes we are making now. I could go on and on and write a book on the questions and discussions and their innocent sayings. You don't laugh out loud at them. To them this is all very serious. I hear many things but I think this is my favorite. Little girl number one, Does your daddy have cows? Little girl number two, No my daddy works in town. Number one, well where do you get the little calves? Number two, We just don't have any. Where do you get yours? Number one, Oh we pick them up out in the field. Number two, But where do they come from? Number one, Oh I guess they come from heaven because every time it rains, we find one or two more. Number two, Mr. Bus Driver, where do little calves come from? You said it honey, they come from heaven. No. Two Oh I didn't come from heaven. My daddy found me in a basket down in the potato patch. Mr. Bus Driver; just the same honey; you still came from heaven, everyone of you. Aren't babies the nicest way to start people. Nobody has found a better way yet. Like I said at the beginning; you have never lived until you have driven a kindergarten bus. Signed The Bus Driver.

1965 Jan. (D): William Jantsch was guest of honor at community party Saturday night; Over 700 people attended a retirement party for William Jantsch in Memorial Hall Saturday night. A well kept surprise; the party was given by the combined efforts of all the people of the community (residents of the village and patrons on the Dorchester rural mail route). The guest of honor served the rural patrons for over 44 years as rural carrier of the mail. Bill officially retired on December 30, 1964.

1965 April (D): Cliff Herman Named Clerk at Post Office; Cliff Herman was appointed career substitute clerk at the local post office effective April 24 and is now discharging the duties of that office. His appointment was made on the basis of a competitive exam for the job which took place in March. Twenty seven residents of the community took the examination. Cliff is a veteran of World War II and for the past 17 years has worked for Foremost Dairies at the firm's plant in Owen where he has been a plant supervisor for several years. He fills the position which became vacant when Milton Kronschnabl became rural carrier. Postmaster Franklin Fritsche said that Mrs. George Smith who served as clerk in the interim will retain her position as temporary substitute clerk.

1965 April (D): Lloyd Sorenson village clerk for 20 years before declining reelection two yrs ago; was elected village president on a write-in ballot in the annual election Tues. He received the overwhelming total of 87 votes in a field of 14 write-in candidates for the office due to two candidates (George Greaser and William Jantsch) named at the caucus in March declining nomination. Al Hickman of Colby became Mgr. of the Dor. Co-op Store and he succeeds Al Kalmon who was Mgr. for the past year and a half.

1965 October (D): The Dorchester Hardwood Plant erected an office building on the corner south of the Mehner House and today is the residence of Gordie Anderson.



1965 Oct. (D): Recently, the Dorchester Hardwoods Co. (a subsidiary of Bennett Lumber Co.) of Milwaukee and the Daniels Hardwood Company of Chicago joined forces and became the Bennett Daniels Lumber Co. Inc. of Dorchester. Product produced in Dorchester will be shipped to 48 of the 50 states. Two years later, Bennett Daniels announced that they will move their office space to Wausau where the two owners of the company reside. No changes to the plant here will be made.

1965 Nov. (D): Mertens Form Building Another Garage in Medford; Al Mertens of Mertens Garage Inc. Said Wednesday that he expects completion of construction in late winter on the firm's third installation. Contracts have been let and construction begun on the building located on Medford's South Side (on the west side of highway 13) immediately north of the city's pumping sub station. The 50 x 90 ft steel building will have a brick and glass front and will house a showroom, office, repair and maintenance facilities. Mertens said that his firm expects to occupy the new building about March 1 of next year and after that date; its Chrysler Plymouth sales and service agency will operate out of both the Dorchester and Medford Facilities. The firm also operates a service station on Dorchester Corner (Highways 13 and Cth "A").

