Seymour History Bulletin



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Our Members are the Best

The past year has been very challenging for everyone including the Seymour Community Historical Society. It is frustrating to have a beautiful museum with many educational and fun exhibits and being forced to stay closed. Despite being closed, bills have to be paid and responsibilities fulfilled. Fortunately the city council recognizes the value of preserving our heritage and supporting an attractive museum through providing the utilities. Maintaining the building and exhibits a

Mission Statement

The Seymour Community Historical Society is primarily educational. It specifically collects and preserves records and physical objects relating to the history of the city of Seymour, Wisconsin and the surrounding area.

providing the utilities. Maintaining the building and exhibits along with meeting the requirements of various licenses and permits is the responsibility of the board of directors and membership. The last several pages of this publication list our most recent contributors. Thank you for your gifts and donations necessary to keep our mission on track.

Museum Opens on June 4

COVID-19

As of mid April the SCHS Board of Directors has decided to go forward with the summer programs and see what the state and national guidelines are for this summer before making any adjustments. The Seymour Community Historical Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce the museum will open Friday, June 4. It will be open all summer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00. Several special programs are planned for the summer and they are explained in this newsletter. An exhibit on loan from the Max Kade Institute at the University of Wisconsin will be displayed all June. On Saturday, June 19, The Nickle A Region Model A Club will return to Seymour and have their cars on exhibit on Depot Street. The six-piece jazz band, **Talk of the Town**, will play in the gazebo to provide an old time atmosphere. Music in the Park will return on Wednesday evenings

this summer with the first concert scheduled for June 16.

This issue of the Seymour History Bulletin utilizes past issues of the **Seymour Press** to take a look back at life in Seymour during 1887, 1918 and the 1930s. Of particular interest is World War One and the Spanish Flu of 1918. The Seymour - Black Creek baseball rivalry in 1931 is highlighted as is Seymour High School Track and Field in 1931.

Summer Exhibits and Programs

Neighbors Past and Present: The Wisconsin German Experience

With the cooperation of the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Seymour Community Museum will be displaying the traveling exhibit, "*Neighbors Past and Present: the Wisconsin German Experience.*"



1912 Seymour auction ad in English and German.

The display is on fourteen panels that draw largely on images and resources from the MKI Library and Archives. The exhibit covers German migration and settlement in Wisconsin, questions of ethnicity and identity in newly forged communities, and the cohesiveness of these communities over the decades, especially in times of economic crisis or war. Specific topics include language; print culture; religion; Amish and Mennonites; traditions and social clubs; education; rural and urban life; business; political and civic engagement; times of war; and immigrants and their descendants in the global world past and present.

Each panel in the exhibit describes a different aspect of German heritage. The presentation is enhanced and made more personal with meaningful items on display from the collection of the Seymour Community Historical Society and Museum. This traveling exhibit has been made possible by a major grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council.

The emphasis is on German heritage, but it will be on interest to all history buffs. It is free and open to the public from June 4 to June 27.

The Model A's are Coming Back to Seymour on June 19



Depot St. will be lined with 20-25 Model A's on June 19.

Those of you who viewed the Model A's parked adjacent to the museum last year will attest to the fact that it was a real treat to see these authentic, fully restored vehicles in Seymour. The Nickle A Region Model A Club will return to Seymour at 1:00 on Saturday, June 19 and park their vintage autos along Depot Street. Dressed in 1930s clothing, the owners take a step back in time and love to discuss the details of their Model A Fords and the restoration process.

This is a great opportunity to visit the museum and view some vintage automobiles. For more information about the club visit (http://www.nicklearegion.com)

To enhance the 1930s experience the historical society is sponsoring a 1930s New Orleans Style Jazz Band. The Home of the Hamburger will cook burgers and the historical society will serve ice cream. All in all it will be a fun afternoon with music being played from 1:00 to 3:00 in the gazebo.



The "Talk of the Town" Jazz Band will play in the gazebo from 1:00 to 3:00 on June 19th.

Jazz Band

The six-piece *Talk of the Town*, led by jazz clarinetist Kevin Van Ess, is best known for its dedication to honoring traditional New Orleans jazz and swing standards and the legacy of such great musicians as Pete Fountain, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Count Basie.

Van Ess, who considers **Talk of the Town** to be almost an "all-star band" of some of Wisconsin's top musicians, has been dabbling in jazz since childhood. About 20 years ago, he met Pete Fountain in New Orleans and over the following years performed with him several times, including on the lead float of the Mardi Gras parade.

Music in the Park - 2021

Of all the programs presented by the Seymour Community Historical Society the Wednesday evening concerts are the most popular. John Koenigs has put together another outstanding lineup for the summer concerts in the gazebo adjacent to the museum. Bring your lawn chair or use the benches provided. Refreshments are available at the museum concession stand. Music starts at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday evening. In case of rain, the program will be held at Wally's. The first concert is June 16th.

