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RLHe = Rib Lake Herald		I am starting this assignment on November 7, 2007. The editions of the Rib Lake Herald prior to Dec. 26, 1902, are not in the Rib Lake Library. I am starting with the first edition within the Rib Lake Library.	715-427-3444
RLLC = Rib Lake Lumber Company			email: rprusch@newnorth.net
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<b>1912</b>			
1/5/1912	RLLC & People	NEW MANAGER APPOINTED - GEORGE N. HARDER SUCCEEDS SENATOR WRIGHT AS MANAGER OF THE RLLC. "George N. Harder, the new general manager of the RLLC, successor to the late Senator Wright for the position, was here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to consult with the office force, the woods foremen and the mill foreman, and take a survey of the company's business in this locality. Tuesday he spent in the company's camps. Wednesday he left for Merrill where he will have his headquarters. He intends to come here once a week. ¶ Mr. Harder has been the company's general sales manager with headquarters at Merrill. He has been in the employ of Central Pennsylvania Leather Company, which owns the RLLC, many years and has held several important positions. At one time he had charge of the sales department of their mills in the east and acquired vast experiences in this branch of the business. When the transfer of the RLLC to the eastern concern was made, he started the new set of books in the Rib Lake office. Rib Lake people who made his acquaintance at that time do not hesitate to say they are glad he has been advanced to his position."	It sounds like the Central Pennsylvania Leather Company continues to own the RLLC. It has been previously announced that it was a holding company - the owner of its subsidiary, the US Leather Company.
1/5/1912	Rusch	DIED. "Mr. and Mrs. Albert knop mourned the death of their baby which died last week and was buried Monday from the Lutheran Church. Rev. Sydow conducted the services. Their numerous friends mourned with them."	
1/5/1912	People & Church - St. Ann's	"Frank Wudi, who is well and favorably known in this Village as a teacher, having taught the Fawn Valley School last year, was home for the holiday vacation. He is attending William's Business College at Milwaukee and hopes to finish the complete course in April."	
1/12/1912	Rusch	HERMAN EMMANUEL RUSCH. "Herman Emmanuel Rusch died at his home in this Village Sunday night, January 7, at 10:35 o'clock, after lingering illness of Bright's Disease. He was in a hospital about 2 months ago and the doctor told him there was no help for him. From that time until the end he suffered patiently, knowing the inevitable must come soon, and bore it with the fortitude of a veteran. The funeral was held from the German Evangelical Lutheran Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Arthur Sydow, Pastor of this church, officiating. Internment was made in the Rib Lake Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Rusch was born at Carlsdorf, Preuszen, Germany, [Karlsdorf, Preussen/Prussia], April 9, 1861. He served his time in the German army and then immigrated to America. He came to Rib Lake 16 years ago and have lived here since without interruption. He is survived by his wife, and 9 children. The eldest, Oscar, is at Mellen. One of the daughters was recently been married to Mr. Gilge [Martha Rusch married Julius Gilge]. ¶ The deceased was held in highest esteem in this community. He was an energetic and industrious provider for his family and a good citizen.	This is my paternal grandfather. After his first wife, Wilhelmine Klatt, died in 1885 at their farm home in Fairchild, Wisconsin, he married Ida Lange and moved to Rib Lake in 1886. He was employed as a laborer at the Rib Lake Tannery. ¶ I remember a poignant story told to me by my father, Herman Arthur Rusch. My dad was aware that his father was literally on his death bed and decided to crack him some nuts to eat. He filled a small glass with nuts and brought them to his father. His father was nibbling on them when he bit into a shell fragment.

1/12/1912 (cont)	Rusch (cont)	May he rest in peace and the memory of him linger with us. The brave family has our sympathy. ¶ The following relatives from out of town were here to attend the funeral: Frank Pollatz, a brother-in-law from Fairchild; Arthur and Frank Pollatz, nephews from Mellen; William Bartig, a nephew from Augusta; and his son Oscar from Mellen."	He jokingly told his son something to the effect, are you trying to kill me - and my father's feelings were deeply hurt. ¶ My father had fond memories of his father. Once they walked out together to South Harper Lake where my father caught a walleye. As they were leaving they talked to Enoch Berg who had a small cabin just south of present day CTH D north of the lake. My grandfather said "The little Herman caught the big fish." My father was filled with pride. ¶ Ironically, my father had no recollection that the Pollatz' were such direct relatives. My father never reported to me that he had an aunt and extended family in Fairchild/Eau Claire. I think the fact that he had an aunt in Wisconsin was simply lost on the young Herman Arthur Rusch.	
1/12/1912	Camp 1 & RLLC	"The steam log hauler of the RLLC was shipped to Athens on Monday where it will haul logs from the woods to the railroad to be loaded on cars and thence shipped to Rib Lake. As soon as a sufficient number of logs from Athens have been dumped in the hot pond here to warrant it, the mill will start on double shift. There is a large haul of hardwood and hemlock due here from Athens this winter. This, in addition to the timber which will be hauled here for Konz's and Marcus' mills will go a long way for Rib Lake to hold its prestige as the sawmill city of Taylor County."	I have indexed this under Camp 1 since I believe that the use of the term Athens was shorthand for Camp 1.	
1/12/1912	Camp 6	"Frank Erdman is hauling from Camp 6."	A well maintained ice road connected Camp 6 to Rib Lake. It was approximately 4 miles by ice road between those points. This ice road was also used by the steam hauler.	
1/19/1912	Interwald	"Albert Kraus of Interwald was in the Village Tuesday and informed us that the mill of Kraus and Swenson at Interwald will start up in March. The capacity of this mill is from 15-20 thousand feet per day. At the present time they are buying logs."		
1/19/1912	RLLC	"The sawmill of the RLLC started on a double shift Tuesday night and it is expected that the two shifts will be run for a number of months."	I wonder if this was 10 or 12 hours per shift?	
1/26/1912	Spirit Lake & Tannery	"O.A. Peterson, the enterprising lumberman of Spirit Lake, is shipping bark from Rib Lake to Milwaukee. About 170 cords in all will be loaded and freighted to the tanneries in that city."		
1/26/1912	Taylor County Lumber Company	"The Taylor County Lumber Company has acquired about 15 acres of land for a mill site in this Village. The land lies east and northeast of Ed Talbot's farm, or west of Mrs. Sara Curran's home. As soon as the weather permits, the foundation will be laid, the mill will be erected and is expected to run all summer. A stock of logs for the mill is now being hauled and decked on the strip of land secured for the mill site."		
1/26/1912	Camp 1 & Railroads - RLLC	BROKEN RAIL FOUND. "Wednesday afternoon when the Rib Lake train left Chelsea and was about a mile out headed for Rib Lake, the passengers were suddenly shaken up by a heavy jolt. When the train was brought to a stand and an examination of the track was made, it was found that about 18" of one of the rails was broken out and the locomotive and cars passed over the jog without derailment. Brakeman Duncan McDonald was left at the spot to give warning to any train which might follow and as soon as the train arrived at Rib Lake the agent at Chelsea was notified of the defective rail. The locomotive, train crew and section crew then returned to Chelsea to repair the damage before the logging train from Athens arrived. This was one of the luckiest escapes from a wreck on record."	The comment regarding the logging train from Athens confirms that the RLLC was running through trains. It would transport their logs from Camp 1 through Athens to Abbotsford northward to Chelsea and thence to Rib Lake.	
2/12/1912	Rusch & Greenwood	"Evold and Richard Stibbe have come home from camp and will haul logs for Fred Rusch [the Feb. 9 edition of the Herald under Greenwood Leaves provided "Fred Ruesch and Ed Ziemer brought in a new stock of hay from Fred's farm"]. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stibbe will make a visit to their old home in Indiana. Mr. Stibbe has a sister there who is ill and he wishes to visit her. ¶ Albert Steinman, who bought the 40 acre lot on the NW of the SE of Section 25, Township 32, and who built a shanty on the same in which he was living this winter, had the misfortune to lose it by fire together with much of his goods."		
3/1/1912	Camp 6	"Work at Camp 6 of the RLLC is to be finished on the 10th of this month."		
3/1/1912	Camp 1 & Railroads - RLLC	"The "101" which has been hauling logs from Athens for the Copper River Land Company was backed into Chelsea by a special last Saturday and was stripped on one side. This locomotive has had bad luck right along, it is said, since it went into commission. A special locomotive of the Soo Road is hauling the logs in its stead until the damage is repaired."	It sounds like there are regular loads of logs coming from Camp 1 to the Rib Lake sawmill by way of Abbotsford and Chelsea.	

3/1/1912	People & Businesses	"The new officers of the Rib Lake Cooperative Company are as follows: President Ole A. Peterson; Vice President Werner Radtke; Secretary P.J. Cullen; Treasurer Fred Everson; and Director William Diesing."		
3/1/1912	Camp 6 & Spirit Lake	"Ole Peterson finished hauling bark this week from Camp 6."		
3/8/1912	Overview - March 8, 1912	"Business in this community is not so bad after all. The lumber, ties, pulpwood, cedar, basswood bolts and hemlock bark piled up along the railroad right-of-way represent large sums of money which will come here this spring and next summer. The sawmills are shipping heavily and would ship more if the supply of [railroad] cars were not so limited. The cash deposits of the First National Bank of Rib Lake are the largest in its history, amounting to more than \$160,000."		
3/15/1912	Camp 1 & Greenwood	"Ed Klein came up home for Sunday. He is working for the RLLC in Hugh McMillan's camp. Ed is working on the landing, loading [railroad] cars, and he says they won't get through till well into April."	If my memory serves me correctly, Hugh McMillan was identified last year as the foreman at Camp 1.	
3/15/1912	People	"George F. Meyer's father, who lives in the Town of Brannan, is very ill and George came up from Calvary [Wisconsin] on that account."	George F. Meyer was the successful plaintiff in obtaining the order that train service be provided on a weekly basis between Rib Lake and Spirit Falls. Has he moved to Calvary, Wisconsin? ¶ March 22, 1912 "Louis Becker has rented George F. Meyer's farm in the Town of Brannan. Mr. Meyer is moving back to Calvary [Wisconsin].	
3/15/1912	Taylor County Lumber Company	"Adolf Daue, the well driller, while drilling a well for the Taylor County Lumber Company (Marcus and Miller), on the 5th of this month in some unaccountable manner got his right hand caught in the machinery and had it badly mangled. He will be laid up for some time. His son, Victor, finished the job of drilling."	The reference to Marcus and Miller was to Phillip E. Marcus, propriety, of the Fair Department Store. For approximately the last year, the Rib Lake Herald has identified a Miller as his chief of log purchasing department.	
3/22/1912	RLLC	"The Chicago Wood and Coal Company has bought several thousand cords of slabs from the RLLC and Fred Krieling of Merrill will saw and ship them. Mr. Krieling and family have moved into the Thomas House."	I take it that the wood was being shipped for use as firewood to the City of Chicago. That's a long haul.	
3/29/1912	Interwald & Rib River Valley	"The Wausau Lumber Company's 1912 log-drive watchman has arrived at Interwald."		
3/29/1912	Camp 4	"Camp 4 of the RLLC (near Wood Lake) broke up this week. This camp put in about 5 million feet of logs."		
3/29/1912	Politics	"If you're in politics, be a sport. A sport is a man who takes defeat as cheerfully as victory. Everybody has some friends. Sometimes a man's best friends are those who vote against him when it comes to run for office. Politics often spell R -u-i-n'. We have been many a man with good fortune and good health lose both (and friends too) in this game."		
3/29/1912	J.J. Kennedy & family	"A letter from Mrs. Angus Kennedy from Spokane, Washington informs us that they are going back on their ranch at Trommer, Hill County, Montana this month."		
4/5/1912	Camps	"The camps of Kapitz and Heinske broke up last Wednesday. This camp was near Wood Lake. They have put in a fine stock of cedar."	It is important to note that this is not Camp 4 of the RLLC. ¶ My examination of the 1913 plat map leads me to believe it was on land located by the John Desris Lumber Company located 1/4 mile east and south of Wood Lake. This 80 acre parcel was served by the railroad constructed by the RLLC. My conclusion is that Jacob Kapitz and his partner, Heinske, bought the timber rights to the 80 acre parcel owned by J. Desris Lumber Company, the W 1/2 - NW 1/4, Section 24, Township 33, Range 3 East. They logged off the 80 acre parcel and had the timber and perhaps bark shipped out. It may have been shipped to the RLLC or it may have been shipped to other mills.	
4/5/1912	Rib Lake - Village	"The new Village Board will be composed of Stephen A. Konz, who has been reelected without opposition, and the following trustees, Ralph Bruce and S.J. Williams, who hold over and Archie McLellan, Louis Olson and C.R. Claussen, who have just been elected. ¶ John Steffeck, who also holds over, will resign to the accept the office of Village Clerk, to which he has been elected without opposition. It will be up to the Board to appoint someone to fill the vacancy thus created."	The editor of the Herald, J.J. Voemastek, did not run for reelection.	

4/5/1912	Camp 1 & Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"The railroad crew which has been operating the Athens train of the RLLC made its last trip of the season last Saturday and the train has been tied up. Those members of the crew who do not live here left for their homes on Monday. John Singer, the brakeman, went to Chelsea. Mell Tennant, the engineer, who is a genial sort of a fellow, went to Abbotsford. William Delap, the notorious ticket puncher, who has been with this company the past 5 years and is very popular with the boys (and girls, too) went to Athens. John Sullivan, the fireman, lives here and Con Setterlund, the other brakeman, also lives here. The last train brought in was the record breaker. It consisted of 42 loads and on account of the heavy grades and poor track between here and Chelsea, it had to be broken in two."	It is my conclusion that the reference to the Athens does not mean a train originating in Athens but going through it. The train originated in Camp 1 about 5 miles north of Athens. This was described as a train of the RLLC because it was powered by a locomotive owned by the RLLC and/or its kissing cousin, the Copper River Land Company. It was totally devoted to hauling logs from Camp 1 of the RLLC to the mill of the RLLC in Rib Lake. ¶ Please note that this article was dated April 5, 1912, and makes reference to William Delap "who has been with this company the past 5 years". This confirms that the Camp 1 - Athens-Abbotsford-Chelsea-Rib Lake logging operation was in existence for several years. ¶ Let me comment regarding the language of breaking a train in two. This referred to the process of uncoupling 1/2 of the train. The locomotive would then take the first half of the train over the high point. The train would be shunted to a side track. The locomotive would then go back and bring over the high point the second half of the train.	
4/5/1912	Rib Lake - Village	Result of the election for the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ The vote for the various candidates stood as follows: President S.A. Konz, 199, F.J. Hintz, 7; Trustees Archie McLellan, 131, L. Olson, 194, C.R. Claussen, 195, William Banks, 87, Joseph Brehm, 1. ¶ Clerk, John Steffeck, 203. ¶ Assessor, Joseph Noerc, 84, Jacob Kapitz, 103, W.F. Krueger, 17. ¶ Treasurer, Otto Heinske, 124, George Kelnhofer, 81, Joseph Brehm, 1. ¶ Joseph Brehm, 108, Theodore Engstrand, 97. ¶ Justice of the Peace, George F. Braun, 205. ¶ constables Frank Herbst, 194, Charles Miller, 197. ¶ The total number of votes cast was 207. ¶ The total of votes cast for president and vice president and party delegates was 177, of which 1 was social democrat, 13 prohibition, 117 republican and 46 democratic. ¶ For president Woodrow Wilson, democrat received 28 and Champ Clark, 10. Oliver Stewart, prohibition 9 and Eugene F. Chafin, 1. William H. Taft, republican, 27, Robert M. LaFollette, 81. The social democratic ticket was blank from top to bottom."		
4/5/1912	Rib Lake - Town & Politics	"In the Town of Rib Lake the following officers were elected: Chairman Carl Radtke. Supervisor Henry Freiboth and Frank Knorn. Clerk Pat J. Cullen. Assessor Fred Schmidt. Treasurer Ernst Zuther. Justice of the Peace Ernst Zuther. Constables - Henry Wagner, and Adolf Yorde. Total number of votes cast was 136. For delegates of the national party conventions there were 68 republican votes, 39 democratic and 5 prohibition. LaFollette received 50 votes, Taft 11, Champ Clark 19 and Woodrow Wilson 15."	The 1912 election was a disaster for the republicans. Incumbent Taft ran and was opposed by the former president, Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt running on the bull moose party. Both were in fact republicans and their candidacy split the republican vote allowing Woodrow Wilson, the democrat, to be elected.	
4/5/1912	Businesses	"All the potatoes you have for sale. Will take them any next week. 90 cents per bussel. Inquire at Kapitz and Heinske office. Signed Prein and Welch."	Kapitz was short for Jacob Kapitz, the longtime entrepreneur and real estate salesman. Heinske was short for Otto Heinske, who for many years was the Wisconsin Central agent at the Rib Lake depot. The year before, they formed the Kapitz and Heinske real estate firm which has now branched out into other businesses.	
4/5/1912	Businesses	"William Gessert, the new butcher, who will open the new city meat market on the 11th of this month, has almost everything ready. He is a practical butcher of many years experience and will do his very best to give the patrons of the meat market for the best for their money."		
4/12/1912	Politics	"That 65% of the employees of the United States Steel Corporation in the Pittsburg district earn less than the actual of subsistence of the average American family in Pittsburg was a calculation made at the Steel Trust hearing by Louis D. Brandeis. The Associated Charities of Pittsburg have computed the cost of bare existence of a family of a husband, wife, and three children, in that city at \$768 a year said he. By working 12 hours a day, 365 days a year, 65% of the steel workers there earn \$1.50 less than the amount actually required for the bare cost of living, Mr. Brandeis declared." "Mr. Brandeis declared that in 10 years the steel corporation has taken from the American people \$65 million dollars in excess of liberal profit on its investment." "This enormous profit" he said, "has been used to grind down its employees to the misery of their present condition."	The fact that J.J. Voemastek found this article to be newsworthy tells reams about his politics. ¶ The author of the article, Louis D. Brandeis, later became a member of the United States Supreme Court. He was known for his well researched, lengthy briefs that incorporated data and research.	

4/12/1912	Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"The 1912 log drive has already gone out literally a-whooping. Plenty of water. But the shifting of the wind to the north and the cold change was hard on the men. Many worked with their clothes frozen on them after working waist deep in the ice water."	This is a clear reference to the log drive occurring down the Rib River and its tributaries.	
4/12/1912	Rib Lake - Town & Politics	"When the votes were counted of the last town election, it was found that Henry Stelling and Ernst Zuther, who were candidates for Town Treasurer, both had the same number of votes. To decide it, the candidates were to drawn, but Mr. Stelling said rather than draw, he would let Mr. Zuther have the office. When the presidential ballots were counted, however, one town ticket was found amongst them, which, when counted, gave Mr. Zuther one vote more, therefore, if this ballot had been placed in the proper ballot box there would have been no tie. It is seldom that one candidate will yield to another in a matter of this kind, and Mr. Stelling showed that he is made of the right kind of stuff. Mr. Zuther has had much sickness in his family and the little money that there is in this office will be of great help to him. He will no doubt make an efficient treasurer."		
4/12/1912	RLLC & Businesses	NEW SLAB MILL READY FOR BUSINESS. "Some time ago the Herald made mention of the fact that the RLLC sold several thousand cords of slabs to the Chicago Wood and Coal Company and that the same will be sawed and shipped this summer. ¶ Since then the company has sent Fred Kreiling, an expert mill man from Merrill, here to put up a mill for them and saw the slabs. The mill is about completed and it is expected that sawing will be commenced this week. The plant consists of one 175 horsepower boiler, 40 horsepower engine and 2 slashers. The same has been erected in the lumber company yard near the coal shed. [next to the round house-to the north of the main mill building]. Slabs will be hauled to the mill on small cars on rails and there are 15 of them. A crew of 15 men will be employed and the capacity of the mill will be about 6 carloads of slabs per day. ¶ This is an important industry for Rib Lake while it lasts. The lumber company will dispose of their slabs to good advantage and the labor required for sawing and loading the same will swell the monthly payroll just that much more. ¶ Mr. Kreiling is an expert mill man, and has been engaged in this kind of work since he was a		
4/12/1912 (cont)	RLLC & Businesses (cont)	boy, and has erected, as might be expected, a substantial plant. He will have full charge of the sawing and shipping operations."		
4/12/1912	Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"About 50 men came here from Wausau last Saturday to drive logs for the Wausau Lumber Company down the Rib River. Unless there is more rain, the drive will be slow."		
4/19/1912	Greenwood & Politics	"Newly elected offices are as follows: Chairman Joseph Probst, Supervisor August Jarchow and George Haider. Clerk Charles Schwoch, Treasurer Frank Rudolph, Assessor John Meyer, Justice of the Peace George Knower, Charles Schwoch, Constables Anton Wudi, Ed Klein and Frank Gebauer."		
4/19/1912	Rib Lake - Town & Entertainment	"The dance given at the [Rib Lake] town hall Monday night had its usual attendance. However, on account of the bad roads, the boys largely outnumbered the girls."	My late father, Herman Arthur Rusch, lived on a farm just a half mile north of the Rib Lake Town Hall. He told me that when you were a beginner dancer you were allowed into the dances for free. After about a year of free admittance, he was charged 10 cents, the usual rate to get in.	
5/3/1912	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	The town and village board agreed on Feb. 27, 1912, to jointly construct a new "logging road".	The purpose of the road was to use the terrain of the land to produce a route with smaller grades; in addition, it would serve as the way by which the ice road leading north from the village to Camp 9 and 6 could enter upon Rib Lake. The old village road went eastward between the park and private lands to the section line between sections 26 and 25. At that point it made a 90 degree turn to the corner post between sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, where it made another 90 degree turn eastward onto what is today STH 102.¶ In 2007 the road is called East Road. It makes a gentle curve and descends gently from the high land to Rib Lake. It was eventually made to the route of STH 102 until 102 was rerouted to its present location on the railroad right-of-way about 1949.	
5/3/1912	Spirit Lake	"Ole Pederson [sic] of Spirit Lake was in Chicago recently and with the assistance of Mr. Hughes disposed of a large number of summer resort lots on Spirit Lake to Chicago people. These parties intend to come here this summer."		

5/3/1912	Tannery	"Operations for starting up the tannery were begun Monday morning when a gang of men was put to work to unload and set up the new finishing machine. The vats will be filled with water to soak them up and in a short time additional men will be put on. It is about a year since this plant shut down and the resumption of operations will be hailed with delight."		
5/3/1912	Railroads - RLLC & People	"F.J. Hayward, locomotive engineer in the employ of the RLLC, has secured letters patent on a locomotive snowplow. One of these plows has been on trial in Michigan and has made good and deep drifts. It can be built in any size and can be lifted up to get under the front end of the engine. The wings are adjustable."		
5/10/1912	Businesses & Greenwood	"The principal item of interest at this time is the farmers telephone meeting which will meet on Sunday afternoon, May 12, at 2 o'clock in John Meyer's hall, Interwald, to discuss feasibility and plans for the building of about 18 miles of farmers telephone line plan to accommodate patrons from Joe Martin's farm and Knower's store and Kraus and Swensen's sawmill to join the line at Mathey's saloon corner and including short side lines to Anderson brothers place and the Ignaz Fuchs farm. Therefore, everyone along the line named from Mathey's place in Browning to Interwald, including Joe Martin's folks and Ignaz Fuchs' folks and the Anderson brothers, and any outside farm that feels interested and would like to be heard in the matter, is most cordially invited and hereby petitioned to come and be present at said meeting and to help make the new improvements a sure go and a big business success and pleasure to all the settlements between Interwald and Mathey's place, or, of course, Medford and all the outside world, as that is the object. Signed Ye Scribe George Knower."		
5/10/1912	People & Rib Lake - Village	AUTOMOBILES IN RIB LAKE. "There are 15 automobile owners in Rib Lake. This, we are told, is more than in any other place in Taylor County. The state gets \$75 a year license fees from these since the new law was passed. Part of this license money comes back to the county to be spent on fixing up county roads. ¶ The names of the owners and makes of cars follows: J.J. Voemastek, Ford Touring Car; F.E. Poole, Ford Touring Car and Pierce-Arrow Runabout; H. Sargent, Flander Runabout; Otto Olson, Oakland Touring Car; Kapitz and Heinske, Oakland Touring Car; Frank Haas, Ford Runabout; F.J. Hintz, Maxwell Touring Car; E.C. Getchel, Ford Touring Car; Eric Dahlberg, R.C.H. Touring Car; J.J. Kulstad, Oakland Touring Car; Gottlieb Smith, Stoddard-Dayton Touring Car; S.A. Konz, Maxwell Touring Car; Dr. S. Brace, R.C.H. Touring Car; George F. Braun, R.C.H. Touring Car for his own use and Maxwell Runabout, Ford Runabout and Metz Runabout at his garage. ¶ It seems to us the time is now right for organizing an auto club."		
5/10/1912	People	OBITUARY. "John Vlach, of the Town of Browing, died at his home Monday after an illness of about a week of pneumonia. He was born at Nova, Kdyn, Bohemia, in 1873 and came to this country in 1891. He leaves a wife and 6 small children, Eddie 10, Ella 8, Mary 6, Bozie 4, Miles 2 and Libby 6 months. ¶ The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon, Charles Schlais officiating. Those from away who attended the funeral were Emil Sekadlo, Joseph Vlach, James Vlach and Jake Kapitz of Rib Lake and George Lang and two sisters of Milladore. ¶ Deceased was well and favorably known in Rib Lake and the news of his death was a great shock to all who knew him."		
5/10/1912	RLLC & People	NEW LAUNCH ARRIVES. "The new launch of Joseph Mauch, the mill superintendent, and Charles Skon, arrived from Ashland on Monday and has been tried out on found to be more powerful than anticipated. Eleanor, as she is named, is 24 feet long and has 8 foot beam. 18" light draft, seats 30 passengers, has a cabin and is rated at 12 horsepower. She was built in Ashland and cruised on the bay for a while. Messrs. Mauch and Skon will use her for towing dead heads and booms and for carrying passengers. It's nice for Rib Lake to have such a boat."		
5/17/1912	Spirit Lake	"Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Tabor and one of their sons came up from Dorchester Tuesday and went to Spirit Lake to make improvements on their summer cottage. They drove out with Ole Peterson who had 8 cans of fish to haul out to Spirit Lake."		
5/17/1912	Rib River Valley & C.T. Hintz	"C.T. and F.J. Hintz are making preparations for peeling bark. Their operations will be in the Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood and they will peel about 1,000 cords. It will take about 2,500,000 feet of timber to furnish this bark and the same will be logged next winter for the Marathon Paper Mills Company of Rothschild, near Wausau, and will be floated down Rib River in the spring."		

5/17/1912	RLLC	"The new power launch is towing dead heads to the mill. Frank Martin is engineer and Engineer Skon is pilot. Charles Skon and Fred Curran make the rafts. The record thus far has been 200 dead heads per day. If the weather would warm up to make it easier working in the water it is probable that 250 per day would be picked up. This boat has a record. At the time we had such floods up north it rescued about 200 people marooned on the bridge at Onanah [inside the Indian Reservation in Ashland County, Wisconsin]. It was the only boat in Ashland which could go up the river against the strong current."	The RLLC had a plan for retrieving sunken logs. It was not uncommon for logs to become waterlogged and to sink into Rib Lake before they could be pulled into the sawmill. A raft was made and young men were placed on the raft with pipe poles. They would probe the bottom and when they located a sunken log, two men would drive their pipe poles into the log and slowly pull them to the surface. The logs would then be attached to dry cedar logs. When enough of these water soaked logs were accumulated, the power launch would tow the dead heads to the mill. ¶ About 2000 an effort was made to retrieve dead heads from Rib Lake. Several hundred logs were recovered and some was manufactured into wood paneling, who now adorns the Rib Lake Village Hall. ¶ Bear in mind that sunken logs do not rot.	
5/17/1912	Rusch & People	FREIMUTH - RUESCH [SHOULD READ RUSCH]. "Miss Rose Freimuth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Freimuth, and Mr. Oscar Ruesch were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock by Rev. Merritt at the home of the bride's parents. The attending couples were Mrs. Mary Freimuth and Alma Bock and Messrs. Robert Ruesch [sic] and Ed Koglien. The young couple are both well known in this city. The bride has lived in the city a number of years and is a very popular young lady. The groom is employed as delivery man by B. Block and is a very industrious man. They will go to housekeeping at once in East Mellen and their many friends wish them the best of luck. - Mellen Weekly"	This couple had 2 children of which 1 survives; Howard Rusch, my first cousin, now resides in Grafton, Wisconsin. ¶ For many years Oscar Rusch ran a grocery and meat market in Mellen. He went bankrupt during the great depression and moved to Phelps, Wisconsin where he ran the meat market for the H.C. Christensen store. ¶ I remember Uncle Oscar well. He was a short, pleasant man always with a twinkle in his eye.	
5/31/1912	Taylor County Lumber Company	NEW MILL STARTED UP. "The mill of the Taylor County Lumber Company was steamed up and tried out last Wednesday and active operations were begun yesterday. Everything is working nicely and logs are being converted into lumber at a rapid gate. Another industry for greater Rib Lake!!!"		
6/15/1912	Businesses	"The Rib Lake Creamery is starting to do business with big patronage. There are about 100 patrons on its list and prospects are good for many more. ¶ Notice! I take pleasure in announcing to the people of Rib Lake and vicinity that I have bought out the store of S.A. Konz. I would like to have everybody know that the business will be conducted on the same lines as heretofore, and that the store will be stocked up more than ever before, and some new departments will be added, such as clothing and ladies and gents furnishings. Signed Peter Lieg. Store will be open Sunday mornings."		
7/5/1912	Germania	"Charles Seidel, who owns what is called the "First and Last Chance" saloon, has torn down the old hall which was known as the Germania Hall and has begun to lay a foundation for a new building for the saloon."	This location was on the north side of Lakeshore Drive, perhaps 150 feet northwest of the location of the 2007 boat launch. The saloon was directly across the street from the newly opened Rib Lake Creamery.	
7/12/1912	Spirit Lake	"A merry crowd of Chicagoans are camping at Spirit Lake. They are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hughes, Charles Sincere of the Chicago Board of Trade, Gus Gleuckauf, also the Board of Trade; Sam Wolff, ditto, and Miss Henrietta Hertz. ¶ The 4th of July celebration at Pederson's [sic] dance pavilion at Spirit Lake was a grand success and many from this village took the advantage of the opportunity for an outing. Tomorrow night and Sunday there will be a picnic and dance at the same place and the brass band of Dorchester will be here to furnish music for the occasion."	Ole Peterson's dance pavilion was located on the northwest shoreline of Big Spirit Lake in Price County perhaps 300 feet north of the channel. Most individuals got there by motor launch. Ole ran a launch on the present site of STH 102 on Little Spirit Lake westward through Little Spirit and through the channel and thence to the pavilion. A boat house stood at that site as late as the 1960's. Today nothing remains.	
7/19/1912	RLLC	MEN WANTED. "Men wanted to cut railroad ties at Knowlton, Wisconsin. Also men for railroad work at the same point. Apply Monday, July 22, at RLLC's office, Rib Lake, Wisconsin." ¶ "The stockholders of the RLLC elected a board of directors at the office Monday as follows: Edward C. Hoyt, Eugene Horton, G.W. Childs, Fred Knapp, T.R. Begley, S.J. Williams and George N. Harder. ¶ The directors will meet in New York July 30 to elect the other officers."		
8/9/1912	Interwald	"Albert Kraus, the Interwald sawmill man, is putting in a veneer machine and will manufacture veneer for cheese boxes."	The location of the sawmill can still be noted by a concrete abutment 40 feet north of present HWY M, 1/2 mile east of the Rib River.	

8/16/1912	Railroad & Businesses	"The Marinette, Tomahawk and Western Railroad will be sold at auction at its station in Tomahawk, by order of the circuit court."	This line was founded by the late William Bradley, founder and mayer of Tomahawk. It connected with the Wisconsin Central southwesterly of Spirit Falls and provided the direct rail connection between Rib Lake and Tomahawk. ¶ The railroad existed as a separate corporate entity until about 1995. In 2007, its tracks are still the means of connecting from the old Milwaukee Road line in downtown Tomahawk to the large paper plant at the junction of the Spirit and Wisconsin Rivers.	
8/23/1912	Spirit Lake & People	PETER PETERSON. "Peter Peterson, pioneer settler of the Spirit Lake settlement, passed away from this earth peacefully Monday afternoon, August 19, at 4:30 o'clock at his farm home on the north bank of Spirit Lake, at the ripe old age of 66 years, 8 months and 15 days. ¶ He was in poor health for a number of years and the past 5 months declined rapidly. He is survived by a wife and 8 children. The sons are Peter Peterson of Northwest Canada, Charles of the Town of Brannan; Oscar of Libby, Montana; Ole A. and Ed of Spirit Lake; Mrs. Martin Burk of Shawano; Mrs. Charles Dodge of Rib Lake and Mrs. Ray of Libby, Montana, are the daughters. ¶ All of his family, except his sons, Peter and Oscar, and daughter Mrs. Ray, were at his bedside when he passed away. ¶ Mr. Peterson came to Ogema from Sweden with his wife and four sons in 1883 and settled at once on his present homestead, and has lived there continuously since. He was a man of temperate habits, sturdy constitution, ambitious and was well liked. Since his health began to decline, his son Ole has had charge of the farm. ¶ The funeral was held from the Swedish Lutheran Church in Brannan Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.	Ole Peterson converted his father's farm into a golf course. The land was purchased by Lester and Herbert Magnuson in the 1950's who planted the fields to pine. In 2007, the farm is now totally forested.	
8/23/1912 (cont)	Spirit Lake & People (cont)	It had a large attendance. The bereaved widow and children have received a flood of verbal and written condolences, in which the Herald joins their numerous friends."		
8/30/1912	Spirit Lake	"Last week we had occasion to visit Spirit Lake and took time to inspect the dance pavilion of O.A. Peterson. Nothing ever surprised us more than this hall. We supposed we should find a hemlock floor a few inches above the ground covered over with rough boards, but instead we found a modern dance hall. The building is erected in a substantial manner, with good roof, doors and windows and a smooth hardwood floor. The windows have wickets which can be closed in stormy weather to keep out the rain. In the north end there is an elevated platform for dais for the musicians. Built onto the west, in a sort of lean to, is a kitchen and refreshment room. The windows and doors have screens to keep out flies. The hall has good ventilation and is so built that rainy weather cannot interfere with dancing parties."		
8/30/1912	Clubs/Orders	GRAND BALL. "The Scandanavian Aid and Fellowship Society of this village will formally open Ed Johnson's hall next Friday, Sept. 6, by giving a dance therein. Good music will be furnished. Dancing will start at 8:00 p.m. Admission 75 cents per couple. Everybody is invited."		
8/30/1912	Fawn Valley & Hintz Town	"Joe Tilp, Frank Diabl, Adolf Tuscani, Joe Kauer, Anton Kauer, Jr., Lambert Lamberti, Mike Schwarz and Charlie and Frank Stirn left for LaBass, Alberta, Canada, to work for a large lumber company which intends to log 1 billion feet of spruce. The lowest wages are said to be \$2.50 a day." ¶ "Henry Stelling has finished sawing shingles at Hintz Town."		
9/6/1912	Camp 7 & RLLC	WILL LOG THIS WINTER - RLLC WILL BUILD CAMP AT ONCE. "Wednesday morning the Herald was given the authentic news that the RLLC will operate the coming winter on sections 10, 14, 15 and 16, Town 33, Range 3 East, to the extent of about 8 million feet. The operations will cover 23 forties. The camp will be located on the old [railroad] line about 2 miles from Schaack's on the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 16, Township 33, Range 3 East at a large spring this is convenient for a water supply. The camp will be built as soon as lumber can be got on the ground and the woods operations start at once. ¶ The first requisite of an undertaking of this kind is men. The company can use 125. If you want a job you can get it now and will not have to hunt further, provided you can do the kind of work they have for you. ¶ This matter of the company logging the coming winter has been an item of speculation all summer. Up to a few days ago it looked as though they would not cut a log this season. When the time for bark peeling was here last spring, the hemlock market was anything but cheerful and from a business point of view to log and peel bark at that time, was a losing venture.	The camp to be constructed was Camp 7 of the RLLC. It is located directly on the east of the old railroad right-of-way. RPR has a beautiful photograph of the camp. Today it is within the Taylor County Forest.	
9/6/1912 (cont)	Camp 7 & RLLC (cont)	Since then conditions have changed. Hemlock went up, the demand is growing, and hardwood never sold better. The logs will be peeled next spring and in the meantime the mill will run on the stock in the lake and after a short shutdown for repairs, will start on the hardwood. ¶ Our citizens who have families and own their homes, who have been wondering what to do next winter, and the businessmen who look toward the winter as an approaching dull season, are agreeably surprised at the happy turn of events."		