1965 December (D): The new Village Hall and Fire Department Building has just been completed. A newspaper article in the February 17, 1966 edition states; Among the finishing touches on Dorchester's new municipal building is the fire warning siren which was moved from the Neal Smith Inc. Building on Tuesday and installed on the north outside wall. It is now ready for use as a fire warning. Al Holtzhausen and helper Leslie Staab are adjusting the mechanism which sounds the siren at specified times and it will be put in operation when that work is completed.

1966 April (D): Ode To The Loyal Subscriber; How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber; Who pays in advance at the birth of each year; Who lays down his money and does it quite gladly; And casts round the office a halo of cheer; He doesn't say "stop it" I cannot afford it; We're getting more papers than now we can read; But always says send it, our people need it; Indeed, we all find it a help and a need; How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum; How it makes our eyes light, how it takes our heart to dance; We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him; The Loyal and Steady Subscriber who pays in advance.

1966 May (D): Dorchester Cheese Co. Inc. Builds Addition to Plant; Work is being completed on a combination storage and cooler building for Dorchester Cheese Co. The 40 x 80 foot structure is a wing on the north at the west end of the firm's plant building on center Avenue. It is built of metal on a concrete slab and divided into two parts of equal size. One 40 x 40 foot room will serve for cooling and storage space. The other half is designed for storage and to provide space and facilities for wrapping cheese.

\*1966 June (D): The Dor.Cheese Factory is adding on a 40 foot by 80 foot addition. Half the space will be in cold storage and the other half to be used for general storage.

\*1966 June (D): Meyer's Lumber Co. purchased Carl Merten's Farm located on the north end of town. The plan is to develop the land into residential lots and to build homes on the lots. Alvin, Art and Clifford Meyer are the owners of Meyer's Lumber Company.

1966 June (D): Billy Jantsch Named Educator Of The Year; Mr. And Mrs. William Jantsch of this community have word from Belmont that their son William, Belmont High School principal and coach has been named the outstanding young educator of the year for the state of Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Junior Chambers of Commerce in Jaycee convention in Green Bay. Billy won the distinction over 22 other candidates in the state finals. He was selected in January by the Platteville Jaycees in January and now will enter the national educator contest which will be held this summer.

1966 June 23 (D): Albert and Dennis Mertens this week announced the removal of their Chrysler Plymouth Dealership to their new garage in Medford. They are holding open house in the firm's new building there Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Construction was recently completed on the building for which ground was broken last year. It is located at 603 South Eight Street (Hwy13 South). Mertens Garage/Service Ctr. will continue to operate in Dorchester as before. Merten's garage was established here as Mertens Bros. Garage in 1944 by John and Albert Mertens. It dealt in Kaiser-Frazer cars before securing the DeSoto-Plymouth franchise and upon demise of DeSoto; they secured the Chrysler franchise. It became Merten's Garage upon the death of John Mertens several yrs ago and upon entrance of Dennis into the firm, it was incorporated.

1966 Aug. (D): Install Automatic Pinsetters at Memorial Bowling Alleys - Manager Vernon Brecke announced this week that work has been completed on installation of automatic pinsetters on Memorial Alleys here. Factory representatives and workman were here a couple of weeks in July and returned last week to finish the job installing the Brunswick automatic equipment. There is open bowling on the local alleys Friday and Saturday nights now and league bowling will start the middle of next month. Mgr. Brecke said work on refinishing the alleys will be completed before start of league competition.

1966 Aug. (D): The sound of the hammer is wide spread throughout the village and among the projects are: foundation walls have been poured for the new L.D. Sorenson home on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and erection of framework for the 35 x 62 home with connecting garage is underway. The foundation also has been poured for a new home Meyer's Lumber Co. is building on the corner of Washington Avenue and Fourth Street. The 30 x 40 ft house with 20 x 24 ft garage is going up just north of the Donald Meyer home on 4th street. Work is nearing completion on a project to enlarge the Leslie Staab house. The 16 x 24 foot addition comprises a kitchen and dining room area. Work progresses also on the Dorchester Furniture Mfg. Co. project which connects the two buildings of the former O & N Lumber Co. property into which the local manufacturing company has expanded. The area between the two buildings was roofed over during the past week.