Dates for Music in the Park

June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11, Aug. 18 and Aug. 25

Because of the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, at this time the music schedule has not been established. The SCHS Board of Directors will announce the summer music schedule as soon as possible.

Seymour Community Historical Society Annual Meeting - May 17

Because of the threat of COVID-19 the annual meeting will not include entertainment this year. Instead it will be a basic business meeting and will be held upstairs at the museum on Monday evening, May 17 at 6:30. The purpose of the annual meeting is to report to the membership the activities and financial standing of the society. It is open to the public. Anyone attending is encouraged to wear a face covering and sit at least six feet from others.

Since the museum was not open in 2020 and activities were postponed, the annual report is very brief. A summary of the information presented at the annual meeting and the SCHS budget for 2021 is included in this publication.

2021 Budget for the Seymour Community Museum

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Income

Cleaning Supplies	200.00	Bld. Maintenance	2,400.00	Admission Donations	1,000.00
Office Supplies	600.00	Utilities	13,000.00	Music Sponsors	4,500.00
Tax Preparation	1,000.00	New Displays	4,000.00	50/50 Raffle	2,100.00
Bands for Music	4,000.00	License and Fees	400.00	Memory Forest	1,200.00
Advertising	1,000.00	Web Host & Tech.	1,500.00	Gift Shop	800.00
Music Expenses	1,000.00	Flowers & Decoratio	ns 1,000.00	Memberships	200.00
Special Events	900.00	Memorials & Gifts	500.00	Donations	9,500.00
Memory Forest	1,000.00	Postage	500.00	City of Seymour	16,000.00
Newsletters	1,400.00	Miscellaneous	600.00	Music Concessions	1,200.00
Display Maintenance	2,000.00			Special Events	500.00

Total Expenses - \$37,000.00

Total Income - \$37,000.00

Community Resource

The museum/learning center is a great resource for the community. It not only helps preserve the area heritage, but also is available for use by organizations. Historical society volunteers contribute many hours making the museum facilities available to the public. This requires cleaning, supervision, building exhibits, and keeping the site attractive. We appreciate the financial support from the city council and the cooperation of the city workers. The museum is truly a community project.

Life in Seymour in 1918

Over 100 years ago Seymour was a thriving incorporated city of about 1,200 residents. Since most people did not have automobiles and roads to Green Bay and Appleton remained unpaved, the local merchants filled the needs of the growing population. Electricity, for those who could afford it, was a newly developed luxury, municipal water was years away and sanitation was poor. The businesses in the community catered to the surrounding agricultural economy featuring farm equipment, stock shipping, grain storage, a feed mill, a creamery and canning factory.

Four grocery stores, a meat market and numerous variety and clothing stores met the needs of the homemaker. Depot Street was a busy place as the Green Bay and Western Railroad served the local residents with up to six trains a day stopping at the depot. With the opening of the Seymour Auditorium in 1916, minstrel shows, lyceums, plays, musical productions and even basketball games provided entertainment. Everyone looked forward to the fair that brought in thousands of people from all over northeastern Wisconsin for agricultural displays and entertainment. Five churches of various denominations served the religious needs of the people.

Many area young men volunteered or were drafted to serve in the Great War (WWI). Six months before the armistice the Spanish Flu (la grippe) broke out and claimed the lives of several Seymour residents. (The following articles are from the 1918 Seymour Press)

Alien Females

The registration of German alien females will begin Monday, June 10 and end Wednesday, June 26 in cities of over 5,000 residents. It will be conducted by police officials. In cities and municipalities under 5,000 the task will be handled by postmasters.

In general the plan of registration is the same that was followed in February in the registration of German alien males. Each person will also be required to register her fingerprints. This method of registration is also used in the military and naval services of the United States.

A War Letter From Sherman

France May 12, 1918

"Just a few cheerful words to you today as it is a day of all days, it being set aside as Mother's Day and all of us boys were promised that if we wrote a letter to our Mothers on this day that they would be sent thru faster than other mail.

But let us hope that before one year from now, we will have conquered our enemies.

It is true, we are a long way from home, and perhaps you think of it often, but we are going to rid the world of one of the greatest menaces to all mankind and make it a safer place to live.

Never in my life have I felt better or looked better than I do now. So above all things don't



You too can dress like an officer on parade. Visit J.D. Werbelowski Main Street, Seymour for the latest in fashion. worry about me as I am as good off as if I were at home.

I have often remarked since coming across, that if our mothers could see us just as we are now, they would not worry about us boys as the good old USA never forgets when it comes to clothes and eats. They have got another guess coming when they think they can stop our boats from sailing across the old Atlantic.