9/6/1912	Tannery & People	"The Rib Lake Tannery will have finished running out the leather in stock in a few days and Superintendent John Hannifen is going to Stanley to run out the leather in that tannery. Some of the tannery men are going to Stanley with him." ¶ "Attorney William Pringle, formerly of this village, but now of Columbus, Wisconsin, was here Monday for the purpose of renewing acquaintances. His daughter, Edith, has secured a position in our public schools and he thought this would be an opportune time to make a visit."		
9/6/1912	Overview - Sept. 6, 1912	"This summer has or will see more new buildings and improvements in this village than has been made for years. S.A. Konz has built a house near his mill, and will build a modern residence near the school house. P. E. Marcus has begun to build a modern home, Jacob Miller is rebuilding his house, Charles Gummo is building an addition to his, A. Bonneville has raised his hotel and put in a new foundation and is building a concrete sidewalk, Henry Mathias has built a concrete sidewalk in front of his hotel. A. Bonneville is building a basement under his house in which Dr. Harrison lives, F.J. Hintz has built a garage, so has Otto Oleson, several of the company houses have been repaired and painted, and Taylor County Lumber Company built a new mill last spring. August Radtke built a cheese factory and Charles Seidel, Jr. is building a new saloon. In addition to the foregoing there has been much repairing and painting done throughout the village and it will be difficult to find a house that has not had some fixing done inside or out."		
9/20/1912	Taylor County Lumber Company	"The Taylor County Lumber Company has several hoop makers employed at their mill making hoops. They are doing the work by hand and are making good waxes."		
9/20/1912	Camp 7	"The RLLC has the work of building the lumber camps well under way. About 35 men are on the job with Charles Laack and Charles Bangle as head carpenters."		
9/27/1912	Railroads - RLLC	"Anton Klister, who has been in Medford all summer and employed by the Medford Lumber Company, has returned and is again in the employ of the Rib Lake Lumber Company as their section foreman. ¶ The RLLC is putting in railroad scales for their use near the depot. Hereafter all empty and loaded cars will be weighed to avoid difficulties with the railroad for overcharge."	Anton Klister was employed by the Medford Lumber Company to extend its lumber line towards Perkinstown during the summer of 1912.	
10/4/1912	Schools & Fawn Valley	"This week we had occasion to visit the Fawn Valley School and get acquainted with the teacher, Erven E. Parker. Mr. Parker is a graduate of the Medford High School and this is his 4th year of teaching. The school opened on the 9th of September with an enrollment of 42, which, however, will reach 60 in winter. The seating capacity at present is 66. The school has a good library which contains about 300 volumes. Free textbooks are furnished by the district. The school has good ventilation and is heated with a furnace. We could not help but notice that the room was neat, bright and clean and there was a place for everything. Mr. Parker also teaches German."	Fawn Valley school was located in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The building was torn down about 1960 and some of the lumber was used by Marlin Walbeck to build his new home along CTH C, SE 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. ¶ Note the class sizes. The class size increased dramatically once winter set in and kids were no longer needed on the farm. This was a one-room school and the older children helped teach the younger.	
10/4/1912	RLLC	"Eugene Horton, general superintendent of the land department of the United States Leather Company, with headquarters in New York City, is here on an inspection tour this week. George A. Harder, general manager of the RLLC, came here with him Wednesday."		
10/11/1912	Physicians	"Dr. Harrison, who has been located in Rib Lake for about 2 years, has connected himself with the medical staff of Dr. Rinehart's Hospital at Ashland, a very desirable position, and his family will follow him in about 10 days. Mrs. Harrison and son came down from Ashland on Wednesday."		
10/11/1912	Rusch & Businesses	"Robert Rusch begun his apprenticeship in Eric Gilbertson's shoe shop Monday. He will learn the shoemakers trade."	The reference is to Robert Ludwig Rusch, the uncle to the narrator, Robert Paul Rusch.	
10/11/1912	Schools & Fawn Valley	"Notice is hereby given to the parents of children of school age, who have not yet sent them, to the law which requires that each child shall attend school at least 6 months in the year. It also requires that they begin with the first month. It is the duty of the teacher to report all parents who do not comply with this law."		
10/18/1912	Railroad	"R.B. Tweedy, general manager of the Bradley interests, was the only bidder for the Marinette, Tomahawk and Western Railway Company at the receivers sale, but the sale is subject to confirmation with the court. The lines of the road aggregate 44 miles and was founded by the late William S. Bradley, lumberman."		
10/18/1912	Rib Lake Herald	"Statement of ownership and management of the Rib Lake Herald published weekly at Rib Lake, Wisconsin, and required by act of August 24, 1912. Name of editor, John J. Voemastek, Post office address, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	The statement goes on to note that John J. Voemastek was the managing editor, business manager, publisher and owner. He represented that there was no mortgage or other security holders. ¶ The Rib Lake Herald was clearly a one man operation.	

10/25/1912	Camp 8	"While working in Camp 8, this week, Lambert Fuchs cut his knee. He was chopping down a tree when the ax slipped and cut him." "Paul Erdman started to work in Camp 8 this week."	Camp 8 was located in Section 25, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. My present opinion is that it was located in the SE 1/4 - NW 1/4. The camp was served by a railroad spur running northwesterly through section 25 and through 23 joining to the Wood Lake branch of the Rib Lake Lumber Company.	
10/25/1912	Camp 7	"Paul Prah, who got his ankle sprained while decking logs at Camp 7, was able to resume his job."	Camp 7 and 8 are working in October 1912.	
10/25/1912	Agriculture	AUCTION SALE. "I shall offer for sale at public auction on my farm, 4 miles east of Rib Lake, described as NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 28, Town 30 North, Range 3 East, to the highest bidder on October 30 commencing at 10:00 a.m. the following chattels, to wit: 5 head of horses, one team of mares, 6 and 7 years, 1 driving horse, 6 years, 2 colts, yearlings; 1 hog; 1 sleigh; 1 cutting; 1 wagon; 1 set working harness; 1 set buggy harness; 3 plows; 1 cultivator; 1 disc harrow; 1 smoothing harrow; 1 spread tooth harrow; 1 ace horsepowerd gasoline engine; 1 wood saw; 3 cut off saws; 1 set blacksmith tools; 10 tons hay; 3 tons straw, corn and fodder; 1 cream separator; 1 root cutter; 1 feed cutter; 1 set scales; 1 13" self feed cutter and elevator; logging tools; 1 mower, 1 rake; and other things too numerous to mention. ¶ Terms: all sums under \$10, cash. Over \$10, cash or approved notes, interest at 7%. Refreshments will be served. P.J. Pleus, will be auctioneer. Signed Frank Smithers, owner."	The 1913 plat book shows J. Smithers as the owner of an 80 acre parcel, the E 1/2-NW 1/4, Section 28. In 2007 that land is owned by Kurt and Petti Mannel.	
10/24/1912	Camps	"Kapitz and Heinske are starting two logging camps, one on the Copper River [sic] and one at Wood Lake. They will employ about 40 men and will cut cedar, black ash and tamarack."	The entrepreneur, Jacob Kapitz, recently formed a partnership with the former Soo Line station agent, Otto Heinske. Copper Creek flows through the western portion of Town 33 North, Range 3 East. In Section 7 it flowed by the farmhouse of Mr. Klostermann and was referred to as Klostermann Creek in those environs. ¶ The 1913 plat book shows that Kapitz and Heinske owned the E 1/2- NW 1/4, Section 28, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. I take that to be the location of one of the camps since the parcel was bisected by Copper Creek.	
11/8/1912	Businesses	"The Rib Lake Bottling Works, one of our latest industrial acquisitions, owned by Albert Johnson, who moved here from Phillips, has now been in operation for a month and is delivering first class goods. We hope that all those who use bottled goods of this kind will see their way clear to patronize this home industry exclusively."	I believe they are referring to a bottler of soda pop. My father recounted the fact that growing up in Rib Lake in about 1912 each Saturday he would work at the soda bottling works. His job was cleaning the bottles. His pay was the opportunity to drink all the soda pop he wanted.	
11/8/1912	Camp 8	"Frank Novak started working in Camp 8 yesterday. He is stamping logs."		
11/15/1912	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Angus McMillan and their youngest daughter, Lucille, are here on a few days visit at the home of the former's brother, Hugh McMillan. It is 5 years since they lived here and their present home is at St. Mary's, Idaho. They have been visiting in Montreal, Boston and other places in the east. We are certainly glad to see them. H.A.B. Kennedy and his brother Dan also are located at St. Mary's."	Hugh A.B. Kennedy and Dan are brothers.	
11/22/1912	Businesses	"The fuel supply company of Chicago, whose business in Rib Lake is managed by Fred Kreiling, shipped 3 heavy wagons from Glidden to Rib Lake for their use. They also bought 100 cords of slabs from Taylor County Lumber Company. This will make about 6 [rail] carloads."		
11/22/1912	J.J. Kenendy & family	"Harold Kennedy has returned from Canada where he has been living on a homestead with his father."		
12/20/1912	J. J. Kennedy & family & people	DUNCAN MACLENNAN (written for the Herald by a friend of the deceased). "Postmaster Duncan MacleNNan passed away at his home in this village shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11, 1912. He closed his eyes and breathed his last as peacefully as while quietly going to sleep. The end came so gently that the watching family and friends surrounding him scarcely knew when the change occurred. He leaves a wife, a daughter Maude, and two sons, Donald and Robin, and a brother, Daniel, Rochester, New York. ¶ Burial services were held at the home at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Rev. R. Davies, Pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. The pallbearers were A.G. Allard, B. Hoey, F.C. Bailey, Peter Clendenning, T.R. Begley and E.C. Getchel. The body accompanied by friends and relatives was taken to Wild Rose, Wisconsin for internment on Saturday. Rev. Tuttle of that place officiating. He buried in the same lot with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Mayme Oligmey, who preceded him into the great beyond only 11 days. Those from away who were here to aid and console the bereaved ones were a son, Donald from Wausau,	Nota bene: Duncan McLennan was a brother-in-law to J.J. Kenndy and his longtime personal secretary.	

12/20/1912 (cont)	J. J. Kennedy & family & people (cont)	Mr. and Mrs. McNelty of Wild Rose, Mrs. Maggie Briggs of White Rock, South Dakota, and Edwrd Oligmey of Marshfield, Wisconsin. In this connection too much cannot be said in commendation to the heroic work and tender solicitous assistance rendered by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Clark of this village. ¶ Mr. Maclennan was born in Williamstown, Glen Gary County, Ontario, January 21, 1943, hence was nearing his 70th birthday at time of his death. He received his education in the public schools of Canada where he taught school one year, then moving to the State of New York. In 1876 he came to Wisconsin and in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. J.J. Kennedy, settled in Spencer where Mr. Kennedy engaged in the lumber business and Mr. Maclennan entered his employ. In November, 1881, their lumber operations were transferred to Rib Lake where they erected a sawmill, boarding house, a store and an office building, besides numerous dwelling houses for employees. The business developed into a great enterprise, where Mr. Maclennan had full force of the office affairs and of the large store and was Mr. Kennedy's confidential secretary as manager as long as he continued in business.		
12/20/1912 (cont)	J. J. Kennedy & family & people (cont)	The history of Rib Lake could not be written without according to Mr. Maclennan's numerous and important positions in connection with its development. He was the first postmaster and continued to hold that position until his death with the exception of 4 years during Cleveland's second administration. He was the first chairman of the Town of Rib Lake, also served as town treasurer, was for several years a member of the county board of supervisors and for 2 years its chairman, was a member of the board of education, was prominent in establishing the first Methodist Episcopal Church and was instrumental in the organization in establishing of the First National Bank and was for several years its president. His marriage to Miss Addie B. Christie occurred on his 43rd birthday. At an early age his joint the presbyterian church but in after years united with the methodist episcopal church and served as one of its deacons and trustees until his death. He was a dovout Christian and lived it. Every day was only one more testimonial of the purity of his thoughts and his fidelity and love to his maker."		
<b>1913</b>				
1/3/1913	C.T. Hintz	"C.T. Hintz has started his sawmill at Hintz Town and the same will run all winter. About 25 men are required when the mill is in full operation. The lumber is hauled to Rib Lake for shipment. In addition to the mill hands, Mr. Hintz has a large crew engaged in logging."	C.T. stood for Carl Theodore. He was the brother of F.J. Hintz.	
1/10/1913	C.T. Hintz & Rib River Valley	"C.T. Hintz has started up his mill and the same will run all winter on lumber and lath. The cut is figured to be about 1 million feet of lumber and 1 million of lath. Mr. Hintz will also log about 1 million feet of hemlock logs to the river, which will be floated down the river for the Marathon Paper Mills Company of Rothschild for pulpwood. ¶ C.T. Hintz closed a deal of importance last week which will interest Rib Lake people. He traded his hotel at Plainfield for a large farm one mile north of Merrilan Junction. Said farm consists of 560 acres and buildings, of which 200 acres are cleared, together with all personal property, namely: 32 head of cattle; 6 head of horses and colts; 38 hogs; all farm machinery, 60 tons of hay, etc. The farm and personal property is valued at \$22,000. Gust Hintz, one of the brothers, is now managing the farm. The deal was engineered by F.J. Hintz of this village who has made a record in bygone days of some pretty big deals."		
1/24/1913	Camp 4	"George Kmetz went to Camp 4 last Thursday. He intends to work there with his horses."	The longevity of Camp 4 is amazing. Camps 1, 2, 3 and 4 were established the first year the US Leather Company purchased the RLLC. Camp 4 has been working since that time during the winters.	
1/24/1913	Stephen Konz	"S.A. Konz's mill is now running full blast and there are good prospects that it will run all summer. The cut is estimated at 65,000 ties, 1 million feet of logs, more or less lath, and 3 million shingles. The logging is being done on contracts."		
1/24/1913	RLLC	"Mr. Cornelius Philius, who is the traveling auditor for the Central Leather Company, was in Rib Lake to audit the books of the RLLC and the Union Tanning Company. Mr. Philius has become a motor enthusiast, but not enough so as to travel in the motor car during zero weather."		
1/31/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Miss Anna Mae Kennedy is again employed in Upjohn's Pharmacy. She has been studying at Marquette University, Milwaukee, and has been licensed assistant pharmacist."	Anna Mae Kennedy was a niece to J.J. Kennedy.	
1/31/1913	Spirit Lake	"The Spirit Lake mill, which is now owned by William Waters of Humbird, is to start up next week. This mill has been shut down for a number of years and its resumption of operations is a big thing for Spirit Lake. The capacity is about 20,000 feet per day."		
2/7/1913	Businesses	"Kapitz, Heinske and Hughes purchased all the cedar on 1/2 of the section owned by the Wausau Lumber Company, in Lincoln County. They are putting in another camp there. The timber will be landed at Goodrich and part of it will be shipped to Rib Lake to be manufactured."	The last two years the firm has been Kapitz and Heinske. This is the first mention of a third partner. The landing is near Goodrich on the railroad line. The logs will be taken by train through Athens and Abbotsford to Rib Lake.	

2/14/1913	Railroads - RLLC	"The Lima engine of the RLLC has been equipped with a new cab and back sanders. F. Luchanbach, the master mechanic, and Fred Ungerer and Charles Bangle did the work."		
3/7/1913	Stephen Konz	"The busiest manufacturing plant in the Village at the present time is Konz's mill. It is sawing ties at the rate of 1,200 a day and the same are loaded into [railroad] cars right from the saw. About 50,000 ties have been sawed this winter and 15,000 more will clean up the tie timber in stock for this season. The mill crew numbers about 20 men. This winter Mr. Konz has the largest stock of logs in his yard of any time since he built his mill here."		
2/21/1913	Interwald & Rib River Valley	"The Wausau Lumber Company has brought up its boats and tent to have them ready for the drive."		
3/21/1913	People	B.J. Landall. "We learned the other day that B.J. Landall, a former citizen of this village, had died at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho in January. Mr. Landall was bookkeeper in the tannery office 16 years ago and later became associated with A.C. McComb of Oshkosh in the real estate venture since known as McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake. Landall Avenue is named for him. Up to a year or so ago Mr. Landall lived in Spencer. Many of our citizens remember him as an honest, good souled fellow."		
3/21/1913	Businesses	"Messrs. Prein and Washatka, who are to take possession of the Rib Lake Creamery next Tuesday, were here the first of the week on business connections with this deal. Mr. Washatka is a son of the late Peter Washatka of Chelsea and Mr. Prein is the butter maker who was employed by L.H. Schrader in his Chelsea creamery and later in his Ogema creamery. They are hustling for business."	Prein and Washatka have taken over for August Radtke to assume the creamery.	
4/11/1913	Camps	"The RLLC wants 350 bark peelers on May 10. So far as it is known at the present time, this company will run 4 camps this summer and will need lots of men."	Last winter, the RLLC operated at least Camp 4, 7 and 8. There may have been more camps operating run by the RLLC, but no mention was made of them during the last winter season.	
4/11/1913	Clubs/Orders	THE NEW MEN'S CLUB. "A meeting was held last Monday evening at UpJohn's Drug Store for the purpose of organizing a men's club. S.A. Konz was elected to the chair. A general discussion followed on the best ways and means of establishing a club that would advertise itself, viz, a real men's club - self-supporting - where businessmen and working men could meet their associates in congenial surroundings and which would promote the educational interests of Rib Lake, the social enjoyment of the members and a resort for the young men of the town. The club to consist of a clubroom, reading room, library, etc. ¶ The chair appointed Messrs. E. Kringel and H. Batzer as canvassers for likely subscribers. Mr. UpJohn was asked to make an estimate of the cost to start such a club and to recommend a subscription price to cover same. ¶ The following businessmen were present, S.A. Konz, P. Lieg, James UpJohn, John McRae, F. Niggemann, J.A. Taylor, A.J. Allard, James Downs, Ed Kenney and many others. Signed Rev. R. Davies, Secretary."		
4/25/1913	Rusch & People & Fawn Valley	"Henry Klostermann came up from Missouri last week to begin work on his farm."	The Henry Klostermann farm consisted of 360 acres in Section 7, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. In 2007, a major portion of the farm - including the site of the old farmhouse - is occupied by my brother, Thomas Michael Rusch, and his wife, Mary Ann. Henry Klostermann gave his name to Klostermann Creek, a/k/a Copper Creek.	

4/25/1913	Camp 9	"The RLLC's preparations for their new camps are well under way and the work of building the new camps commenced this week. The tote team took a load of men out to Harper's Lakes Tuesday morning."	RPR believes this is a reference to the construction of Camp 9 just to the southwest of Hultman Lake, Price County. A tote road led from the Village of Rib Lake north to that camp. It went within a mile of Harper Lake. ¶ It may also be that the editor - unfamiliar with the area, confused Hultman Lake with Harper Lake. ¶ Camp 8 did operate the year before. If a new camp was being established by the RLLC, it would be #9. The site of Camp 9 in 2007 is owned by Jerry Blomberg. ¶ The tote road being referred to was a highland wagon road to carry food stuffs and supplies to the camps. In 2007, over a mile of the original right-of-way is being maintained as a recreational trail by the Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club. Those sections are located in Sections 12 and 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. To clearly mark the portions of the old tote road, they are marked by silver paint blazings on trees.	
5/2/1913	Environment & Fire	"Notice - Arbor and Bird Day. It is ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rib Lake that in conformity with the proclamation of the governor of the State of Wisconsin, setting aside May 2 as Arbor and Bird Day, fire prevention day and general cleaning day, that the citizens of the village make an honest effort to carry out the good work contained in the proclamation and then make the day one of cleaning refuse and rubbish and the planting of trees and flowers. Let the slogan be "A more beautiful Rib Lake" and let every citizen do his share of the good work. Plant a tree May 2. Signed S.A. Konz, President."		
5/2/1913	Railroads - RLLC	"George Clark and Charles Bangle, carpenters for the RLLC, are building a pile driver for the company's railroad operations."	The same edition of the Herald provides coverage of the complaint by the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber Manufacturer's Association regarding increases in the rates charged by railroads for hauling logs to sawmills. The complaint alleged an increase from 70 to 100%. The manufacturers complained that these rates were exorbitant. This phenomenon provided a strong basis for a lumber company to own and operate its own trains.	
5/2/1913	People & Greenwood	"William Peche returned from Schleising, Germany, on the 20th of April after a 9 month visit there. He does not like it there anymore."	Here is an unusual story of a settler returning to his European town for a visit. This was rare. Most settlers never had the opportunity to return or even think about having the resources for a return visit. The Peche family gave its name to Peche Drive, one of our main thoroughfares.	
5/2/1913	Businesses & Bank	"Eric Gilbertson, the shoemaker, and H.C. Headstream, the watch maker, have rented E.C. Getchel's building, better known as the State Bank building, and moved in on Wednesday."	For the past 3 or 4 years there has been no mention in the Herald concerning the State Bank of Rib Lake. I conclude that it has gone out of business, a victim to the success of the First National Bank of Rib Lake, which is flourishing.	
5/2/1913	Businesses	"While on its way from Medford to Rib Lake one day last week, the oil wagon of the Standard Oil Company made just 3 miles in one day, it is said, owing to the bad conditions of the roads. No wonder gasoline dealers were out of gasoline."	This raises a momentous issue. Up to this point in time, transportation in Rib Lake has dominated by the railroads in the sense of moving products. Here is transportation either by a horse drawn oil wagon or - perhaps - a truck. But it is a portent of things to come, the domination of commercial traffic by other than railroad.	

5/9/1913	Camps - Bark & Spirit Lake & O.A. Peterson	"Ole Peterson, the enterprising farmer and logger of Spirit Lake, is putting in two bark camps, one at his landing and the other at the Spirit Lake Schoolhouse. He will give employment to about 50 men.	The Spirit Lake Schoolhouse was located in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. A major and convenient ice road ran from that location southwesterly to the village. ¶ The 1913 plat book shows Ole Peterson owning the entire E 1/4 of Section 6. This is the land to the northeast of the school running along the entire eastern side of Big Spirit Lake. I conclude the camp was located on that land.	
5/16/1913	Camps & Greenwood	"Kapitz and Heinske's cedar camp has started peeling posts and poles."	In the spring of the year, white cedar peels easily. In the days before wood preservatives, cedar poles were much sought after because of their natural rot resistance.	
5/16/1913	Interwald	"The best road from Rib Lake to Interwald, is the road from Charlie Seidel's farm past the Greenwood Town Hall, and the old Konz farm and the Greenwood Lutheran Church [St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church] and Robert Klein's and Martin Steen's. ¶ It has good grades and a minimum of steep hills. It is to be hoped that both Greenwood and Rib Lake will provide for its early improvement, as it would be of the advantage of both towns. ¶ It will be still a better road if the road from the Konz farm down past Anderson Brothers and the Brahmer farm ever gets into shape for wagons, as it will cut out more of the undesirable grades."	The route described proceeds southward from the village past the cemetery and south on timber drive, turning east on Trout Avenue to modern CTH C, south on C to CTH M. ¶ The center of Interwald was the Interwald Store operated by George Knowler. It was located on the NE 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 3 East. In 2007, the land was owned by Catherine Langteau.	
5/16/1913	RLLC & People	BIG JIM "James McDonald of Park Falls and his son John came here last week to visit relatives and friends. Mr. McDonald manages to get a vacation at least once a year and then he pays Rib Lake a visit. ¶ "Big Jim", as he is best known around here, is a brother of John McDonald of Rib Lake and at the present time is employed by the Mellen Lumber Company and looks after their operations at Glidden. Years ago he used to run camps for J.J. Kennedy and stayed with this concern as it changed hands from time to time up to a few years ago. He is an all around logger and expert woodsman."		
5/16/1913	Taylor County Lumber Company	"The sawmill of the Taylor County Lumber Company was started up this week and gives employment to a large crew of men. In addition to their own cut, they buy lumber and forest products and thus handle about 10 million feet annually."		
5/16/1913	Camps - Bark	"The little rain we had is a boon to the bark peelers. If it would only warm up a little, so the sap would run faster, then the "peelers" would be joyful indeed. Bark peeling is now in full swing and the men with "turkeys" on their backs are daily seen striking out for the woods."	The turkey was a bundle of clothing worn on the back. Clothing could made into a rudimentary ruck sack to hold other supplies.	
5/23/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. William Kennedy, formerly of Abbotsford, at one time a citizen of Rib Lake, was here a few days last week to call on friends. She has been at her daughter's home at Chippewa Falls since the middle of last winter and will now go back to Montana to live on her and her son's homesteads."	William Kennedy was a brother to J.J. Kennedy. The last report prior to this one in the Herald indicated that Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy were living in Abbotsford and operating a hotel.	
6/6/1913	Ole Peterson & Spirit Lake	"Ole Peterson took 8 cans of lake trout fry to Spirit Lake Wednesday afternoon."		
6/6/1913	Law	"Joseph Scott, the village marshal, has instructed us to state in the Herald that all dogs on which a tax has been paid must wear the tag so that he will not make a mistake and shoot dogs on which the tax has been paid."		
6/6/1913	Schools	"The school board entertained the teachers at Spirit Lake Sunday. All had a good time."		
6/13/1913	Ole Peterson & Spirit Lake	PICNIC AND DANCE. "There will be a picnic and dance at Olie Peterson's bowery at Spirit Lake Sunday, June 15. The Dorchester orchestra will play for the occasion. Refreshments will be served on the grounds. Mr. Peterson will run his launch from the bowery to Maes' landing for passengers. Everyone is cordially invited."		
6/13/1913	Fire & RLLC	"The RLLC has a crew of men engaged in laying water pipe through their lumber yard for fire protection. A 4" pipe was laid with three standard hose connections on Kennedy Street and 5 others in different parts of the yard. In all about 1,400 feet of pipe has been put in and will be a great aid to the fire department in the event of a fire in the west end of the village."		
6/20/1913	Businesses	"This is to notify all concerned that I am not from this date a partner of Kapitz, Heinske and Hughes, and Kapitz and Heinske, and will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any other than myself. Signed Jacob Kapitz."	A companion notice with the same message has been run by W.E. Hughes.	

6/20/1913	Camps - Bark & Camp 7	A FATAL ACCIDENT. "Ed Burke, a young man of Athens, had his skull fractured and sustained other injuries from a falling limb at Camp 7 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the effects of which he died at the Wisconsin House at 6:45 in the evening. He was felling a tree when a limb broke off and fell on him, striking him back of his right ear, fracturing his skull and right shoulder. He was brought in quickly on the RLLC's car and Dr. Wichmen dressed his wounds. He remained unconscious until he died. Deceased was a young man about 22 years old and has a father and sister living in Athens. The father was notified without delay and came here Wednesday night and took the body home Thursday. He worked in the camp only 4 weeks and was peeling bark on a contract."	Here is an illustration showing that the distinction between bark camps and the regular camps of the RLLC is frequently artificial. Camp 7 was both peeling the bark of hemlock trees and shipping logs. The bark peeling would take place during the spring and early summer. The logging would take place during the winter.	
6/20/1913	Businesses	"C.R. Claussen, manager of the Rib Lake Telephone Company, informs us that he has added a number of new telephones to the rural service. Hereafter there will be no toll from Rib Lake to Spirit Lake (Maes's), and the following new subscribers have been added to this line: Patrick Cullen, William Maes, Otto Oleson, S.M. Swanson, Frank Knorn and Martin Johnson. Several others have promised to take telephones. A new line has been strung up to Brehm [St. Ann's Church] to serve the following: Anton Wudi and Joe Wudi. Service to all of these is free to patrons of the Rib Lake exchange, which will make it the more valuable to this village, and the management of the exchange is to be congratulated on the additions to the service."		
7/4/1913	Library	"The library has received another box of books from the Wisconsin Free Traveling Library in which there are 35 German volumes and 57 English ones."		
7/4/1913	Railroads - RLLC	"Frank Hayward, engineer of the "3-Spot", hurt his foot and went to his home at Spencer for a few days. Master Mechanic F. Lubchenback is running the locomotive until Mr. Hayward is able to work."		
7/18/1913	Fire	"The firemen elected officers at their last meeting and their names follow: Chief John McRae, First Assistant Chief Fred Curran; Second Assistant Chief James Down; Secretary Frank Janda; Treasurer F.E. Poole. The boys orderd new caps for the 4th and wore them the first time on that day, presenting a cosmopolitan appearance."		
7/25/1913	Spirit Lake & Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"George Meyer, formerly of the Spirit settlement, and George Sippel, came up from Calvary [Wisconsin] on Wednesday for a few days outing at Spirit Lake. Mr. Meyer is the man who got the ruling from the Wisconsin Commission against the Wisconsin Central."	There has been absolutely no news regarding the implementation or follow up to the decision referred to. This is the decision requiring the railroad to provide at least 1 train per week between Rib Lake and Spirit Falls and to provide service for settlers along that route. Was the order implemented?	
7/25/1913	Rib Lake - Town	"The town board of the Town of Rib Lake has put in two new steel bridges, one west of Monske's and the other on the road towards Zuthers. There is more work done on the improvement of roads and bridges in the Town of Rib Lake and Greenwood each year and it will be but a short time when all roads in these two towns will be in first class condition."	Herman Monske had an 80 acre farm in Section 27, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. It is located 4 miles west of HWY C on the Fawn Valley Road. The bridge in question stood until approximately 1985 over Copper Creek. In that year it was replaced by the Town of Rib Lake. For a number of years it stood behind the town buildings in a dissembled condition. Rollie Thums and RP Rusch negotiated the gift of the bridge to the local ski club. The ski club then had the bridge erected over the creek between Hultman and Stone Lake; as of 2007, the bridge is still in good use permitting skiers and snowshoers and walkers to cross the creek on the Timm's Hill Trail. The Timm's Hill Trail leads from the Rusch Preserve to Wisconsin's highest point. The bridge still bears a plaque indicating it was manufactured by the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company of North Milwaukee.	

8/1/1913	Greenwood	TORNADO IN GREENWOOD - MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN TOWN OF GREENWOOD. "One of the worst storms in years visited this section Saturday evening at 6:15 a.m. a tornado passed through the Town of Greenwood, in the vicinity of the Lutheran Church and demolished the buildings of Fred Kaske, Paul Kaske and Frank Wittke. ¶ It traveled almost directly east at this point and on Fred Kaske's farm it torn down the stable and twisted the upper story of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Kaske were at home at the time and took refuge in the cellar. Their loss is estimated at \$500. ¶ The next building, just west from there, is Fred Wittke's blacksmith shop, which was unroofed and the roof was carried across the road to Paul Kaske's garden and thrown against the latter's house. Mr. Wittke's damage is estimated at \$200. ¶ By far the greatest damage was done on the Paul Kaske place and is estimated at \$1,500. Here one barn was completely demolished, one barn (the new one) had the upper portion all torn down, the upper story of the house was rent to pieces, the orchard was destroyed, the farm machinery was bent and twisted, hay in the bar was carried away and the crop of oats and rye is a	The same page of the Herald contains an advertisement for an auction sale. Paul Kaske has hired an auctioneer and is selling his farm and land.	
8/1/1913 (cont)	Greenwood (cont)	total loss. ¶ Mrs. Paul Kaske and her four children and Bertha Kline were in the house when the storm struck and took shelter in the cellar. The wind storm lasted but a few seconds and was followed by heavy rain. In a little while there were 6" of water in the cellar and Mrs. Kaske had to put the children up on the potatoes so they would not stand in the water. ¶ Mr. Kaske was in Rib Lake on that day and left for home just a little while before the storm, little thinking what a sorrowful spectacle was in store for him. This was a heavy loss to them and we hope to see a subscription list circulated to give them another start. ¶ West of Kaske's farm Chris Peters had his barn blown down and his house damaged. The damage is estimated at \$500. ¶ It was indeed fortunate there was no loss of life. Timbers and 2x4s were driven through the walls and roofs like through paper. All windows were shattered. This seems to have been the center of the storm, as, within a circle of 2000, all treetops were twisted off. ¶ The lesson which the storm teaches us will cause a greater demand for tornado insurance in this neighborhood. This insurance is cheap and every farmer ought to have some."		
8/8/1913	Tannery	FISH DEATH. "Under the instructions of the State Department of Fish and Game, I came to your village on July 5 to investigate the cause of death of a great number of fish in the lake known as Rib Lake. I took from there two fish and three samples of water. One sample from an inlet leading from the tannery, one sample about 200 yards east of inlet and one sample about 20 feet from the inlet of Copper Creek. These samples I took to Professor Wagner of Madison for analysis and he makes the following verbal report: That the excessive heat had burned the oxygen and hydrogen (otherwise known as air) out of the water, which is necessary for fish life. Gases form in the water which the fish inhale and thereby caused their death. I asked Professor Wagner relative the tannery being any cause directly or indirectly of the death of the fish, and he said the tannery had nothing whatever to do with it. ¶ The same condition exists in many places where no tanneries are located. Signed S.J. Williams, Game Warden."	At this time the tannery was dumping a tremendous amount of waste into the creek which drained directly into Rib Lake.	
8/15/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. D.B. Kennedy of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and her daughter arrived here this week on a short visit. Mrs. Kennedy's husband was walking-boss for Fayette Shaw 5 years ago, and later for J.J. Kennedy."		
8/15/1913	C.T. Hintz & Greenwood	"The sawmill of C.T. Hintz at Hintz Town finished the season's cut last Friday totaling about 1,500,000 feet. The planing mill has been started and the lumber will be dressed as quickly as possible."		
8/22/1913	Clubs/Orders & Spirit Lake	"The Scandanavian Society of Rib Lake had a picnic at Otto Olson's at Spirit Lake last Sunday. Everybody had a fine time."		
8/22/1913	Rib Lake - Village	"Louis Seidel has taken the contract to build the bridge across the tannery creek at the foot of the high school hill. His bid was for \$137. The work will be started at once."	Today a bridge stands on the same site and is part of Fayette Avenue.	
8/22/1913	RLLC & Tannery	"Eugene Horton, president of the RLLC and Vice President of the Union Tanning Company, arrived here Monday from New York and remained until Thursday."		
8/29/1913	Camp 10	"G.F. Smith, foreman of Camp 10, went to Marshfield Tuesday to see the fair."	This is the first comment in the Herald regarding Camp 10. To date, we have had no mention of Camp 9. ¶ Camp 10 was in the far northeast corner of Taylor County. Camp 10 was located within Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. Frank Erdman, longtime Rib Lake resident and a visitor to many camps, described it as a "Big Camp".	



9/5/1913	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	GASOLENE CARS COLLIDE. P. Trojahn, Sr, is fatally hurt. "A serious accident occurred on the Rib Lake branch of the Soo Railroad Tuesday evening which will undoubtedly cost the life of Peter Trojahn, Sr., section foreman of Chelsea. Mr. Trojahn and John Singer and Ed Prein were leaving Rib Lake on Mr. Trojahn's gasoline car and had a head on collision with Tom Olson's car in the curve near Walty's farm, so we are informed, and Mr. Trojahn's skull was fractured. The two cars were a wreck. Mr. Olson, who is foreman of the Rib Lake branch, was alone on his way from Chelsea to see if the afternoon storm did any damage on the right-of-way. We cannot learn the precise hour when this happened, but it must have been between 7 and 8 o'clock. ¶ Immediately after the accident, Mr. Trojahn was taken to Walty's farm and D. Walty hurried to Rib Lake to get a doctor. Dr. Wichman and George F. Braun and his automobile returned with Mr. Walty as soon as possible, and after an examination the doctor found Mr. Trojahn suffering from a fractured skull and his life hanging on a thread, as it were. He was hurried to Chelsea where his family was notified and his eldest son and Dr. Wickman took	The curve in the track takes place approximately 1/2 mile east of Wellington Lake. The track comes southwesterly from Rib Lake and turns west to cross the lake. Just a year before, the Herald announced that the Soo Line Railroad had furnished its section crew foreman with gas powered section cars. Up to that point they had been powered by hand.	
9/5/1913 (cont)	Railroads - Wisconsin Central (cont)	him on the night train to the hospital at Marshfield, where his case was pronounced as hopeless. ¶ Mr. Trojahn is well known here and is held in high esteem, and this misfortune which so suddenly befell him, is greatly deplored and his family has our sympathy. ¶ Yesterday afternoon (Thursday) Mr. Trojahn's condition was unchanged."		
9/5/1913	Interwald & Agriculture & Roads	"Ed Klein, Robert Klein, Fred Steinman, Rollie Peche, Julius Hippe and Henry Greening are making a road from the Rib Lake-Greenwood town line to Greening's homestead. They camp at the homestead and take turns at the cooking."	The Henry Greening homestead consisted of a 40 acre tract, the NW 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 22, Township 32 North, Range 3 East. At this time it was landlocked. The 1913 standard atlas shows a town road, modern Rib River Avenue, running east and west along the town line and ending at the NW corner of Section 22. At this point the private road construction began. ¶ The road builders constructed a 1/2 mile road on the section line southward to the Henry Greening homestead. ¶ The 2007 plat book of Taylor County shows the former Greening property owned by Harvey and Sandra Mann. The plat book shows no road running southward from the NW corner of Section 22. Apparently the efforts of the road builders was only temporarily successful. My guess is that this small, isolated farm prospered for a while before the harsh realities of life forced its closure. The town may never have taken over the road as an official public highway. ¶ What is amazing here is to note that a homesteader was so committed to creating his farm, that he organized a group to construct a half mile long highway	
9/5/1913 (cont)	Interwald & Agriculture (cont)		in order to get to the farm. The work was undoubtedly done by hand and must have been very difficult, given the stumps, roots and rocks.	
9/5/1913	Mud Lake	"Strayed, into my enclosure, August 29, a yoke of young red oxen. Owner please call for the same and pay for this notice. Anton Kauer, Rib Lake, Wisconsin (near Mud Lake)."		
9/5/1913	Rib Lake - Town & Roads	"The town board of the Town of Rib Lake has laid out a new road which will run past Oscar Mattox's place south of James Lake to connect with the road past John Fisher's place to Westboro. This will cut off at least 2 miles of road from here to Westboro. It is hoped that in a year or two this road will be in a first class condition."	This is a reference to the famous Westboro cut off road - modern CTH D. ¶ Without this road, travelers from Rib Lake to Westboro north on the Harper Lake Road to what is now Rustic Road #1 and turned west to get to Westboro. ¶ The cut off road made the turn to the west 1 3/4 miles short of the old turning point. The cut off road ran south of what is now the Rib Lake School Forest. The Oscar Mattox farm was located on the SE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 15, Town 33, Range 2 East. In 2007, it is owned by Todd and Lisa Peche. ¶ John Fisher's place was on the SE corner of James Lake. That land is now part of Camp Forest Springs.	