1966 Sept. (D): Lloyd Litzer takes over operation of welding shop here and now is doing business at the site which had been neglected by the previous operated. In taking over the business; Litzer has 38 yrs of experience in welding and performing black smithing. He is skilled in the repair of farm and road machinery and offers prompt service on sharpening of plow shares. He comes from Argonne where he operated a similar business about a year and before that working in Chicago and other places.

1966 October (D): Alvin and Paul Meyer; owners of the Equipment Manufacturing Corporation are erecting a 36 by 80 warehouse addition to their business. It will be of all metal construction like the main building. Leslie Staab announced today that he has purchased the garbage pickup service of David Carlson. He is now operating the service of which he took possession Tuesday. The garbage service was established by Carlson in March of 1963 and he has operated it ever since. Staab said he will service the route at regular intervals, picking up and hauling away garbage and other refuse for those householders who desire that service. He said he wants to expand and invites inquiries from persons interested in such services.

1966 Nov. (D): Dor. Cheese Co. Is Important Part of the Economy of Our Community - Dor. Cheese Co. was awarded first prize in the Colby Cheese Division judging during the convention of the Wisconsin Cheese and Buttermakers Association at Oshkosh November 2 and 4. The winning cheese was a 40 pound block made at the company's dairy plant here. It was judged a 98 score by the presiding officials. The Dor. Cheese Co. and its predecessor have provided a reliable market for milk producers since 1910 when Fred Reynolds bought the Bruckerville Cheese Factory in the Town of Holton. The Bruckerville Cheese Factory was combined with the Dorchester Cheese Company when Fred Reynolds and members of his family bought that factory from Norbert Laabs. The latter built the dairy plant in the village about 1950. He moved there from his cheese factory, a mile south of the village; which he had acquired from his father Emil Laabs. In 1965, the Dorchester Cheese Company processed over 20 million pounds of milk all of which was produced in this community and manufactured over 2 million pounds of cheese.

\*1967 March 16 (D): Rudy Ulrich buys Leo Younker's Tavern 2 miles west of Dorchester.

\*1967 March - Joe Jantsch Describes Friendship in Verse; Joe Jantsch writing from Spokane Washington to renew his subscription to the Clarion; included a newsy letter which is greatly appreciated. He sends regards to all in the community and enclosed a poem which were published by a Spokane Daily Newspaper. They are reprinted here; A thought for Senior Citizens - Friendship is not a one way street; it takes two for minds to meet. Thus on one needs to feel alone; there are others who wish to be known. Old age comes on to everyone; but friends give cheer till life is done. If we go forth our friends to meet; for friendship is a two way street.

\*1967 July (D): Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Geiger are waiting for carpenters to put up the framework of their new home which is being built on their property. The foundation work is completed and it is just a matter of time before the family can be moved in.

\*1967 Sept. (D): New Owner Names Her Tavern "Frontier Bar" - Mrs. Angeline Smith last week took possession of the village tavern which she bought from Ralph Porter. She has renamed the business the "Frontier Bar" and will serve sandwiches and lunches along with the usual tavern commodities.

1967 Oct. (D): Building Projects Nearing Completion; The new home of Harvey Hoffman is nearing completion and a member of the family said this week they plan to move in about two weeks. Work progresses steadily on the Frank Duellman home but it will be late November or early December before the family can move in.

1967 November (D): Leonard Bischoff Bought Welding Shop Here; Leonard Bischoff has purchased the welding shop in the village. The business was operated this past year by Lloyd Litzer who recently moved to the Wausau area. Charlie Zaborowski built the building on front Street and established the blacksmith business about 20 years ago. He sold it a few years ago to Adrian Strom. Joe and Marge Weber will move into their home next week as most of the furniture has already been relocated. They will complete the move this week and finish construction of the house after they move in.