Will close for now with best wishes for your good health, and a quick return of us soldier boys. I am as ever

Your son, Sergt. Irwin C. Sherman M.T. Co. 318 M.S.T. 405

Music Lessons

Mrs. Genevieve Hittner will be giving music and voice lessons at her house on South Main Street.

Additional Locals

For Sale: Big Bargains. Several used organs \$16.00 to \$25.00. Excellent piano nearly new only \$165.00. Beautiful \$550.00 player piano nearly new \$385.00 All above fully guaranteed. Write for particulars.

Fisher Bros. First National Bank Bldg. Appleton, Wis.

Postage

Postage rates from Great Britain to the United States have been increased from two cents to three cents for the first ounce and two cents for each ounce thereafter. Recently the United States raised its postage rate from this country to Great Britain from two to three cents an ounce to conform with the new rate for domestic mail service

Matrimony

Both parties contemplating matrimony are obliged to appear before the county clerk or notary public authorized to take oaths, to procure a license, according to a new ruling made by the attorney general, received by county clerk Wolk. Heretofore only one of the parties has been required to appear and make application for a license.

Food Administration

The Food Administration has sent out through all State administrators a warning to all corn, barley and oats millers and to wholesale and retail dealers in the products that at the present prices corn meal and oat meal should be selling at least 20 per cent below the price of wheat flower and that corn flour and barley flour should be selling at least 10 per cent below wheat flour.



Seymour Red Cross - 1918

First row L to R: Mrs. Mary Jones, Elizabeth Neal, Miss Baldwin, Rev. Tucker, Mrs. William Boyden, Mrs. Tony Lotter and Mrs. Tucker.

Second row: Mrs. James Hallada, Mrs. Chas. Jackson, Mrs. Elmer Dean, Mrs. N. Sjodt, Mrs. Bert Dean, Mrs. Alex Gehlind, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Walter Daniels and Mrs. Nickel.

Back row: Lottie Griffin, Belle Ruston, Mrs Geo. Fiedler. Eleanor Tubbs, Mrs Ray Uttomark, Mrs. Geo. Libby, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Harry Davis and Mrs. Daggett.

Nurses Needed

Women between the ages of 21 and 35 who have an high school education or its equivalent, will be eligible for admission to the Army School of Nursing, arrangements for which were recently made by the War Department. It is intended to start several schools in selected military hospitals. Unless otherwise specified, applications should be sent directly to the Army School of Nursing, office of the Surgeon General of the United States Army, Washington, D.C.

Notice

Now is the time to get your fertilizer for your cabbage.

R. Kuehne

Work or Fight

According to a proclamation made by Provost Marshall General Crowder last week all men hereafter "Must do a man's work or fight." This rule operative July 1, provides that all loafers and men not in useful occupations listed in the third draft class, must engage in useful war work or be drafted in the fighting service.

The County Council of Defense is already in line with the movement and have notified officials in each city, village and town in the county to report the names of all able bodied persons over the age of 18 not usefully employed. the order is most sweeping in its scope and will seize at once upon all gamblers, racetrack men, waiters, bartenders, club, hotel and apartment attendants, engaged in games, persons sports and amusements (with some exceptions), domestic servants and other clerks of department stores and mercantile establishments. Dependency exemptions will not protect the men thus classified. Local Boards will conduct the weedingout process. They are empowered to summon before them all idlers and nonessential workers listed above, giving them a chance to explain their pursuance of nonuseful war occupations and if they fail, to draft them into the army.

Notice

All relatives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins of the boys in the service if the United States either at home or abroad are requested to meet at Dean's Hall.

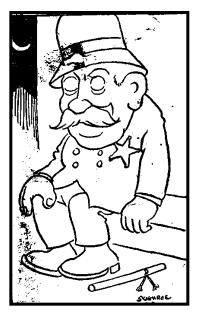
Friday evening, June 7 at 8:00.

E.C. Smith

President, Loyalty Legion

The Town Cop

Sh-h-h Don't wake the cop! He's all tired out from catching criminals. The town is asleep. But it has nothing on the cop. When the



cop sees this will he throw the Editor in the Booby Hatch? Nope the cop is a good natured cuss and stands for lots. That's why everyone likes him.

To Dog Owners

Take notice that your dog tax is due and must be paid by June 1, or prosecutions will follow.

August Wolk, Chief of Police

Rose Lawn News

Mrs. Mina Marsh of Mountain visited the past week with relatives here and in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heagle and little son of Manitowoc visited at the home of R. Heagle last week.

James Marsh spent a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss Marie Swaller closed a very successful term of school last week and left for her home at Birnnamwood Monday.

Miss Amy Courtice of Wabeno is visiting at the home of George Andrews.

Miss Marie Swallow gave a program on Decoration Day. The children marched from the school house to the church carrying old glory and a service flag while singing national hymns.