9/5/1913	Overview - Sept. 5, 1913 - Village & Roads	"The village authorities have appropriated \$500 for roads in 1914 and have applied for state aid for roads which will bring the village \$500 from the state and an equal amount from the county making a total of \$1,500. It is proposed to expend this money on a highway through this village from east to west. The work will be done under state supervision. Now, if Rib Lake had some good system of sewage disposal and if every square foot of sidewalk was concrete, our village would be quite cosmopolitan."	Note the first inkling of what will eventually be STH 102.	
9/5/1913	Church - St. John's Lutheran	"The annual mission festival of the Rib Lake Lutheran Congregation, held in Christensen's park last Sunday, was a record breaking event. Four congregations - Rib Lake, Brannan, Greenwood and Chelsea - were here practically in full force. The Brannan brass band was here for the occasion. Rev. Sitz of Tomahawk and Rev. Wendland of Rib Falls delivered able addresses. The singing by the choir and the chorus by 80 Sunday school children of Rib Lake was a great treat. A nice dinner and lunch was served by the Ladies Society. The sum of \$100 for missions and \$265 for home work was collected. The occasion was favored with nice weather and there were many visitors, not members of either congregation, present. Rev. Sydow, the Pastor, has great reason for being delighted with the results."	The reference to the Christensen Park is a reference to Peter Christensen's cow pasture along the east side of Rib Lake. It did make a splendid park. ¶ In addition to St. John's the other congregations were Zion-Town of Spirit - St. Peter's-Town of Greenwood and Trinity-Town of Chelsea. All churches exist today, 2007. All congregations are members of the Wisconsin Synod except for Trinity, which is a member of the Missouri Synod.	
9/12/1913	Roads	TACKLE GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT IN MISSOURI. "350,000 of Missouri's able bodied citizens recently armed themselves with pick and shovel and for two days devoted their energies to improving the highways and roads of the state. The photograph shows Governor Major of Missouri (left) and Governor Hodges of Kansas (right) working side by side on a piece of bad road."	The good road movement was a national phenomenon. It was alive and well and energetic in Wisconsin. It was a response to the growth in automobile traffic.	
9/12/1913	People	OBITUARY OF PETER TROJAHN. "At the Marshfield hospital on Saturday, September 6, Peter Trojahn of Chelsea passed to his final rest.¶ Mr. Trojahn was born in Flatenstein, West Prussia, October 15, 1862. He was married to Johanna Gross in 1885. In 1891, leaving his wife and three children in Germany, Mr. Trojahn came to America, the land of promise. He first located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines for about a year. Then he came to Chelsea where he worked for the lumber company a year. Just one year after he reached Chelsea he sent for his waiting family in Germany. At about the same time he began to work on the railway section. He was a steady, painstaking worker, and was soon promoted to section foreman, which position he held at the time of his death, having served in that capacity 16 years. ¶ Mr. Trojahn was injured in a collision between two hand-cars, both equipped with gasoline engines, on the evening of September 2 on the Rib Lake branch of the Soo Railway. In spite of the fact that his skull was badly fractured, Mr. Trojahn walked several rods to the home of D. Walty where he bathed his own wound. Dr. Wichman was called and		
9/12/1913 (cont)	People (cont)	as soon as possible Mr. Trojahn was taken to the hospital where he survived nearly 4 days, proving that remarkable vigor of constitution which was familiar to his many friends. ¶ Mr. Trojahn's untimely and unfortunate death has cast a gloom over this town where he lived and labored so long. Strong, sturdy, honest, intelligent, every day at his post, fearless and outspoken, he possessed in the high degree those qualities which lead a man to be respected by his associates. Coming to this country from Germany, he, in mature years, mastered the English language which he spoke and wrote fluently. In mathematics he, by naturally strong reasoning powers, solved many a problem calculated to puzzle the brain of a scholar. ¶ Mr. Trojahn leaves a wife, two daughters (Mrs. W.C. Radtka of Grandy, Minnesota, and Miss Ella Trojahn of Chelsea), and three sons, Albert, Frank and Peter Trojahn. ¶ Dying at the zenith of his strength and ability, great is the void left in the family circle, and great the regrets of the hearts of his acquaintances. ¶ The remains were interned in the Chelsea cemetery. Rest in peace. Not our will, but thine, oh Lord, be done. Signed Mrs. P. Trojahn and family."		
9/12/1913	Greenwood & Agriculture	"Greenwood fields are showing some of the best growths of corn silage, section crop clover and alfalfa in the country. 10 days without frost will give us some ripe corn ears. ¶ Joe Martin cuts the 3rd full cut of 1913 growth alfalfa. Others are cutting the second full cut of 1913 growth of red clover."		
9/12/1913	RLLC	"The sawmills of the RLLC and Westboro Lumber Company and Rib Lake Tannery shut down last week Wednesday to enable the men and their families to see the aeroplane at the county fair."		
10/2/1913	Stephen Konz	"S.A. Konz sold one of his portable sawmills Saturday to Ernst Zuther and the same will be erected on Mr. Zuther's farm this autumn."	The Zuther farm was located in Section 34, Town 33 North, Range 3 East including the S 1/2 - SE 1/4. ¶ Rumor has it that Zuther left the mill unattended for some time and when he came back someone had stolen it.	

10/2/1913	Spirit Lake	A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY - FIND RELIC BURIED 30 YEARS AGO. "About a month ago Gordon Mills of Chicago and Frank Weckler of Spirit Lake were digging near Mr. Hughes' cottage at Spirit Lake and unearthed a quart whiskey bottle which contained 4 sheets of paper covered on both sides with lead pencil writing and chips of wood with names written on them with lead pencil. The names are Bill Allen, Wausau, Wisconsin, Surveyor; Theodore Hertinski, Julius Bachhaus, Poniatowski, Wisconsin; Jason D. Beard, Dorchester, Wisconsin; J. Brucker, Carl Ludloff, S.W. Halsey, A. Herdegen and K.S. O'Hernin, Milwaukee and E. Reitbrock. ¶ The paper was scorched when the forest fire went through that region several years ago, however this much can be deciphered: ¶ This party of 12 persons camped in front of Roxy Lake from *** July 30, 1879. The finder *** is will so favor **** it us *** as to the **** bottle by leaving it where found and it may be a momento of our pleasant visit here. Add such further testimony as you may and seal it and throw this bottle ***." ¶ In the foregoing the * are placed by us to indicate the words or sentence which are not legible. The bottle	Joseph Brucker and Carl Ludloff were well known businessmen entrepreneurs of Medford, Wisconsin. A building named for them, the Brucker-Ludloff Building, still stands on the NE corner of Main Street and Division Street in the City of Medford. It was their headquarters building. They were real estate sellers and did perhaps more than anyone to attract German settlers to the area. ¶ Attorney Frederick Reitbrock was the founder of the Village of Athens and the Reitbrock Lumber Company;	
10/2/1913	Spirit Lake	was found 6 feet from the section corner on the county line between Price and Taylor Counties, and 100 feet from the spring. It was in the ground 34 years. They named it Roxy Lake. J. Brucker possibly is the man who lived in Medford and now is supposed to be in Berlin, Germany. Jason D. Beard is supposed to be Mrs. Voemastek's uncle, who once lived in Dorchester and later moved out west. ¶ The relic may be seen at the Herald office a few days." ¶ November 7, 1913: "The readers of the Herald remember the account in these columns of the whiskey bottle containing chips of wood with names on and paper with writing on which was buried at Spirit Lake about 30 years ago and recently unearthed. One of the names was Halsey, and now it has developed that this was none other than Judge Halsey of Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Sentinel had an account of the same this week."	the township in which the Village of Athens, Marathon County, is located is the Township of Reitbrock. Next door is the township of Halsey, named for Reitbrock's Milwaukee partner. I suppose that the section corner referred to is the NW corner of Section 5, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 5 had been subdivided into lots by this time. I surmise that Mr. Hughes had erected a cottage on one of those lots.	
10/2/1913	Spirit Lake	"John B. Larsen, Herman Jahn, Chris Wagel, Richard Manthey, Ed Martwick and Arthur J. Andrae and Albert Meier were in the village Monday to help move a new settler to the Spirit settlement."	For years the area around CTH YY and Zion Church/ Liberty School was known as the German Settlement. The town road running north and south through the Town of Spirit at this point is still known as German Settlement Road.	
10/10/1913	Overview - Oct. 10, 1913	HOW OTHERS SEE US. "The traveling correspondent of the Daily Northwestern of Oshkosh of Wednesday, September 14, gives his views of Rib Lake. Our attention was called to the same, and as some of the statements herein are quite flattering and some are rather misleading, we copy the same odd verbatim: 18 miles northeast of Medford and reached by a spur of the "Soo" line that branches off at Chelsea is Rib Lake. Rib Lake, the lake, is as pretty a lake as can be found in Wisconsin and covers nearly all of one section, with a large island near the east side. It is a deep lake and in any other part of the state would become a great summer resort. But Rib Lake, the town, has other things to think of than spending its time in summer resorting, for it is the seat of a large sawmill and a large tannery, both owned by eastern capitalists. The company owns a railroad which is equipped with three locomotives and many cars and extends from Rib Lake northeasterly nearly to Tomahawk. For years there has been a fight going on to make the company conduct this road as a common carrier, but the fight has never been finished and the road is still operated as the private road of the company.		
10/10/1913 (cont)	Overview - Oct. 10, 1913 (cont)	¶ At most sawmills in northern Wisconsin one sees a large stand pipe surmounted by a hood of wire network in which the slabs and refuse of the mill are burned. But not so at Rib Lake mills. Here all slabs and refuse of the mill are conveyed as fast as accumulated to a machine known as the "Hog" which grinds them to bits less than a foot long. Cars with high sides receive the products disgorged by the hog, and are switched from the mill to the tannery on the north side of the town and furnish all the fuel needed by that institution. ¶ "The town is a pretty place of about 1,200 population, has several churches and a modern high school building, which, standing on a hill, appears much larger than it really is. ¶ But the good people of the town do not appreciate the beautiful lake right at their very doors, and year after year its waters are allowed to be polluted by sewage from the tannery, so that it is said that but few fish are now found in its waters. ¶ Like the rest of Taylor County, the surrounding country is all agricultural land and many fine farms have already been developed. But there are thousands of acres right at hand in a wild state and will remain so until most of the timber industry is over.		

10/10/1913 (cont)	Overview - Oct. 10, 1913 (cont)	The place has a creamery that is now turning out 500 pounds of butter a day." ¶ The northwestern correspondent might have added that Rib Lake has 3 sawmills, bank, newspaper, telephone exchange, 4 hotels, etc. Also that the main line of the RLLC logging railroad is owned by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad and was built for logging purposes. Also that last summer samples of water were taken by the game warden from various parts of the lake and sent to Madison for analysis, and the state chemist, who examined said samples of water, reported that the same was not polluted by the tannery or otherwise to the extent that fish died there from, but that the fish died because excessive heat of the season burned the oxygen out of the water, and that fish in other lakes in Wisconsin died from this cause. Also that some very large fish have been seen from time to time at the "landing" that is, where the logs are rolled from the cars to the lake."		
10/17/1913	Taylor County Lumber Company	"The Taylor County Lumber Company is installing a dresser and matcher at their mill. The same will have a capacity of 2 [railroad] carloads of lumber per day. Guy Wallace is doing the work."	The machine that they describe is what is called a tongue and groove machine. It makes wood paneling that fits together side by side. That style of wood was, and is, popular for finishing a wall in wood. If the wood goes halfway up the wall, it is called wainscoting. ¶ The fact that the Taylor County Lumber Company has this specialty machine is a real feather in its cap. It can address a niche market. ¶ There is no indication in the Herald that the other mills in Rib Lake at the time, the RLLC, the S.A. Konz mill and the old John Mathe mill, had such equipment.	
10/17/1913	Interwald	"Mr. Kraus, the mill man from Interwald, shipped 7 carloads of veneer this season."	This was the only veneer mill in the area. Veneer is made by choosing a knot free log and turning it on a lathe. A thin strip of wood is peeled off of the slowly turning lathe. The strips are used to make wood paneling.	
10/17/1913	Church - St. John's Lutheran	WILL HOLD CONFERENCE HERE. "On October 21 and 23 the Northern Soo Line Conference, composed of members of the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods of the Lutheran Church, meets in Rib Lake. During the convention the conference will be guests of the local Lutheran congregation. The Rev. E.C. Georgii of Glidden, Wisconsin, is the chairman, and the Rev. Sydow is the secretary. Wednesday evening (7:30) divine service will be held. The Rev. Georgiee and Knuf will deliver sermons. About 20 pastors are expected to attend. This will be the first time that Rib Lake will be honored with a convention of this kind. Let us hope for favorable weather and let us make it so pleasant for the visitors that they will ever after have pleasant recollections of Rib Lake and her citizens."	The Wisconsin and Missouri synods of the lutheran church were members of a group called the Synodical Conference. The two synods severed connections with one another about 1963.	
10/17/1913	Agriculture	"Henry Stelling and his threshing crew came through Rib Lake Monday afternoon with his threshing machine. They were on their way home from a 6 weeks threshing circuit."	Threshing machine was powered by a steam engine. Wheat or oats had to be cut by hand and put into shucks, one shuck after another was fed into the threshing machine, which blew the grain out one side and the straw out another.	
10/24/1913	Agriculture	"One of the largest batches of potatoes was dug by Phillip Bonde and his helpers on the old farm of Alfred Schwab, yield being over 800 bushels from about 3 acres. Who says potatoes don't do well in northern Wisconsin?"	The Phillip Bonde farm was on the NW - NW, Section 20, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. The August Schwab farm was the W 1/2 - SW 1/4, Section 17. ¶ Later, a potato warehouse was established in Rib Lake. It was located on Ella Street south of Fayette where the railroad track passed by the site. It was not far from the roller mill, which continues to operate near that site in 2007.	
10/24/1913	RLLC	"The RLLC has wound up its operations at Merrill and all of its office fixtures from that place have been shipped to Rib Lake."	About a year ago George N. Harder, residing in Merrill, was named the general manager of the RLLC. I surmise the Merrill office was for his convenience. Of late the Herald carried a notice that George N. Harder and family were moving to the Village of Rib Lake.	

10/24/1913	Businesses	"The evergreen called brown pine is being shipped from here to the cities in large quantities. There it is in great demand, we are told, and is used for holiday decorations. Here, where it is plentiful, it is very little used." ¶ Ad by P.E. Marcus reads: BROWN PINE wanted. I will pay the highest market price. P.E. Marcus."		
10/24/1913	People & Greenwood	"At the Wudi-Thums wedding in the Town of Greenwood last Tuesday the bride and bridegroom were supported by Mrs. Lizzie Thums and Cathy Carl, and Messrs. Louis Wudi and Lawrence Thums."		
10/24/1913	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"The Soo Railroad issues a primer for the guidance of sportsmen. It is called "Pointers for Hunters" and gives the places on its road through Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Montana, where hunting is good. Thanks to the enterprise of J.R. Kidd, the local agent, Rib Lake is on this list, and the report says that hunting at Rib Lake for deer is good: duck good: chicken none, quail none, partridge good, geese good; all of which is correct."	This publication was in the days in which the railroad companies were actively soliciting for passengers business.	
10/31/1913	Camp 13	"C.W. Peterson, a woodsman employed in Camp 9, fell on his ax and cut a big gash in his left wrist."	Camp 9 was located one mile north of the Taylor/Price County line in Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 2 East. In 2007, the site is owned by Jerry Blomberg. ¶ Camp 9 was an important camp lasting until at least 1922. It was served by the steam hauler and did not have any railroad connection.	
10/31/1913	Businesses	"Peter Lieg, the merchant, has fixed up the old barn near Mathe's mill to be used as a cattle shed for the stock he is shipping to Chicago."		
10/31/1913	Businesses	"George Kelnhofer and family have moved out onto their farm west of this village. George comes to town every morning to manage the store, and which he is assisted by their daughter, Mildred, and goes back to the farm in the evening. Mrs. Kelnhofer and their son, Heddie, run the farm."	George J. Kelnhofer was the owner and operator of a general merchandise store located in the NW corner of Landall and McComb Avenue - in 2007 Zondlo's IGA. ¶ The Kelnhofer farm was a large one in section 33, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The farmhouse today is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Probst. The present right-of-way of STH 102 southwest of the village was then the right-of-way of the Soo Line Railroad. It cut through the Kelnhofer farm on the diagonal and was frequently the site of huge accumulations of snow blocking the track. ¶ An illustrious member of the Kelnhofer farm was the doctor of veterinary medicine who moved to Medford and lived on the corner of Second and Division Street.	
10/31/1913	Rib Lake Herald	"Once more we must call the attention of the readers of the Herald to the fact that we give no premiums as we discontinued this practice about a year ago and published a notice to that effect. The gradually increasing cost of living, freight rates, paper, labor and taxes, compelled us to take this course. Ten years ago we paid 2 cents a pound for the ordinary news print paper. Today this grade of paper costs 4 cents a pound. Ten years ago we paid 25 cents freight from Chicago on our weekly supply of ready prints. Now, and for two years or more, we pay 39 cents freight on this same package from Milwaukee and from Chicago it would be more. It costs us 1/3 more to buy the necessaries of life than it did 15 years ago, and most of the Herald's readers are well aware of this fact. ¶ Each one of the 52 numbers which a subscriber buys for \$1.50 (there are 52 weeks in a year) contains from 2-4 columns of local news, a column of country correspondence, a page of state news, a page of national and foreign goods, a good sermon, latest market reports, one or two good stories, a column on dairying, two columns on agriculture, a column on science and invention, and village board proceedings,	Note the comment regarding "ready prints". I take that to mean a portion of the Herald which was printed not in Rib Lake. Apparently it was printed in Chicago or Milwaukee. This is the majority of the paper which focused on international, national and state news. The Rib Lake news was added to the paper once the ready prints reached Rib Lake.	
10/31/1913 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	school board proceedings and county board proceedings at seasonable times. ¶ All of this 52 times a year for \$1.50, or for less than 3 cents a copy, and we pay the postage; and after you have read the paper you can still put it under your carpet or on the pantry shelf, or send it to your friends, preferably the last. The price of the Herald is \$1.50 payable in advance. Sometimes it is not convenient for some subscribers to pay on the exact date when their subscription is due. To such as we know to be honest and deserving, we extend credit for a reasonable time. Life is short. If the Herald isn't worth \$1.50 a year, without a premium, we are willing to quit and try our hand at something more profitable."		
11/7/1913	Greenwood & Agriculture	"Brown pine pickers have gone to picking ferns. It is said they are also in demand by the decorators at a good market price." ¶ Peter Lieg [merchant of Rib Lake] was in Chicago the first of the week on business. He has shipped several [railroad] carloads of potatoes and brown pine to the city." ¶ "Brown pine wanted. I pay the highest price. P.E. Marcus"		

11/7/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"H.J. Kennedy is having a nice porch built onto the south side of his house." ¶ "H.J. Kennedy arrived from Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, last Saturday and his son Stuart will be here in another week. Mr. Kennedy and his son own about half of a section of land at Gull Lake and like the country. They have raised some fine crops."	H.[Hugh] J. Kennedy has both a farm homestead in Saskatchewan and a home in Rib Lake.	
11/14/1913	Greenwood & People	EMANUEL HAIDER. "The funeral of Emanuel Haider occurred from the catholic church in Greenwood last Saturday, November 15. Rev. Fr. Reuter of Rib Lake, conducted the services. Internment was made in the cemetery at Greenwood [St. Ann's]. There was a large attendance. F.E. Poole, undertaker from Rib Lake, had charge of the funeral. ¶ Mr. Haider was born in Austria December 25, 1875, and came to America in 1883. He is survived by his wife (nee Mary Obowa) and two little sons; his mother, who has lived with his family, two sisters, Mrs. George Schreiner of Rib Lake and Mrs. Carl Dums of Park Falls and three brothers, Phillip, Joseph and Wenzel. ¶ Mr. Haider was an honest, upright and industrious, hardworking man. He was good to his family and provided well for them. He was one of that type of men who transformed wilderness into paradise and make life worth the while. It is too bad he did not live to a ripe old age so that in his declining years he could enjoy the fruits of his labor. ¶ The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community."		
11/14/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Kennedy and Miller now employ an extra man in the shop. It is Hans Olson of Milwaukee. They are building a number of sleighs for local ferns."		
11/14/1913	Camp 4	"A party of hunters at Camp 4 consisting of Ralph Bruce, Otto Heinske, William Wagner and some men from Stevens Point have had good luck and each got a deer. William Buetch got one near Hintz Town."	The reference to Camp 4 is ambiguous. It is unclear that Camp 4 continued to be operated by the RLLC at this time. It may be that the hunters simply stayed in the abandoned buildings.	
11/14/1913	Railroad - RLLC	"The RLLC has purchased a Fairmont gasoline car for the use of their section foremen and his men. The car has a 5 horsepower, 4 cycle engine and can easily be handled by 4 men. Power is transmitted from the engine to the wheels through the medium of a belt and a belt tightener.		
11/14/1913	Spirit Lake	"A letter received at the Herald office from Wausau informs us that "Billy" Allen, at present a resident of that city, put some papers with some scraps of rhyme into a bottle and corked it and as he remembers, buried it near a large spring that discharges into Spirit Lake. At that time the murmur and noise of the spring could be heard under the ground before it discharged into the lake. In those days Mr. Allen was a guide and cruiser for Johnson, Reitbrock and Halsey, the Milwaukee attorneys, who acquired a very large tract of central Wisconsin land in the 70's [1870's]. These gentlemen were with him during a part of the cruise."	This is further explanation regarding the bottle found at Spirit Lake. Allen worked as a timber cruiser. A timber cruiser's job was to locate the choice stands of timber and to provide an estimate of its value. This would be done for some individual wishing to invest in timber. All lumber companies employed cruisers because their work was invaluable. It was important to acquire tracts of land on which merchantable timber was located. A good cruiser would also collect data regarding the lay of the land and how the timber might be removed from the site.	
11/21/1913	Camp 10	"Kapitz and Hughes have about 20 men in the camp - #1. The prevailing soft weather is delaying logging operations."	What is ironic about this news is that Jacob Kapitz ran a notice indicating that the partnership with Hughes had been terminated - this ran about 6 months ago.	
11/21/1913	Rib River Valley	Advertisement "Pulpwood and logs wanted on Rib River. Highest prices paid. For futher particulars inquire of Joseph Brehm, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."		
11/21/1913	Businesses & RLLC	RIB LAKE CITIZENS GET A PATENT. "John Mauch and Frank Martin of this village have received letters patent on a stake pocket for logging cars. The danger in loading [railroad] logging cars is in unfastening the binding chain and the stakes which hold the logs on the car, and the purpose of this stake pocket is to eliminate this danger, which it does perfectly. The pocket is made to trip and let the stake out. This operation is performed by means of a lever which is pulled from the opposite side of the car. Either one or both stake pockets can be pulled open at will. Those who examine this pocket say it is simple, practical and easy to manufacture. We hope Messrs. Mauch and Martin will make some money with their patent."	This invention was potentially of immediate practical use in the Village of Rib Lake. Logs would be unloaded at the hot pond next to the tannery. This required the stakes on the side of the flat car to be released. Releasing the stakes while under a load of logs was a dangerous job. One method used was to use an ax with a handle of about 14 feet long. This permitted a worker to stand to the front or back of the car and chop the stake to the point that it would break.	
11/21/1913	Roads	"The new law requiring townships to put up guide boards [highway signs] goes into effect December 1, 1913. The part of the law relating to this reads: "The town board of each town in the State of Wisconsin shall cause to be erected before the first day of December 1913 and to be kept in good repair suitable and appropriate guide boards on and along main traveled public highways or the same intersect with other main public highways within their respective towns. The expense of the erection and keeping in repair of all such guide boards shall be paid out of the treasury."	A month earlier in the Herald news was published that the Town of Rib Lake had hired Kennedy and Miller of the village to prepare sign boards for erection along highways in the Town of Rib Lake.	
12/5/1913	Businesses	"Perry Headstream and William Zbaeren have formed a partnership and have launched into the manufacturer of black ash butter tub hoops. At the present time they are getting out their timber on George Braun's 40, near Scheller's place in the Spirit settlement."		

12/5/1913	Post Office	"James L. Blakslee, 4th assistant postmaster general, has issued instruction to postmasters in rural delivery offices and rural carriers directing them to bring to the attention of patrons that it is the desire of the department that all first class mail matter deposited in rural mailboxes shall be stamped before being so deposited. When this is not practicable coins left in such boxes for the purchase of stamps should be deposited in coin holding receptacles and not enclosed in envelopes, wrapped in paper or left loose in boxes."		
12/19/1913	Rusch	"Mrs. Albert Knop died Tuesday morning, December 16, at 7:30 of childbirth. The news spread rapidly and was received with great sorrow and the family has our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow, which has visited them too unexpectedly. She leaves, besides the baby boy just born, her husband and 4 children, the eldest of which is about 10 years."	The baby boy was Fritzie Knop. Mr. Albert Knop would later marry my grandmother, Ida Rusch.	
12/19/1913	Tannery	"The tannery railroad scales have been moved from the former location opposite Henry Voss' coal shed to a point between the tannery office and Leech House. A side track for that purpose has been laid and the work on the scales is more than half done. The foundation is being built of concrete. The transfer of the scales to the new location will make it more convenient for the office force to do the weighing."		
12/19/1913	Camp 10	"Marshall Joe Scott spotted a man, Sever Colden, wanted by the police at Carrington, North Dakota, in Camp 10 and notified Sheriff A.F. Morgan who came here Thursday last week and took him back to North Dakota."		
12/19/1913	RLLC & Roads	"The RLLC has started a water tank to make ice road for their logging operations near Harpers Lakes."	A tank filled with water sitting on top of sleigh runners was used to make ice for the ice roads. It was pulled by a team of horses. The reference to Harpers Lakes is ambiguous. An ice road did run directly from South Harper Lake to the village. In addition, a major ice road ran to the east of Harper Lakes to Camp 9. Camp 9 was operating this winter, that is, the winter of 1913-1914.	
12/19/1913	Camp 8 & Railroads - RLLC	"The largest and longest [railroad] train of saw logs ever hauled on the logging road of the RLLC was brought in on the 22nd of December from Camp 8 of which Robert Aitken is foreman. The train was made up of 41 loads and was pulled in by engineer Frank Hayward and Alex McDonald, his fireman. It is estimated the saw logs scaled about 90,000 feet. Mr. Hayward thinks that his locomotive would have pulled about 5 cars more on that trip."		
12/19/1913	Overview - Dec. 19, 1913 & Roads & RLLC	"The oldest settlers in this section say this is the most remarkable winter they can remember. We have had open winters with plenty of snow and one thaw following on the heels of another, so that logging with sleighs was impossible, but to have the roads dusty on the first of January, and mild weather at that, is not on record. Unless there is a heavy snowfall soon, the small logger is apt to go "busted", to use common phrasiology, and the depression therefrom will be felt generally. It must be remembered that this section is yet one of the better timbered ones and its prosperity depends to a great extent on the harvest of forest products. The weather has hardly been cold enough to make the swampy places safe for woods operations with teams, and much of the timber in the low lands will not be gotten out at all this winter, unless it freezes hard immediately. In other seasons hauling has been in progress for a month. Many loggers require from 8-12 weeks of hauling to get their logs to the mills. Absense of snow will make the water in the river low in the spring and it will be very difficult to float logs down to the paper mills. Let us hope that the new year will bring us plenty of snow and cold weather to start the sleighs agoing."	How is that for a prayer and a quote: "Let us hope that the new year will bring us plenty of snow and cold weather to start the sleighs agoing."	
12/19/1913 (cont)	Overview - Dec. 19, 1913 & Roads & RLLC (cont)	start the sleighs agoing."		
12/19/1913	C.T. Hintz	HINTZ'S MILL STARTS UP. "C.T. Hintz's mill started up at Hintz Town last Tuesday. Hauling operations were begun last Monday and there is about 4 1/2 million feet of tie timber and logs on skids to be hauled in. The haul is from 1/4 to 3 miles long and in all about 42 head of horses are on the job. Mr. Hintz received a carload of horses from Schleisingerville this week. Of the timber on skids about 4 million feet is tie timber. Some of the timber will be sawed into lath and lumber. Mack Schnek has taken the contract to run the lath mill and his wife will do the cooking for the mill crew."		
12/19/1913	Businesses	"Three teams hauled a boiler out to Ernst Zuther's place Saturday afternoon. The same will be set up to furnish steam for Mr. Zuther's sawmill."		
12/19/1913	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Harold Kenndy is working at the depot in Colby, learning telegraphy."		
12/19/1913	Rib Lake Herald	"An editor who started about 20 years ago with only 55 cents is now worth \$100,000. His accumulation of wealth is owing to his frugality, good habits, strict attention to business and the fact that an uncle died and left him the sum of \$99,999."		

12/19/1913	Fawn Valley	"Henry Stelling's mill crew has been loading pulpwood at night on account of too much traffic on the logging railroad during the day."	Henry Stelling had a loading works along the RLLC logging line. Apparently there was no spooner there. This meant that the spotting of the car there for loading would be interrupted by through traffic, necessitating doing the loading during the night when the through trains did not run.	
12/19/1913	RLLC	STEAM LOG HAULER IS STARTED. "The steam log hauler of the RLLC was started up this week and the mill will start up next Monday. After a short run on hemlock, it will start on hardwood."		
<b>1914</b>				
1/16/1914	Rusch	ADOLF GILGE DIED. "Adolf Gilge, 1 year, 8 months and 17 days old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius and Martha Gilge, died at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 13 of pneumonia. The funeral was held from the Lutheran Church today, Friday, at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Arthur Sydow officiating. Adolf was their first and only child and the parents are heartbroken over their loss, despite the comforting words of their friends."	Martha Gilge, nee Rusch, was my aunt.	
1/16/1914	Camp 8	"John Starcevich, employed in Camp 8 of the RLLC, was caught by a limb of a falling tree Saturday afternoon, January 10, and his skull fractured. Despite all medical help, he died at midnight without regaining consciousness. His brother, Anton of Duluth, was notified of the accident Sunday and came here with a friend Monday. The funeral was held from the catholic church Tuesday noon and it was conducted by the Rev. Weitm of Mellen in the absence of resident pastor. Deceased was about 36 years old and single and was in this country about 11 years and in Rib Lake about 7 months."		
1/23/1914	Businesses	"Henry Voss has had his ice house enlarged and the work was finished last week. It will hold about 80 cords of ice."	Henry Voss, as several merchants in the Village, harvested ice from area lakes. Little Rib Lake was a regular source of such ice.	
1/23/1914	Western Fever & Agriculture	"Messrs. Gottfried Rothenberger and Fredrick Hoffmann, who tried their luck at farming in Canada, arrived here last week to find work for the winter and in the spring will buy farms here. They are disgusted with Canada. One of their neighbors, who knows William Martin of this village, advised them to come to Rib Lake and settle in Taylor County. This neighbor once lived in the Town of Greenwood and wishes he was back and intends to come back as soon as he can sell his farm in Canada."		
1/23/1914	Camp 9 & Stephen Konz	"The little snow flurry we had Tuesday and cold spell that followed has given considerable impetus to logging operations. Loggers now feel confident that they can get all their logs and tie timber to the mills. The sawmill of S.A. Konz is running on lumber and will cut 50,000 ties this winter. About 12 teams are hauling timber to the mill. The sawmill of the RLLC started up again Monday. ¶ The company's steam log hauler went to the woods last week to haul the timber from the camp near Harpers Lakes. The business outlook in this village is much brighter than a week ago."	Based upon the little we know it is impossible to say with certainty which camp the editor is referring to. There were three camps within close proximity of Harper Lakes. Camp 6 was located just 3/4 mile directly east of South Harper Lake. Camp 9 was located 1 1/2 miles north of North Harper Lake. It is my belief that Camp 6 was done at this time. Camp 9 was operating at this time. ¶ The third possibility was Camp 12. It was located at a site I do not precisely know, but approx. 1 to 1 1/2 mile northwest of North Harper Lake. To date we have not seen any express reference to Camp 12 operating. It is my conclusion that the reference is to Camp 9. There have been several comments regarding Camp 9 and Camp 10. But to date I have not seen any reference to Camp 11 or 12. ¶ Camp 9 was located on the NE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 36, Town 34 North, Range 2 East. In 2007 the site is owned by Jerry Blomberg.	



1/30/1914	Clubs/Orders	MEN'S CLUB ORGANIZED. "A men's club was organized Monday evening by 25 men of this village. Mr. Stone offered the free use of his church for this purpose and the preliminary meeting was held there. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church February 16 at 7:30 in the evening. The following officers were elected: E.C. Getchel President, S.J. Williams Vice President, J.J. Voemastek Secretary/Treasurer. The following standing committees were appointed: entertainment committee, Messrs. George N. Harder, J.J. Kulstad and Otto Steffeck. Membership committee, Joseph Mauch, Dr. G.C. Wichman, James Upjohn, Charles Miller and C.R. Claussen. ¶ A constitution was adopted providing for an annual fee of \$1 and yearly dues of \$2, payable quarterly in advance (50 cents every three months). ¶ The club was named the "Men's Alliance of Rib Lake". The object and purposes of the organization is to foster friendliness among the men of this community, to further literary, social, educational, moral, religious and commercial interests by having regular meetings and discussions, essays, lectures or any other acceptable means of advancing the welfare of the members	It appears to be a men's version of the 20th Century Club.	
1/30/1914 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	and the community. ¶ Men of the age of 18 years or over, who are of good moral character, are eligible to membership. ¶ This is the first men's club Rib Lake has ever had to our knowledge and all those who were present are quite enthusiastic about it. After the meeting a lunch was served by the entertainment committee. ¶ The followed charter members signed the roll, George N. Harder, E.C. Getchel, William C. Lemke, C.R. Claussen, Dr. S. Brace, James Upjohn, Dr. G.C. Wichman, Frank Lambert, Charles Miller, E.D. Dahlberg, Otto W. Steffeck, W.W. Taplin, Thomas R. Begley, James G. Mauch, J. Sig Stone, E.J. Kringle, F.W. Lueckenbach, Charles H. Down, J.J. Kulstad, Charles Reid, J.J. Voemastek, Dan McLeod, Harold Begley, August Wagner, S.J. Williams."		
1/30/1914	Greenwood	"Albert H. Kraus buys and pays \$10 per million board feet for first class veneer log stock."		
1/30/1914	Camp 7	"Robert Sikes and his bunk mate are working on Rib Lake Camp 7."		
1/30/1914	RLLC	"The RLLC is equipping all of its logging cars with automatic trip pockets. The new pockets are put on the cars as they come in for repairs, so that after a certain length of time all cars will be so equipped. Just now trip pockets of Mr. Lueckenbach's design are being put on. John Mauch had a lot of his patent pockets made at Milwaukee but the foundry made a mistake on the job and when the same was received here, the pockets did not fit, so could not be put on just now."		
2/6/1914	Wolf & Interwald	BIG WOLF TRAPPED. "The biggest wolf that we have ever seen was trapped by Elmer Swensen of Interwald one day last week and its pelt was brought to town by him Wednesday. Mr. Swensen said this was a typical timber wolf and weighed about 80 pounds. The hide is worth about \$6 and the bounty is \$20."		
2/20/1914	Camp 9	WOODSMAN HURT. "Ole Legroid, a woodsman, was hurt in Camp 9 Tuesday and was taken to the hospital at Marshfield by Dr. Wichman. In loading logs his left leg was caught and fractured."		
2/20/1914	Rusch	"Robert Rusch went to Eau Claire Tuesday."		
2/20/1914	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"The regular coach on the Rib Lake-Chelsea [railroad] run has been sent in for repairs and a combined baggage and passenger car is here in its stead. This coach has 22 seats, which are upholstered in black leather and the baggage part is also larger than on the old car. It is very likely that if the businessmen would ask the railroad company to leave this car here they would do it and use the old one somewhere else."		
2/27/1914	Post Office & Politics	16 WISCONSIN POSTMASTERS CONFIRMED "Washington February 25, at a brief executive session today the senate confirmed the nominations of 16 Wisconsin Postmasters. They were ....J.J. Voemastek, Rib Lake..."	An article about 2 weeks before by J.J. Voemastek thanked his supporters for endorsing his nomination as postmaster. J.J. Voemastek was a democrat and faired well with President Wilson in the white house.	
3/6/1914	Rusch	"Robert Rusch is working for Eric Gilbertson in his shoe shop. Mr. Gilbertson is able to be out since his recent illness but is not very strong yet."	The reference is to Robert Ludwid Rusch, my uncle.	
3/6/1914	Camp 9 & RLLC	MEETS DEATH UNDER LOGS. "Darwin Whyte, employed as fireman on RLLC steam log hauler, was killed Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock when the whole train load of logs was wrecked going downhill. He jumped to get out of the way of the coming logs but unfortunately did not get out of the way in time and was buried under the timber. Bob Hess, the engineer, and Kenneth McLeod, the steersman, escaped without injuries. The steering gear was broken and the engine cab was somewhat damaged, but the same was repaired early the next day. ¶ Mr. Whyte's body was brought to F.E. Poole's undertaking rooms as soon as possible to have the required attention and that night was taken to his home at Manitowoc by Charles Talbot, who was commissioned to do so by the lumber company. He was about 40 years old and is supposed to have been widower, but nothing certain is known in this respect until Mr. Talbot has made an investigation and returns."	This is a death I heard about for the first time about 1981 from the late Ed Martin. The Rib Lake steam hauler was returning from Camp 9 in Price County. Just north of present Rustic Road 1 the steam hauler route at that time came down a hill. The kinetic energy in the sleigh loads of logs overpowered the steam hauler forcing the sleighs against the steam hauler crushing the cab and taking Mr. Whyte's life.	
3/13/1914	Rusch	"B.F. Rusch, a brother-in-law of William Seeley, was here over Sunday, and Monday returned to his home in Montana."		