1967 November (D): Mr. And Mrs. Richard Schattl announced today that they will cease the serving of alcoholic beverages and beer at their Ceal and Richie's Block Hotel starting tomorrow November 1. They plan to open a youth center at the hotel.

1968 January (D): Jerry Gebert leased the Dorchester Co-op Food Store on January 15, and opened Jerry's Shurfine store. Charles Zaborowski Died Sunday January 7 1968; in St. Joseph Hospital - Funeral services for Charles Zaborowski 77 were held Wednesday at St. Louis Catholic Church. Burial was in Meadowbrook Cemetery at Gilman. Charlie as he was known was born on February 28, 1891 at Manistee, Michigan and his family moved to Thorp when he was 6 months old. He and Stella Stasko were married on August 11, 1914 in St. Mary's Catholic Church Stanley. They lived in Thorp, Gilman and LaCrosse and in the summer of 1946; they moved here and the next spring he started construction of the blacksmith shop he operated here until he retired in 1962.

1968 March (D): George Hoff became the Dorchester Depot Agent in November of 1966. George Hoff representing The Soo Line RR announced the Dorchester Depot and 21 others will close on May 1, 1968 and the passenger train service will be discontinued. Plans are for a traveling agent based at Medford to replace the depot agents in this immediate area. The stations will continue to be served by the railroad but there will no longer be full-time depot agents on the job. The local agent said he has no definite plans for future employment. Other Soo Line Depots scheduled to be closed include Colby, Abbotsford, Stetsonville, Athens, Loyal, Greenwood, Stanley, Boyd, Thorp, Cadott, Westboro, Ogema, Gilman, Sheldon, Boyceville Colfax, Trevor, Engadine, Cooks and Gulliver. They will be served by traveling agents working out of Marshfield, Eau Claire and Medford.

1968 June (D): Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company which sponsors "Old Milwaukee Days" from June 29 to July 4 in cooperation with the State Historical Society's Circus World Museum at Baraboo. Dorchester is credited with the following circuses: Skerbeck's Circus 1884 to 1892, Eph Williams Circus 1885 to 1902, Skerbeck's Great One Ring Railroad Show 1901 to 1904, Skerbeck's Wild West and Hippodrome 1907 to 1908 and Prairie Joe's Wile West Hippodrome and Circus 1910 to 1911.

1968 June (D): Work on New Library is Nearing Completion - Work is being completed on converting the home economics and science rooms of the old Dorchester High School. A brick wall has been laid in the south end of the building where the old school building was razed away last year. Toilets have been installed. The Dorchester Public Library will occupy the former home economics room and the old science room will be used for storage space; to house Christmas decorations, Dorchester Days equipment, etc. Renovation work is planned in Memorial Hall during July. Mainly to convert to other purposes the room vacated by the library.

1968 June (D): Maurice Nedry Died Last Week In Arizona - Maurice D. Nedry former principal of Dorchester Public Schools; died of a stroke June 4 in Prescott, Arizona. He had been a patient in the veterans hospital there for the past 11 months. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday June 10 in the hospital chapel and burial was in the veterans cemetery nearby. Surviving are his widow Nettie of Sun City, Arizona; two sons, Duane of Chicago and Robert with the U.S. Navy in Ecuador and several grandchildren. A son of the late Dr. Nedry and early day physician in the village; Maurice Nedry was principal here during the years of 1934 to 1936.

1968 July (D): Work has been completed on the space for the new library which is located in the old home economics room of the Dorchester High School.

1968 August (D): Liberty Homes Incorporated has announced that they will build a new plant here. Ground breaking ceremony will be October 28, 1968. Building will be constructed of concrete block and will be 220 feet by 300 feet with a 60 by 150 foot side building and a lean to structure 30 by 300 feet in size.