After the program they marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of the old soldiers. William Crofoot, the only old soldier left, led the procession.

John Leisch and sons Harvey and Norman, Mrs. Harvey Ward and Mrs. G.E. Mott were at Green Bay Sunday to see Mrs. Leisch who was at St. Vincent's hospital for an operation on her hand.

The proceeds from the Red Cross sale Sunday night were \$95.00.

Simple Wash Removes Rings Under Eyes

Seymour people will be surprised how quickly pure Lavoptik eye wash relieves blood shot eyes and dark circles under the eyes. One young man who had eye trouble and dark rings under his eyes was relieved with ONE WASH of Lavoptik. His sister who had eye strain was cured in just three days. Lavoptik is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE of weak or inflamed eyes.

John Kitzinger, druggist

Flanders Mud

The following is a Manchausen tale (exaggerated story) showing the quality of the mud on the battlefield.

A soldier walking along a road noticed a hat, which he attempted to kick out of the mud. He was surprised to find a head under it and a voice calling for help.

When the man was extricated he said: "I was on horseback." So together they proceeded to dig out the horse. The horse's mouth was full of hay taken from a wagon that had sunk even farther down.



A typical scene from the battlefield.

Big Army Bill Is Passed *Authorizes President to Call into Military Service All Men Who Can Be Trained and Equipped.*

Washington, June 3 ---- The largest annual army appropriations bill in history, totaling \$12,041, 682,000.00 and authorizing the president to call into service all men who can be trained and equipped, was passed on Friday by the house and sent to the senate.

The house broke its record for speed on the army bill by passing it after only three days of debate. The measure is framed to provide for an army of 3,000,000 men during the coming year, in accordance with the government's revised program for rushing soldiers to France.

Call 200,00 in June Draft

U.S. Officials Plan to Enroll Nation's Registrants for 22 Camps in a Five Day Period.

Louisville, Ky. June 1 --- Word has been received from the war department that 200,000 men will be inducted into military service through the draft and sent to 22 camps throughout the country during the five day period beginning June 24, 1918.

To Prevent Belching

Make it a regular habit of eating slowly, masticate your food thoroughly and you may have no further trouble. If you should, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

150,000 Have Grip in Spain

Madrid, June 1 ----The epidemic which is sweeping over Spain, a disease which somewhat resembles grip (grippe), is increasing in severity. There are more than 150,000 cases in Madrid. The mortality however is low.



Chronic Constipation.

Perhaps you have never thought of it, but this disorder is caused by lack of moisture in the residual matter of your food. If you will drink an abundance of water, eat raw fruits and take lots of outdoor exercise, you may be able eventually to overcome it entirely. In the meantime use the most mild and gentle laxatives. Strong and harsh cathartics take too much water out of the system and make a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Tablets are easy and pleasant to take. Try some.

A Victim Of The War

From the museum archives



in the town of Born Seymour, Wisconsin in 1888. **Robert Gerhardt Krause** lived with his parents up to September 18, 1917, when he was called "To The Colors." Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krause received the news sad Tuesday, November 26,

1918 that their son Robert had died of combat wounds somewhere in the Argonne in France on October 10, 1918, only one month before the armistice.

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive was the largest operation of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in World War I, with over a million American soldiers participating. It was also the deadliest campaign in American history, resulting in over 26,000 soldiers being killed in action (KIA) and over 120,000 total casualties.

It was fought from September 26, 1918, until the Armistice of November 11, 1918, a total of 47 days. The influx of fresh American troops late in the war was instrumental to the German defeat.



Arthur Otto In World War One

Arthur Otto of Seymour was a passenger on the first ship that was sunk carrying American troops into battle in WWI. Otto survived and served as a cook for the 32nd Division that arrived in France in 1918. His division was the sixth U.S. division to join the Allied Expeditionary Force.

Mr. Otto worked at the Seymour Creamery

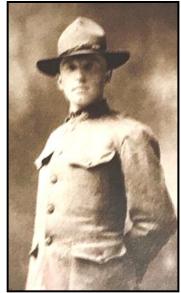


at the Seymour Creamery and is the great uncle of Duane, Chuck and Mitch Miller.

His ship, the Tuscania. left Hoboken, New Jersey January 24. 1918 carrying 2,013 troops and a crew of 384. The ship was spotted by a German submarine that fired two torpedoes sinking the ship. Most of the men including Mr. Otto saved were by accompanying destroyers. The loss of 230 men caused anti-German sentiment in the United States and area to intensify.

WWI Veteran Arthur Otto





Left: Alvin Piehl's WWI uniform (with gas mask) on display at the museum. Right: Alvin Piehl in the same uniform in 1918. Visit the museum to view and extensive display of WWI artifacts.