3/13/1914	Clubs/Orders	A SPLENDID SUCCESS. "A grand event took place at the Woodmen Hall on the evening of March 9 when Rose D. Rittman of Chicago, high chief ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, instituted a court here, consisting of 22 members. The meeting was called to order by Sister Rittman. She conducted the meeting in a very pleasing manner and showed that she was thoroughly conversant with the presiding officer's duties. Rev. Fr. Reuter being present gave the oath of office. His kindly words of encouragement will be a spur to urge the members forward in their work for their court. He predicted that the infant court would rapidly increase in membership and prosperity owing to the fact that the ladies of which it is composed are very energetic and loyal workers and had lent most valuable aid toward making it a success. He also spoke of the important position that the women hold in the world today. His remarks were followed by our high chief ranger who, in her usual gracious manner, spoke on the good of the order, comparing the W.C.O.F. with the other fraternal societies, showing in a very distinct way that very little escaped her in defining the games of being a		
3/13/1904 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	forester. ¶ St. Mary's court 336 of Medford being invited, rendered a splendid assistance. Officers installed, Spiritual Director Rev. G. Reuter, Chief Ranger Elizabeth Brehm, Vice Chief Ranger Susan Lieg, Recording Secretary Ethel McMillan, Financial Secretary Martha Jarchow, Treasurer Mary Niggemann, Trustees Molly McLellan, Rosa Schneck, Sr. and Edith Niggemann, Medical Examiner Dr. G.C. Wichman, Conductors Lena Seidel, Josie Bertagnoli, Sentinels Anna Bertagnoli, Rosa Schneck, Jr., Delegates to International Convention Elizabeth Brehm, Alternate Clothilda Carroll.		
3/20/1914	Brehm	"Joseph Thums, the merchant and postmaster at Brehm, who was in the Marshfield Hospital, is now at home again. Although not entirely well, he is on the game." "James Down, Frank Deniss, Thomas Brehm and William Driebush were at the county seat Monday." ¶ "Joseph Brehm had business at Chelsea Monday."		
3/20/1914	RLLC	"The steam log hauler of the RLLC finished its operations last Saturday. The company still have a few thousand feet of hemlock logs to get to the railroad in the vicinity of Wood Lake, which will complete its sleigh hauling for the season. The other timber will come in by rail. Loggers seem to be quite satisfied with their operation this winter."	It has been two weeks since the fatal accident involving the steam hauler. No further word regarding the accident or its aftermath.	
3/20/1914	James Lake	JACOB CARLSON, KILLED BY A FALLING TREE. "Jacob Carlson, a farmer near James Lake, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon by a falling tree. He and his wife were sawing down the tree, rather a stub without branches, when the timber suddenly slid off the stump and killed him. The accident happened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He leaves a wife and 4 children. A brother in Minneapolis has been notified and the date and place of the funeral will be set when he arrives. ¶ We are told that Mr. Carlson was a neighbor of John Fisher and lived on the farm at one time owned by Mr. Gummo."		
3/20/1914	Clubs/Orders	"The Men's Alliance had another one of its social functions last Monday evening and it eclipsed all previous ones. The speaker for the evening, Honorable Ralph E. Smith, Chairman of the State Board of Control, was misinformed as to the train connections by the agent of the Northwestern Railroad and therefore missed his train and could not be present. This was the only disappointment. A committee was appointed to meet with the village board to take up the matter of a "clean up day" for Rib Lake. This subject is agitated more or less in all communities every spring. The object sought is to clean not only the streets, yards and alleys in the spring, but to keep them up all the time, and improve the appearance of the buildings by applications of paint as often as required. Six new members were adopted, namely S.A. Konz, John H. Stoeber, Walter Hermanson, Harry Hanifen, F.J. Hayward and Ed Prein. The refreshment committee satisfied the "inner man" with a fine spread consisting of boston baked beans with ketchup, wheat and rye butter sandwiches, cheese, dill pickles and coffee, which was followed by a "smoker".		
3/20/1914 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	The next regular meeting will be in the Woodman Hall on the evening of April 20. Hereafter the Alliance will have its meetings in the Woodman Hall."		
3/27/1914	Agriculture & Businesses	"The Green Bay pickle man was here the fore part of the week and went out in the country for one day with Joseph Brehm to make contracts with farmers for pickle acreage. They made contracts for 16 acres, which is very good for one day's work. We hope every farmer in the vicinity will raise pickles next summer and induce this concern to establish a pickling station here. There is more money in pickles than in strawberries and the man who has but a few acres under cultivation will find that a crop of pickles will pay him more than anything else that could be put on a small piece of land."		
3/27/1914	Greenwood	"A.H. Krause Manufacturing Company has started up the sawmill. ¶ The Wausau Lumber Company have sent up their boats for the drive. ¶ The Steinman and Klein boys built their own log jammers last fall and they have worked finely [sic]."		
4/3/1914	Spirit Lake	"Otto Niegenfind, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Niegenfind of the Spirit settlement, was here two weeks ago on a visit and left for St. Paul last Saturday. He is assistant cook on the Northern Pacific and his run is from St. Paul to Seattle. The train is on the road a week to make the run. Otto and his great-grandfather, Herman Niegenfind, made the Herald a pleasant call Saturday afternoon."		

4/3/1914	RLLC	"George N. Harder, general manager of the RLLC, left for New York City last Saturday to attend a meeting of the directors of the company. He will be absent about 10 days. We hope that Mr. Harder's trip will bring additional prosperity to Rib Lake."		
4/3/1914	J.J. Kennedy & family	"A card received here from Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy from Spokane, Washington, requests us to send the Herald to Chester, Montana, where they will move on their homestead next week. Flowers are blooming and grass and trees are growing green in Seattle and the weather is beautiful."	Angus Kennedy, brother of J.J., is alive and well.	
4/3/1914	Rusch	"Otto Ruesh [sic] had the misfortune to smash his left hand Monday."	This could be a reference to my uncle, Otto R.J. Rusch. More likely, it is a reference to Johann "Otto" Ruesch of Medford, the foreman of Camp #6 of the RLLC.	
4/3/1914	J.J. Kennedy & family	"H.J. Kennedy and his two sons, Harold and Stuart, left for Canada Monday. They took along 5 horses to use on their farm."		
4/3/1914	Businesses	"Warren Hughes of the firm of Kapitz and Hughes, went to Chicago Wednesday."		
4/10/1914	Agriculture	"The Bruce Dairy Farm has sold its milk route to Mick Stirn who will take charge of the business tomorrow. He has a notice to that effect in another column. Mr. Bruce says that he is getting too old to tend to this business and will separate all the milk from his cows and take the cream to the creamery." ¶ "Ed Prein, the buttermaker at Rib Lake Creamery, was up to Park Falls Saturday."	The 1913 standard atlas shows that the SE 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 2 East, was under the name of "Bruce Dairy Farm, J.H. Bruce proprietor." This is the land on the east side of CTH C to the west of the school buildings in 2007. It is the present Desris Farm. ¶ It appears to be the only farm which was given a proper name on the plat book.	
4/10/1914	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	ELECTION RETURNS, SOME CHANGES, SOME SURPRISES, SOME CONSOLATIONS. "Not a single woman's ballot was cast. Evidently the women of Rib Lake do not bother their heads with sufferage. ¶ The annual election of village officers and positions took place. Most positions were hotly contested. Stephen A. Konz was elected president, Trustees Frank Diesing, A.D. McLellan and Otto Steffek, Supervisor Joseph Brehm, Clerk John Steffek, Treasurer F.C. Bailey, Assessor Phillip A. Goelz, Police Justice George A. Clark, Justice of the Peace George A. Clark, Constables David Banks and Mack Clendenning. The total number of votes cast was 188, which was 70 less than the full quota."		
4/10/1914	Agriculture	"R.A. Kolb, the county agricultural representative, will speak at the Rib Lake Town Hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everybody interested in agriculture or otherwise is cordially invited. ¶ ANNOUNCEMENT TO FARMERS. "60 bushels of seed potatoes have been ordered by farmers through the agricultural representative. The potatoes selected were rural New Yorkers and of good type. The price will be \$1 per bushel. ¶ 36 tons of agricultural lime was also ordered. The price of this will probably be not less than \$1.68 nor more than \$2.80 per ton laid down at Medford. ¶ Signed R.A. Kolb, County Representative"		
4/10/1914	Post Office	WHAT DOES THE POSTMASTER GET? "The editor of this paper [J.J. Voemastek] took charge of the [Rib Lake] post office on the first of this month, since which time he has been asked so many times as to how much the Rib Lake Post Office pays, that we have decided to say so here. The postmaster gets \$100 per month and is allowed \$10 per month for help. Whatever he pays for help exceeding \$10 per month is out of his own salary. The postmaster has to buy the fixtures, that is, haul boxes, lock boxes, tables, safe, etc. but all the box rent (which has to be collected for 3 months in advance) goes to the government. He gets nothing out of the parcel post, postal savings or cancelled stamps."		
4/17/1914	Businesses	"Kapitz and Hughes are shipping forest products. They will have about 20 carloads of cedar posts and poles and about 50 carloads of railroad ties."		
4/17/1914	Clubs/Orders	FREE LECTURE - MEN'S ALLIANCE. "Dr. Lester C. Randolph, A.M., one of the best lecturers in the country, has been secured by the Men's Alliance of Rib Lake to give a free lecture at the Opera House Monday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "that delightful fellow - the American boy," which is considered one of the best lectures for men, women, children, boys and girls that has ever been written or uttered. This lecture is free to everybody and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Children under the 7th grade, however, must be accompanied by their parents or elders. Dr. Randolph and his lecture have been so well recommended to the Men's Alliance that the executive counsel decided to go to considerable expense to secure it for April 20, and give it free to everybody. There will be no reserve seats, so come early. The regular business session of the Alliance for that evening will be dispensed with."		
4/17/1914	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & Railroads - RLLC	NOTHING CERTAIN. "If one were to believe what rumor says, Rib Lake will have an entire change of train and meal service with the first of the coming month, but nothing official has been received. The rumor says the morning train going south will leave earlier to make connection with the train to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Also, that the railroad company will furnish its own engine instead of using the engine of the RLLC. The change would no doubt be welcome by the citizens of this village, but until something official in the shape of a notice is received, we must treat it as only a possibility."	This confirms that at least some of the passenger traffic between Rib Lake and Chelsea was powered by the locomotives of the RLLC.	

5/8/1914	People	"E.H. Walker of Columbus, Wisconsin, at one time president of the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company, died of heart failure a week or so ago."		
5/15/1914	RLLC & Camps - Bark	"The night shift at the mill of the RLLC finished its cut Saturday night and the crew was laid off. The mill will now run day shift only. The company is preparing to start 3 bark camps and are going to hire many men for these operations. All indications seem to foreshadow a busy season and prosperity for Rib Lake this summer."	I take it that the reference to 3 new bark camps is in distinction to the typical numbered camps the RLLC was maintaining and opening at this time.	
5/15/1914	Roads & Rib Lake - Village	"We are informed that the state highway commissioner has issued an order to the county highway commissioner to construct a macadamized highway through the Village of Rib Lake with the state aid money. Herman Peterson, the county highway commissioner, was here Tuesday. It appears that if the proposed state highway is to follow Railroad Street, all of the "hog feed" deposited on said street in past years will have to be removed, as it is considered useless as a foundation for a macadamized highway."	Railroad Street was incorporated into STH 102. At McComb Avenue 102 turned north to Fayette. At Fayette 102 turned east to the Village Park - then turned northeast. At the section corner of Section 23, 24, 26 and 25 STH 102 proceeded directly east on the section line past Zondlo's Bar and CTH C. This configuration of the highway was radically changed about 1952. The abandonment of the railroad through Rib Lake opened up an improved right-of-way for STH 102. All of the old highway was abandoned in favor of a newly constructed STH 102 following the route of the former railroad. As of 2007, that is still the route of STH 102.	
5/15/1914	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	"Motion made by McLellan, seconded by Kulstad [of the village board] that the clerk be instructed to insert in the Rib Lake Herald notifying the public that the village board has decided to discontinue the holding of a caucus for the nomination of village officers and that such nominations will be made by circulation nomination papers only. Carried. Signed J. Steffek, Village Clerk."		
5/22/1914	Spirit Lake	"Joseph A. Chilsen, agent for Buick automobiles at Merrill, came here Monday with a new Buick which he delivered to Ole Peterson of Spirit Lake. The machine is the latest out and has electric lights and electric starter. Mr. Peterson will certainly enjoy his spins in it."		
5/22/1914	RLLC & Camps - Bark	"A large crew of bark peelers was taken out to the RLLC's bark camps Tuesday."	The term taken out implies that the peelers were taken out by way of the railroad. Too bad we do not know the location of these camps. ¶ The same edition of the Herald indicates "Ole Peterson is hiring men for his bark camp."	
5/22/1914	Fire	"Forest fires were so threatening Sunday that it was deemed expedient to organize and check their progress. Mrs. Holden's property across the lake was in danger Sunday afternoon and part of the fire company fought the flames for several hours."	One week before the Herald noted that forest fires raged near Mud Lake, destroying fences.	
6/5/1914	J.J. Kennedy & family	"A.J. Kennedy is going to have a new concrete sidewalk built fronting his residence."		
6/19/1914	Camp 8	"William Baling, employed in the RLLC's Camp 8, cut his left ankle with an ax Monday and was brought in for treatment."		
7/3/1914	Physicians	"Dr. E.A. Lapham has sold his office equipment and practice to Dr. Herman J. Friedman of Chicago and the latter has taken charge. Dr. and Mrs. Lapham will spend a few days visiting and camping and will then go to Chicago. Dr. Friedman is here with his oldest son and his family, who are in Chicago, will come in about a month. He has a wife and 4 children. Dr. and Mrs. Lapham have made a host of friends during their stay in Rib Lake the past two years who wish them good luck."		
7/3/1914	Businesses	NEW SANITARY BARBERSHOP. "I wish to announce to the people of Rib Lake and vicinity that I have opened a new barbershop with the new sanitary fixtures in the place formerly used by the Lake Trading Company as an office, next door to the National Hotel, and respectfully solicit your patronage. Signed Sid Bonneville."		
7/10/1914	Clubs/Orders & RLLC	"The sawmill of the RLLC will stop work at 5 o'clock on Monday evening, July 20, so as to enable its employees who are members of the Men's Alliance to attend the first annual outing of the Alliance. To make this hour up, they will only have 50 minutes for dinner the week of July 20, starting the afternoon shift at 12:50 p.m."		
7/10/1914	Law & Spirit Lake	"Judge John K. Parish and his son are camping at Spirit Lake. The judge owns about 200 acres of land in that section. Judge Parish is so well known in Rib Lake and vicinity that whenever he comes here it is one round of hand shaking and renewing old acquaintances with him."		
7/10/1914	Clubs/Orders & Spirit Lake	"The Men's Alliance is to have a banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Peterson at Spirit Lake Monday evening, July 20."		

7/10/1914	Schools	THE ANNUAL MEETING. "The annual school meeting of the Joint District 1 of the Village and Town of Rib Lake was held at the high school Monday evening. The meeting was called to order by Director J.A. Taylor. E.C. Getchel was elected chairman. Joseph Brehm acted in the capacity of secretary. ¶ The matter of tuition for adults and children from other districts and the matter of conveying children to school was left to the discretion of the board. ¶ It was voted to put fire escapes on the school houses. ¶ The matter of the installation of a heating plant in the Ward School was postponed indefinitely because the estimated cost is more than the building is worth. However, it was recommended to have the building painted. ¶ The proposition of free text books went through without opposition as usual. ¶ Taken as a whole, the meeting goes on record as one of the quietest that can be imagined, and inside of 1 hour from the time the chairman called to order, all the business was dispatched without hesitation. Mr. Getchel, as chairman, proved himself the right man in the right place and to his clear judgment and ability to handle large assemblies, the prompt and quick dispatch of the		
7/10/1914 (cont)	Schools (cont)	routine business is greatly indebted."		
7/17/1914	Roads & Rib Lake - Town	"A concrete bridge has been built across the road running to Oscar Mattox's farm at James Lake. This is in the Town of Westboro and on the proposed new state highway. When this road is finished it will be but 6 miles from Rib Lake to Westboro."		
7/17/1914	Spirit Lake & RLLC	"The office force of the RLLC had a day's outing at Spirit Lake Tuesday. They camped at the dam and those who had their fishing tackle along did some angling and made a good catch. The party was made up of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Harder and children, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Williams and children and Mrs. Hoch and children, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Begley, O.W. Steffek, Joseph Mauch, L.A. Rousseau, Walter Hermanson, Dr. and Mrs. G.C. Wichman and Mrs. George E. Hazen and Miss Shaw. All declare they had a fine outing."	Mrs. George E. Hazen was the daughter of Baxter Shaw and the sister of Fayette Shaw.	
7/17/1914	Agriculture	"The county agent spent a day this week with farmers east of Rib Lake and found crops in surprisingly good shape. There are several fine fields of winter rye, best of which is that of Herman Hanke directly across the lake. His neighbor, William Krueger, has a field of clover that is a "sight for sore eyes". This is in distinct contrast to the fields of timothy and old, old meadow that are so common. Signed R.A. Kolb, Agricultural Representative-Taylor County"		
7/24/1914	Fire & RLLC	RIB LAKE LUMBER COMPANY'S MILL BURNING. "As this paper is being printed (9:00 a.m. Friday) the sawmill of the RLLC is burning and is doomed. The planing mill and shed will be saved. The mill is a total loss. The mill was running the same as usual when fire broke out from an unknown cause in the basement and spread so rapidly that the mill crew barely escaped."	This is the story of the decade!	
7/31/1914	Roads	"While in Westboro Sunday we (Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Voemastek) saw the new gasoline tractor and road machine which the Town of Westboro is using for building roads. We were informed that this machine will make roads for about 1/4 the cost with teams, in hot weather."		
7/31/1914	Fire & RLLC	RIB LAKE LUMBER COMPANY'S SAWMILL IN RUINS. FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN DESTROYED THE PLANT FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 24. "Fire broke out in the mill of the RLLC at 9:15 Friday morning and in a short time converted it into a massive ruins. The planing mill and lumber shed were saved with great difficulty. The boiler room, which is built of brick and is fireproof, remained intact. The loss is \$50,000, fully covered by insurance. ¶ The origin of the fire is unknown. The mill was running the same as usual and the crew did not notice anything unusual until the smoke rolled up from the floor below. The fire spread so rapidly that some of the men did not have time to grab their coats and hats. J.J. Kulstad, the filer, tried to save his tools but had to drop the tool boxes and jump out through the window to escape with his life. The engineer, Charles Whittlinger, was beat back by the smoke and flames when he attempted to shut off the steam, and the engine kept on running until the steam pipes broke. It is said the sawyer's levers unlocked after the burning structures were deserted and the saw took another cut before the engine stopped.	The possibility that the mill would not be rebuilt in Rib Lake was very real. The majority of the timber remaining for Rib Lake to cut lay in Lincoln County. A branch of the Milwaukee Road coming out of Merrill went very close to those Lincoln County lands. Note well the comment that this mill had been built in 1897-98 following a fire. The original mill in Rib Lake was built in either 1880 or 1881. It burned to the ground one year thereafter. This made the third time that the Rib Lake sawmill was destroyed by fire.	
7/31/1914 (cont)	Fire & RLLC (cont)	¶ When the fire was discovered a general alarm was given by blowing the whistle. People ran out to see where the fire was and saw big clouds of black smoke rolling out of the building and in a few minutes it burst into flames. The mill crew says at first there was only black smoke, then a puff like a dull explosion and then all burst into flames on the first floor. The fire might have started by spontaneous combustion, friction, slipping belt or an overheated journal. ¶ When the steam pipes broke the mill pump stopped. As soon as the whistle sounded fire the machinery in the tannery was stopped and all the steam put on the big tannery pump to force water into the village main for the fireman who had 5 streams plying on the fire, and all the tannery hands turned out to save the adjoining mill buildings. It was fortunate there was no wind, otherwise the conflagration would have become general and no one can say where it would have stopped. ¶ Speculation is rife as to whether the mill will be rebuilt. Although we believe it will, and most of the people in Rib Lake share this view, nothing has been given out to the public from the officials here or in New York, and perhaps		

7/31/1914 (cont)	Fire & RLLC (cont)	no plans will be announced until after the insurance has been adjusted. However, it is generally understood that the chances for a new mill are better now than they would have been two years hence. It has been known a long time that Marshfield and Merrill have made a bid for the mill, and since the fire the Merrill newspapers have come out strong for it. ¶ About 90 men have been thrown out of work. The company's camps are running just the same and will continue so unless orders to the contrary are received from New York. ¶ The mill was built by J.J. Kennedy in the winter of 1897-98 on the site of the old mill which burned down in the summer of 1897. It was remodeled several times and very little of the original machinery was left in it. It was on fire twice in the 17 years. Being in operation almost continuously, it was saturated with oil and that is the reason why it burned so quickly."		
8/7/1914	RLLC & Camp 10	"Charles Klug is moving his machine to Spirit Lake where he will drill a well at Camp 10 of the RLLC."	This is an illustration of the lack of geographical specificity by J.J. Voemastek. Camp 10 was located in Section 1, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. It was at least 3 miles from Spirit Lake.	
8/7/1914	Railroads - RLLC & RLLC & Camp 1	"The RLLC has scrapped the two locomotives which they acquired from the Copper River Land Company and loaded and shipped them this week. They are the #1000 and the #999 which used to run between Athens and Marshfield."		
8/7/1914	Stumpville & Greenwood	"A Mr. Stump from Spooner is building a mill at Ed Franz's place. It is reported that he controls 1,500 acres of timber land."	Edward Franz is shown owning 120 acres of land in Sections 20 and 21, Township 32, Range 3 East in the 1913 standard atlas. This land is 2 miles directly east of HWY C and just south of the Rib Lake town line. It is divided by the Wood River - Wood Creek. The mill erected there was jokingly called "Stumpville". It was approx. 1 mile south of Hintz Town.	
8/7/1914	RLLC	ORDER RECEIVED TO STARTING PLANING MILL. "Orders were received at the office of the RLLC Wednesday afternoon to clean up the wreckage and start up the planing mill as soon as possible. It is hoped that the damage to the building and machinery can be repaired in two weeks and milling, and shipping operations can be resumed in that time. This will give employment to a large force of men at once. ¶ Nothing has been given out from the New York office concerning the sawmill. Speculation as to whether the mill will be rebuilt or not is as alive today as it was the day of the fire. A manufacturing plant of the magnitude of the RLLC is a prized asset and desired by most all communities and the company is receiving inducements from many places to locate their new mill there. The people of Rib Lake feel that this mill has one of the mainstays of this village and to lose it would be a great calamity. They have always had a kindly consideration of the company's prosperity and their employees, a large percentage of whom are property owners, are loyal. We hope the directors will decide for Rib Lake and at an early date."		
8/14/1914	War - Soldiers	"All the war news so far received comes from Paris or London, capitals of countries at war with Germany, so they should be taken with a grain of salt. Germany has a large and well equipped and well trained army and navy. When we begin to get reports from Berlin, then we shall have a chance to judge how the war really stands. Yesterday's daily stated that the Germans had the French and British armies on the run. See the war pictures on the third page of this number."	This is the only local news devoted to the outbreak of WWI in Europe. Please recall that the war started in 1914. The US had not entered the war until 3 years later, 1917.	
8/14/1914	Roads	Advertisement "1915 Ford prices. Buyers to share in profits. Lower prices on Ford cars. Effective from August 1, 1914, to August 1, 1915, and guaranteed against any reduction during that time: touring car \$490, runabout \$440, town car \$690. FOB Detroit, all cars fully equipped (in the United States of America only). Signed Ford Motor Company."	The ad went on to provide: "for further particulars regarding these low prices and profit sharing plan, see Wells and Chase, Abbotsford, Wisconsin, or F.E. Poole, Rib Lake"	
8/21/1914	RLLC	"A mass meeting of the citizens of Rib Lake was held at Johnson's hall Thursday evening, and a letter to the head office of the RLLC, was formulated and signed by those present, citing the good will of the citizens of this community towards the company and petitioning them to rebuild their sawmill in Rib Lake. The brass band turned out and the meeting was attended by over 100 citizens, merchants, professional men, mechanics, employees of the company, etc. The people of Rib Lake are too poor to offer them money. A mill site they have. The company is not looking for money or charity, but they do want the good will of the community, and of this they are now assured. At any rate, the meeting held Thursday evening ought to help offset the representations, or misrepresentations, if any, of such places as Merrill, Wausau, Marshfield, etc. who are known to be making bids for the new mill."		

8/28/1914	Entertainment	"Rib Lake is to have a circus. The Wintermute Brothers and Hall's Big United Shows are to perform here on Friday, September 4 at 8:00 p.m. The company is one which travels on its merits and have a \$1,000 challenge that they have the biggest performing elephant and the largest lion in captivity, bar none. Besides these two features they have a troop of comical bears, musical ponies, funny clowns, dens of rare wild animals, a troop of performing monkeys. They also have with them Rob Roy, the \$5,000 talking horse who is a show by himself. Besides all of this they have floating wire acts, trapeise work, bare back riding, etc. They have all that goes to make up a circus of the bigger class. Don't forget there is only one ring, one stage, one act all at one time, so you can see and hear all. Admission, adults 25 cents, children under 9 years of age, 15 cents. The doors open at 7:30."		
9/4/1914	RLLC	ANSWER FROM NEW YORK. "In response to the petition sent to the Rib Lake office of the RLLC, the following letter, which to us sounds as quite encouraging, has been received here: New York, August 27, 1914, To Rev. A. Sydow, Rib Lake, Wisconsin. Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a communication, signed by you together with a number of other residents of Rib Lake, urging this company to rebuild our sawmill at that place. We venture to reply to you, as the communication does not designate to whom the reply should be addressed. ¶ We have noted the consideration which you urge in this communication; and we will, of course, give these considerations, and all other considerations, affecting the rebuilding of our plant at Rib Lake careful attention. Our decision will not be made until after we have investigated and considered the relative advantages and disadvantages of the different locations. We request that you will communicate the substance of this letter to such other residents of Rib Lake as you shall think desirable. Yours truly, Eugene Horton, president."		
9/11/1914	RLLC	"The hum of the RLLC's planing mill is pleasing to the ears once more after a protracted idleness, and the crew feels good to be able to work again."		
9/18/1914	Germania	NOTICE. "A rumor has been circulated (I have not been able to find out by whom it was started) that I have made absurd remarks about the Germans in this country, and their nationality. ¶ This is to certify that said rumor is NOT true. ¶ I have never willfully harmed anyone and my family is more German than Danish. My wife being German and I part German. Therefore, why should I make such remarks? Signed P.T. Peterson."		
9/18/1914	Spirit Lake	"Frank Haas was on the lake with his Evinrude and visited Considines and Hughes."		
9/25/1914	Stumpville	"A carload of machinery was unloaded here this week for Charles Stump of Spooner, who is going to build a mill on the Rib River about 2 miles north of Interwald. In the lot is a 20 hp traction engine, machinery for a small mill and a planer. A small portable mill will be set up to saw the timbers and lumber for the mill and camps and next spring a big mill will be put up. The machinery was unloaded Monday and will be hauled out to the proposed mill site as soon as possible."		
10/16/1914	Tannery	"The tannery [railroad] engine from Medford was brought here this week to be used at the local tannery."	The Medford tannery was owned by the same corporation that owned the Rib Lake tannery.	
10/30/1914	Spirit	"Albert E. Meier of Ogema was here Tuesday buying lumber and building materials for his new blacksmith shop, which he will build 1 1/2 miles east and 2 miles south of Spirit Post Office. If all goes well he will be ready for business in 3 weeks. Mr. Meyer will also deal in hardware and will take care of all orders. He is a good blacksmith and we hope he will do well."		
11/13/1914	Clubs/Orders	THE RECREATION CLUB. "The Recreation Club met with Mrs. Stoever and Mrs. Hoey at Mrs. Stoever's house last Saturday afternoon. 22 members and 2 visitors attended. The visitors were Miss Anna Johnson and Miss Ilene Norgiss, both of Superior. 4 tables played 500 and the remaining company did sewing. ¶ Mrs. John Hanifen received a beautiful handkerchief as prize for the highest score and Mrs. Claussen, the consolation. ¶ A dancing party to be held in Johnson Hall was arranged for the 20th of November and the next regular meeting after that will be with Mr. and Mrs. John Steffek and Mrs. Hanifen. ¶ A very delicious luncheon was served and the club adjourned to meet at Johnson's Hall on Friday evening, November 20."	For approx. the last 2 years the "Recreation Club" has been meeting regularly in Rib Lake.	
11/13/1914	Businesses & Stumpville	TELEPHONE EXTENSION TO HINTZ TOWN. "The Rib Lake Telephone Company, one of the progressive concerns in this village, is building a line to Hintz Town from the Fawn Valley School and the line will be up and in working order this week, from Hintz Town it will be extended south to the new mill, which Mr. Stump is building, about a mile down the river. This new line makes the country road look more cosmopolitan and is important and beneficial to Rib Lake Telephone System. C.R. Claussen, the manager, deserves congratulations on this new enterprise."	Until approx. 1990 telephone lines were above ground on telephone poles. This is what the editor said made the roads look more cosmopolitan.	
11/27/1914	RLLC	"The RLLC has started to ship its hardwood logs to Owen."	The J.S. Owen Lumber Company - a hardwood and hemlock operation - was operating at Owen at that time. There was no sawmill owned by the RLLC operating in Rib Lake at this time because of the disastrous July fire.	

12/4/1914	Businesses	THUMS BROTHERS. "Thums Brothers, the hustling jobbers, are in the timber again northeast of North Harpers Lake. They have 3 saws that work now. George Thums is foreman. F.A. Banks is cooking for the jobbers."	The editor has used the term jobber. A jobber was a private entrepreneur who served as an independent contractor for the RLLC. A jobber would agree to log a given area for a fixed price and put the logs on skids. ¶ George Thums was the father of Ed Thums, who was the father of Rolland Thums. In 2007, Rolland Thums is the owner of a tree farm just south of this jobber camp site. Rolland has two brothers, Gregory, "Doc" and Ray. Once again we have the hustling Thums brothers.	
12/11/1914	Law	SMOKING. "Attention is called by the district attorney to the law in regard to smoking by minors. A boy under 16 is practically prohibited from using tobacco anywhere. If he smokes in a public place, school, park, play or school ground or railroad right-of-way, he is made directly punishable by a fine or imprisonment. Any person permitting a child under 16 years to use tobacco on premises which such person controls, is liable to a fine or imprisonment. This is a statutory offense and upon complaint, the district attorney must prosecute - Athens Record."		
12/25/1914	RLLC	"The [Rib Lake] Lumber Company has started to build its ice roads."	Since there was no operating sawmill for the RLLC in Rib Lake at this time, it is an interesting question what was the purpose of building the ice roads. I take it that logging had continued despite the July fire at the mill, thinking that they probably need to get the logs into town or they will go to waste in the woods. If they are in the Village of Rib Lake, they can be sold and shipped out of the village. The other possibility is that one of the other mills operating in Rib Lake, Stephen A. Konz, Hintz and/or Taylor County Lumber Company, might buy them.	
<b>1915</b>				
1/1/1915	Stumpville	NEWS FROM STUMPVILLE. "Lee Stevens, the millwright from Bruce, is erecting the new mill for C.H. Stump. ¶ Mrs. Stump and family have returned home to this village after helping her husband with his business at the camp. ¶ The Hintz brothers are furnishing all the lumber for Stump's camps. ¶ The boys at Stump's camps have fixed up a machine that looks like a Minnesota cultivator, which they call a winter automobile, and have hired Frank Kaske as chauffeur. He is now driving William Buetch's team. Signed Curly Bob."	C.H. Stump is quickly building his new sawmill and at least one lumber camp just south of Hintz Town.	
1/15/1915	Agriculture & Businesses	TO THE FARMERS OF RIB LAKE AND VICINITY. "We have taken up with the citizens of Rib Lake the location of a salting station at that place, providing contracts for a sufficient number of acres of cucumbers, can be placed with the farmers. We will pay the following prices: for cucumbers from 1 1/4 to 3 3/4" in length, \$1.50 per hundred pounds, 3 3/4 to 5" in length, 50 cents per hundred pounds, 5 to 6" in length, and small crooked pickles, 30 cents per hundred pounds. ¶ This is the same contract we are using at all of our 24 stations which we operate in the State of Wisconsin. If the crop was properly planted and cared for, at these prices it should be turned to the farmer from \$75 to \$150 per acre. In fact, we have had farmers deliver as high as \$225 worth of cucumbers off an acre of ground during the past season. ¶ There are many reasons why it is an advantage of farmers in northern Wisconsin to grow cucumbers. In the first place, we pay cash every 15 days and they bring in ready money at a time when a farmer is not marketing other crops. The crop is planted about the 20th of May. Up until the time pickling commences it does not require much more attention than the crop of		



1/15/1915 (cont)	Agriculture & Businesses (cont)	corn or potatoes. Picking commences about the first of August and ends about the 20th of September. This comes in at any opportune time between haying, corn cutting and potato harvesting and as it is out of school season, a large portion of the picking can be done by the younger generation. ¶ Where the farms are small, as they are in northern Wisconsin, some farmers have only a few acres cleared, it behooves them to plant a crop which will bring them the greatest return, as they cannot compete with the larger farmers in growing grains. ¶ Cucumbers are over 95% water, consequently, they do not exhaust the soil and are a very good crop to alternate with other heavier crops. The picking is finished about the 20th to 25th of September, early enough for the winter to seed in rye, wheat or any other crop he may desire. ¶ The cost of the seed is small, about 50 cents per acre. This seed will be furnished to the farmer at cost, deducting it from their returns of their crop in the fall. ¶ Full instructions for planting and caring for the crop, will be furnished to the farmer. Contracts can be made with Joseph Brehm or Jacob Kapitz, Rib Lake. Signed Alart and Maquire Company, Green Bay, Wis."		
1/15/1915	RLLC	"Moritz Ochs had the steam hauler out Sunday to move his house. The skids slipped from under it and now it [the house] stands on the road until another attempt is successful to land it where it belongs. ¶ The steam log hauler of the RLLC has begun its operations for the season and the logs are being deposited on the ice in the lake. Bob Hess is the engineer, Carl Knop, fireman and Kenneth McLeod does the steering."		
1/15/1915	Tannery	NOTICE. "The Union Tanning Company will purchase tan bark at \$4 per cord. Signed J. Hanifen, Superintendent"	Now the Rib Lake Tannery is apparently owned by the Union Tanning Company. The 1913 standard atlas shows the tannery real estate in the village "Union Tanning Company." The Rib Lake Herald has never covered the change in ownership from the US Leather Company and/or Central Leather Company.	
1/22/1915	Railroads - RLLC	"The RLLC has installed air flangers on its locomotives which is a great improvement over the old style snowplow. ¶ The steam log hauler broke down Tuesday and had to be taken off the run for repairs. Nothing serious and the damage can be repaired in the company's machine shop."	The machine shop building is still standing on McComb Avenue. It is in the northeast corner of McComb and STH 102. In 2008, it is occupied by Fisher Creek Foods. Railroad tracks ran into the repair shop allowing locomotives to be repaired inside.	
1/29/1915	Businesses	A NEW INDUSTRY FOR RIB LAKE. "Charles Miller, the enterprising lumberman of our village, announces that he is moving his lath mill to town [the Village of Rib Lake], which was formerly located at Interwald. He is contemplating to build this mill on a part of the site now occupied for lumber yard purposes and adjoining the sawmill of the Taylor County Lumber Company. This added industry to our community will lead to the employment of a number of men, besides establishing a market for consuming timber which is usually shipped from here in the raw state. It is not often, at least in recent years, that the Rib Lake Herald has had occasion to record the establishment of a new industry in our midst. Mr. Miller is an optimist regarding the future of our village; he is progressive and enterprising. He has our good wishes and doubtless also, the best wishes of our citizens for his future success. There is always room for a few more boomers like him."		
1/29/1915	RLLC	"F. Luechanbach, master mechanic of the RLLC, was at Knowlton a few days to fix the company's steam loader."	As of January 2, 2008, I do not know why RLLC was operating its steam hauler at Knowlton, Wisconsin. Since the RLLC is owned by an out of state corporation, it is my guess that the corporation had additional timber lands near Knowlton, Wis.	
1/29/1915	Stephen Konz	"S.A. Konz started up his mill Monday morning and the same is humming a merry tune daily. There is a good cut ahead and that means work for large crew of men. The local lumber market is dull, Mr. Konz manages to keep things "moving" right along which stamps him as a businessman of great ability."		
2/5/1915	Library	"The Wisconsin Library Commission has placed a collection of good books constituting a traveling library at the Rib Lake Public Library. Every person in the community is invited to borrow books from this library, for which is absolutely no charge. The books can be borrowed Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays."		
2/19/1915	Spirit Lake & O.A. Peterson	PETE PETERSON MISTAKEN FOR DEER AND IS VICTIM OF GUN SHOT. "Ogema, Feb. 11 - Word was received here last week of the death of Pete Peterson, brother of Ole Peterson, a prominent farmer residing in the Town of Brannan near Spirit Lake. The cause of death was accidental, deceased having been killed by an unknown hunter while in the woods hunting for deer, and occurred on the 29th day of January at Bagley, Saskatchewan. Deceased was 39 years of age and leaves a wife and 4 children to mourn his untimely loss. The funeral was held last Saturday, Ole and Charles, brothers of the deceased going to Saskatchewan immediately upon receipt of the sad news. - Prentice Calumet"		
2/19/1915	Stumpville	"C.H. Stump is shipping tan bark to Sheboygan. ¶ Mrs. C.H. Stump went to Spooner Wednesday to visit relatives and friends. Her daughter, Goldie, will stay at her father's camp at Stumpville while she is absent."		