1969 November (D): Only six per cent of State School Districts remain; There were 94 per cent fewer school districts in Wisconsin in 1969-1970 than there were in 1939-1940. During this 30 year period the number of districts has been reduced from 7,424 to 457 according to a report recently published by the Wisconsin taxpayers Alliance.

1969 Dec. (D): Liberty Homes is presently making one 14 ft wide mobile home each day.

1969 October (D): Tony buys barbershop from Clarence Vircks on October 25, 1969 and he will resume operations immediately. Clarence gets the barbershop back in October of 1970 so Tony was here a year.

\*1970 March (D): Herman Sebold is the new jobber for Union 76 as Pure Oil Company has merged with Union 76.

\*1970 April (D): The Village Board approved the development of a new Sewage Disposal Plant. Thomas Abbott Construction Co. of Rothschild came in with the low bid. Total bid will be \$248,000 of which a Government Grant will cover 55 per cent of the cost.

1971 Sept. (D): The new park and dam construction got underway on Nov. 21, 1968. After a year of very hard work by many people; the dam construction has been completed and the dam will be closed on October 31, 1969; permitting the lake to fill with water. On March 26, 1970; water came over the dam for the first time. What a day to celebrate and as it turned out; Lake Dorchester and the Dorchester park has become the number one asset of the Village of Dorchester. One cannot say enough about the people who bought together the plan for this idea. The main benefit goes to the then Village President Ted Schwoch for his staunch persistence in seeing the completion of this project. The Park dedication took place August 15, 1971; almost three years from the time the project started. What a beautiful park Dorchester has; many say the nicest park certainly in all of Clark County and even beyond that.

1972 Oct. (D): New Village Well Tests at 200 Gallons Per Minute; Dorchester's new well produces at the rate of 200 gallons per minute. That rate was measured in a 24 hour test conducted October 2 and 3. The well has been designated 1-A is near Dorchester's first well drilled in 1939. It will replace that well as the water supply for the village. Drilling began on September 25 and was completed September 28. After the 24 hour test; there was 24 feet of water in the well. Other village business includes letting bids for the community's new sewage disposal plant. Bid was granted to Thomsen-Abbott Construction Company; total bid was \$211,052. Three lagoons will be built according to DNR specifications. Two of the lagoons will be 160 x 420 feet and the third will be 90 x 230 feet. All will be approximately 10 feet deep and will be fitted with equipment to accomplish proper treatment of waste materials.

\*1972 Oct. (D): Discontinue Cutter Board Production at Neal Smith Inc.; The building on Dorchester's North Front Street in which Neal Smith of Medford in 1946 established a wood products factory is being vacated by the firm. In recent years; the bldg. housed the cutter board production of the firm; with other products being manufactured at Neal Smith's Inc. factory on North Front Street. The firm has decided to discontinue making cutter boards and has sold the machinery which is being moved this week.

\*1972 October (D): Funeral Services were held for Bernard Gall 72, on Friday October 6. Bernard was born September 25, 1900 in Loyal and married Marie Kaage on June 16, 1926. Together they operated a traveling motion picture theater during the years 1931 to 1951 and he then established a shoe repair business which he operated until May of 1965.

1972 Nov. (D): Weix closed his drugstore this day (October 13, 1972) due to poor health. It is a sad day for the community for Marx Weix was always there for the people. He hardly ever took a day off since he bought and opened the drugstore there in 1927.

1975 May (C): Ward Mathison has opened up a retail store called "H. & S. Bargain Center" in the old hardware store specializing in organs, pianos and furniture for every room in the house including mattresses and other miscellaneous items.