Seymour WWI veterans in 1959: Elbridge Boyden, Alvin Piehl, Alfred Piehl, William Del Marcelle, Sr. and Ralph Elsen. Standing L to R: Art Krause, Chester Ziegenbein, Ben Swiecichowski, Forrest Huth, Harvey Weishoff, Joseph Hein, John Bunkelman, Floyd Hardecker, and Albert Rudie.

The Spanish Flu 1918

The Spanish Flu had an huge impact on World War One. In 1918 it ravaged the battlefield where men were living in unsanitary conditions in close quarters. After the armistice on November 11, 1918 the epidemic continued for another year.

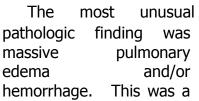
The United States army suffered 53,402 of the estimated 9 million combat deaths in WWI and another 63,114 U.S. soldiers fell victim to the flu. By the end of 1919 the epidemic claimed 50 million deaths worldwide including 675,000 in the United States.

A number of Seymour area residents paid the ultimate price in the war and the flu also was a

serious villain. Outagamie County recorded 124 deaths, including two younger sisters of Lowell Veitch.

The incubation period and the onset of symptoms were so short that apparently healthy people in the prime of their lives were suddenly overcome, and within an hour could become

helpless with fever, delirium and chills. Additional symptoms were severe headache, pain in muscles and joints, hair loss, acute congestion, and temperatures of 101 F to 105 F.





H.J. Van Vuren's daughter, Ina, died of the flu in 1918 while working as a nurse.

unique viral pneumonia – a patient could be convalescing one day and dead the next. Those who did not die of the 1918 influenza, often died of secondary bacterial pneumonia.

On October 10, 1918, the first order from Dr. C.A. Harper, the Wisconsin State Health Officer, advised an immediate closing of all schools, churches, theatres, and other places of amusement and public gatherings for an indefinite time-period On October 12, 1918, six clergymen posted an announcement to the ordering churches closed per the request of the health department and the State of Wisconsin.



WW1 Induction in Appleton July 18, 1918. William Mullen from Mullen Road south of Seymour is highlighted. He died in France six days after the armistice was signed. He was 25 years old and the son of James and Margaret Gately Mullen. The cause of death was listed as "pneumonia" which was the term used for the Spanish Flu.

Seymour Wins from Vans Valley 4 to 0

Play Black Creek in Booster Game Here Sunday, May 17th

Seymour played big league baseball behind the stellar pitching of Lawrence John Sunday to win a hard fought game from the Vans Valley team at Vans Valley Sunday. John allowed the hard hitting Vans Valley team just three scattered hits and at no time was in any danger. He just coasted along and when Vans Valley got men on the base, Lawrence just turned on a little more steam and had them breaking backs.

Only three errors were chalked up against the Seymour team and were all charged to Erke who played third base. Clarence was a little nervous Sunday but with this game behind him he no doubt will play the kind of ball he is capable of from now on. The balance of the team handled everything that came their way and for six of the nine innings it was just 1-2-3 for Vans Valley.

The play of Vanderbloomen in the outfield

was nothing short of spectacular and he robbed the Valley team of at least two hits by marvelous catches. Every man on the team with the exception of our pitcher, got at least one hit. Miller and Nicodem each got a two bagger. If the boys keep up this kind of hitting, it will just be too



for Black bad Creek Sunday. Smiley is looking forward for O.J. to hang up

Seymour slugger Smiley Nicodem

his \$5.00 prize for the first home run of the season.

What a sweet time it will be to get it next Sunday. The boys are selling tickets for Sunday's game with Black Creek. We are not going to ask for any donations this year but would like to have everyone buy one ticket for the game Give the team a lift.

Seymour Press May 14 and 21, 1931

Seymour Defeats Black Creek 10 to 8

Team in Undisputed Possession Of First Place at Murphy's Corners Sunday

What a ball game! Thrills and chills galore, in fact everything that a baseball fan might wish for including some very mediocre umpiring. Led

by the big war club of Bob Wolk who collected two doubles, two singles and a base on balls, Seymour's baseball team defeated Black Creek Sunday 10 to 8 in a real ball game. The lead in the game changed hands no less than four different times and was a thriller from start to finish.



Bob Wolk

Black Creek loaded the bases in the ninth inning but were only able to score one run. Outside of Bob's hitting the work of Ray Miller in left field and Art Summers, the Mickie Cochrane of Seymour team, were outstanding. Miller robbed the Black Creek team of no less than two hits — once by going back to the race track after a tall fly and again by the shoe string catch while on a dead run. No less than five Black Creek base runners tried to steal second base on Art and he got them all by a city block. Most teams try to steal just once on Art and then call it a day. But these Black Creek runners were a persistent bunch.