2/26/1915	Spirit Lake	WILL MOVE MILL TO CHELSEA. "James Waters, proprietor of the mill at Spirit Lake, informs us that he will dismantle the mill as soon as possible and move it to Chelsea. The reason for the change, he says, is that it will be more convenient for him to look after his business and because he will get as many, and maybe more, logs at Chelsea. This mill was built by Waters and Zerbel of Humbird, Wisconsin, in 1905, and lately Mr. Waters has owned it himself. We regret to see the mill leave its present place, at the same we feel that Mr. Waters deserves better returns for his investment than he has been getting and hope he will prosper in the new location."	So ended the manufacture of lumber at Spirit Lake.	
2/26/1915	Camp 9 & Camp 10	"The RLLC has just wound up its logging operations in all their camps except #9, which has about 2 weeks more work ahead. ¶ Alfred Larson, who has been cooking at Camp 10, returned to his home at Minneapolis Saturday."		
3/5/1915	Businesses & Agriculture	PICKLE INDUSTRY PRACTICALLY ASSURED. "Joseph Brehm received a letter from the Alart and Maquire Company of Green Bay this week, stating that they were sending him by express 175 pounds of cucumber seed to be distributed among the farmers of this locality. About 90 acres have been contracted for and Rib Lake can now look forward to a salting station."		
3/5/1915	Politics	"Assemblyman Hedee of Price County has introduced a bill in the legislature prohibiting public treating in saloons."		
3/5/1915	Tannery	"W.G. Horton, general manager of the tanning department of the Union Tanning Company, with headquarters at New York, made an inspection of the local tannery this week."		
3/5/1915	War - Soldiers	"Mrs. F.K. Skibbe of Little Black has received the sad news that her cousin's husband, who enlisted in Vienna, the capital of Austria-Hungary, was killed in battle, and that another relative was in the hospital with both legs injured. News from Vienna is of particular interest to the editor of the Herald because he was born in that city and lived there with his parents until 5 years old, and has relatives now living there."		
3/12/1915	War - Soldiers	THEY DESERVE OUR SYMPATHY. "Nearly all nationalities represented in the Great American War make up the population of Wisconsin and this particular community. So when you hear a man or woman speak about the great conflict with unmistakable love for his or her fatherland, do not think it is unAmerican. They are Americans the same as you or I and love this country above all else, but strong and close bonds of blood and friendship cause them to revere the fatherland. Many sad stories have been told us. This man has a son in the Austrian army, this young man has a father and two brothers in the German army, this woman had a brother killed in the Russian army, another has a sister with 5 children and the husband is at the front in battle, etc, etc. Every letter that comes from Europe during these troubles times brings more sad news, no matter in which particular country it was written."	This is an insightful, compassionate and appropriate statement. After America entered the war in 1917, I doubt that this type of language would be printed for fear of having yourself branded as unAmerican.	
3/19/1915	J.J. Kennedy & family	"H.J. Kennedy, started for Southern Saskatchewan yesterday. He intended to take along a car of stock but found out it could not be done on account of the quarantine for the foot and mouth disease cattle."		
3/19/1915	Camp 9	"Camp 9 of the RLLC broke up last week."		
3/26/1915	Greenwood	"C.E. Miller has organized a sugar bush of 300 pail power on his place."		
3/26/1915	J.J. Kennedy & family	"A postal card from Mrs. Angus Kennedy from Spokane, Washington informs us that they are well and will live 16 miles out of the city this summer. Springtime is with them once more and the weather is warm."		
4/16/1915	Rib Lake Herald	DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS. "And pursuant to law we hereby designate the Star-News, the Sun, the Rib Lake Herald and Der Waldbote, newspapers of the county, and the newspapers of which this determination shall be published. Signed Carl Herrman, M.A. Buckley and E.L. Urquhart, Board of County Canvassers."		
4/16/1915	Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ruesch [sic] came down from Mellen Wednesday for a short visit."	The proper spelling is Rusch.	
4/16/1915	Agriculture	CORN CONTEST. "Considerable interest is being displayed in a corn contest to be inaugurated in Taylor County this year. Thus far 157 boys have signified their intention of entering the contest by ordering seed. ¶ The county fair association has provided the following list of prizes to be awarded on 10 ear samples at the county fair next fall: the boy having the best 10 ears of corn grown from his corn will be given a trip to Madison next winter for a 5 day corn school. The boy having second place will receive \$5, third \$4, fourth \$3, fifth \$2 and succeeding 11 will have \$1 each. The corn to be grown and taken care of by the individual boys. ¶ The seed is being sent out by the county representative. See your teacher, boys. Signed R.A. Kolb."		
4/23/1915	Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"The [log] drive is at the dells. The drivers are taking a rest waiting for more water."	The dells of the Rib are located on the Marathon County/Taylor County line.	
4/23/1915	Attorney	NOTICE. "I am obligated to go to Enid, Oklahoma, for the trial of a matter in court and shall go to San Francisco from there. I will therefore be out of the city for 4 weeks. Attorney George M. Goggins of Chilton, Wisconsin, who has been in my employ for the past two months, will take on all work during my absence, and as no term of court is now near, I will have time enough on my return to personally take charge of all litigated matters; so matters will be attended to as usual at my office. Signed Herman Leicht."	Herman Leicht was one of the leading attorneys with his office in Medford.	

4/23/1915	Agriculture	"William Wagener, the mason, has his steam forms for building concrete silos almost ready. The prospects for concrete silos this summer are very promising. Mr. Wagener has the proper outfit to do the work and those contemplating building will save a few dollars by enlisting his advice and service."	William Wagner of Rib Lake has an ad in the Herald proposing "I have a 600 outfit for building concrete silos according to state specifications. Call or drop me a card and I will see you."	
5/21/1915	Railroads - RLLC	"The RLLC's locomotive #3 had new flues put in it and other work done at the shops at Fond du Lac. Mr. Luchenbach superintended the job."	The reference to Fond du Lac refers to the large railroad shops maintained by the Wisconsin Central Railroad in the northern portion of the City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In 2008, those railroad shops are still flourishing.	
5/28/1915	Brehm & Post Office	BREHM POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED. "On and after June 15, 1915, the post office at Brehm, Wisconsin, will be discontinued and all mail for said post office should be addressed to Rib Lake, Wisconsin, Rural Route #2, Signed J.J. Voemastek, Postmaster."		
5/28/1915	Church - St. John's Lutheran	HAVE STARTED BUILDING. "Ground has been broken for an administration building for the German-Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Rib Lake. The same will be just west of the church on the same lot. It will be 24 x 40 feet, one story high, with a concrete basement. The mason work has been let to Ed Blasch of this village and the carpenter work to John Ohmy of Greenwood. The cost will be \$1,000. The building will be used for Sunday school purposes, choir practice, church meetings and society gatherings and will fill an urgent and long felt lot. The decision of the congregation to undertake this work at this time shows they have faith in the future wealth for Rib Lake and ought to be a stimulus to those who hesitate to invest in village property because they harbor misgivings about the future of this village."		
5/28/1915	Church - St. John's Lutheran	"The Rev. Arthur Sydow has sold his team and has purchased a Maxwell motor car from George F. Braun. The deal was made last week. Rev. Sydow will find the car very expedient on his long trips to Interwald and Brannan (Town of Spirit-Zion Lutheran Church)."		
5/28/1915	Taylor County Lumber Company	"The work on the new sawmill of the Taylor County Lumber Company is progressing rapidly and the mill will soon be ready to start up."		
5/28/1915	Rusch	"Mrs. Albert Knop, formerly Mrs. Herrmann Emanuel Rusch, has sold her house in this village to John H. Schaack."	The widow, Ida Rusch, nee Lange, has now remarried a widower, Albert Knop; she is selling her home in the village and moving with her children to the Knop farm 1/2 mile north of Zondlo's tavern on CTH C. The 7 Rusch children will now merge with the 7 Knop children.	
6/4/1915	People	"Henrich Klosterman was taken to the hospital last Friday. He has been ailing lately and Dr. Wichman, who took him to the hospital, diagnosed the case as typhoid."	Heinrich was probably the Henry Klostermann mentioned earlier.	
6/4/1915	Agriculture	LOOK OUT! "Farmers who want stumps removed from their land, and who have a team of horses and a man to help, see me. I have a stump puller and an outfit of the largest construction which weighs 1,300 pounds. I am looking for work and give a full guarantee. Signed Joseph Burtcher, Route 1 north of Charles Seidel's saloon."		
6/11/1915	J.J. Kennedy & family	"John A. Kennedy arrived home Monday morning from Oberon, North Dakota, where he taught the past year."		
6/11/1915	People	"Miss Anna Knop, daughter of Carl Knop of the Town of Rib Lake, and Charles Kalk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kalk from the Town of Rib Lake, were married at the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in this village last Thursday morning at 10:30. The Rev. Arthur Sydow, pastor of said church officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Flora Radtke and Ms. Minnie Christensen and the bridegroom was supported by Fred Kalk and Ernst Guse. It was one of the largest weddings ever seen in the neighborhood and those from out of town were Emil Zenke and family from Bruce, John Stelling and family from Ladysmith, and August Hein and wife from Medford. The young couple are well and favorably known in this community and their numerous friends extend congratulations."		
7/9/1915	Rusch	"B.F. Rusch and wife and their two daughters and son are visting William Seeley and family. Mr. Rusch is Mr. Seeley's brother-in-law and his home at present is at Thorp. Their son and one of their daughters arrived from Montana in a Reo automobile. The distance is about 1,000 miles and the trip was made without mishap."		
7/16/1915	RLLC	NOTICE TO PARENTS. "We wish to request the cooperation of the parents of this village in stopping the practice of the boys in running across the logs in the lake. A serious drowning accident is imminent if the practice is followed by some of the boys if not discontinued at once. Rib Lake Lumber Company by George N. Harder, General Manager."		

7/16/1915	Taylor County Lumber Company	NEW MILL STARTED UP. "The sawmill of the Taylor County Lumber Company started up Saturday and is running on custom sawing, for the present. Tom Halverson is the sawyer. The capacity of the mill is about 10,000 [board feet] per day. As soon as the custom sawing is run out, the hardwood will be cut. The new mill is handily located to the yard for piling and the railroad for shipping and was designed with [a] view to save expense [in] handling of the finished product. The addition of the payroll from this new industry will be felt in all channels and will add materially to the prosperity of Rib Lake."		
7/16/1915	Agriculture	SALTING STATION. "F.E. Terrill, superintendent of the Alart and Maquire Pickle Company of Green Bay, is here this week with a crew of men and they are erecting a salting station on the railroad company's right-of-way near Brehm's warehouse. 6 tanks will be erected, four 14 and two 8 foot, and the work will be completed in about 2 weeks."		
7/16/1915	Stephen Konz	"Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Konz and daughter left Monday for Black Creek [Athens], Wisconsin, where Mr. S.A. Konz has a box factory. Mr. Konz is stocking the factory and yard from his mill here."		
7/16/1915	Fire	"The members of the Rib Lake Fire Department with their families and a few friends enjoyed a very pleasant picnic at Christensen's park last Sunday. A bountiful luncheon of chicken salads, baked beans, pickles, sandwiches, cake, ice cream, lemonade and coffee was served. ¶ The members of the department are: John McRae (chief), James Down, Ed Kenney, William Lemke, Frank Janda, Frank Poole, Joseph Vlach, Charles Lacc, Ed Johnson, Harold Begley, Ed Blasch, William Colwell, Frank Martin, Herman Ferro, Henry Rosenfelt, John McDonald, Otto Brehm, Herman Burmeister, and Otto Martin."		
7/16/1915	Roads	"Traveling on the way to Prentice last Saturday we saw a sign across the road and about 20 feet high at the south limits of Westboro and another just like it north of the town. On one side the sign reads "Welcome to Westboro" and on the other "Come Again". If there is any way of advertising a town so people will talk about it, Westboro has it. Now, this system is not patented nor copywrited, and it will not hurt Rib Lake or any other town to copy it. Let's get busy."		
8/6/1915	RLLC	"Frank Schneck, who is firing in the powerhouse of the RLLC, smashed the index finger of his left hand last week Thursday night and lost one joint. While he is unable to use his left hand, he will take John Violet's place as night watchman and Mr. Violet will fire in his place."	While the mill has burned and remains unreconstructed, the powerhouse is in use. It is supplying power to the planing mill, which is in operation.	
8/20/1915	RLLC & Camps	"The RLLC is taking teams to the woods to commence getting logs."		
8/27/1915	Spirit Lake	"F.E. Poole and E.C. Getchel have commenced clearing their lots at Spirit Lake. Mr. Poole is getting lumber milled and will build a cottage this fall. Joseph Brehm, J.A. Taylor, J.J. Voemastek and John McRae have also bought lots at Spirit Lake this week."		
9/3/1915	Rusch	LOCALS. "Robert Rusch is in Marshfield."	For obvious reasons I could not pass this one up. The reference is to my uncle, Robert Ludwig Rusch.	
9/3/1915	Agriculture	BOYS CORN CONTEST. "The boy's corn contest in Taylor County was inaugurated in a year that of all stands out as being admirably unfit for the growing of corn. Had the corn contest been staged a year ago, all would have been well, but weather conditions are something no one can foretell. Nor is Taylor County the lone area suffering from a poor corn year. ¶ Just what will become of the corn contest remains to be seen. All have an equal chance and every boy was in fair competition with all the rest. If you have corn that has fair sized ears, even though not ripe, bring them to the fair and if we have a respectable exhibit, the prizes will be awarded as per premium list. Signed R.A. Kolb."		
9/10/1915	Rib Lake - Village	LIVELY RUNAWAY. "John McClusky of Interwald had a lively runaway Saturday morning on McComb Avenue. He and his son brought 4 calves and a cow to town [the village of Rib Lake]. The calves were in the wagon and the cow was tied behind. As Mr. McClusky was getting out of the wagon in front of Voss' place [a saloon], one of the horses got frightened from some cause and, in spite of Mr. McClusky's desperate efforts to hold the team, it got away and did not stop until it ran into Voss' outhouse and the wagon pole went right through the west wall. Fred Simon had just stepped out of the outhouse a few moments before the pole went through. The cow broke loose when the horses got too swift for her. Several pedestrians on the street had a narrow escape from being run over. The broken pole was about all the damage done."	Reminds me of a saying of my mother: "No laughing but no matter if you laugh."	
9/24/1915	Tannery	"Mr. Cole, the timber cruiser of the Union Tanning Company, was in Rib Lake several days this week and looked over the company's timber in this vicinity."		

9/24/1915	Agriculture & Rib Lake - Town	SECOND ANNUAL PLOWING CONTEST. "On Tuesday of last week was held the second annual Taylor County plowing contest. The weather was fair and a good crowd was in attendance. The sessions were held in the Rib Lake Town Hall during the afternoon. Mr. Luther of Rhinelander opened the program with a talk on silos, giving reasons for having a silo under Taylor County conditions. ¶ Mr. Jones of Madison then spoke on the various parts and adjustments of the plow, after which Mr. Richards of Price County spoke on the advantages of purebred livestock. ¶ After dinner the contest proper was held. Five contestants vied for the prize, Louis Kutzke, Ernst Gerstberger, Max Zuther, Joseph Drexler and Henry Niggemann. As last year the plowing demonstrated the value of a jointer for good plowing, those plows that were equipped with jointers doing much better work. Messrs. Jones, Luther and Richards acted as judges and when the scores were totaled, Ernst Gerstberger stood first, Louis Kutzke second, Henry Niggemann third. Ernst Gerstberger got the bull calf donated by the bankers of the county together with the businessmen of Rib Lake. Mr. Gerstberger has decided that it shall be a	R.A. Kolb was the Taylor County agriculturist.	
9/24/1915 (cont)	Agriculture & Rib Lake - Town (cont)	guernsey. The pig will be a tanworth of course, signed R.A. Kolb."		
9/24/1915	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Anna Mae Kennedy left Monday for Milwaukee where she will attend Marquette University this winter."	She eventually obtained a degree in pharmacy.	
9/24/1915	Camp 10	"The RLLC has sent one loader to Camp 10 to load hemlock logs on cars for shipment to Owen."	The J.S. Owen Lumber Company was located at Owen. Since the RLLC mill had been destroyed by fire in July, 1914, the RLLC had no mill in Rib Lake to saw logs. Interesting enough, the RLLC did not choose to use the S.A. Konz, Hintz or Taylor County Lumber Company mill - all of which were operating in Rib Lake at that time.	
9/24/1915	Agriculture	"The United States Department of Agriculture is making a survey of land and soil of Taylor County and at present is working in this vicinity. The work is being done under the supervision of Mr. Thompson."		
10/22/1915	Church - St. John's the Baptist Catholic & War - Soldiers	RIGHT FROM BATTLE FRONT. "The Rev. Peter Weitken, at one time pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in this village, and later in Mellen, has written a letter to Arnold P. Seifriz of Mellen as follows: "We Germans are "barbariana" and the English are innocent, but they are judging themselves by means of their unscrupulous behavior." The letter is written from the battle front in Russia. Rev. Weitken, while on a visit to Europe a year ago, answered the summons to go to the front and enter the service of the Kaiser. He is now serving as Sergeant in one of the sanitary corps and also acts as chaplain for this division. ¶ "Soldiers of such spirit as the Germans must be granted the victory of arms by the dear God" writes Mr. Weitken. "Since March I have been stationed in the east front with the additional of being volunteered field chaplain. There were complaints about the lack of clergy at this front and so I was willing to undertake this duty." ¶ "This war will require lots of sacrifice and blood and money but the Germans will win for they stand a united nation. The Americans are suffering a loss in reputation from Germany as a result of their munitions traffic."	The reference to the American involvement in the munitions trade refers to this: America was neutral until 1917, but sold goods, including munitions, to the highest bidder. Since the allies were in control of the sea lanes, the allies could and did buy huge amounts of munitions from America. This also had the effect of pulling America into the war on the side of the allies since some of the goods were sold on credit. If the allies lost the war, they would not be in a position to pay.	
10/22/1915 (cont)	Church - St. John's the Baptist Catholic & War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ Mr. Weitken says that conditions in Russia-Poland are so severe that the sanitary corps and commissary departments of the German army must also provide for the civil population. They say that the care of the troops in the field is excellent."	The same edition of the Herald contained an announcement "Gigantic plant wars off of demand - millions of dollars worth of explosives to be made in Pennsylvania - mammoth industry due to Europe's demand for more material springs up - hazardous work for which men are paid big wages."	
10/22/1915	Camp 9	A REAL BEAR STORY. "Recently two visitors from out of town, says an eyewitness, were returning from a fishing trip to Hultman Lake. When on the tote-road from Camp 9 to the Westboro road, low and behold, who comes along and crosses the tote-road but a big black bear followed by a cub. In consternation the young man who carries the gun stood like a soldier "at right shoulder arms". After he "came to" he shot at the cub, but the gun was loaded with bird shot so the little fellow turned around and came back. That was a signal for the older partner to quit the ground and quit he did. Despite his 66 years he made the distance to the car on the highway in record time."	The tote-road was a cross country wagon trail that was used to haul supplies to the camps. A portion of the tote road remains open to this day - 2008 - and is incorporated into the Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe trail system. One such segment is immediately north of Rustic Road #1 leading to the site of Camp 9.	

11/12/1915	J.J. Kennedy & family	HUGH J. KENNEDY - DIED IN CANADA. "The family of Hugh J. Kennedy received a message from East End, Saskatchewan, stating that he is ill and that Mrs. Kennedy should come at once. Mrs. Kennedy left for Canada the next day and arrived there Saturday. Monday Harold Kennedy received a message stating that his father died Saturday. ¶ Mr. Kennedy and his oldest son Stuart have been living on a homestead in Saskatchewan. They were home last winter and went there again in the spring. Mr. Kennedy's health was poor the last two years and his intention was to get his property in shape before another winter so he could dispose of it. Mrs. Kennedy and their youngest son, Harold, are living here and their daughter Anna is attending Marquette College in Milwaukee. ¶ Mr. Kennedy was one of the pioneers of Rib Lake and his sudden death came as a shock to all. The Herald will give a detailed account when Mrs. Kennedy returns from Canada."	The daughter they refer to is Anna Mae Kennedy, later a pharmacist and long-time pharmacist at UpJohn's Drug Store on McComb Avenue. Hugh J. Kennedy was a brother to J.J. Kennedy, Angus and William Kennedy. Hugh is the first Kennedy whose death has been reported in the Herald.	
11/26/1915	Rusch & Businesses	NOTICE. "I wish to announce to the people of Rib Lake and vicinity that I have bought the equipment and shoe repair business of Robert Rusch and took charge of same November 22. I have had 11 years experience in this business and respectfully solicit your work in my line. Respectfully, Joseph Pacourek."	Robert Ludwig Rusch was my uncle. He had learned the shoe repair business under the tutelage of Eric Gilbertson. Following the sale of his Rib Lake business, he moved to Mellen to be near his brother Oscar. Robert L. Rusch fought in WWI and lived out the remainder of his years in Mellen, dying and being buried there about 1951. ¶ The Herald later contained the following paragraph within the same edition: "Robert Rusch has sold his shoe shop to Joseph Pacourek of Milladore. Bob has not been feeling well the last 6 months and doctors advised him to change his occupation. Mr. Pacourek has had 11 years experience as a shoemaker and will be only too glad to demonstrate to the people of this community what he can do."	
12/3/1915	Germania & Entertainment & War	SEE THE GERMAN SIDE OF THE WAR, THE TAKING OF LEMBERG, THE CAMPAIGNS IN THE TYROLEAN ALPS. "Trench fighting, machine guns in operation, wounded on the battle field, wounded in the hospitals, a German outpost in operation, 25 centimeter guns in action, the 30 centimeter caterpillar guns in action, shrapnel explosions taken with a telephoto lens, the Kaiser at the front, the recapture of Przenysl, the deadly machine guns on the battle field, the Battle of Tarnow. At the Opera House Friday evening, December 17 - Advertisement"		
12/17/1915	Germania & People	WILLIAM MARTIN. "William Martin, of the Village of Rib Lake, died at his home Thursday, December 9, 1915, from drops of the heart combined with lung trouble. ¶ Mr. Martin has been in poor health the past two years. His many friends noticed him failing and knew only too well that another pioneer of Taylor County was about to cross the great divide. ¶ William Martin was born in Gotha, Germany, May 21, 1839. He enlisted in the infantry of the German army during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. He distinguished himself at the battle of Sedan, France, and for his bravery was awarded the Iron Cross, an honor that very few can boast of. When peace was declared, he left France, with his company, for Germany, where he was mustered out in the fall of 1872 with an honorable discharge - character excellent. ¶ Mr. Martin was married in Germany to Aurora Machlett in 1873 and migrated to this country in the fall of the same year, settling in Sheboygan and later moving to Greenwood, Taylor County. His wife died in 1883 and was buried in Greenwood.	The Krieger Verein was a union of German war veterans. Krieger is the German word for soldier. Verein means union. ¶ An additional tribute to the Martin family is Martin Avenue, a town road running through Section 17, Township 32 North, Range 3 East. It is named after the Martin family.	
12/17/1915 (cont)	Germania & People (cont)	Two children were born to this union, Herman and William. ¶ In 1885 he married Olga Grundig and lived on a farm in Greenwood. He was town clerk 12 years and county clerk 8 years. Since he retired from public life, he was engaged in the shoe business in Rib Lake up to about a year ago when he had to retire on account of poor health. He was a patient sufferer and never complained during his illness. ¶ He was buried Sunday afternoon from the lutheran church of this village under the auspices of the Krieger Verein from Medford. From the village to the cemetery, the road was thronged with friends anxious to pay their last tribute to this pioneer. Destiny had not willed that he should die a soldier fighting in the brave defense of liberty or that his shroud should be the flag of his beloved country, but thanks to the Krieger Verein, as he was being lowered to his last resting place, he received three salutes from Old Glory, under whose fold all men are born equal, all are born free."		
12/17/1915	Roads	"The Village of Unity and the cities of Colby and Abbotsford have been receiving consignments of disintegrated granite from the R. Connor Company pits in the Town of Emmett, [Marathon County, Wisconsin]. Shipments are being made over the Marathon County Railway to Stratford, the Northwestern to Marshfield, thence over the Soo Line to points of consignment. The places named above are using the granite for street surfacing. It would be nice if Rib Lake was in a position to get some of this stone for street surfacing."	The "disintegrated granite" is known today as rotten granite. It is still obtained from the small area in Marathon County southwest of Rib Mountain. It is fascinating to note that it was hauled by railroad from the pit. This is an illustration of how ubiquitous railroads were.	

12/24/1915	Camp 12	"The RLLC started its water tank Tuesday to make an ice road from Camp 12 to Westboro, a distance of about 6 miles. Said ice road will follow the creek most of the way. The haul will last 40 or 60 days after the road is built, depending on the weather."	This is the first mention of Camp 12 in the Rib Lake Herald. I believe this is the first year that Camp 12 operated. Bear in mind that the mill at Rib Lake had burned down and had not been replaced. The RLLC created Camp 12 and chose a location to solve the mill problem. The plan was to haul logs to Westboro to be sawed at the Westboro Lumber Company. ¶ The Westboro sawmill was located on the west side of Silver Creek just north of present day CTH D, within the SW 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 7, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The creek that his being referred to is Silver Creek. Silver Creek originates in South Harper Lake and flows to North Harper Lake. It flows out of North Harper Lake in a northwesterly direction crossing into Price County. It runs for approx. 2 miles in Price County just north of the Taylor County line before re-entering Taylor County and flowing in a southwesterly direction to Westboro right by the Westboro Lumber Company. The Westboro Lumber Company's mill pond was created by daming Silver Creek. This articles says the distance of the ice road is about 6 miles.	
12/24/1915 (cont)	Camp 12 (cont)		The actual distance of the creek between Westboro and North Harper Lake is about 6 miles. I am conjecturing that the location of Camp 12 was in the S 1/2 of Section 34, Town 34 North, Range 2 East.	
<b>1916</b>				
1/7/1916	Camp 12	"The long predicted cold snap has us in its grip. Yesterday morning the thermometers dropped down to 20 below zero and Walter B. Patrick, walking boss for the RLLC, sent the big sleighs to Camp 12 to begin hauling logs to Westboro."	The big sleighs were pulled by the steam hauler using an ice road principally following the valley of Silver Creek.	
1/7/1916	People	PETER CHRISTENSEN. "It has pleased the Lord to call from our midst Peter Christensen, son of Christian Holverson and Olena (nee Peterson), at the age of 48 years, 11 months, 23 days. Deceased was born in Norway January 13, 1867. At the age of 17 he came to this country and spent one year at Mount Morris, Wisconsin. In 1885 he came to Rib Lake. December 1, 1891 he married Mathilda Radtke. This harmonious union was blessed with 8 children, of which one daughter, Ella, went on before to await her father's bidding In him a faithful laborer, good citizen, beloved father and husband, and a staunch christian has gone from among us. The relatives who remain to mourn his loss are his wife, 7 children, Otto of Westboro, Minnie, Alva, William, Edwin, Esther, Peter of Rib Lake, Mrs. Otto Christensen, daughter-in-law, one grandchild. The well attended funeral was held at the lutheran church Saturday. Arthur Sydow, pastor, officiating. Pallbearers were Art Herrem, Charles Skon, Herman Hanke, William Krueger, J.A. Taylor and H.E. Stelling."	The Christensen farm, just east of the Village, NW 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 25, Town 33 North, Range 2 East, remains in the Christensen family. The 2007 plat book shows it owned by Allen Christensen, et al.	
1/7/1916	Camp 12	"The RLLC sent its steam log hauler to Camp 12 Sunday. Bob Hess is engineer, Frank Hass fireman and Ken McLeod steersman"		
1/21/1916	Clubs/Orders	FORESTERS INSTALL. "The Catholic Order of Foresters held their 17th annual installation of officers last Thursday evening in the Woodman Hall. The following officers were installed by Deputy High Chief Ranger A. Kleinheinz of Marshfield: Chief Ranger Joseph Brehm, Vice Chief Ranger John Reinhardt, Past Chief Ranger Matt Lamberty, Recording Secretary Henry Niggemann, Financial Secretary J.H. Schaack, Treasurer Fred Niggemann, Trustee Otto Brehm, Senior Conductor Joseph Pertner, Junion Conductor Al Kollman, Inside Sentinel Joseph Amo, Outside Sentinel Joseph Schneck, Speaker Joseph L. Niggemann."		
2/4/1916	Camp 12	"The steam hauler is delivering 120,000 feet of logs on the [Westboro] mill pond daily."	These logs are coming from Camp 12.	
2/4/1916	Tannery	"The price of hemlock bark has taken a jump. We understand that contracts for next year's delivery will run from \$8 to \$10 per cord. The European war [WWI] has created an unprecended demand for sole, shoe and harness leather."		
2/11/1916	Rusch	"Robert and Oscar Ruesch [sic] were down from Mellen Wednesday to call on friends."	This is a reference to my uncles, Robert Ludwig and Oscar Heinrich Rusch.	
2/18/1916	Railroads - RLLC	"The tannery locomotive is being repaired at the machine shop. One of the [Rib Lake] lumber company's engines is being used instead until the repairs are made."		

2/18/1916	Schools	PRENTICE LOSES TO RIB LAKE BOYS. "The high school basketball team of Prentice came to Rib Lake last Friday to give our local high school boys a game. Judging from what the Prentice boys said before the game and the size of them, you would have thought that our boys did not have a ghost of a chance to win the game. The score proved to the contrary: first half 10 to 1; second half 25 to 8. During the game it was plain to be seen that the Rib Lake boys outclassed the visiting team in their manner of handling the ball. The local teamwork, method of passing the ball and basket shooting far outclassed the visitors. Although justly proud of our boys for having won the game, we must not omit a word of praise for the gentlemanly conduct of the Prentice boys during their short stay in our village. The lineup "Rib Lake - Funk, Janda; (first half) V. McRae (second half) J. McRae, Skon, Kennedy. Prentice: Nelson, Dunn, Nelson, Spellman, Nelson."	The Prentice team undoubtedly came by railroad. It was the custom for the visiting team members to be put up in the private homes in Rib Lake. Probably each member of the Rib Lake team took one member of the Prentice team home for the night and breakfast.	
2/25/1916	Spirit Lake	"August Krueger of the Spirit settlement traded his farm for a hotel at Camp Douglas. ¶ On Friday of last week the pupils of the Spirit Lake School enjoyed a sleigh ride and a pleasant evening at the moving pictures. They desire to thank Mr. Claussen for his kindness."		
2/25/1916	Environment & Recreation	RIB LAKE NEEDS A PARK. "One of the mistakes in planning for the welfare of the people of this village and community was made when no land was reserved for a public park. A public park is a great asset to any community. What is called Christensen's park is private property. This land, together with the island and the land held along the south shore by Mrs. Holden, could have been bought for a song a few years ago. If it had been purchased at that time for public use, it is probable that the owners would have been public spirited enough to donate a part of the land, or least made a price so reasonable that the village authorities would have been inclined to purchase it."	The reference to Christensen's refers to land owned by the late Peter Christensen. His farm included a pasture along the east side of Rib Lake south of the cemetery. It was a delightful spot with beautiful shade trees. It was frequently used for picnics and annually for the lutheran mission festival.	
2/25/1916	Camp 12 & Camp 11	"Loggers say this has been the best winter in years for their operations and their enthusiasm is adding stimulus to other businesses, the effects of which is beginning to be felt. The RLLC has practically wound up its woods operations for the season. The steam log hauler, which made a record of 1,000 [board] feet and 50 cords of bark per day from Camp 12, was brought home Tuesday. Camp 12 has been in operation since last May and gave employment to a crew of men varying from a few to 100. Hugh McMillan had charge of this camp. The logs went to Westboro and the bark to Stanley. ¶ Camp 11 was in operation from May 1 to July and again from November to March. Robert Aitken was foreman at this camp. The logs were sent by rail to Stanley. In addition to being a banner year for logging, it will go down in history as a winter noted for very few accidents, all of a minor nature."	Note that the logs from Camp 11 went to Stanley. The Northwest Lumber Company had a large sawmill at Stanley at that time. Please bear in mind that the RLLC mill had burned and was not in operation at this time.	
3/10/1916	RLLC	"The steam log hauler of the RLLC is in the machine shop and will be given a thorough overhauling before it is put up for the season."		
3/10/1916	Tannery	"Notice is hereby given that the Union Tanning Company will make contracts for bark peelers during the 1916 season at \$9 per cord or 2,240 pounds dry merchantable bark delivered at the tannery. Signed J.B. Hall, Division Superintendent."	The tannery was soliciting bark from the open market. Since the tannery was buying only the bark, that left the landowner with logs the he could either sell to a sawmill or have custom sawed for his own purposes.	
3/17/1916	RLLC	RIB LAKE WANTS THE MILL. "A mass meeting of businessmen and citizens of this village was called at the opera house Saturday evening to consider Mrs. Holden's verbal 10 day option on her island and 13 acres, more or less, fronting on the lake. ¶ The meeting had a large attendance. E.C. Getchel was chosen chairman and Joseph Brehm secretary. It was decided to subscribe a fund toward the purchase of said property and then turn it over to the RLLC with the understanding that if they will rebuild their land here and want the property, they are to pay the balance, whatever that might be, and acquire title to said land. ¶ About \$2,000 was subscribed that evening and George F. Braun, J.A. Taylor and Peter Lieg were appointed to solicit subscriptions the following day and Monday. Quite a bit more was thus added to the list. ¶ Mrs. Holden is here and is ready to sign the deed. ¶ Sunday evening Mr. Getchel went to New York to lay the matter before the Board of directors of the RLLC, who had a meeting this week beginning Tuesday. He is expected home today.		
3/17/1916 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Mr. Harder, general manager of the company, went to New York last week to be present at the meeting and give the directors such information as they might want."		



3/24/1916	RLLC	<p>RIB LAKE GETS THE NEW MILL - THE RLLC WILL REBUILD ITS SAWMILL IN RIB LAKE. "The first authentic assurance that the RLLC will rebuild its sawmill in Rib Lake was received Friday morning when Mr. Getchel returned from New York City, with the result the village went wild with enthusiasm. ¶ Those of us who own our homes and business places in our town realize that unless the mill came it was a question of a few years when the tannery would be abandoned and the village would have to fall for its support mainly on the tributary agricultural country, which at this stage, and for some time to come, is not developed enough to replace what the tannery and mill mean to us. Therefore the news that the mill was surely coming turned a day of gloom and pessimistic speculation into one of sunshine and happiness. ¶ It was Sunday morning, March 12, when someone conceived the idea that a representative of the previous Saturday evening mass reading ought to go to New York to tell the directors of the RLLC what had been accomplished at said meeting, and assure them that the citizens of Rib Lake want the new mill and would appreciate it.</p>	<p>The reference to the mature timber is to timber in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County. That was the major seat of lumbering until the last log was cut in February 1948.</p>	
3/24/1916 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>Mr. Getchel was chosen as such representative and the citizens of Rib Lake guaranteed his expenses. ¶ He left that evening and telegraphed Mr. Harder, general manager of the RLLC, who was then in New York for said director's meeting, that he was coming. Mr. Harder met him at the train and escorted him to the company's New York office where he was cordially received by Mr. Eugene Horton, president of the company, and other directors. To use Mr. Getchel's own words, they treated him like a prince. ¶ Mr. Getchel had a copy of the subscription paper which was signed Saturday and Sunday, and some other papers bearing on the subject, and these were carefully gone over by Mr. Horton and Mr. Harder. Mr. Horton was glad that the people of Rib Lake were interested to the extent of offering to buy the Mrs. Holden property and donating it to the company. He said the company did not want such property; all they cared for was an easement from her, and rather than see the citizens of Rib Lake, who could ill afford it, spend their money that way, the company would buy and pay for such property, which said deal was closed Friday forenoon and the company now owns the island and 13 acres</p>		
3/24/1916 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>of land, more or less, on the south shore of the lake. ¶ The citizens of Rib Lake fully realize that the lumber company asked for no gratuities, but only for such privileges as they must have, and for which they are willing to pay. A very gratifying result of sending in the representative to Rib Lake was the forging of a link of friendship between the company and the citizens of Rib Lake, which we hope will never be broken. ¶ The work on the new mill will commence at once. The company's engineers expect to arrive today, and he and Mr. Harder will inspect the important mills in this section to get ideas for the Rib Lake mill. Next Wednesday the draftsmen will come to draw the plans. Ground is to be broken the first of May on or very near the site of the old mill. The boiler battery from the Medford tannery, which is practically new, will be used in the new mill. The machinery will come from the east, and is practically new. The mill will have a capacity of 30 million feet per year and will run double shift. ¶ Next summer the company will build about 20 miles of railroad track to the eastern line of their timber. Said timber is mature, while the timber on the western line is young.</p>		
3/24/1916 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>The company owns enough timber to operate said mill 20 to 30 years, depending on the lumber market. They will put in three bark camps, namely, Camp 9, Camp 11 and will start new camp to be known as 13. The work of repairing the boom in the lake is now underway. Rib Lake certainly has made another lucky strike and it will behoove all of us to feel grateful and thankful and rejoice and cooperate in the company's prosperity. ¶ To the pessimist we can give but one advice, and that is, to read the story of the man who killed the goose that laid the golden eggs."</p>		

3/24/1916	Camp 9 & Camp 11 & Camp 13	[quoted from a portion of the article "Rib Lake gets the new mill".] "The company owns enough timber to operate said mill 20 to 30 years, depending on the lumber market. They will put in three bark camps, namely, Camp 9, Camp 11 and will start new camp to be known as 13."	Camp 9 and 11 have been operating. The Feb. 25, 1916, edition of the Herald said "Camp 11 was in operation from May 1 to July and again November to March [1916]". ¶ The first mention of Camp 9 operating was in the Herald on Feb. 20, 1914. The references to Camp 9 operating were contained in the Herald March 6, 1914, Feb. 26, 1915 and March 19, 1915. ¶ This is the first mention in the Herald of Camp 13. I believe Camp 13 was located along the Lincoln County line in Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 3 East; the site was approx. 2 miles northeasterly of Wood Lake. Camp 13 would be served by the same railroad spur of the RLIC that served Camps 4, 11 and 10. ¶ What is confusing is the description here "they will put in three bark camps, namely Camp 9, 11 and will start a new camp to be known as 13." The camps would be both producing bark and saw logs.	
3/31/1916	Interwald	"I wish to announce that I will open a store at Interwald across the road from Meyer's building on April 1. I will handle groceries, dry goods, meats, etc, at prices that are right. Give me a call. Satisfaction guaranteed. Signed Carl Popek." ¶ The Interwald club met with Mrs. Joe Martin. Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Sone's of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Leeman, who are visitors. The reading was done by Mrs. A. Hetlan, Mrs. C. Calvert and Mrs. A.J. Sones and a recitation by Mrs. L. Haese. The hostesses served a delicious luncheon assisted by Miss Eliza McCluskey.		
4/7/1916	Obituary	MRS. JOSEPH KELNHOFER, SR. "Mrs. Joseph Kelnhofer, Sr. (nee Marie Weis), was born in Bohemia January 21, 1845. She was married to Joseph Kelnhofer at Nova Kdyni, Bohemia, January 28, 1868. In 1879 the family, then consisting of father, mother and 6 children, migrated to America and settled in Chelsea, Wisconsin, where they lived 4 years. ¶ They were blessed with 11 children, 8 of whom are living and whose names are as follows: George of Rib Lake, Joseph of Roosevelt, California, Mrs. James Heyne of Ashland, Wisconsin, Dr. Clement Kelnhofer of Medford, Wisconsin, Mrs. John Jirikovec of Winner, South Dakota, Mrs. Bert Erickson of Libby, Montana, Mrs. Martin Christensen of Effretop, Washington and Ms. Rozina of Trinidad, Colorado. ¶ Deceased expired Sunday afternoon, March 29, after complaining she was not feeling as well as usual. Funeral was held from the catholic church, the Rev. Gregory Reuter celebrating a requiem high mass and internment was made in the family lot at Chelsea. Pallbearers were Messrs. Joseph Schneck, Frank Knotak, William Lyle, James Vlach, Joseph Vlach, and Joseph Novak, Sr."		
4/7/1916	Interwald & Rib River Valley	A POEM: THE "WAUSAU" DRIVE. By George Knower. "The wanigan is on the ground ¶ drive talk is in the air ¶ Lytle's bossing things around ¶ and Leeman's everywhere. ¶ Leeman - Big Man - Lean Man, ¶ with a big hat on his beam ¶ a keen face in a coat of tan ¶ on "Wausau's" business keen. ¶ The wanigan is up, ¶ the logs are coming down ¶ Kerstine gets the meals up, ¶ there's bustle in our town. ¶ Some sports, you know, go pulling corks, ¶ and staggering o'er the ground, ¶ the driver boys buy their calks, ¶ to make their footing sound. ¶ A man, a roadster and a cart, ¶ dodge through the ice and mud, ¶ to see the rear log's running start ¶ for Rib Falls on the flood. ¶ A big man and big hat, ¶ with a jolly face in between, ¶ that's rifleman right off the bat, ¶ on "Wausau's" business keen. ¶ Dynamite has got the head, ¶ the ice shoves at the tail, ¶ the men with the pikes and peaveys said ¶ as they took the short-cut trail. ¶ The men with pikes and peaveys said, ¶ as the slang worked round their cuds, ¶ "she's on the move, you bet!" they said, ¶ "you can hear the logs sounds thuds." ¶ "Lytle's got her now", they squalled, ¶ as the slang burned up the air, ¶ the rear has passed "Interwald", ¶ with several miles to spare."	This is a fascinating poem regarding the log drive down the Rib River passing through Interwald. The reference to Rib Falls is to a sawmill located on the Big Rib River in Marathon County. The Rib River empties into the Wisconsin at Wausau. Logs were probably pulpwood intended for the Rothschild pulp mill located perhaps 5 miles south of Wausau. For a hard copy of poem, see RLH - SF: Rib River.	
4/7/1916	Politics	Election Returns, Village of Rib Lake, President J.A. Taylor, Trustee John Mauch and Otto Steffek, Clerk John Steffek, Treasurer Fred Niggemann, Assessor Jacob Kapitz. On the local option question 118 votes were cast for liquor and 66 against. ¶ Town of Rib Lake Chairman Ernst Zuther, Supervisor Ernst Gerstberger, Reinholt Mielke, Clerk Pat J. Cullen, Treasurer H.W. Stelling, Assessor Walter St. Clair. ¶ Town of Greenwood, Chairman John Schreiner, Supervisors August Jarchow and Peter Mihm, Clerk Charles Schwoch, Treasurer Robert Klemm, Assessor John Fishbeck.		