1975 1975 (D): Ruprich and the Bees; Arnold Ruprich 247 North Front Street, Dorchester is one of the largest honey producers in this area and one of eleven bee inspectors for the state of Wisconsin. His bee operation includes 350 colonies which he has located at 13 different sites (bee yards) and each colony contains between 50,000 and 75,000 bees. His interest in bees began when he was 12 years old and he has been raising them ever since. The queen bee will lay her own weight in eggs each day and which will number about 1500 eggs. A worker bee in the summer time will live only 6 weeks because they literally work 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If a bee could make a pound of honey; it would have to make 80,000 trips for nectar. Peak production is reached in July. The main honey flow in the spring is from dandelions and yellow rocket. Mid summer is basswood and clovers; while the fall honey which is darker comes from goldenrod and buckwheat. If a bee tries to enter the wrong hive; it will be chased away as the soldiers only permit offspring of the queen bee to enter.

1975 December (C): Mr. And Mrs. Richard Sigmund opened up a new store in the former Dorchester Furniture Company Building located at 206 South Front Street. Charm Wood Company will sell wholesale and retail; weathered barn lumber, picture frames, sign boards, accent panels, weathered hand hewn beams and round rafters guaranteeing that the lumber had never been painted or that it hadn't been painted in over 50 years.

1976 July (C): Rose Badger opened up a shop in the old hardware store building exposing her many craft items to the general public for the first time.

1979 April (C): A snow storm which produced very wet and very heavy white material on April 18; brought down the old O & N Lumber Company building located at the corner of Front St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West.

1979 Dec. (C): Joseph C. Weber 90 died Sunday Dec. 23 at Memorial Nursing Home in Medford. Mr. Weber was born April 19, 1889 in Whittlesey to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weber. He came to Dorchester at the age of six and attended Cleveland School in the Town of Mayville. He worked as a photographer and then as a carpenter and rural mail carrier before entering the U.S. Army during World War I. He and Marjorie Hall were married at St. Bernard's Catholic Church on May 27, 1919. Following their marriage; they operated a bowling alley until 1922 when they took up farming in the Town of Holton. They farmed until 1950 and in Sept. of 1967; they moved to the Village of Dorchester where he worked as a carpenter and also did some commercial photography. The Webers observed their golden wedding in 1969 and Marjorie passed away on June 26, 1978. Surviving are one son Arnold of Phoenix, six grand children and 6 great grand children.

2000 June (D): I include Judy Jantsch Gramling's Favorite Poem: Birdie Flying in the Sky - dropped some whitewash in my eye - Now I'm a man and I don't cry- but I'm sure glad cows don't fly.

2004 July (C) Dorchester Foundation To Distribute Non-Profit Funds-The board members of the Dorchester Housing Authority (DHA) have established a new organization that will raise funds for Dorchester area non-profit organizations. The new organization has been named the Dorchester Community Foundation. Over the past 15 months, the Housing Authority sold off 7 duplex apartment buildings and netted just over \$500,000. The interest earned off the money will be donated to non-profit organizations four times a year. Members of the Dorchester Community Foundation board are: President Don Meyer, Vice-President Richard Hunsader, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Jantsch, John Pinter, Jerry Ludwig and Ted Schwoch. Jantsch said that the organization was established as the result of a disagreement between the DHA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which is a division of the Federal Government that loans money to municipalities to build housing for low-income tenants. The board was able to sell the buildings because they were built in 1973 and 1974. Jantsch said HUD does not allow Housing Authorities to sell buildings which were constructed after 1975. Foundation by-laws approved by the board stipulate that the monies will be invested in fail safe Certificates of Deposit. It is our intent that the principal will never be touched. Jantsch explained, it will be up to future boards to change that if they wish but presently that will not happen. The by-laws also require the board to disperse the interest each year to Dorchester area non-profit organizations. Any non-profit group in the Village of Dorchester and the adjacent townships may apply for grant from the foundation. The board estimates the fund will earn \$20,000 per year and the board will meet four times each year to decide who will receive the donations. Eligible, to receive foundation monies are the library, fire dept., public and private schools, churches and municipal governments and other non-profit organizations in the Dorchester area. The first funds were distributed in early July of 2005.