Neither of the starting pitchers was able to stay the route. Seymour getting to Stengle for 5 runs in the third, when he was relieved by Shaw who pitched a good game the rest of the way. Lawrence John started for Seymour but had trouble locating the plate and was relieved by Leonard John in the fifth and Leonard went on from there. He had Black Creek at his mercy all the time.

Nearly 300 fans attended the game. It being the largest crowd present in recent years. The team appreciated the large attendance and we hope the fans would stay with them even if they drop a couple of games. Next Sunday the team goes to Murphy's Corners and expect a hot



game from the team. A win for the Corner's team would place them in tie for first place with Seymour. But we don't think they will win.

Seymour Mgr. Bill Row

Frank Murphy's Note: Tell the Seymour fans that Bill Row is all wet when he thinks the Corner's team cannot win. If they wish to see some real baseball, next Sunday's game

will give it to them.

Batting Averages After Three Games

	AB	Hits	Average	
R. Wolk	12	6	.500	
H. Nagle	13	6	.461	
R.C. Miller	13	5	.384	
H. Krahn	6	2	.333	
A.C. Nicodem	13	4	.307	
Leonard John	14	4	.285	
B. Vanderbloom	15	4	.266	
C. Erke	4	1	.250	
Lawrence John	12	2	.200	
G. Wassenberg	2	0	.000	
Ralph Puls, Roy Pu	ls, Ray	Mueller		
Team batting avera	age		.327	
Outagamie County League Standings				
	Won	Lost	Pct.	
Seymour	3	0	.1000	
Murphy's Corners	2	1	.666	
Nichols	2	1	.666	
Black Creek	1	2	.333	
Vans Valley	1	2	.333	

Police Warning

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Stephensville

Motorists are warned to have both their headlights and taillights in good working condition when driving at night. All dog owners are warned to not let their dogs run at large either day or night. Several complaints have been made and every dog found at large will be shot.

J.N. Decker Chief of Police

Seymour to Attend State Track Meet Saturday, May 23, 1931

Seymour High School track team will travel to Madison on Friday afternoon so it will be in good condition to compete in the state meet on Saturday. The team has shown plenty of strength in the early meets of the season, but whether the boys will be able to win at Madison is doubtful as they will be forced to meet some of the top athletes in the state. Those who will represent Seymour in each event are as follows:

> 100 Yard Dash - Huettl and Feurig 220 Yard Dash - Huettl and Spaude 440 Yard Dash Huettl and Rusch Half Mile - Feurig and Wassenberg Mile - Pauls and Ziesemer 120 High Hurdles -Piehl and Hallada 220 Low Hurdles - Piehl and Hillegas Shot Put - Koepp Pole Vault - Rusch and Shepard Broad Jump - Koepp

Seymour Track Records

50 Yard Dash - Brennan - 6 seconds, 1927 100 Yard Dash - Koepp - 10.7, 1930 440 Yard Dash - Rusch - 55.9, 1931 Half Mile - Mueller - 2:15, 1930 High Jump - Piehl and Mueller - 5'6" , 1930 Running Broad Jump - Koepp 19'6", 1931 Half Mile Relay - Ness, Mueller, Rusch and Koepp 1:40, 1930 Mile - Laskowski, Wrightstown - 4:53, 1930 Shot Put - Fenske, Gillett - 40'6" Discus - Service. Hortonville -107'6", 1930

The March 2, 1933 Issue of the Times Press included a look back at life in Seymour in 1887. H.J. Van Vuren was its editor and proprietor and gives the following facts concerning Seymour at that time.

The paper was eight pages and five columns to the page. M. Bodenheimer, had a general merchandise store in a building located on central Main Street. Here are some of Bodenheimer's prices that he advertised in the paper: Best Dress Ginghams 10 cents. A fine line of plain worsted goods at 10 cents, Best Dress Prints 6 1/2 cents. grade Dress prints 3.1/4 cents; Fine Second Ladies Kid Shoes, worth \$2.25, now \$1.25; Fine Ladies Goat Shoes, beautifully worked worth \$2.50, now \$1.50; fine kid slippers worth 90 cents now 50 cents; 25 bars of Cornet Soap \$1.00; 15 lbs. granulated sugar \$1.00; 7 lbs. of Dust Tea \$1.00; 3 pounds of Japan 40 cent Tea \$1.00; 13 pounds of Turkish Prunes \$1.00; 20 pounds of Dried Apples for \$1.00.

While these prices seem extremely low by today's standards one must remember in 1887 most of the people in the Seymour area were of low income working at one of several sawmills, for the railroad or subsisting off the land. The average annual income in the United States was \$581.00 which converts to \$15,828.00 in purchasing power today.

Northwestern Mfg. was a major employer



producing the rough material for wagons, sleighs and furniture for the factory at Fort Atkinson. They also sawed logs for customers at their mill

on West Wisconsin Street. The logs used to be piled up 25 or 30 feet high for a block or more. W.B. Comee was the superintendent of the Seymour mill and factory. They did a big business and gave a lot of employment.