4/14/1916	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	WORK ON NEW MILL IN PROGRESS. NEW MILL WILL STAND APPROXIMATELY ON SITE OCCUPIED BY OLD ONE. "Work on the new sawmill of the RLLC is as far underway as the existing cold weather permits. A large crew of men is busy cleaning up rubbish, piles, timbers, etc. buried in the ground on which the old mill stand and grading the site of the same. ¶ The new mill will stand practically on the same ground as the one which burned down, except that it will be nearer the shore. The present plans, which may be altered slightly, call for a mill building 50 x 216 feet. ¶ The building will stand on concrete piers and walls. The amount of concrete is estimated at 1,000 cubic yards. The present plans call for 1 standard 8 foot band mill using 14" saws, 1-7 foot standard vertical band resaw with 12" saws, 1-7 foot standard horizontal band resaw with 12" saws, 2 edgers with a feed of 250 feet per minute each, 1 trimmer and 2-48" hogs. ¶ The lath and wood mill will be on the north side in an additional 21 1/2 x 108 feet, and will consist of bolter, lath machine, trimmer, short wood and 4 foot slasher and 2 wood hoppers. The lath mill will also make pickets when needed.		
4/14/1916 (cont)	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	There will also be a conveyor and chute for loading hog feed into cars. It will have steam feed, of course, with niggers, kickers, etc. found in up to date mills. The timber slide will be on the NW side something like the old mill had, and the lumber will go from the sorting or grading table down the trams to the yard. The trams will be about 4 feet higher than the old ones, which are being torn down. Everything going into it (this means machinery, material and labor) will be carefully checked with the view of erecting a mill that will stand up to hard work and cut good lumber at minimum cost. It will have a capacity of 30 million feet [per year]. ¶ On the south side, and about 7 feet from it, will be the engine and boiler house, 56 x 100 feet. The boiler room will house 4-200 hp boilers. The engine room will be in the east end and will house a heavy duty, non-condensing corliss engine of about 1000 hp, an electric lighting plant and the pumps. Probably a self supporting steel stack will be erected for the boilers. The boiler and engine rooms will be fireproof. ¶ The company believes in giving local labor the first chance, and to that end in view, William Wagner, the mason, has secured the job		
4/14/1916 (cont)	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	of putting in the concrete. More men will be put on as soon as the work advances to permit it. The cold weather is holding it back to some extent. Teams and men are stripping the sand hill north of the roundhouse to supply sand for the concrete and brick work. ¶ Mr. W.H.P. Welch, constructing engineer for the company, who has several modern mills erected by him to his credit, is planning the work, and the drawings are being made by Mr. E.J. Gibson, mechanical draftsman. A representative of the Herald called on these gentlemen and found them very congenial and not a bit reticent in answering questions. Although we are not experts on sawmills and sawmill machinery, from the plans we saw and information we got, we do not hesitate to say that the new mill will be a credit to the company and a boon to Rib Lake."		
4/14/1916	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	REAL ESTATE CHANGES. "The decision of the RLLC to rebuild its sawmill at Rib Lake has a salutary effect on real estate values which is already felt. Property which was considered as unsaleable at the price wanted 6 months ago, is changing hands at higher figures. Employees of the company are buying homes now that it is settled that the company will do business here the next 20 years or more. In other words, the boom is on, and will influence real estate values for some time yet. It may be a year or two before it drops to normal, however, Rib Lake will be a better town than at any time in the past - there can be no doubt about that - and real estate investments may now be considered safe. ¶ The following changes in ownership have been reported to us: Joseph Brehm has purchased the Andrew Aitken place and the William Pope house. Otto Steffek has purchased the Kiger house. S.J. Williams has purchased Dr. Wichman's house near the Ward School. Frank Schneck has purchased the Diesing house west of James Down's place. August Wagner has purchased the barbershop building occupied by him from William Diesing."		
4/14/1916	Tannery	"The American Hide and Leather Company sold its sole leather plants at Manistee and Munising, Michigan, and Merrill, Wisconsin to the Howes Brothers Company and the Michigan Tanning and Extract Company. F. M. Shaw, formerly of Rib Lake, is largely interested in the latter company."	Note that the tannery at Merrill was not owned by the US Leather Company nor by any other company associated with the RLLC. This undoubtedly contributed to the decision of the New York based holding company to rebuild its sawmill in Rib Lake where it also owned a tannery.	
4/14/1916	Clubs/Orders	TEMPERANCE UNION ORGANIZED. "The Women's Christian Temperance Union has organized in Rib Lake March 20, by Mrs. J. Sizer, the state lecturer, and held its first meeting at Mrs. Burmeister's Tuesday afternoon, April 11. Those elected to hold the offices for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Lera Burmeister, President; Mrs. A. McLeod, Vice President; Esther Krueger, Recording Secretary; Annabelle McLeod, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Chinnock, Treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. J. UpJohn's the second Tuesday in May."		

4/21/1916	RLLC & People	"H.A. McMillan, who has been camp foreman for the RLLC several years, has been promoted to woods superintendent of the Knowlton operations."	Here is another terse indication that the RLLC had a related lumbering operation taking place at Knowlton, Wisconsin. I will try to get details from the Marathon County Historical Society.	
4/21/1916	Camp 9 & Camp 10 & Camp 13	"The RLLC will soon start operations in Camps 9 and 10 and will build a new camp north of Wood Lake to be known as #13. This camp will be about 10 miles from here and will accommodate 100 men. A railroad will be built next to it next summer. Camp 9 will house 120 men when run to full capacity."	Note that there is no mention of Camp 12. I suppose the company has decided to abandon Camp 12 - which was shipping its logs to Westboro - now that it is rebuilding its mill at Rib Lake.	
4/28/1916	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy have moved from Port Hill to Enaville, Idaho."		
4/28/1916	RLLC	HAVE STARTED TO REMOVE BOILERS. "H.L. Drake has the contract for removing the boilers out of the tannery [in Medford] to be shipped to Rib Lake for their new sawmill. These boilers must be inspected by a state official before they are loaded on the cars and he is expected here this week. It will take 5 or 6 cars to transport them to Rib Lake. As soon as the boilers are taken out, the smoke stack of the tannery will be razed. This was built at a cost of \$5,000 and is quite a loss." - Medford Sun	The US Leather Company/Union Tanning Company/ Central Leather Company tore down its tannery in Medford and cannibalized the parts to construct the new sawmill at Rib Lake.	
5/5/1916	RLLC	"Another engine lathe is being installed in the machine shop of the RLLC. It has a bed of about 24 feet and a swing of about 11 inches. The lathe will come in handy to make some parts for the new mill."		
5/5/1916	RLLC	PENDING DEALS CLOSED. "The RLLC has acquired the lots on which stand the National Hotel, Sid Bonneville's barbershop, Kennedy and Miller's blacksmith shop and Archie McLellan's home and the 10 acres of Charles F. Gummo, formerly owned by Mrs. John Zbaeren. All of this land will be used for yard purposes except Mr. McLellan's lot, from which the house will be moved west to the next lot to make room for the National Hotel, which will be moved onto this lot and the corner lot adjoining."	The National Hotel initially stood on the SW corner of Railroad and McComb Avenue. The RLLC moved the hotel across the street into the SW corner of McComb and Railroad Street.	
5/5/1916	J.J. Kennedy & family	RECEIVES DISTINCTION. "Anna Mae Kennedy, who has been a student of pharmacy at Marquette University at Milwaukee, received the distinction of being the only woman who was made a registered pharmacist at Milwaukee two weeks ago. She passed the state board and received a certificate."		
5/12/1916	Camp 10 & Camp 13	"Frank Hass and Victory Daue have finished a well at Camp 10, 131 feet deep, and are drilling another at Camp 13."		
5/12/1916	Hintz Town & C.T. Hintz	"A real estate deal of quite an importance was recently closed by C.T. Hintz [Carl Theodore]. He sold the farm and camp at Hintz Town to John F. Mayer of Schleisingerville (Slinger), Wisconsin, and the sawmill to Paul E. Krueger of Rib Lake."		
5/12/1916	Fire & Spirit Lake	WIND AND FIRE CAUSE DAMAGE. "The windstorm Monday drove the forest fire before it in all directions through the slashings and did much damage. ¶ F.E. Poole's automobile was damaged badly. All the woodwork, top, cushions, windshield and coils burned off. Matt Orth of Colby was in town Tuesday and took the auto in tow and helped Mr. Poole get it to Abbotsford. Mr. Poole returned home with it yesterday and unless one was told the car had actually gone through a fire, it would not be suspected. Remarkable and true! ¶ Now how it happened. Mr. Poole and Messrs. John McRae, J.A. Taylor and Herman Ferro, motored to the Spirit Lake School and sheltered the car near Ole Peterson's old camps in which Com Rayan and family live. That was about 11 in the morning. Then they went to the lake to put out the fire near the cottages. When they returned they found the camps burned down and the car was almost a total loss. ¶ Mr. Rayan says the fire came so quickly that they could not save a thing and all of their household goods burned. ¶ About 10 carloads of lumber sawed by C.H. Stump and piled along the track 2 miles east of here burned up. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.		
5/12/1916 (cont)	Fire & Spirit Lake (cont)	We understand Mr. Stump will not have to stand the loss as the same was considered delivered. ¶ Herman Hanke stopped the fire on the east of his land by tearing out a section of his fence. His barn was saved from the wind by wind braces. Stelling's mill was unroofed and the crew had a tough fight with the fire. George Schnell's buildings at Wood Lake burned to the ground. George Schreiner's barn was also burned. ¶ The wind tore down several signs down in the village and the belfry on the lutheran church is a few inches out of plumb. Several tarpaper roofs were ripped off. Lieg's slaughter house was blown down. ¶ The oldest residents of Rib Lake say they do not remember anything like the wind storm of last Monday."		
5/16/1916	Church - St. John the Baptist Catholic	REV. REUTER GOING TO MEDFORD. "Rev. Gregory Reuter, Pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in this village the past three years, has been transferred to Medford and the pastor of that place, Rev. Dickopf, will go to Glidden."		

5/16/1916	Spirit Lake & Roads	WILL BUILD NEW ROAD TO SPIRIT LAKE. "At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rib Lake Tuesday the board decided to build a road north from the Spirit Lake schoolhouse to the lake. The job will be let to the lowest bidder this month. About \$300 will be spent on the same this summer. The underbrush has already been cut out by O.A. Peterson. This road, when finished, will add a great impetus to cottage building at Spirit Lake. "	The road in question cuts diagonally from the SW to the NE through section 5, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. In 2008 it is part of STH 102. ¶ The road that it eclipsed had run from the schoolhouse eastward past Olson Lake and there taking a 90 degree turn running north to Spirit Lake. My father, Herman Arthur Rusch, graded this road and always hit a large boulder near Olson Lake. One day he decided to dig the boulder out. At about noon he had excavated around the boulder and had a hole about 3 feet deep. At that time the road boss, Mike Schmidt, came by and asked Herman what he was doing. Herman explained his intention to dig the rock out. Mike said that that was fine but he had once tried for a day and a half and could not get to the bottom of the boulder. At that point my father became discouraged and filled the dirt back in around the rock.	
6/9/1916	RLLC	MAY BUY POWER FROM THE LUMBER COMPANY. "The Village Board has asked the legal advice and also for an opinion from the State Railroad Commission if it is permissible for the Village of Rib Lake to buy power from the RLLC to light the Village. ¶ The lumber company will install a power lighting plant for its own use. The same plant could be built large enough to supply the village as well. Now is the time to decide, before the machinery is installed. This practice prevails in other states and ought to be permissible in Wisconsin. ¶ The big item of expense of operating the village plant is the fuel. None could supply it for less than the lumber company, consequently they could sell the current to the village for less than it costs the village to produce it. Another big advantage would be that all could have lights at any time of the day or night when needed. ¶ The village plant could remain standing just as it is, and ready for emergency in case of a break down at the mill plant. A station meter at the mill would measure all current consumed by the village and the basis for monthly payments. ¶ The Herald hopes that it will be possible for the village to make this change."		
6/9/1916	Rusch	"Otto Ruesch [sic] writes from California that he had quite a hard trip in getting to the M.W. of A. Sanitorium but is improving and has been told his troubles can be cured."	Otto Rusch was my uncle. He came down with TB. The initials stand for Modern Woodmen of American. He did not recover. Or, this may be a reference to Johann "Otto" Ruesch of Medford. I will call his son Leroy for info.	
6/23/1916	Businesses	GOOD LAND FREE OF CHARGE - YOU SURELY DO NOT EXPECT TO GET - BUT IF YOU CARE TO BUY GOOD LAND NEAR RIB LAKE FOR HALF OF ITS VALUE, YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY. "I have over 2,000 acres to offer on very easy payments. \$50 down and \$6 per month on each 40 acres. NO TAXES AND NO INTEREST FOR 3 YEARS. ¶ By a piece of land near Rib Lake today and be rich tomorrow. See or write to J. Kapitz, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	This is a box advertisement. Jacob Kapitz also applied for a liquor license in the same edition of the Herald. ¶ The August 11, 1916, edition of the Herald indicated that J. Kapitz's application for a liquor license was denied on a 2-3 vote of the village board.	
7/7/1916	Rusch	"Walter Hug, Herman Reusch, Henry Kuse and John Benn, the register of deeds, made a friendly visit in Rib Lake Saturday afternoon. Harry Hanifen, Will Schief, Otto Ruesch, and Charles Voemastek motored up to Park Falls Sunday and took in the ball game between Park Falls and Phillips, which was won by Park Falls by a score of 11 to 5."		
8/11/1916	Businesses	"J.H. Robinson, who has charge of the local pickle station of Alart & Maquire Company of Green Bay, began to salt pickles at the station on the 2nd of this month. He says the outlook for pickles is much better than last year."		
8/25/1916	RLLC & Railroads - RLLC	BRICK WORK STARTED. "The work of bricking in the boilers at the new mill of the RLLC has begun last week and Mr. Sauers of Williamsport, Pennsylvania has this work in charge. The building of the walls for the engine room and boiler room will be begun as soon as possible. The concrete foundation for the brick smokestack is finished and a New York concern has the contract to erect the stack. They have a crew of specially trained men for this. The stack will be 165 feet high; probably the highest in Wisconsin. ¶ 3 carloads of machinery have been received and 3 more are in transit. Mr. Welch is here to help the mechanics get started on its foundation. Other machinery will follow as it is needed. ¶ The mill building is nearly finished and carpenters are busy putting doors and windows in. It is by far the most substantial mill building in northern Wisconsin. ¶ What was left of the old boiler room has been torn down and removed and steam from the machine shop is furnished by one of the company's locomotives. The new boilers will be steamed up to run the planing mill about the 1st of October. ¶ The machine shop has been equipped with additional new machinery,	Note that the company is entending the railroad line into Lincoln County. This is the line that would serve the company until its last days. ¶ The new line broke off from the old line, which ran to Wood Lake in section 22, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. The new line proceeded east by southeasterly. The right-of-way for that line in section 25, Township 33 North, Range 3 East is in 2008 a portion of the road system within the Taylor County Forest. ¶	

8/25/1916 (cont)	RLLC & Railroads - RLLC (cont)	namely a shaper and bolt cutter. Another lathe was added last spring. ¶ Anton Klister, the company's section foreman, is busy with his men repairing the logging road. The company will have enough timber on skids to supply the mill next winter, or until the logs in the lake can be sawed. ¶ 24 miles of logging railroad have been laid out from the gravel pit at Schaack's corner toward Goodrich. About 4 miles of this, to the Lincoln County line, will be finished before snow comes. The construction camp is near Herman Manske's place. Con Curran is foreman and Louis Fleming cook."	The construction camp was near the Herman Monske farm in Section 27.	
9/1/1916	RLLC	"H.C. Vogt, the painter, has secured the contract to whitewash the interior and paint the exterior of the RLLC's new mill."	The outside of the mill was painted barn red. White trim was added around the windows.	
9/8/1916	Physicians	"Dr. E.A. Lapham, who has been in Chicago since the time he sold his practice to Dr. Friedman, has bought the building in which he had his office (now occupied by Dr. McNett) and will resume the practice of medicine here at once. He arrived from Chicago Wednesday."		
9/15/1916	Cemetery	TIME MARKS CHANGE. "10 years ago the Rib Lake Cemetery was a patch of wilderness grown up with weeds and shrubs, dilapidated fences and gates, broken off markers, blocked alleys, etc. Look at it today. What a change! To name all the improvements made the past few years would require much space and then we could not do it justice. Suffice it to say that under the able direction and management of the Rib Lake Cemetery Association, lately created, the improvements proposed to be made in the future will soon make the cemetery rank favorably with those found in richer and older communities than Rib Lake. ¶ One the first things to arrest the visitor's attention at the cemetery is the new concrete masoleum of the family of S.J. Williams, which was built this summer and is complete in all respects except the iron gate at the entrance. ¶ The outside dimensions of this imposing structure are 12 feet 5 inches by 16 feet and the same is 10 feet high. Where the walls start on the foundation they are 18" thick and dropped in 1/2" every 18" towards the top until at the top they are but 8 1/2" thick. The whole structure, including the roof, is of concrete reinforced with iron rods.	Mr. C.S. Williams, was a civil engineer that in 1916 was making a new plat of the Village of Rib Lake.	
9/15/1916 (cont)	Cemetery (cont)	Inside are 6 crypts arranged 3 on each side with concrete slab doors made so they can be hermetically sealed. Each crypt is ventilated at the top and drained at the bottom, so there is no possibility of moisture or foul air to accumulate therein. At the east wall there is a window near the top in the shape of a cross, which is covered with corrugated glass. ¶ The building was constructed from plans secured from the Universal Portland Cement Company, Chicago, Illinois through Mr. Joseph Brehm."		
9/22/1916	Cemetery	"Ed Blash was the lowest bidder on the job of building the new concrete bridge across Copper Creek, near the cemetery."		
9/22/1916	RLLC	LARGE MILL MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. "The construction of the new sawmill for the RLLC is making good progress, and barring all unexpected delays, the mill will be in operation not later than Dec. 1. ¶ The main building of the mill will be 60 x 240 feet, exclusive of the lath and wood mill, which is 21 x 132 feet. The mill itself, is built on a concrete foundation and piers, strengthened by steel reinforcements. All timbers used in the construction, such as posts, chords, etc. are 12 x 12" S for S. ¶ The mill as built will accommodate the setting of two 8-foot band saws, one 84" horizontal resaw, one 84" vertical resaw, two 63" double edgers, one 24-foot pneumatic overhead trimmer and one 5-saw slab slasher. The mill when fully equipped, will have a capacity of 150,000 [board] feet of lumber every 10 hours. ¶ The mill building itself, has been completed; a coat of whitewash has been applied to the interior, and painters are now at work painting the exterior of same. A large force of millwrights are installing machinery and the mill should be in full operation not later than December 1. ¶ The power plant will consist of four 78" x 20 feet horizontal tubular boilers with a total	The mill was designed to be first rate - state of the art. ¶ As I dictate this I have in my hand one of the chimney blocks from the mill. It is of unique design. It is 7" long, one end 5" across and the other end 6" across. It was made in a tapered fashion so it could be cemented in to create a rounded smokestack. Within each individual chimney brick were 6 hollows.	
9/22/1916 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	commercial rating of 800 hp. The engine which will drive this mill is a 28 x 36 non-condensing Clark Corliss with a commercial rating of 1,000 indicated hp. ¶ The planing mill, machine shop and filing room will be driven by a direct connected electric generator of 500 hp capacity, which electrical equipment is being furnished by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, and will also furnish light for the sawmill, planing mill, yard, machine shop, office, etc. ¶ The smokestack for this power plant will be of brick construction, 165 feet high, 6 feet 6 inches in diameter, inside measurement at the top, and will set on a concrete foundation 24 x 24 feet, 7 feet thick, and will probably be the largest sawmill smokestack in the State of Wisconsin. ¶ The planing mill will be equipped with an S.A. Woods fast feed machine of the latest design, with a capacity equal to that of the sawmill. ¶ The RLLC has timber holdings sufficient to keep the mill in operation 25 years with the present contemplated capacity of the mill."		
9/22/1916	Schools & Rib River Valley	"The school attendance the past week has been low. This was due to the appearance of the threshing machine in this vicinity and to the opening of the potato digging season. From the number of pupils absent, one might conclude that we are living in Portage County, the potato county of the state. ¶ The work in our agricultural class is made as practical as possible. Last week one of the boys brought 3 different kinds of frogs to school, and immediately the importance of these valuables creatures was emphasized in class. The topic next week is "weeds". Each pupil will be required to identify the different kinds of weeds found in the neighborhood. "		

9/29/1916	Recreation & Rib River Valley & Schools	BE WEIGHED - LADIES PLEASE BRING A SMALL ATTRACTIVE LUNCH BASKET WITH YOU TO THE GREENWOOD TOWN AND BE WEIGHED SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8. GENTLEMEN, COME AND SEE THE LADIES GET WEIGHED AND ENJOY YOURSELVES AT THE BASKET SOCIAL AND DANCE. GOOD MUSIC IS GUARANTEED. AS THIS IS GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SCHOOL ALL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED THE ENJOYMENT. "Beginning with the last Friday, the school tests milk for the people of the district every week. In this way the pupils are receiving some practical education and the people are getting some valuable service. This is all made possible because the district was progressive enough to purchase a Babcock tester last year."		
9/29/1916	Camp 9	"Andrew Gurgemberger and Henry Hauch walked over 10 miles from Camp 9 Saturday evening so that they could be home over Sunday."	The two gentlemen apparently lived in the Town of Greenwood.	
10/6/1916	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Harold Kennedy, who has been working with the construction crew all summer, building a power line from Eau Claire to Minneapolis, is home again."		
10/27/1916	Businesses	"The Mitchell Brewing Company has bought a piece of land from Tom Gray on the spur to the tannery and will build a beer house 16 x 24 feet on the same. William Wagner has the contract for the concrete work."		
11/10/1916	Camp 13	"Martin Schabel, who has been working at Camp 13 the last two months, returned home last week."	Home in the Town of Greenwood.	
11/10/1916	RLLC	BRICK SMOKESTACK FINISHED. "The brick smokestack on the new mill was finished and fire was started under the boilers yesterday. In a few days the boiler settings and stack will have dried out sufficiently to permit fire hot enough to raise steam and the planing mill will start up. ¶ The stack is 16 feet outside and 12 feet inside at the bottom. It is 165 feet high and the inside dimension at the top is 6'6". It was put up by the Custodis Chimney Construction Company of New York with a branch office at Chicago. The crew that had charge of its construction were Timothy Freeney, foreman and brick layer, Frank Howard, brick layer, Fred Bahn, top man and Jack Higgins, "mud mixer"."		
11/17/1916	Tannery	NEW SMOKESTACK AT TANNERY FINISHED. "The new smokestack on the tannery boiler house was swung into place yesterday. The new stack is 120 feet high and a little better than 6 feet in diameter."	It sounds like it was a prefabricated metal smokestack that was "swung" into place.	
11/17/1916	Tax Delinquency	"Town 32, Range 2 East, Section 13, SW-NE, tax due \$13.80 - tax delinquent."	Tax delinquent means that there was no one who was willing to pay the taxes on the land. If left unpaid, the county would become the owner of the land. ¶ In all likelihood this is what's happened here: the trees were cut off. Potential settlers looked at the land and found it wanting in terms of agricultural potential. The land became an orphan. The same edition of the Herald shows that there were 18 such quarter-quarter tax delinquent parcels in Town 32, Range 2 East. Even more were tax delinquent in Range 3 East. ¶ 7 parcels were shown as tax delinquent in 1 East.	
11/24/1916	Rib Lake Herald		The last approximate 6 editions of the Herald have featured local news on the front page. Before that, international news was on the front page.	
11/24/1916	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. Angus Kennedy writes us from Lintor, Idaho, that they are moving to Valley, Washington. They send their best wishes to all Rib Lake friends."		
12/1/1916	Stumpville	"Charles H. Stump is hauling his lumber to town to load and ship to market. He has about 800,000 [board] feet to haul."		
12/1/1916	Agriculture	A SILO FOR A SAMPLE. "The Town of Rib Lake now has a total of 4 silos, one located almost within the village limits, one on the Ernst Zuther farm in Section 34, one of the Downey farm in Section 4 and the last on the Ernst Gerstberger farm located 2 miles east of town. The first three are so located that few farmers have opportunity to see them and hence they are rather meagerly advertised. But the Gerstberger silo is in the public eye and can be seen from a distance of several miles. This is a good thing for it will give people an opportunity to see and watch. ¶ In spite of the silo progress in Wisconsin, we still have skeptics in regard to the use of silage for cattle feeding. We have them in Taylor County, we have them in the Town of Rib Lake, yes, we have them right in the neighborhood of the Gerstberger silo. This will be a golden opportunity. Make use of it. Watch the work of Mr. Gerstberger's herd for the winter, go to his barn and see for yourself. Watch for the appearance of his cows and his calves in spring, watch his hay mow and see how fast it disappears, watch for the amount of feed Mr. Gerstberger buys, watch for the number of cans of cream he delivers, watch for the size	The Ernst Gerstberger farm consisted of the E 1/2 - NW 1/4, Section 31, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The southernmost portion of that farm today is county owned and known as the Gerstberger Pines. About 1990 the Taylor County Board of Supervisors acquired this beautiful, breathtaking stand of virgin timber. Ernst Gerstberger had determined never to cut that beautiful approximate 10 acre parcel. It stands today as his memorial. Former Wis. State Forester Milton Reinke gave me a report on his many conversations with Ernst	

12/1/1916 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	of his cream check, and watch his bank account. Give it a fair trial, be unbiased and then become a child of your convictions rather than of your prejudices. Build a silo. Signed R.A. Kolb, County Agent."	Gerstberger & his beloved forest. I plan on publishing it in the new History of Rib Lake - planned for c. 2012.	
12/1/1916	Businesses	TO THE PUBLIC. "I have opened a hotel on the corner of McComb Avenue and Landall Street and am now ready to serve the public in this capacity. Meals will be served at regular hours and lunches can be had at any time. Give us a trial. Signed William Maes."	I believe the hotel was located in the SW corner of that intersection. The building would later be owned and operated as the famous Ma Dodge's Caf�.	
12/1/1916	Rib Lake Herald	"The Herald office is in its new headquarters in Braun's former garage, west of Kelnhofer's Store."		
12/8/1916	Recreation	"Rib Lake is to have a new brass band under the leadership of N.G. Tabor of Abbotsford. The membership is to be about 16. They will practice once a week in the village hall."		
12/8/1916	Agriculture	NOTICE. "All accounts outstanding for services of my bull at my farm must be paid by January 1, 1917. After that the charge will be \$1 for each service, cash. Signed Ernst Gerstberger."		
12/8/1916	RLLC & Railroads - RLLC	STEAM SHOVEL HERE. "The new steam shovel and ditcher ordered by the RLLC, was received Wednesday. This machine will enable the company to build new tracks into their timber rapidly and the fix up their road beds in better shape and at less expense that it can be done with teams."	I think the shovel was used in Sec. 1, T33, R2E to level the ice road route.	
12/8/1916	Rib Lake Herald	VOLUME 20, #2. "This issue of the Herald is #2 of Volume 20. The reader will notice that the type is smaller and clearer. This is because we have installed a typesetting machine, or rather, a line-casting machine, known as the linograph. Up to 5 years ago the cost of typesetting machines was so high that the country newspaper office could not touch it. Due to competition, started about 5 years ago, the price has come down and in some instances had been cut in two. ¶ The advantages of having a typesetting machine are many. The principal ones are that, with an ordinary operator, it will do the work of 3 hand compositors; it furnishes new type for each issue of the paper, and the type, after being used, is melted down to be used over again, thus eliminating distribution. ¶ Owing to the fact that the price of print paper has doubled in the last 6 months, we thought this size type would be about right. With this type we can get more words into a line and more lines into a column. After all, it is not how big the newspaper is, but how much there is in it, that counts. By printing a small newspaper with small type, we give you just as much news as printing a big paper with big type, and we save on the cost		
12/8/1916 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	of print paper. ¶ Please, mail, telephone or tell us all the news, and help us make the Herald a newsy paper."		
12/8/1916	Greenwood & Camps	"Jim Peterson, Herman Peterson, Mr. Holtz, George Frey and Ernst Peche are each running a camp."	Please note the reference to the Peterson's. Their great-grandson today owns and operates Peterson Construction of Medford, Wisconsin, a state-wide contracting company.	
12/8/1916	Gebauer	WHITTLESEY, (FROM THE SUN), "Elsa Distelhorst, Paul Gebauer and Paul Gilles, who attended the high school at Medford, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home."	Paul Gebauer was a maternal uncle of mine.	
12/8/1916	RLLC	"Mr. George N. Harder of the RLLC appeared before the Village Board in regard to the matter of the lumber company furnishing current to the village for lighting purposes, stating that the lumber company would not furnish the current if they were to become a public utility, and stating further that it was the opinion of the lumber company's attorney that if a conference could be arranged with the attorney general, railroad commission, lumber company's attorney and some attorney representing the Village of Rib Lake, some agreement might be made whereby the RLLC could contract with the Village of Rib Lake to furnish its electric current without become a public utility. ¶ A motion was made by Mauch, second by Steffeck, that the president be instructed to engage an attorney to represent the village at a conference at Madison on some future date to be agreed on by the parties concerned, to meet with the attorney general, railroad commission and RLLC attorney in reference to the matter of the electric current as above presented by Mr. Harder. Carried."		
<b>1917</b>				
1/1/1917 to 12/7/1917		<b>SPECIAL NOTICE. VOLUMES OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1917, UNTIL DECEMBER 7, 1917, ARE MISSING.</b>	Neither the Rib Lake Public Library nor the State Historical Society has these missing volumes.	



12/7/1917	History - Dec. 7, 1917	<p>TWENTY YEARS AGO - A GLIMPSE OF RIB LAKE AS IT WAS IN THOSE DAYS. "This is #1, Volume 21, of the Rib Lake Herald. ¶ Twenty years ago this week (to be precise, on December 3, 1897) in the motley crowd of passengers discharged from the car when the Rib Lake train pulled up at the depot, which was an old discarded boxcar on skids, there were two men. One was an elderly man - tall, robust, wearing a short mustache and very bald. He was a veteran newspaper man and his name was Frank B. Hand. He was from Hurley, Wisconsin, and came here to establish the Rib Lake Herald, the first number of which appeared just one week later - December 10, 1897. His partner was a younger man, a printer by trade, and although he might have passed off as being 25 or more, should you have asked him, he would have told you that looks sometimes are deceiving and that he was not old enough to vote. He came from Besemer, Michigan, and is the co-owner of the Herald. ¶ There was about as much snow on the ground as we have now, but up north it was 2 feet deep. ¶ The original outfit of the Herald was a paper cutter, Washington hand press, one 8 x 10 job press, two tables, two imposing stones, a lead and rule cutter, some wood furniture, about \$50 worth of paper stock and a few hundred pounds of</p>	<p>Note the sentence "J.J. Kennedy...had just emerged from a financial crash and the business was run in his brother, Angus Kennedy's name." This is a reference to the financial panic of 1897. It was a national phenomenon. It was a major recession.</p>	
12/7/1917 (cont)	History - Dec. 7, 1917 (cont)	<p>type, mostly secondhand. ¶ Nevertheless, even with this meager outfit, a good showing was made right from the start. The promoters put their shoulders to the wheel and made a success of the enterprize from the start. In the 20 years that just passed the Herald has had its ups and downs, weathered some hard knocks, and is here today - better than ever. ¶ 20 years ago a trip over the Rib Lake short line was like a hike over the Rockies. The old antiquated locomotive, nicknamed "Nancy Hanks" burned slabs and sometimes there was as much fire on both sides of the track as under the boiler. When she was out of steam going over "Devil's Peak" the engineer - old Fred Bailey, would shut the throttle, the fireman (sometimes Bill Banks and sometimes Oliver Bailey) would throw in more slabs until the pop valve popped and then another start was made. Sometimes it took 2-3 efforts to get over the hill -depending upon the size of the load behind the locomotive. ¶ The passenger coach was an old car with the upholstered seats removed and replaced with wooden benches. Charles Bowman, was conductor. E.N. Shelp, the depot agent. ¶ J.J. Kennedy, founder of Rib Lake, had just emerged from</p>		
12/7/1917 (cont)	History - Dec. 7, 1917 (cont)	<p>a financial crash and the business was run in his brother, Angus Kennedy's name. The old sawmill burned down in 1897 and the new mill was nearing completion.¶ There were but 7 buildings on McComb Avenue. On the west side was Charles Resimius, hardware store, (now occupied by Fred Niggemann and Company) and Bill Grab's harness shops, which stood on the spot now occupied by Johnson's Theater, was moved to its present location later and is now the Rib Lake Library. On the east side was Oscar Lange's barbershop (now consolidated into Ed Johnson's hardware building); John Christenson's saloon, which stood on the lot occupied by Gessert's Meat Market; McComb's Opera House, which covered the two lots now occupied by the bank and Hintz's Saloon; Teller's Peanut Stand, since then razed and replaced by McRae's Bakery; and Homberger's Woodworking Shop, since then enlarged and now owned by Nick Clerf. ¶ There were no electric lights, no fire protection, no telephones and the village was not incorporated. The light plant building was the town hall and the town jail was west of it - in the swamp. John P. Seibel was town chairman.¶ The tannery was owned</p>		
12/7/1917 (cont)	History - Dec. 7, 1917 (cont)	<p>and operated by Fayette Shaw. E.G. Getchel was superintendent; T.R. Begley, bookkeeper; Dan Bracket, stenographer; Dan Kennedy, walking boss; Peter L. Peterson, yard foreman; Charles Whittlinger, engineer; and Mr. Mill --- fan the tannery boarding --- [hole in paper-illegible]. ¶ Sam -- was postmaster and the first post office building stood between S.J. Williams and Mrs. Lapham's residences. ¶ H.A.B. Kennedy was bookkeeping in Kennedy's lumber office; H.A. McDonald was shipping clerk; Joe Haney was engineer in the mill. The planing mill stood down by the depot. ¶ Andrew Aitken was landlord of the Commercial Hotel and Andrew Clendenning ran a boarding house on the site now occupied by Mathias' new hotel. ¶ There were 2 doctors, Dr. Corbett had his office in a building across the street from where Peter Clendenning lives; and Dr. Werner had his office in the opera house. Froseth and Herrem had a taylor shop in the building north of where T.R. Begley lived lately. Louis Olson and Dave Smith had a barbershop in the building now occupied by Peter Clendenning. ¶ William Pringle located here to practice law. ¶ John Bushey, now principal of Bushey's Business</p>		