Cirkel Bros. had a large stave factory (for making barrels) where the Seymour Woodenware site now is on Seymour Street. They also had a Hub & Spoke Factory.

Phillip Muehl, furniture and undertaking



was established in a building on the corner of South Main and East Factory Street.

Before 1887 Seymour had no bank until the **State Bank** was built on the west side of

Main Street that year by Fred Piehl for William Michelsetter.

The principal product of the farmer was timber of all kinds. Fire wood at 75 cents per cord, finest kind of logs at from \$2 to \$3 per thousand. Railroad ties sold at 17 cents each. The east and west charcoal kilns, located adjacent to the railroad tracks, used thousands of cords of hardwood. The kilns supplied the iron smelters in Green Bay and DePere with charcoal. Potash fertilizer was a byproduct. Times were not good, but people here were not used to having much.

At that time we had two police men, two lawyers and two courts to take care of the drunken fights and a number of bullies to look after. Then there were many who were pinched for cutting timber on someone's back 40 or buying booze for the Indians.

In 1887 there was not a creamery or cheese factory in this part of the country. Farmers made their own butter and sold it to the stores, who in turn supplied those who did not keep a cow in the city, and shipped the rest. A considerable amount of it was shipped as soap grease. Most of the farmers great problem at that time was to get their land cleared. Nearly every family kept a cow, a pig or two, geese, ducks, chickens and dogs which were allowed to roam the town. Fences and screen doors kept them out of the houses and business places.

There was no regular lumber yard. All the farmers had lumber for sale and so did the business men who exchanged merchandise for lumber, lath, shingles, logs, fire wood and what not. Coal was unknown here. A few owned a driving horse, but the dirt roads were impossible in the spring until the 4th of July.

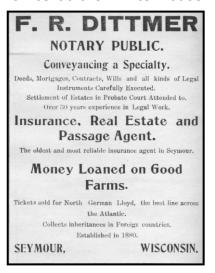
Muehl & Forward, general merchandise was in the ODD Fellows building now occupied by Fred Huth on the corner of South Main and West Wisconsin. WM F. Bunkleman, farm machinery, where the State Bank now stands. Stewart & Noll, hardware, in the Dean buildings on the corner. Wm Michelstetter, had money to loan.



W.B.Casterson, ran the general merchandise store. Seymour Planing Mill. F.J. Zachow and Fred Phiel were the operators and proprietors, and was located on the lot where the Press Office now is. The Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul Railroad is now the Green Bay & Western.

Central House and Saloon with George Falck, proprietor, stood where the Hotel Falck now is. Henry Green, flour & feed, in building which stood where Mrs. Vamdenberg's residence now is. Peter Westergreen, blacksmith, horse and ox shoeing, a specialty, where Muehl's Furniture now is. The Stewart Bros. ran the Seymour Roller Mills where the Paulie & Paulie cheese house now is. They also had a flour and feed store where the bakery now is located. A.D. Johnson, saloon and hotel is owned by Mrs. B. Moss. J.J. Bowerman, jeweler on lot now occupied by the Pool and Billiard hall. The building was moved by Paul Kuehne and occupied by Hansen's Barber shop.

F.R. Dittmer, insurance, notary public, office at residence where the auditorium now stands on Robbins Street. Part of the house is owned by Gordon Haver and the other part by Mrs. Gehrke. Holmes & Prosser, harness shop, in building now occupied and owned by the Equity. Dr. Kermis office at the White House. George Puttnam &



George Puttnam & son livery, where the Boyden store now is.

Wm. Kartzke, blacksmith and wagon maker, south of the creek on Main Street. George Droeger, blacksmith and wagon maker, on lot now occupied by D. Randerson's buildings.

At that time The Press was located in

the Aug. Wichman shoe store building. None of the ads were very large. But the business men at that time took pride in their local newspaper, as they always have. Dr. B.F. Strong was Mayor, F.R. Dittmer, Clerk, William Muehl, treasurer. Aldermen were as follows; T. E. Chubbuck, August Wolk, Van Vlasselar, George Falck, Herman Schweger, George Droeger Sr. Mr. Chubbuck and James Dean were Justices of the Peace. Mr. Van Vlasselar conducted a shoe shop, as did Carl Lemke

The teachers in the public school were: Miss Mary Vale Smith, Miss M.E. Lampson and Miss Emily T.Uecke. Mr. Campbell was the principal.

We had the same number of churches and denominations at that time. All of them built new buildings since. The local market was: Butter 12 to 14 cents, eggs 9, cheese 10 to 12, wool 22 to 30, wheat 80 to 82, oats 28 to 34, rye 55 and 56, flour \$3.00 to \$4.50 Bran \$14.50 per ton. Barley 50 and 55 cents bushel, peas 40 to 70, flax seed 85 cents and \$1.00.

Local Items – Boys find it much to their advantage to behave on the streets. Merchants, drive down the nails in the walks fronting your stores. For the first time in at least five years, Outagamie County Jail is empty. More than anything that conduces to a village growth and property is needed in Seymour. Warm weather helps us to be good. We don't care whether our neighbor now has a big wood pile or a small one. There will be a trial of the Losse Patent Hand Fire Engine next Monday evening at 7 o' clock in front of Bowerman's shop.

Picnics are being programmed. A cold lunch in the woods is always invigorating to the youth who is afflicted with palpitation of the heart, provided it is administrated by the palpitator. We hear that a young lady hailing from Shiocton took the train at that place one day last week, and had only enough money to pay her fare to Seymour, got off here and slept in a box car the next night. It seems as if she had been a worker for a family and got beat out of her pay.

Memorial Day - This day was well remembered in Seymour by the G.A.R. Post and citizens generally. Dean's Hall was crowded with people who listened to the services with great interest. Mr. W.B. Comee and family did some very fine singing. Rev. J. Schofield and Rev. Cox did the speaking and Mayor Strong, Alderman Wolk and Mr. Dittmer made appropriate remarks. Mrs. John Stewart gave some interesting reading. The crowd then proceeded to the cemetery where the old soldiers decorated the graves of their deceased friends with flowers.

Today's Chuckle

Mrs. Bobo's car ran into a motorbus today. But nothing serious happened. Only "a little paint was scratched off"

"Off of her car or off her face?"

It is said that the bathing suits will be scantier next summer. *That means you can get two eyes full.*

Crow's Nest: By H.J. VanVuren, Editor

There are people who say that the times would not improve even if the millions that are out of work or an income would get a job, or his business begin to pay a living. But just the same, let the wheels of industry begin to turn, and all of us making a fair day's wages again, we can spend more money than we could if not getting any pay. Supply and demand regulates prices. There is an over production and that over-production is caused for the reason that only about one-half of the people in the world are earning any money, so, of course, only half of us are spending. The others are wearing their old clothes and eating just enough to keep soul and body together.

The Seymour Canning Company has 75 or 80 cars of canned food stored in their warehouse, and no sale for it at any price. When people begin eating again, what they want, and not skimp along, these cans will move to make room for more cans next summer.

The birth rate has hit an all time low. Of course, it is blamed on the depression, probably not much going on in that line either.

Famous Race Horse



Barney F. was a racehorse owned by George Falck in the late 1880s. This remarkable horse was offered for sale at the Chicago horse market where it was purchased by Walter Winans of Kent, England, for the "fabulous sum," as it was considered then, of \$3,500.00. It was teamed with another fine horse and taken to England. During the following six years this team was awarded all the notable blue ribbon prizes offered in England and Europe. After the horse died it was returned to New York where it is still being admired by hundreds of thousands people each year at the New York City Museum.

Son of a wealthy American railroad builder, Walter Winans moved to England at age eighteen and shortly thereafter inherited much of his father's fortune. Winans became very active in the trotting sport, both as a breeder and driver and was instrumental in getting trotting meetings started at Parsloe's Park near London. Winans died in the sulky in 1920 during a race just as his horse was crossing the finish line.

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Ron Nachtwey: A Great Friend of the Museum

It takes the commitment of many



volunteers to operate the museum, update exhibits and staff it during open hours. From the inception 2012 no one has in volunteered more to build exhibits and repair existing displays than Ron Nachtwey. Unfortunately, Ron passed away in

December. The museum staff extends sincere sympathy to his wife Sharon, three daughters, Jodi, Rachael and Amy and her husband Scott Lemke and granddaughter Autumn.

During the early stages of museum Ron stopped by and mentioned that he worked with wood and asked if there was anything he could do to help with building displays. The first project was constructing large dividers to separate displays.



Ron crafted seven dividers to separate displays.

The Reese family decided they wanted to sponsor an exhibit in memory their of parents who owned and operated Reese's Dairy. After speaking with Ron he volunteered to build a model of the lunch counter complete with the original stools. The finished product has reminded numerous museum visitors of the good times at Reese's.

Whenever there was a need Ron stepped up and in succeeding years he built over 25 benches for music in the park, numerous display tables for the museum and shelving for the gift shop.



Ron and granddaughter Autumn at the Reese's exhibit.



Ron in the gift shop with the shelving he made.



Ron, daughter Amy and granddaughter Autumn on one of the benches he made for music in the park.

Since Ron was such an avid supporter of the museum and historical society activities, his family decided to establish a memorial fund in his honor. The following people donated. A new permanent exhibit is in development recognizing Ron's contributions.

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