12/7/1917 (cont)	History - Dec. 7, 1917 (cont)	College, Appleton, was principal of schools. There was but one school - now known as the Ward School. Three of the teachers were Bessie and Myra Gardner of Spencer and Ethel Lee (now Mrs. H.A. McMillan). Mr. Hand married Bessie Gardner. ¶ John L. Larsen carried mail, express and passenger over the star route to Chelsea twice a day. He had a livery stable which stood on the lot now occupied by the Lutheran Manse. ¶ The Lutherans had no church here then; there was no Church of Christ; the Catholic congregation had no resident priest and the pastor from Medford came here about once a month. Rev. Griffith was pastor of the Methodist church. ¶ Duncan McLennan was head bookkeeper for the Kennedy's. ¶ George Clark had a restaurant in his building. ¶ John Allard had a large general store and meat market in the Getchel Building on McComb Avenue. Kennedy's general store and office stood on the present site of the RLLC's office. John P. Seibel, William G. Liebig and William Pringle looked after the business. ¶ A. Bonneville had a saloon in his building alongside of Bank's Livery Stable and conducted his livery which he then owned. "Big Mack"		
12/7/1917 (cont)	History - Dec. 7, 1917 (cont)	had a saloon in the place now owned by Henry Voss, opposite Mathias's hotel. ¶ Allen Kennedy was blacksmith for the lumber company. ¶ John LaSalle had a drug store adjoining Dr. Corbett's office. ¶ Bill Banks was planing mill foreman. ¶ George Clark was millwright and carpenter for the Kennedy's. ¶ Jake Miller, Walter Patrick and Charles DeGroat were on the Fayette Shaw's payroll. ¶ The road to Spirit Lake and Wood Lake were mere trails through the woods. Shaw had camps near Harper Lakes. ¶ Quednow's farm was then owned by Theodore Lummerding and that was the jumping off place for Wood Lake. ¶ There was but one road to Chelsea and a poor one at that. ¶ Walter Meusel was working in Resimius's hardware store. ¶ J. M. Sprecht has a saloon on the lot now occupied by Peter Leig's residence; later moved it up McComb Avenue and the same is now a part of Heinske's cash grocery building. ¶ Sara Miller, had a general store in a building south of Peter Clendenning's house. ¶ There was no bank. Most of the business went to Medford. ¶ George Braun, Sr. was the real estate man. ¶ Tom Hanley was conceded the best poker player in town. ¶ The lumberjack was king."		
12/7/1917	Railroads - RLLC & Camp 1	TAKING UP OLD TRACK. "Anton Klister, section foreman of the RLLC, is in Athens with a crew of men who are taking up the old track owned by the RLLC. The job will take about 3 weeks. The crew is living in boarding cars while on the job and one of the company's locomotives also is there. The rails will be used on the new track which will be built by the company next summer into their timber east of Rib Lake, about 20 miles in length. The logging will proceed from the extreme east line of the timber toward Rib Lake. In this matter all cutover land will be left behind as the logging progresses and there will be less danger from forest fires."	The RLLC had a section of track running from the Wisconsin Central line between Athens and Goodrich. The RLLC's line went northeasterly crossing the Rib River and served Camp 1.	
12/14/1917	War - Soldiers	THREE MORE RIB LAKITS [sic] JOINED THE COLORS. "Foster DeGroat enlisted in the aviation corps at Grand Rapids last week and was allowed to come home Sunday to bid farewell to his relatives before he is assigned to some training camp for instruction. He is the brother of Mrs. E.C. Getchel and Mrs. Jacob Miller of this village. From here he left for Chicago for further instruction. Foster is an expert mechanic, a fine young fellow, and we predict he will make his mark for Uncle Sam when he gets the chance. ¶ George Hoffmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffmann of Rib Lake Township, left for Milwaukee Tuesday morning to join the navy. Unless he is turned down by the examining doctor, George will be in the navy before the end of the week. He is another Rib Lake boy who knows his duty to his country and wants to do it well. Our hats are off to him! ¶ He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffmann to join the navy. His brother Joe is in the navy on the Pacific coast. The patriotism of the parents of these boys deserves our respectful consideration. ¶ Harry Maes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maes of this village, left for Milwaukee Tuesday night to enlist in the navy.	In April 1917 the US declared war on Germany and entered WWI. It is too bad that those volumes of the Herald are missing. The entry of America against Germany must have been an emotionally wrenching experience for the many Rib Lake citizens of German birth or German ancestry.	
12/14/1917 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	He was met at Marshfield by George Hoffmann who went down on the morning train and stopped off to visit his sister. Harry has not yet been called on the draft and decided to enlist now and do his bit for his country. He is a fine young man and will make good. ¶ Our soldier boys sure are putting Rib Lake on the map and it behooves those of us who must stay home to do our bit for them and our country.		
12/21/1917	War - Soldiers	DOING HER "BIT". "Rib Lake has responded most generously in every way towards doing her "bit" in the great world struggle for democracy. Rib Lake does not boast many millionaires, but she does boast of many loyal patriots, and when a call is sent out for funds - she gives generously and unstintingly. The result of the campaign for Red Cross funds was \$860; the First Liberty bond loan amounted to \$7,700; the second loan \$8,400; the Y.M.C.A. fund \$823.25; the mess fund for Taylor County "sammies" \$88.75. When the Medford Red Cross chapter asked Rib Lake Auxiliary to furnish 20 Christmas packages, which was equivalent to \$40, that fund was oversubscribed by \$14. The Rib Lake Auxiliary has contributed the following: 140 napkins, tray clothes, substitute handkerchiefs, 7 towels, 3 dozen pairs of pillow cases, 3 dozen sheets, 49 hospital bed shirts, 49 pairs of knitted socks, 29 scarves, 10 sweaters and 26 pairs of wristlets. Many articles are now being made. Anyone who wishes to knit will be furnished with all the yarn they can use. The auxiliary now numbers 82 members. Your name will be gladly accepted. Join the ranks of the Red Cross and register your patriotism,		

12/21/1917 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	and assist the big Christmas drive to its deserved end, a grand total of 15 million members. Let the watch word be self-deney, save, serve and sacrifice. Signed Mrs. L.A. Rousseau, Secretary."		
12/21/1917	War - Soldiers & Spirit & Church - Zion Lutheran	A PATRIOTIC RURAL COMMUNITY. "The remark has often been made these days that the farming communities do not line up with the cities and villages along patriotic lines. No doubt tis but too true in many localities. However, not all rural communities are slackers. ¶ The Township of Brannan [renamed later Town of Spirit], Price County, Wisconsin, has 130 voters. This township has organized a Red Cross society and 85 members are enrolled up to date. The officer's society are President Mrs. Harold Arneson; Secretary Mrs. Albert Meyer, Jr.; Treasurer Mrs. Walter Marheine. Meetings are held once a month at the homes of the members. Such work as knitting and sewing has been done extensively. On November 25 a box social was held at Spirit, Wisconsin, with a large attendance. The proceeds amounted to \$136. Some villages with a greater voting population have not done as well. ¶ After hearing these gratifying reports inquiry was made in regards to other activities along this line and it proved that the community had responded liberally to the bond issue, Y.M.C.A., etc. ¶ The Zion Lutheran Church in Brannan has donated \$10 to the Rib Lake Red Cross Society		
12/21/1917 (cont)	War - Soldiers & Spirit & Church - Zion Lutheran (cont)	some time ago. ¶ Uncle Sam has reason to be proud of you. Please accept our congratulations from across the county boundary. May your example serve as an incentive to other communities."		
12/21/1917	War - Soldiers & Rib Lake Herald	"This newspaper is a member of the Wisconsin Patriotic Press Association and pledges its uncompromising loyalty to our government in this war."		
<b>1918</b>				
1/4/1918	War - Soldiers	ARRESTED AT MARSHFIELD. "Arrested on a charge of having used abusive language tending to provoke assault to the Red Cross, Dave Furstenberg repented in court and signed an affidavit retracting what he had said and expressed regret, displayed a \$100 liberty bond and a Red Cross life membership certificate and agreed to buy another bond in the next campaign. In consideration of his manifestations and on suggestion of Red Cross, loyalty legion and defense counsel officials, the judge let him off with a fine of \$1 and costs. ¶ The incidents which occasioned the complaint against Furstenberg is said to have occurred when Charles Pors, manager of the Red Cross Membership Campaign, approached him for a subscription. Mr. Pors story is that Mr. Furstenberg became offense and said "the Red Cross is bunch of grafters." Mr. Pors answered, "you don't mean that, do you?" whereupon Mr. Furstenberg was said to have affirmed his statement."	The American entry into WWI was accompanied by unprecented assaults on the first amendment right of free speech.	
1/4/1918	RLLC	"Occasional car shortage has released the planing mill crew of the RLLC for other work. Their time was utilized in razing the old lumber shed and the old planing mill and cleaning up. The first planing [mill] stood west of the Soo depot and when it burned it was rebuilt on the present site of the old planing mill which is now being demolished. The lumber and timber from the structure is finding its way into the "fire hole" to make steam. The old mill turned out immense quantities of good lumber in its day. Only the other day we heard a person remark that he would be independently rich if he had a penny for every foot of lumber that went through the old machines."		
1/18/1918	Wolves	TRAPPERS POISON. "Trappers use Goes' liquid poison capsules for killing foxes, timber wolves, lynx, wild cats, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, etc. Kill same on the spot if bait is properly taken. Goes' Luring Bait, a natural bait, attracts them. Since 12 years in market and used with excellent results. First class testimonials. Write for free circulars and mention this paper. Signed Edmund Goes, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Station C, Route 6"	This is an advertisement.	
1/25/1918	RLLC & Railroads - RLLC	"The RLLC could ship 50 cars of lumber at once if they had the [railroad] cars. Orders for lumber are coming in right along but no cars for loading. The RLLC has a reputation of making the finest lumber on the market."		
1/25/1918	War - Soldiers	"Since the fuel order was issued last week, our fuel administrator, John A. Taylor, has been on the job to see that it is carried out as far as practicable. Monday all business places were closed, also the tannery, but the [Rib Lake] sawmill was allowed to run because it is a fuel producer, and to shut it down meant that some families would have no firewood. The stores are closing at 6 o'clock in the evening. Theaters and entertainments can run Mondays but have to shut down Tuesdays. This order of conserving the fuel holds good until the 25th of March. Let us be patriotic and help the government to our best ability in tiding the country over this fuel crisis. Last week there were 100 vessels in our eastern ports with food and supplies for our army which could not sail because their coal bunkers were empty."	The US government had issued an order closing most businesses on Mondays in order to conserve fuel.	
2/1/1918	War - Soldiers	"Class 1 - under the new army registry rules, is being called out for examination the first week in February. It is presumed those who pass the physical examination will be called into service about the 15th of February. Those who have received notices to appear for examination, that we have been apprised of, are Charles Gnotke, Bob Hess, William Thone, Ray Washatke, George Seidel, Arthur H. Swenson, one of the Lamberty boys, John Frank and W.H. Webster."		

2/8/1918	RLLC	RIB LAKE MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT. "While practically every product has increased to 50 to 300%, the price of lumber has gone up only 27%, according to the report made by H.H. Butts, chairman of the Bureau of Statistical and Educational Information, at the annual meeting of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers Association in the Hotel Pfister, which closed following the election of officers. ¶ George N. Harder of Rib Lake, Wisconsin, was elected president of the Association."	This association lasted into the 1980's. At the time the Association was dissolved, Darrell Damm of Stetsonville was president.	
2/8/1918	Germania	"This has been registration week for Germans who are not citizens and the postmaster has been very busy. Three sets of papers have to be made out for each registration. Ten days, and not later than 15 days, from tomorrow (Saturday), each registrant is requested to call at the post office for his registration card. The number of registrants at the Rib Lake Post Office may reach 25."	The US government required that all German nationals - not naturalized American citizens - over the age of 14 register at the post office. ¶ Another portion of the Herald noted "The German aliens are busy getting their pictures and fingerprints taken at the post office."	
2/15/1918	Obituary	IN MEMORIAM "Joseph Brehm quietly passed away at his home February 7. ¶ He was in poor health for some time, but ever increasing demands on his time and energy did not permit his unselfness nature to think of himself. December 25, last, he went to Sacred Heart Sanitarium and returned Saturday but little improved. ¶ The subject of this sketch was born September 25, 1878, in Bavaria, Germany and came to this country with his parents. He was engaged in business in Rib Lake the past 15 years. He had a long public career, starting in as clerk of the Village of Rib Lake (which office he filled faithfully and efficiently for several terms), he later represented this village as supervisor for 6 years, was chairman of the county board 2 years, member of the local board of Taylor County and chairman of the county council of defense ever since these two bodies were formed. To all duties pertaining to these offices he gave his time and devotion in full measure and gave counsel to all who asked for it, gratis; often times when it seriously interfered with time required for the conduct of his business. ¶ On October 15, 1907, he married Miss Elizabeth Niggemann, who survives him.	The obituary continues for several more paragraphs in a highly effusive, complimentary fashion.	
2/15/1918 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the catholic church. The funeral procession formed in front of the residence in the following order, Catholic Order of Foresters of Rib Lake, of which Mr. Brehm was chief ranger, county officers in a body, Knights of Columbus, the hearse with pallbearers marched on either side. They were followed by 4 foresters and nieces and neighbors of Mr. Brehm carrying flowers. ¶ The pallbearers were John Dums, John Reinhardt, Ray Washatka, Joe Pertner, Frank Hohl and Joe Emil. ¶ Surviving relatives are his wife, his father (Thomas Brehm of Medford) and 4 brothers, Henry of Medford, Frank of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Thomas and Otto, both of Rib Lake. ¶ A special train left Rib Lake at 5:30 Monday morning to meet friends and acquaintances who came from Medford and other towns along the line to pay a last tribute to a valued friend and co-worker. ¶ The following priests were in attendance at the solemn high requiem mass, Fr. Smith, Rib Lake, Fr. Keckle, Phillips and Fr. Schwaab, Stetsonville, officiating at the altar and Fr. Stromberg of Mellen at the organ. ¶ The subject of this sketch has always been an active and		
2/15/1918 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	energetic man, both mentally and physically, giving liberally of his time, labor and sympathy where it was needed. He was a man of excellent habits, fine moral character and very active in his accustomed pursuits, in which blended his sunny disposition. It was the writer's good fortune to have known him long and well, and we only knew him to esteem him the more highly as the years passed by."		
2/22/1918	Camp 13	BROKE HIS LEG. "Louis Lezinski, a working man, was brought in from Camp 13 last Friday with a broken leg. He was sawing down a tree when the trunk slipped off the stump and hit him on the ankle of his left leg, breaking the bones therein. Dr. E.A. Lapham reduced the fracture and he was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kapitz, who will care for him until he is able to help himself.		
2/15/1918	RLLC	"Peter Meurer returned from Owen, Friday, where he had been scaling lumber for the RLLC."	The J.S. Owen Lumber Company operated at Owen, Wisconsin. This release shows that the RLLC was shipping at least some of its logs to that lumber company for milling.	
2/15/1918	Businesses	NEW BUSINESS RULES. "Beginning March 1, first terms of credit will be 15-30 days. ¶ Where an account runs over 30 days, interest will be charged at the rate of 8%. ¶ No more credit will be given after 30 days unless some satisfactory settlement is made by note or security. ¶ No dogs will be allowed in stores hereafter. ¶ The new laws requires potatoes to be 1 7/8" in size and over. ¶ All eggs must be candled before selling. ¶ The above terms and rules must be strictly complied with. Signed P.E. Marcus, Peter Lieg, George J. Kelnhofer, F. Niggemann and Company, Gessert Brothers, Joseph Brehm, John McRae, J.A. Taylor, Edward Johnson, Arnt Herrem, J.C. Janda, Orlando Winter, Nick Clerf and A.J. Kennedy."	The signatories are the major merchants in Rib Lake.	
3/1/1918	Fawn Valley	"Ernst Zuther intends to start his sawmill this week and is busy looking for men. The new railroad will run about 1 mile east of his place and has greatly improved his shipping facilities."		

3/8/1918	Spirit Lake & Taylor County Lumber Company	BUYS SAWMILL. "Fred Lietz arrived here from Coloma, Wisconsin, last Friday to take possession of the sawmill he bought from the Taylor County Lumber Company. He owns some timber land near Spirit Lake and started to move the sawmill to Spirit Lake last Monday. The mill will stand on the site formerly occupied by the sawmill of Waters and Zerbel. ¶ Besides sawing his own timber, Mr. Lietz will do custom sawing. He is a shrewd businessman and the people in Spirit Lake settlement are glad he will locate there."		
3/8/1918	Spirit & Obituary	CARL AUGUST SCHELLER. "It has pleased the Lord to call from our midst Carl August Scheller February 22 after a lingering illness having reached an age of 77 years, 4 months and 22 days. ¶ The deceased was born in Leisnig, Saxony, Germany, September 30, 1840. In 1882 he came to this country and since 1883 lived in Brannan [Town of Spirit], Price County, and developed one of the best farms in this community. ¶ The following are to mourn his departure, a widow, Oswald of Seattle, Mrs. M. Howler, Duluth, Minnesota, Max of Brannan, Carl of Brannan, 4 sons-in-law, 2 daughters, 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. ¶ Funeral services were held at Spirit, February 25, Rev. Arthur Sydow officiating."		
3/8/1918	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	CONTRACT WITH LUMBER COMPANY SIGNED. "Tuesday evening the Village Board had a special meeting at which the contract between the Village of Rib Lake and the RLLC for electric current was signed. ¶ The contract runs for 10 years. The RLLC is to sell the current to the village at 5 cents per kilowatt and give 24 hour service. That means day and night current. The village has to take care of the lines, furnish the step up transformer, collect the light bills and settle with the lumber company monthly. ¶ The RLLC simply sells the current to the village. ¶ The new order of things is to begin on September 1, 1918. Orders for the necessary machinery and appliances will be placed at once. ¶ This, to our way of thinking, is one of the best moves our village dads could have made. With the ever increasing cost of fuel, repairs, et cetera staring the village in the face, this contract solves the problem, and in due time the rate for electric light may be reduced from 13 to 10 cents per kilowatt."	With the implementation of this contract, the village stopped running its own municipal electric plant.	
3/15/1918	War - Soldiers & Clubs/Orders	LOYALTY LEAGUE ORGANIZED MONDAY - RIB LAKE CHAPTER STARTS OUT WITH 83 MEMBERS. "A loyalty meeting was held at Johnson's Theater Monday evening and there was a good attendance. Judge M.A. Buckley accompanied by Dr. C. Kelnhofner, came here for the occasion and gave the audience a splendid lecture on "loyalty". His remarks were frequently applauded by loud hand clapping. The judge is a fine speaker and a staunch patriot. Rib Lakeites have a warm spot for him in their hearts. ¶ After explaining the purpose and objects of the Wisconsin Loyalty Legion, which has headquarters in Milwaukee, a local organization, to be known as "Rib Lake Chapter of the Wisconsin Loyalty League" was organized and the following permanent officers elected. President C.R. Claussen, VP John D. Mauch, Secretary E.F. Brown, Treasurer John McRae. Executive Committee John Hanifen, George N. Harder and J.J. Voemastek. ¶ The fees are 25 cents a year payable in advance. One half of this sum stays here and the other half is sent to headquarters. ¶ The organization perfected, Mrs. S.J. Williams took the floor, and after a preliminary speech, which would have done credit to a veteran speaker, introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:	Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. had opposed American entry into WWI. The Herald in the same edition printed the following articles "HOW GAMPER VOTED. "John Gamper, Assemblyman from Taylor County, was one of 45 assemblymen who voted for the Rosa amendment in the legislature which was defeated by a vote of 16. The following resolution was passed by the houses of the Wisconsin legislature and Mr. Gamper voted against it: "The people of the State of Wisconsin have been and always will stand squarely behind the present war	
3/15/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers & Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ Whereas, the action of John Gamper, member of assembly for Taylor County, in his failing to support the resolution censuring Robert M. LaFollette, United States Senator, for his utterances in the US Senate and elsewhere and for his failure to support the government in the war with Germany, does not meet with the approval of loyal citizens and such action is deemed unfaithful and disloyal to the government, be it therefore, ¶ Resolved, that Mr. Gamper is no longer deemed worthy to represent Taylor County in the Wisconsin Assembly and we respectfully request that he resign, so that this county may be properly represented, and be it further ¶ Resolved, that this resolution be printed in the Rib Lake Herald, the Taylor County Star-News, and Der Waldbote, and that a copy be mailed to Mr. Gamper."	to a successful end, and we condemn Senator Robert M. LaFollette, and all others who have failed to see the righteousness of our nation's call, who have failed to support our government in matters vital to the winning of the war, and we denounce any attitude and utterance of theirs, which has tended to incite sedition among the people of our country and to injure Wisconsin's fair name before the free peoples of the world."	
3/15/1918	War - Soldiers	"A card from Wilfred Lehman informs us that he arrived in France okay. He did not state whether the rest of his bunch sailed with him or not."		
3/15/1918	RLLC	"H.A. Haberman, who has been working in the filing rooms of the RLLC since the new mill started up, left for Spokane, Washington Wednesday night. He has another job in view at that place."	This confirms that the new mill of the RLLC is up and operating. Unfortunately its opening coincided with that portion of the Herald which is missing. For that reason we do not have details and an exact date regarding the opening of the new mill. ¶ We can comfortably and accurately state that the mill opened sometime in 1917.	

3/22/1918	Obituary	CHARLES SEIDEL, SR. "The funeral of Charles Seidel, Sr., who died of pneumonia March 17 at the home of his son Charles, took place Wednesday morning. Services were held at the catholic church by Rev. W. Smits and there was a large attendance. Practically all the old settlers who have known the deceased turned out. ¶ The pallbearers were William Lyle, Joseph Schmidtfranz, John Kraus, Balthazar Hohl, Joseph Novak and Peter Kron. ¶ Grampa Seidel, as he was familiarly called by young and old, was born in Schlesien [Silesia] Germany November 15, 1839. He immigrated to America in 1881, arrived at Wabasha, Minnesota where he lived 2 years and then moved to Nebraska where he intended to make a suitable home for his family. The Nebraska climate did not agree with him so he moved to St. Louis, Missouri. City life did not suit him. He tried Minneapolis, then North Dakota next and not finding a suitable location, finally landed in the Town of Rib Lake, which was then a forest. He purchased 80 acres of land from the railroad company and went back to his family. When he returned his daughter Martha, [now Mrs. Peter Washatka] came back with him. After he had his	The 1913 plat book shows the Carl Seidel farm consisting of 160 acres of land in Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. A portion of the farm ran along the south shore of Rib Lake just south of the island. ¶ In 2008 part of the old Seidel farm is owned by our village police chief, Roger and his wife Cindy, Engel.	
3/22/1918 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	house built he brought the family here and lived there with his wife 24 years, making one of the finest farms in the country. After 24 years of hard labor he turned the farm over to his son Paul and moved to this village with his wife. He was a highly respected citizen in the community, loyal to his adopted country and was supervisor of the town a number of years."		
3/29/1918	Politics & Rib Lake - Town	THE TOWN BALLOT. "The following are the names of candidates in the Town of Rib Lake: for chairman 3 years, Carl Radtke and Ernst Zuther. ¶ For supervisor 2 years, Albert Knop. ¶ For supervisor 1 year, Reinhold Mielke. ¶ For Clerk Pat J. Cullen. For assessor W. St. Clair. ¶ For Treasurer H.W. Stelling."		
4/5/1918	War - Soldiers & Law	TAKEN TO MADISON. "Deputy US Marshall Will Touton came up from Madison Thursday morning and took into custody Oliver Becker, of the Town of Rib Lake, for refusing to register as an alien enemy. We do not know what steps will be taken against him. Mr. Becker was asked to register after he declared himself an alien enemy, the consequences of failure to register were explained to him, and he was given ample time to do so, but flatly refused."		
4/19/1918	Schools & War - Soldiers	GERMAN TEXTBOOKS TABOOED "At the meeting of the loyalty legion Wednesday evening a resolution was adopted calling upon the school authorities to stop the teaching of German in our high school, and that the textbooks with pictures of Kaiser Wilhelm and Deutschland Euber [sic] Alles be destroyed."	Deutschland Eber Alles was the German national anthem.	
4/29/1918	RLLC	"H.A. McMillan, who has had charge of the Knowlton operations of the RLLC for a number of years, is expected home this week, said operations having been wound up by the company."	Here is a \$64,000 question. Of what did the Knowlton operations consist?	
5/10/1918	War - Soldiers & Church - St. John's Lutheran	SUBSCRIBED \$8,750. "The committee on public information, treasury department, has asked for certain information of all church organizations in the county regarding the third liberty loan. Rev. Arthur Sydow, complying with said request, made the following report. Name of Church: Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation. Nationality: American. Communicants: 467. Families: 125. Total subscriptions to third liberty loan \$8,750. Members subscribing: 110. Chairman of the Committee: August Radtke. ¶ This is a splendid report to make to said committee and adds very materially to Rib Lake's reputation of patriotism."		
5/10/1918	Camp 9 & Camp 13 & Camp 14 and Fire	FOREST FIRES CAUSE MUCH EXCITEMENT "Forest fires in many directions, due to the dry spell, notably at Camps 9, 13 and 14 of the RLLC, necessitated a call for volunteers Friday night. The mill was shut down Saturday and Monday to enable the crews to help control the flames, which was successfully done at small loss. Some cutover land was burned over and some green timber was scorched, but the only loss in forest products ready for market occurred at Camp 9 where O.E. Peterson lost about a few thousand posts and a few hundred cords of pulpwood. Due to high wind the loss might have been much greater if action to combat the flames had not been swift. The areas affected by the forest fires are now deemed safe. ¶ The RLLC has authorized us to state that they are very grateful to all who responded nobly to the call for help. Less some should be forgotten, all those who have not already done so are requested to turn in their names at the office so that the company can pay for their services, and if pay is not acceptable, to thank them personally. ¶ The Village of Bradley was wiped out by fire and the whole population numbering 150, is without shelter. The fire started in an old barn."		
5/10/1918	War - Soldiers & People	OLIVER BECKER. "Oliver Becker, who failed to register as an alien enemy, has been confined to the hospital for the insane at Mendota. District Attorney Andreason was here one day last week and had Mrs. Becker examined as to her sanity and she was sent to Mendota Wednesday."		

5/24/1918	War -Soldiers & Clubs/Orders	HOME GUARD ORGANIZED. "Captain Otto Meyer, First Lieutenant Herman Hoer and Second Lieutenant Marcus Hansen of the Marshfield Company Home Guard, motored up from Marshfield Thursday afternoon of last week and organized a platoon of the Rib Lake Home Guard. However the platoon is big enough for a company and steps are being taken to change same to a company. ¶ Harry Hyland, who has had considerable military experience, was elected Lieutenant Hyland, and Mr. Hollen who served in the regulars in the Spanish-American war, was appointed First Duty Sergeant. The other non-commissioned officers will be picked out later, and after men have enough drill to show their ability. ¶ Lt. Hyland is holding school every evening for two weeks to get the men in shape to make a presentable appearance. The uniforms will be ordered in time for use on the 4th of July. ¶ All members are enthusiastic about it and will train as fast as possible. This will be the last company permitted to organize, as the state quota is now filled. ¶ The expense of uniforms and rifle must be born by each individual because the state supply is exhausted. Anyone who is eligible and wishes issue		
5/24/1918 (cont)	War -Soldiers & Clubs/Orders (cont)	to join is invited to do so. ¶ Every Monday evening is drill night. ¶ Credit for this organization is due principally to George F. Braun, who attended to all the correspondence and to the businessmen to bring it to success."		
5/24/1918	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	"The crew on the Rib Lake branch handled about 250 [railroad] cars, loaded and empty, last week. This is breaking the record. Since cars were released in the east, the drawback now is no want of cars but scarcity of hands to load them."	That comes out to more than 30 railroad cars per day either coming in or going out of the Village of Rib Lake.	
6/14/1918	War - Soldiers & Germania	THE GERMAN SIDE OF THE WAR. "Professor Max Meyer was born, raised and educated in Germany. Come and hear the causes of the war discussed by a man who knows. We want you there, no charges, no collection, just come. At the Armory, Flag Day, Friday evening, 8:00 p.m. June 14, tonight."	This is an ad 6 x 10 inches in the Herald. The merchant on McComb Avenue by the name of Johnson, has renamed his hall "The Armory". ¶ The Rib Lake Herald in the June 21, 1918, edition reported on the speech by Professor Max Meyer "His theme was the German side of the war. It was a masterful exposition of the deeds and manors of the ruling class and the injustices born by the ruled class of Germany, by a man who knows. ¶ Professor Meyer demonstrated clearly that no American, no matter what his ancestry, can have or should have any sympathy with the ruling class and the Junkers of Germany, who are responsible for this war. It was plain to be seen that those of his countrymen who are acquainted with the facts agreed with him. Signs of their approval by a nodding of heads and otherwise could not be mistaken."	
6/14/1918	Camp 14	"Carl and Ernst Ziemke left for Camp 14 to peel bark."	Camp 14 was located in Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The first mention of Camp 14 in the Herald is on May 10, 1918, when the Herald notes that forest fires threatened the camp. My father, Herman Arthur Rusch, served as a cook's helper, or "cookee" there. Dan Pilon was a cook. Dan's dog was "Toots".	
6/14/1918	Businesses	"We are closing our entire stock of ladies oxfords and pumps at a reduction of 20% on the dollar. Signed F. Niggemann and Company"	On January 12, 2008, I spoke to Nancy Kroll, who with her former husband, Dale Strobach, ran the grocery store on the west side of McComb Avenue in the 1980's. She reported that the Niggemann store was the site for her grocery.	

6/28/1918	Obituary & Mud Lake	ANTON KAUER. "Anton Kauer, beloved husband of Mary Kauer, nee Kasch, died at his home in the Town of Rib Lake on June 20 at the age of 50 years, 9 months, 27 days. The cause of death was dropsy. ¶ Funeral services were held from the catholic church Sunday. Rev. Smiths officiating. The requiem high mass was read in honor of the deceased, yesterday. ¶ Deceased was born in Daufles (near Karlstadt), Bohemia. In the spring of 1895 he married Kasch and soon after the marriage came to this country, settling in the State of Iowa for a few months, thence came to this locality. He is a pioneer of the Town of Rib Lake, good citizen, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the C.O.F. and up until the time of his death was school clerk in the Mud Lake settlement, a position he filled for a number of years. ¶ Anton Kauer leaves a family of 9 children, Anna, Anton, John, Joe, Peter, Lambert, Rose, Dena and Elizabeth, all at home excepting Anna. Beside his wife and children, one brother, Joseph, of the Town of Rib Lake, and one sister, Mary, of Bohemia, mourn his loss.¶ Theresa Anderson and her son of Waterloo attended the funeral services."	C.O.F. stands for Catholic Order of Foresters.	
6/28/1918	War - Soldiers & Clubs/Orders	RECEIVED THEIR COMMISSIONS. "Captain Hyland and Lieutenant Hollen and Johnson received their commissions from the governor Monday. The Rib Lake Company of Home Guard is #13, 10th Regiment. ¶ The Wisconsin State Guard will be in camp for training at Camp Douglas from July 2 to August 2. General Orlando Hollway having issued complete instructions and schedule of exercise. The Rib Lake Company will be at Camp Douglas from July 27 to August 2."		
6/28/1918	J.J. Kennedy & family	"John S. Kennedy, a former Rib Lake citizen, was in the village a few days last week to call on old acquaintances. He has been on a visit to his father in Canada and stopped off in Minneapolis and Rib Lake on his way home, which is at Escanaba, Michigan."		
7/5/1918	Law & Businesses	YEGGMEN BLOW SAFE. "Safe blowers made the Rib Lake visit, the first time in its history, early Tuesday morning, and blew the door off of the safe of P.E. Marcus' General Store, wrecking the Gary safe and damaging the contents. Mr. Marcus does not know exactly how much the burglars got, but near as he can estimate, it was about 2 gold watches, 3 war bonds, a gold fob and about \$60 in currency. ¶ The biggest loss is the safe, which was worth \$250 or \$300. It is supposed the burglars put soap around the crack around the door, then poured nitroglycerine into the crack and fired it. ¶ No clues were found in the wreckage. No one heard the explosion. It is supposed the safe was cracked after midnight. The front door was forced open with a jimmy, then burglars opened the back door, and after the explosion and robbery, went out through the back door."	P.E. Marcus' store was called The Fair. It stood on the east of McComb Avenue about 100 feet south of Landall.	
7/19/1918	RLLC	RLLC ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT. "George N. Harder, general manger of the RLLC, now in the east on business for his company, has been elected president of the company with headquarters at Wausau. ¶ Hereafter he will be known in official circles as president and general manager of the RLLC. ¶ The establishment of the company's headquarters at Wausau will of necessity cause his family to move there, which they will do the latter part of August. Mr. Harder and his family have been residents of our village about 5 years, during which time they have so endeared themselves to the people of this village that we feel safe to say that the patrons of the Herald will read this item of this intended removal from our midst with regret. ¶ It is gratifying to know that the directors of the RLLC recognize Mr. Harder's merits and ability and made him president."	There are hints within the Herald that George N. Harder was originally from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.	
7/19/1918	War - Soldiers & Germania	MORE MEN LEAVE FOR SERVICE. "The Rib Lake Company Home Guards made another trip to Medford Monday evening to take a part in the program arranged for the select men who left for the training camp on the 10:45 train. The doings were held at Germania Hall. A banquet was given to the select men, which was followed by speeches by prominent Medford men and the Medford orchestra played several patriotic selections. ¶ The select men were then escorted to the courthouse and from there to the train. In the number the following were from Rib Lake: Robert Bleck, Eugene Hein, Harris Holverson, Charles Walhart. ¶ The boys were given a good send off and left in good spirits and promises to get the Kaiser when they had the first chance."		
7/19/1918	Obituary	ALVIN AZRO MAES PASSES AWAY. "The Grim Reaper claimed from this midst Alvin Azro Maes, Wednesday morning, July 17. He passed from time into eternity 1 1/2 hours after his 17th birthday. ¶ The cause of his death was diabetes. ¶ Funeral services were held from the lutheran church today at 2 o'clock. Internment at the lutheran cemetery. ¶ He is survived by his mother, father, Mr. and Mrs. William Maes, two brothers, Harry and Earl, and 5 sisters, Norma, Hattie (now Mrs. Charles Bijin), Evangeline, Leona, Dorothey and other relatives. ¶ Out of town relatives were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Machlett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Machlett, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Machlett, all of Curtiss."		



7/19/1918	Agriculture	EXCURSION TO MARSHFIELD. "July 30 has been selected as Taylor County Day at the Branch Experimental Station at Marshfield. ¶ This station was established a few years ago to study the type of soil in the area and its proper management. Each year a demonstration meeting is held where farmers are given an opportunity to see with their own eyes the results of various experiments and trials. July 30 is Taylor County Day and we are going in a body. We will leave Medford per auto at 9 o'clock in the morning and will pick up as we go along the route. We will arrive at Marshfield in time for a picnic lunch, which the station will provide. ¶ If you have a car it is up to you to go and take a few neighbors. Take a carload and if you can't find passengers, let us know. If you have no car, let us know and we will provide a car for you. ¶ Signed R. A. Kolb, County Agent."		
7/26/1918	Germania	LOYALTY CONVENTION AT MEDFORD JULY 20. "The matter of the removal of German signs throughout Taylor County was brought up before the convention by John Landon and had the unanimous support of the convention. Each member was a special committee for his community. A special committee was appointed to see the directors of the Germania Hall building and have the name changed to a more suitable one."		
8/2/1918	Spirit Lake	FOR SALE - THE SPIRIT LAKE HOTEL "The Spirit Lake Hotel is for sale or rent at \$10 per month. Inquire of Ernst Grams, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."		
8/9/1918	Politics & People	DR. C. KELNHOFER - REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF. "Dr. C. Kelnhofer came up from Medford Friday and made a few calls in the village. The doctor is a candidate for sheriff and received hearty greetings from his numerous friends in this village. Dr. Kelnhofer is a Rib Lake man. He spent his boyhood days here and later owned and conducted a drug store here. He is a brother of our esteemed townsman, George Kelnhofer. He is what we call a self made man. We first met him 20 years ago and have always found him to be the same honest, industrious, progressive fellow that he impressed us to be at that time. After completing a course in pharmacy he attended a veterinary school and got his diploma and license. He has served one term as sheriff of Taylor County, and those in a position to know say he has made a fine record."	Running for sheriff was popular; that year the Democratic party had Frank Bauer as its candidate; the Republican party primary offered a choice of Otto Capelle, C. Kelnhofer, and Louis Lupinski. The socialist party candidate was Carl L. Desombre. The socialist party ran 5 individuals for Taylor county office that year: Reil Adams for County Clerk, William Mueller for Treasurer, Dr. K. Desombre for Sheriff, Herbert Pleus for Coroner and G. Thut for Register of Deeds.	
8/16/1918	Businesses	"The Wisconsin Hotel is offered for sale. I wish to go out of the hotel business. For price and terms inquire of Agnes Rauschenberger, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."		
8/16/1918	Spirit Lake	"Fred Lietz has rented the Spirit Lake Hotel and Saloon and will open the same for business as soon as possible."		
8/16/1918	J.J. Kennedy & family		Mrs. Hugh J. Kennedy continues to serve as librarian in Rib Lake.	
8/23/1918	RLLC & People	THE NEW OFFICERS. "At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the RLLC held in New York on August 8, 1918, the following officers were elected: George N. Harder, President Wausau, Wisconsin; Warren G. Horton, Vice President New York, New York; Fred E. Knapp, Secretary New York, New York; S.J. Williams, Treasurer Rib Lake, Wisconsin; O.W. Steffek, Assistant Secretary Rib Lake, Wisconsin. ¶ Thus it is seen that the president, treasurer and assistant secretary can always be here to transact the company's business. Although Mr. Harder's headquarters are in Wausau, he will spend much of his time here, but expects to be able to spend Saturdays and Sundays, at least, with his family at Wausau. Mr. Harder has been with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, which is the parent company, the past 17 years. His ability to "make good" in the various branches of the business he has been in charge of has finally landed him in the chair president of the RLLC." (emphasis added)		
8/23/1918	J.J. Kennedy & family	"John Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kennedy of this village, has enlisted in the army and is now stationed at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he is taking special training in automobile driving and repairing. This is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy to be in the service, his younger brother being in the navy."	To the best information available to me as of January 13, 2008, Allen Kennedy was not a blood relative of J.J. Kennedy.	
8/23/1918	RLLC & Tannery	"Warren G. Horton, Vice President of the RLLC, and general superintendent of the tanning department of the Union Tanning Company, was here Saturday and Sunday."	The 1913 standard atlas of Taylor County shows the tannery real estate in Rib Lake labeled "Union Tanning Company".	

8/23/1918	RLLC & People	"Walter B. Patrick, Superintendent of woods operations of the RLLC, attended a lumberman's convention at Ashland last week."	In the vernacular, Patrick was the "walking boss". This put him in charge of the entire woods operation of the RLLC. ¶ He died an early death from cancer. He chose his own tombstone, a native rock which he picked out in the woods. The family engraved the words, "woods superintendent" on his gravestone. My parents and I were always impressed by someone who picked a native rock for his own tombstone. I replicated that decision for Herman Arthur and Martha Hedwig Rusch, my parents.	
8/30/1918	War - Soldiers & Law	MUST STAND TRIAL. "Deputy US Marshall William Touton came up from Madison Monday morning and took Mrs. August Mielke to Grand Rapids [Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin] to answer the charge of making disloyal remarks about 3 weeks ago in one of the stores in this village. People who were in the store then did not like her expression and reported it to the authorities. Her husband and Albert Knop went with her to arrange for bail. Her bail was fixed at \$5,000 and September 17 was set for her trial at LaCrosse. Satisfactory bail was arranged and they returned Tuesday."	The August Mielke farm consisted of the N 1/2 - NE 1/4, Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 2 East. ¶ The 40 where the farmhouse stood is owned in 2008 by Jeffrey and Dawn Schupp. Albert Knop and his wife Ida, my grandmother and step-grandfather, lived to the immediate east. Ironically, in the column immediately next to the one announcing the arrest of Mrs. Mielke opposing the war and having a frown on her face, L.W. Gibson, candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly writes, "the war will not end until the objective of the Americans and of our Allies are realized. Democracy must win, for the people of Germany, as well as preserved to us. Democracy will win for liberty lives among men." There certainly was no liberty of expression afforded to Mrs. Mielke. Perhaps the high point of war hysteria concerned the case of Congressman Victor Berger. In 1918 he was reelected to the American Congress from the socialist ticket. He resided in Milwaukee, Wis. Because Congressman Berger dared to publically oppose the war, the American Congress denied him a seat, although he	
8/30/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers & Law (cont)		had been lawfully elected. His seat was declared vacant and a new election was called. The people of his district reelected him.	
8/30/1918	War - Soldiers & Obituary	WILFORD LEHMANN DEAD, FIRST RIB LAKE BOY IN OVERSEAS SERVICE IS WOUNDED AND SUCCOMBS AT ARMY HOSPITAL. "A telegram from the war department in Washington D.C. announced the death of Wilford Lehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehmann, formerly of this village but lately of Tomahawk. The telegram was relayed to Tomahawk at once to apprise his parents. The deceased is also a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William Banks of this village. He was wounded on August 3 and died in the hospital a few days ago, the date was not given. ¶ Wilford, with many other of our boys, enlisted in the Marshfield Company and has been on the firing line for some time. A letter received here from another Rib Lake boy from France recently mentioned him as being seen by the writer going into the trenches with some of the other boys of his company. ¶ We hope to be able to give further particulars next week if we can get them from his parents."	The local veteran's post in the Village of Rib Lake is named for Wilford Lehmann.	
8/30/1918	Rib Lake Herald & War - Soldiers	"A letter received from Charles Voemastek, last week, from "somewhere in France", informs us that he is well and is close enough to the firing line to hear the big guns. He is with the field artillery. A big transition in one year, from an editor of a newspaper to a Sergeant in a field artillery!"		
9/6/1918	War - Soldiers	"Congress has passed a bill making men from 18-45 subject to military duty. The date set for registration is Thursday, Sept. 12. If your age falls within those limits and you have not already registered, you must do so. You will register at the usual voting place."		
9/6/1918	Church - Lutheran	"There will be divine services at 9:30 a.m. After services the congregation will go to Christiansen's park to celebrate its school picnic. A public dinner will be served at 25 cents per plate. Everyone will be heartily welcome. 10% of the proceeds of the dinner will go to the Red Cross. Signed A.P. Sitz, Pastor"	At that time Pastor Arthur Sydow has moved to Texas. He has apparently entered the US military.	
9/6/1918	Businesses & People	"O.A. Peterson has purchased the livery stable of Dodge Brothers and has begun to fix it up for a modern garage. The work of laying concrete floor and putting a concrete wall under it was begun last Saturday. Mr. Hunt will rent the place and continue to do business at this stand as formerly, only with better facilities."		

9/6/1918	RLLC	"The Village circuit for electric lighting was connected with the new light plant Wednesday afternoon and in the evening the surface was actually inaugurated. The new era of 24 hour service is on since then and everyone seems to be very pleased with the change. A fuse blew out on one of the transformers early evening on Wednesday, but it required only a few moments to put in a heavier one, and no more trouble is anticipated."	The village light plant is no longer needed since electricity for the village will be furnished from the plant of the RLLC.	
10/4/1918	Schools & Fawn Valley	"The Fawn Valley School has an enrollment of 62 pupils this year which makes it one of the largest rural schools in Taylor County. But with such an able teacher as Mr. Poyda things are running along smoothly."	Think of that, one teacher with 62 students. In reality, many of the older students helped.	
10/4/1918	War - Soldiers & Law	"In the matter of the guardianship of Oliver Becker, incompetent, letters of guardianship having been granted to Lambert Enders and said guardian having applied for adjustment of claim and for a notice to creditors of said war. ¶ Notice is hereby given that 4 months from and after date hereof are allowed and limited for creditors to present their claim against Oliver Becker, incompetent, and that said county court will examine and adjust the claims demands of all persons against said incompetent. Dated September 9, 1918, by order of the court, Signed M.A. Buckley, county judge."	Oliver Becker has been taken into custody for failure to register as an enemy alien. His wife was also taken into custody and sent to Mendota as incompetent. No word of her.	
10/11/1918	Health	Since the Spanish flu came to this country, there have been so many false reports spreading that it is impossible to run all of them down. For instance, it was reported last week that Lawrence Dums died of the fever. We asked his brother John about it and he said that Lawrence had the fever but is well again. Wednesday afternoon the report got current that William Thone died at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and that his sister, Mrs. Gerstberger was advised by wire. We saw Mrs. Gerstberger yesterday morning and he said he had not heard of it. Max Zuther is ill with the fever at Camp Taylor and his father has gone to the camp to see him if possible. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kennedy have received word from their son John to the effect that he has had the malady and is over it. An authoritative article on the Spanish flu appears on the front page of The Herald."	In October 1918 Spanish flu took the life of my maternal grandmother, Bertha Gebauer nee Steiner, at the family farm in Whittlesey.	
10/18/1918	War - Soldiers	THERE IS TO BE NO PEACE WITH THE HOHENZOLLERNS. "President Wilson electrified the country and the Allies by sending to Germany not a note nor an answer, but a decision. ¶ First, the Kaiser must go, and with him must go the autocratic forms of government which has prevailed in Germany. There can be no consideration of peace until satisfactory guarantees of peace are given "in this fundamental manner." ¶ While the Germans are purging their government - if they are really in earnest about purging it - they can have an armistice on certain very definite conditions. ¶ They must stop burning and pillaging the towns of Belgium and Northern France. ¶ They must stop their U-Boat depredations on the seize. ¶ They must discontinue all the illegal and inhuman practices which they still persist in. ¶ When they admit these conditions, the matter of an armistice will be referred to the Allied and American military commanders in the field and no arrangement will be accepted which does not provide safeguards and guarantees of the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the Allies. ¶ The latest reports from Germany would indicate that the German people are about ready		
10/18/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	to throw the Kaiser and his kit and kin overboard and to get peace and there is rioting for peace in many of the large cities and manufacturing centers. ¶ In Austria the Czechs and Moravians have launched a revolution for a separate country and soldiers refuse to fire on the revolutionists and rioters. It is possible that Austria will go to pieces before Germany does."		
10/18/1918	Politics	FOR SHERIFF. "Paid advertisement authorized by Frank Bauer, Medford, Wisconsin, for which the Herald will receive the sum of \$2 for 2 issues. ¶ To the voters of Taylor County: Being on the independent ticket does not mean that I was defeated at the primaries, but was put on automatically on the small democratic vote cast in the county. Your vote will be appreciated. Signed Frank Bauer."		
10/18/1918	Health	"Influenza has become simply "flu" for short. ¶ Owing to the danger of the influenza, the Men's Alliance will not hold its meeting next Monday evening. ¶ A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dake of Medford died of influenza. ¶ Charles Smith and Charles Timm, who are in Madison in the S.A.T.C., both have had the influenza and are out of danger. ¶ Ernst Zuther came back Saturday from Camp Taylor where he went to see his son Max who was critically ill with influenza."	The influenza epidemic killed more American soldiers than combat fatalities during WWI.	
10/18/1918	Fire	"William Hess received a telegram from his daughter, Mrs. Alex McGillivray, last Monday, informing him that they lost everything in the fire that wiped out Cloquet, Minnesota, where they have been in the restaurant business. She also stated that her two oldest sons are separated from her and she worried about their safety. The boys are 16 and 18 years old. Mr. Hess sent her some money at once and has then learned that the boys appeared and are in good health."	The fall of 1918 saw massive forest fires in Eastern Minnesota. The entire city of Cloquet is located 20 miles east of Duluth. It was totally destroyed by fire. ¶ The death toll from the Minnesota fires estimated at between 850-1,000. The Herald went on to report: "Nearly 100 buildings were destroyed in the suburbs of Duluth. 10,000 square miles have been swept by the holocaust."	

10/18/1918	Politics	Frank Bauer, democratic candidate for sheriff, was in the village Monday. Frank has many acquaintances and friends in these parts and said "hello" to all he could lay his eyes on. Because the democratic vote was so light [in Taylor County] in the primary, the parties candidates lost their place on the regular ticket and will, therefore, have to be on an independent ticket. This does not mean, however, that they are independent candidates."		
10/18/1918	War - Soldiers	"Mr. and Mrs. Herman Monske received a telegram that her son Herman was severely wounded in action in France. He entered the army about a year ago. We hope it is not fatal."		
10/18/1918	Rib Lake - Village & Health	INFLUENZA FIGHT IS ON. "Tuesday morning the Village Board of Health got together, ordered the schools and saloons closed and posted up the following notices. ¶ All schools, churches, bowling alleys and saloons in the Village of Rib Lake are hereby closed until further notice. ¶ All dances, public funerals, shows and public gatherings are also forbidden. ¶ Merchants are cautioned not to allow large gatherings of customers in their stores. ¶ Parents are requested to keep their children at home and in their own yards. ¶ Dated this 15th day of October, 1918, by Order of the Board of Health, Village of Rib Lake. ¶ Influenza is a crowd disease and is highly contagious. No person who has the good health of himself, his family or his neighbor at heart will have any criticism to make of this order of our Board of Health. The time to lock the stables before the horse is stolen and that is just what the board is trying to do. The daily reports from the cities give a high death rate from influenza and unless precautions are taken NOW, it will spread here. It is hoped that in 2 weeks or so the weather and substance of the epidemic in large centers will make it safe to rescind this order."		
10/18/1918	War - Soldiers	ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA WEEKLY REPORT. "The Patriotic Club work rooms over the bank will be closed until school and public places are again open to the public. ¶ Work done since last week: 4 pairs of socks, 4 sweaters, 1 helmet, 2 pairs of gloves. ¶ Money contributed: \$1. ¶ Money cleared on the lunch served at the Guards Military Ball, \$12.11."		
10/18/1918	War - Soldiers	LETTER FROM JAMES MCRAE. "Dear Mrs. Williams: I am writing you in order that I may express my thanks to the Patriotic Club for the splendid sweater which I received last Saturday. ¶ I imagine it would be needless to say that it was "just the thing". The particular work that I am being trained in will require that I be on the upper deck on the bridge every minute that I am on duty. Perhaps you know I am in the signal school. I will need it." Signed James McRae, Company 722, Unit 1, USNOB Signal School, Hampton Oaks, Virginia."		
10/25/1918	War - Soldiers	PEACE BID MADE BY KAISER; US WILL REJECT, GERMANS NOW CALL WILSON'S TERMS "ACCEPTABLE". "Berlin, October 7. Emperor William in a proclamation of the Germany army and navy dated October 6 announced that "I have decided in accord with my allies to once again offer peace to the enemy, but it will be only an honorable peace for which we extend our hand." The text of the emperor's proclamation reads: "For months past the enemy with enormous exertions and almost without pause in the fighting has stormed against our lines. In weeks of the struggle, often without repose, you have had to persevere and resist a numerically far superior enemy. Therein lies the greatness of the task which has been set for you and which you are fulfilling. Troops of all the German states are doing their part and are heroically defending the fatherland on foreign soil. Hard is the task. ¶ My navy is holding its own against the united enemy naval forces and is unwaveringly supporting the army in its difficult struggle. ¶ The eyes of those of whom rest with pride and admiration on the deed of the army and navy. I express to you the thanks of myself and the fatherland.	Wilhelm II was the king in Prussia and the emperor of the German empire, also known as the Second Reich. The Second Reich and German empire had been declared after Prussia and other German states defeated France in the Franco-Prussian war; the German empire was declared in the palace of Versailles, France in 1871. ¶ The Kaiser would sign his proclamations using his first name alone, "Wilhelm".	
10/25/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ The collapse of the Macedonian front has occurred in the midst of the hardest struggle. In accord with our allies, I have resolved once more to offer peace to the enemy, but I will only extend my hand for an honorable peace. We owe that to the heroes that have laid down their lives for the fatherland, and make that our duty to our children. ¶ Whether arms will be lowered is a question. Until then we must not slacken. We must, at hitherto, exert all our strength unwearily to hold our ground against the onslaught on our enemy. ¶ The hour is grave, but, trusting in your strength and in God's gracious help, we feel ourselves to be strong enough to defend our beloved fatherland. Signed Wilhelm."		
10/25/1918	Law & War - Soldiers	"We are informed by the Food Administrator that up to now the Red Cross treasury is richer in the summer \$47 levied in fines in Rib Lake and vicinity for violating the sugar ordinance."	Sugar was rationed during WWI.	
10/25/1918	J.J. Kennedy & family	LETTER FROM OLD PIONEERS. "Driggs, Idaho, October 16, 1918. Enclosed please find a money order for \$1.50 to renew subscription to the Herald. Kindly note change of address. Just reached here today. We are about 25 miles from the southwest entrance to Yellowstone Park. It is a beautiful country, a wide fertile valley and everything denotes prosperity. Hope this finds our old friends well and prosperous. Have missed the last three numbers of the Herald. Hope they will overtake me soon. Kind regards to all. Signed Mrs. Agnus Kennedy." ¶ (For the benefit of those of the Herald's readers, we state Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy were prominent and influential citizens of Rib Lake in the early days. The Kennedy's owned and operated the sawmill now owned by the RLLC, that is, the old mill which burned down - editor)"		

10/25/1918	War - Soldiers	JOHN N. SCHAACK WRITES FROM FRANCE. "American expeditionary forces, October 1, 1918. ¶ Well, how is the old hometown? I suppose the changes that have taken place in the last 15 months would almost make it seem a strange place now. ¶ It is now over 8 months since I left with many of my fellow soldier companions for foreign soil to take part in that worldly conflict and stop the rise of Kaiserism which would only mean that in a short time the Hohenzollerns would be the predominating power in this world...¶ Now, as to the war. Wisconsin, which has been criticized for being a German state, has every reason to be proud. She has by now fought at nearly all important places along the front. Many a time we have had the pleasure of meeting the Hons in this bloody struggle and always it has been to the Hons' sorrow. In battle I don't believe that any men have shown a truer spirit of Americanism that have the boys in the 32nd Division in which Wisconsin is largely represented. The best Prussian soldiers have tried to resist our onslaughts, but our troops always fought with a grim determination. ¶ Well, I'm still enjoying good health as ever. Off times I should like to be back, but a person	The Hohenzollerns are the royal family that produced the Kaiser.	
10/25/1918	War - Soldiers (cont)	would not think of doing so, for we all want to be here when we celebrate the finish. If I would have been so fortunate as not to have been able to get over here, there is nothing I would have regretted more. Signed John N. Schaack, Headquarters Department, 32nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, APO #737."		
11/1/1918	Rib Lake - Village	"Beginning with today Herman Burmeister will hold the two jobs of policeman and electrician for the Village. The Village cannot keep a policeman and an electrician on the payroll under present arrangement for electric current with the RLLC, so the two jobs were combined into one. As Herbert Curran, who has been policeman for a number of years, is not an electrician, he had to relinquish the job in favor of one who can do both. The Village will save about \$30 a month by the new system."		
11/1/1918	Obituary	KILLED IN A RUN AWAY. "Herman Carl Gnotke, a pioneer resident of the Town of Rib Lake, had a run away last Friday afternoon while returning home from this village and died the next morning at 1 o'clock from his injuries. ¶ He was born in Germany in 1859, the 11th of October, and came to America in 1884. He has lived in Rib Lake 34 years. A wife and 11 children survive him - Frank, Herman, Carl, Emil, William, Mayta, Annie, Mathilda, Albert, Mrs. Fred Fravert, and Mrs. Otto Schalow of Pipestone, Minnesota. Herman was last heard of from somewhere in England. Carl is somewhere in France and Emil is at Jacksonville, Florida. All are in the army. ¶ The pallbearers were Carl Kalk, Berthold Hein, Ernst Gerstberger, John Burzlaff, Herman Hanke and Werner Radtke. - Signed Mrs. Herman Gnotke and children."		
11/1/1918	Health	MORE FLU CASES REPORTED. "As we go to press, Dr. G.C. Wichman, Health Officer, informs us that he has 30 cases of influenza under his care and some of them are serious. There may be many more of a lighter nature for which a physician has not been called. It appears that the epidemic is traveling in this direction from such places as already have had a large seige of it. Marshfield is reported to have about 1,200 cases and Wausau was reported as having at least 400. Many deaths are reported. ¶ In view of the increased number of cases in this community, the quarantine imposed by the Board of Health will have to stay on for a while longer and until further notice."		
11/8/1918	War - Soldiers	INCREASED SUGAR FOR CONSUMERS TO 3 POUNDS. "An increase in the household allowance of sugar from 2 pounds to 3 pounds per person per month is permitted by the US Food Administration for Wisconsin as a result of rapid manufacture of a new crop of beet sugar in the west and of the new crop of Louisiana cane in the south together with the free railway transportation conditions. Eating places may have 3 pounds per 90 meals. ¶ Sugar books must be kept by grocers as usual."		
11/8/1918	War - Soldiers	GERMANY HAS SURRENDERED. "That is the best piece of news we have had from the war zone in the last 4 years. It came yesterday at 1:15 in the afternoon from Wausau. The telegram came to George N. Harder, President of the RLLC, from Milwaukee to Wausau and as Mr. Harder was here yesterday, it was telephoned to him here at Rib Lake. ¶ The telegram follows: "Special Telegram, 11:35 a.m. Milwaukee, November 7, 1918. Germany has signed Allied Armistice terms at 11 o'clock today. News comes directly from Paris. Hostilities are to cease at 2:00 p.m. This cannot be confirmed." ¶ The news was spread quickly and at 2 o'clock every whistle and bell in the village joined in a chorus to celebrate the beginning of the end of the 4 years war. Flags went up and everybody was happy. The working men took the rest of the day off. ¶ After Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria capitulated, there was no chance for Germany to continue the war any great length of time. It came almost as suddenly as the war was started. ¶ How long it will be before peace is finally declared, new governments are set up and recognized, etc. and how soon our soldiers will start to come home, also if the men now in	My mother, Martha Hedwig Rusch nee Gebauer, was on the family farm in Whittlesey when she heard the war was ended. She ran around shouting "Friedens". Friedens is German for peace. ¶ The Armistice terms called for the Armistice to take effect on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour.	

11/8/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	this country under arms will be demobilized, are the questions of the hours which cannot be answered. Our armies will have to remain on European soil for some time to do police duty, maintain order - stay the hand of the destructive Bolsheviki, of which Russia has such a fine taste at present. ¶ A young lady said this afternoon within our hearing: "this war is over and we can have eats." We don't know about that. It is our Christian duty to economize and give our surplus to the hungry men, women and children of starving Europe until they can raise the next crop. And it must be remembered that crops are not raised in the winter and that winter is coming. We have had 2 million of our soldiers in France to feed! America should exercise a rigid economy in all food products until the next crop is harvested."		
11/8/1918	Rusch	"Miss Frieda Gilge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilge, Town of Rib Lake, was married to Rev. George Kobs, Michigan, yesterday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church."		
11/15/1918	War - Soliders	GEMANY HAS QUIT. "The news of the signing of a truce last week with Germany were premature, caused by misunderstanding in sending out the telegrams. However, November 11, signing of the armistice with Germany was proclaimed by President Wilson. News came to Rib Lake over the telephone Monday morning at 4 and Mr. Claussen gave out the news as soon as he got it. This time it was official and the celebration of last week was repeated in the evening. The Home Guards turned out and were joined by citizens and lodges, marching up and down McComb Avenue, supplemented by blowing of all kinds of whistles (steam and otherwise), 6 vollies by the Home Guards and burning of the Kaiser, made pandemonium reign for a while. The celebration was ended by setting off a charge of dynamite on the lakefront. Everybody was glad the Kaiser is down and out and that Germany will have a truly representative government. ¶ It is impossible to describe what is now transpiring in Germany with any degree of accuracy. The news of one day was contradicated by that of the next. It is certain that the Kaiser has been overthrown by revolution that has swept over the whole of	The term Kaiserin is the feminine form of the Kaiser. In this case it refers to the wife of Kaiser Wilhelm II.	
11/15/1918 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	Germany. The Kaiser and the Crown Price have abdicated and the Kaiser has fled to Holland where he has been interned as a prisoner. Prince Henry is reported to have fled to Denmark. The Kaiserin is reported to be ill at Potsdam and the Crown Price is with her. Germany must evacuate all occupied territory, surrender her navy and all her submarines, and lay down her arms. Then she will be ready to talk peace and the Allied governments will give her such recognition as in their opinion she is entitled to - that is, they will give her a square deal."		
11/15/1918	Businesses	BIG COMPANY ORGANIZED. "The Rib Lake Corporation Company was recently organized by the farmers in this locality. There are 39 stockholders and the capital is \$25,000. Shares are \$25 each and none are sold to anybody who is not a farmer. The company has acquired the P.E. Marcus mill site, comprising 4 lots, for \$850 and will build a large warehouse on the same. The officers are George Schreiner President, Carl Radtke Vice President, and John Burzlaff Secretary. Ed Klein is treasurer."		
11/15/1918	Law & Railroads - Wisconsin Central	"President John McRae and Village Clerk John Steffek went to Chelsea yesterday to take the early train for Ashland but came back at noon as the train was many hours late. They were to attend a session of the Railroad Commission in the matter of Andrew Berg v. Village of Rib Lake."		
11/15/1918	RLLC	"The RLLC has some birch which is suitable for making of gun stocks. A government inspector was here Wednesday to inspect the timber."	My late father, Herman Arthur Rusch, reported that on New Year's Day, 1918, he worked for the RLLC in the yard. They were loading yellow birch to be used in making airplane propellers.	
11/22/1918	RLLC	"Jack Lee was down to Medford over Sunday. He is going to run the steam hauler for the RLLC next winter and is getting it ready for the job. ¶ The RLLC has completed the installation of its drinking water system. The old gasoline engine and pump have been taken out of the pumping station and have been replaced with a new pump and 2 hp motor. New water and steam pipes have also been put in where needed. The new system will furnish plenty of drinking water at all times of the year."	For approx. the last year the Rib Lake Herald has been very sparse on information regarding the RLLC. There has been almost no news regarding its camp operations.	
11/29/1918	J.J. Kennedy & family	"The body of Stuart Kennedy was brought here from East End, Saskatchewan, Canada, Monday afternoon by his sister, Anna Mae Kennedy, and interment was made in the village cemetery in the evening. Stuart died in Canada of influenza. His mother, who went to Canada with Anna Mae, will return later as she has to stay there to settle Stuart's estate. The untimely death of this young man is deplored by all of his Rib Lake acquaintances."	Stuart Kennedy was the son of Hugh J. Kennedy, a brother of J.J. Kennedy.	
11/29/1918	Schools & Rib River Valley	"The [influenza] ban on the Rib River School was lifted November 18. ¶ Ms. Flora Wagner, the teacher, has resigned and is now at Muskegon, Michigan, visiting her sister. The school board secured Mrs. Calvert as teacher to take her place. ¶ Miss Herminia Hengst and Bertha Peche left for Milwaukee to take positions for the winter."		

11/29/1918	RLLC & Camp 9 & Camp 13 & Camp 14	RIB LAKE LUMBER COMPANY OPERATIONS. "The RLLC is planning on doing extensive logging during the coming winter months in order to keep the sawmill in continuous operation, as there is not over 3 weeks supply of logs in the lake at the present time, and these are frozen in the lake. The company started hauling new logs from the woods on Tuesday of this week. ¶ Early during the present fall the labor situation was quite serious with the company, but since the Armistice has been signed and hostilities ceased, the ammunition factories and other war industries are releasing men from their employ, the labor situation is being relieved, and it is expected with the week or 10 days that all camps will be filled. ¶ The lumber company is operating these camps: Camp 9 - Hugh McMillan, foreman and Dan Pilon, cook; Camp 13 - Herman Peterson, foreman and Frank Weiland, cook; Camp 14 - John Mitchell, foreman and Louis Fleming, cook. ¶ Paul Krueger is doing the scaling at all the camps, with the help of an assistant. ¶ We doubt if there is another place in Wisconsin which has a sawmill that is operated the year round as is the mill of the RLLC.	Note the comment regarding the competition for workers with the armaments industry. During the war a huge powder factory was operated in Bayfield County at Barksdale. This is approx. 7 miles northeast of Ashland. A variety of people worked at that Dupont plant, including my aunt, Anna Bleck, nee Rusch.	
11/29/1918 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 9 & Camp 13 & Camp 14 (cont)	Other mills run a few months in the year and then the mill crew has to look for another job until the mill starts up again. For a working man there is nothing like a steady job."		
11/29/1918	Obituary & War - Soldiers	GUY LEHMANN IS DEAD. "Last Saturday Fred Lehmann came from Tomahawk to make arrangements to move his family back to Rib Lake. As he stepped off the train a message, just received, was handed to him. It was from the war department in Washington D.C. advising him of the death of his son Guy in France, on the 9th of this month, from influenza. It was a shock to this father that only the bravest can stand. It meant that another, the second, of his sons had given his life in the noble cause that all men might be free! ¶ Guy left Rib Lake in July with other Rib Lake boys and was assigned to the artillery. While at Sparta for training he came home on a furlough. That was shortly after his brother, Wilford, was killed in battle in France. A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann received a letter from Guy's commanding officer advising them that he had the influenza and was very ill. The next news of their son was a telegram from Washington.	To this day - January 19, 2008, the American Legion post in Rib Lake is named the Lehmann-Clendenning post. The reference to Lehmann is to Guy and Wilford.	
11/29/1918 (cont)	Obituary & War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ Guy was a fine fellow and his familiar figure on Poole's dray wagon will be missed by the citizens of Rib Lake when the boys come home. He was popular with the citizens of this burg and somehow it is hard to realize he will not come marching home. ¶ It is beyond our power to express in words the family's grief."		
11/29/1918	Obituary & War - Soldiers	THE 7TH GOLD STAR. "Two weeks ago we made mention of the death of Frank Fuchs of the Town of Greenwood in a hospital in France, changing the 7th blue star in the Taylor County service flag to one of gold. ¶ He was a private in Company K, 342 Infantry and 86th Division. He contracted Spanish influenza and died on October 7."		
11/29/1918	Ole Peterson & Stephen Konz	"O.A. Peterson is building a warehouse near the Konz mill which he has leased. The same will be 20 x 30."		
11/29/1918	Businesses & People	"William Koege has closed his garage for the winter and is now employed at the Kissel Car Company's big auto plant at Hartford [Wisconsin]. Mrs. Koege is tending to the sale of supplies and gasoline at the garage and Herman Burmeister is looking after the charging of batteries."	The phenomenon of men and women leaving Rib Lake for the Milwaukee area to find work was a major matter for Rib Lake and would increase during the 1920's and 30's.	
12/6/1918	War - Soldiers	MANY MILLIONS DIE IN WAR-LOSS OF MEN RISES TO OVER 10,330,000-UNITED STATES TOTAL IS 236,117. "Austria-Hungary lost 4 million killed and wounded during the war, according to the exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. German losses were placed at 6, 330,000 for the socialist Vorwaerts of Berlin. American casualties have been announced officially as totaling 236,117. Of this number 36,154 were killed and died from wounds. Slightly more than 17,000 deaths were from disease or causes not classified."	Please check the math.	
12/6/1918	War - Soldiers	THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR 14 YEARS. "By Arthur N. Davis, D.D.S., American dentist to the Kaiser from 1907-1914."	For at least 3 editions the Rib Lake Herald has printed copies of a book written by Arthur N. Davis. He was an American citizen and a dentist. He cared for the dental needs of the Kaiser from 1904 until the Kaiser's abdication and flight to Holland in 1918. It is an amazing story. Well written and engaging.	

12/6/1918	Obituary & Health	MRS. OTTO BREHM. "Mrs. Otto Brehm passed away last Sunday afternoon, December 1, at 3 o'clock principally from the effects from pneumonia following influenza. ¶ She was born at Athens, Wisconsin May 11, 1894, and came to Rib Lake with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schneck, when one year old. She is survived by her parents, her husband and two children - Edward and baby Rosa. Also two sisters, Mrs. Martin Schinker and Mathilda Schneck, who are ill at present and could not attend the funeral which was held last Wednesday morning from the catholic church, the Rev. Fr. William Smits, officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Bertagnoli, Frank Haas, Joseph Tilp, Joseph Probst, Jr., Joseph Niggemann, and Fred Niggemann. Those out of town who attended the funeral were Louis Schneck, an uncle from Stevens Point; Miss Mary Hoffmann from Stratford and Thomas and Henry Brehm of Medford. ¶ Mrs. Brehm was held in high esteem by her many acquaintances and her death was a great shock to them. The bereaved husband, children and relatives have our sympathy. ¶ The funeral was in charge of F.E. Poole, Rib Lake undertaker."		
12/6/1918	Recreation & Businesses	A FIGHT FOR MILLIONS. "Beginning Saturday evening, December 7, Mr. Johnson will again exhibit motion pictures at the Armory. He has secured a grand feature and 15 thrilling episodes, known to the theatrical world as "A Fight for Millions". This is one of the greatest photoplay serials ever made and a thriller from start to finish. Every Sunday evening Mr. Johnson will run two reels of this feature and 5 other reels of various subjects, different every show night. That will make 7 reels in all for each show. ¶ "A fight for the millions" is primed with things that will turn back the clock and make you young again. It has scenes that are new and hitherto of dreamed of. A "he-man" fights and races with villainy and the elements. ¶ Don't miss the opening chapter on Saturday, December 7, at the Armory." Advertisement		
12/6/1918	War - Soldiers	SOLDIERS COMING HOME. "The following Rib Lake soldiers are at Camp Hancock and will undoubtedly be home soon: Victor Daue, Harris Holverson, Walter Gessert, Harry Maes, Robert Bleck and Clifford Sippy of Chippewa Falls, who lived in Rib Lake until about 2 years ago. ¶ Lieutenant Elmer Krueger was in the village Wednesday to call on friends and got a warm reception, to be sure. His numerous friends in the old burg are glad he earned a commission before it was all over. Of course, the disappointment for not going to France counts for more with him as it does with a lot of other soldiers, but who knew the war would end so soon?"		
12/6/1918	Western Fever & People	LIKES FARMING IN NORTH DAKOTA. "Bismarck, North Dakota, November 27, 1918. ¶ Enclosed find my check for \$3 for the Herald. We are all well and have escaped the flu thus far. It has been quite bad in Bismarck. We raised a good crop and are getting along fine. However, we got lonesome for the woods at times. I hauled one load of flax to town which brought me \$200. This beats hauling firewood all right. Yours truly, John Obowa."	John Obowa had moved from his farm just to the northwest of St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood. I am in communication with his daughter, Gert, who in 2008 lives in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.	
12/6/1918	War - Soldiers	BAVARIA FOR SEPARATE PEACE. "[The German State/kingdom of] Bavaria probably will ask to have separate pleni potentiaries at the peace negotiations and will claim conditions of a separate peace, says Paris Matin, in commenting on the action of Bavaria in breaking off relations with the government at Berlin. ¶ The socialist council of Munich has telegraphed an executive committee of the Berlin socialist council demanding a dismissal of Dr. W.S. Solf, foreign minister; Phillip Scheidemann, minister of colonies and Matthias Erzberger who, it has been announced, will conduct negotiations preliminary to signing a treaty of peace. ¶ The telegram invites the Berlin council to overthrow a government which continues such persons in important posts."		
12/13/1918	O.A. Peterson & Stephen Konz	TAKE NOTICE. "I have received a carload of flour, feed, etc. and expect to get more. I am in the market for all kinds of forest products. Those who wish to deal with me can get stuff out of my warehouse at a small margin of profit in trade for forest products, or I will buy for cash, that is optional with you if you have what I want. Signed O.A. Peterson, Rib Lake, Wisconsin. ¶ O.A. Peterson, who is operating former [Stephen A.] Konz mill, has built a large warehouse for all kinds of supplies and intends to build on an addition soon. Mr. Peterson is doing considerable logging and is buying all kinds of forest products. Many of his customers prefer to get supplies at a small margin of profit, therefore he has put in a supply to meet this demand. If you have anything to sell in the line of forest products, he will be glad to figure with you."	Let's hear it for the barter system. ¶ The Herald has not explained the transfer of ownership of the Stephen A. Konz mill to O.A. Peterson.	
12/13/1918	Health	"The State Board of Health has issued new regulations regarding the quarantine of flu cases. All places where the flu is must be placarded."	The Rib Lake Herald on Dec. 20, 1918, reported "Deaths from influenza in Wisconsin reported for Oct. 1918, were 2,081 and from pneumonia 525. Many of the deaths reported due to influenza undoubtedly were pneumonia."	



12/20/1918	Stumpville & RLLC	ALFRED BLECK. "Alfred Bleck died from influenza last Sunday morning and was buried yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran Church. Rev. A.P. Sitz, the pastor, officiating. The funeral was largely attended. Deceased is survived by a wife and one child. Mr. Bleck had charge of the logging and milling operations of the RLLC, formerly the Stump Mill, a few miles east of the village. Quite a few of his men and his family were ill with influenza and it is supposed that his death was caused by overtaxing his strength in taking care of others. He was a healthy, strong young man, well liked by all, and his untimely death is generally deplored."	This is the first news within the Herald that the mill is no longer owned and operated by Mr. Stump. ¶ The Herald went on to report: "Charles Stump came from Youngstown, Ohio yesterday to attend the funeral of Alfred Bleck."	
<b>1918</b>				
1/3/1919	Schools & Recreation	"Don't forget the basketball game this evening at the Armory. The first game will be between the Home Guards and Rib Lake High and the second game between the Colby girls and the girls of the Rib Lake High."		
1/3/1919	Tannery	"C.M. McCullough, for many years superintendent of the Stanley tannery, was sent to Rib Lake from Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he has had charge of a tannery since last spring, to take charge of the tannery until Superintendent John Hanifen's health improves so that he can go back into the harness again. Mr. McCullough's family is at Chattanooga at present."		
1/10/1919	Stumpville	"John J. Lemke succeeds the late Alfred Bleck as manager of the mill and woods operation at Stumpville for the RLLC, and has moved out there."		
1/10/1919	Businesses	PICKLING STATION IS SOLD. "The pickling station, formerly operated by the Alart & McGuire Company of Green Bay, was sold this week to the Brehm Brothers and they will remodel it in the near future into a warehouse, an elevator and feed mill of 50 tons capacity. It will be run in the fall and winter to accommodate the grinding for the farmers. Thomas H. Brehm, manager, has informed us he has plans underway and will go to the city to buy the necessary machinery, in the near future. This will be another good industry for Rib Lake and the Brehm Brothers deserve congratulations for taking steps to convert a piece of idle property into something very much needed and productive."	The Herald dated Jan. 17, 1919, reported: "The Brehm Brothers have installed a new feed grinding mill which has a capacity of about 1 1/2 tons an hour and are ready to grind your feed on short notice." ¶ The Brehm Brothers included Frank J. Brehm. I believe this operation was the start of the present day Rib Lake Roller Mill on Fayette Avenue, now owned and operated by William Schreiner.	
1/24/1919	Rusch & Germania	"Field Marshall from Hindenburge soon will take command of the German troops opposing Polish forces in Eastern Germany, according to advices received from Bromberg, quoting newspapers printed in the Province of Posen."		
1/31/1919	Businesses & O.A. Peterson	IS DOING GOOD BUSINESS. "O.A. Peterson, one of the biggest operators in forest products in this section, is running his mill on ties to fill his contract for \$70,000. Mr. Peterson has shipped 200 carloads of various forest products since last fall and stands a good show of doubling this number before spring comes."	This is the famous "Ole" Peterson, born and reared on the farm just north of Little Spirit Lake.	
1/31/1919	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. H.[Hugh] J. Kennedy has returned for Saskatchewan, Canada."		
1/31/1919	F.J. Hintz	"F.J. Hintz, who is doing extensive logging at Lublin [Taylor County, Wisconsin], took his family to said place Monday for the remainder of the winter."		
2/7/1919	Rusch	GERMAN FIGHTS THE POLES "Berlin, February 1 - Advices from the West Prussian border, where German troops have been dispatched against the Poles, report that the German force that had been assigned to occupy the Town of Kulmsee, which is the railway junction between Thorn and Graudnz, was forced to take the place by storm after Polish irregulars had refused to negotiate."		
2/7/1919	Camp 14 & Railroads - RLLC	"The railroad bridge at Camp 14 broke down last Friday evening and a number of loaded cars were ditched. The locomotive went over all right, but the cars - one boxcar, one gondola, and 5 logging cars - were too much for the structure."		
2/7/1919	RLLC	"The steam log hauler of the RLLC was sent to the woods last Sunday and has been making trips back and forth daily. John Lee is the engineer and Otto Brehm steersman. We did not get the name of the fireman. [I believe it was Bob Hess.]¶ W.B. Patrick, woods foreman for the company, and Herman Burmeister and William Lemke took the hauler out Sunday to initiate the new crew."	In all likelihood these runs were made between the mill and Camp 9 just south of Hultman Lake in Price County.	
2/14/1919	Church - Lutheran	IS AT CAMP TRAVIS. "J.[John] A. Taylor received a copy of the Lutheran Soldiers and Sailors Bulletin December 1918 and on page 8 of said bulletin is a picture of the Rev. Arthur Sydow, formerly pastor of the lutheran church in Rib Lake. Rev. Sydow is chaplain at Camp Travis, Texas. The bulletin speaks in praise of him and others in the service. Rev. Sydow's numerous Rib Lake friends will be pleased to know he has passed the still examination required of army chaplains and that he is making good at his post."		
2/14/1919	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. H.[Hugh] J. Kennedy has resumed her position of clerk in UpJohn's Pharmacy."		

2/14/1919	Rib Lake - Village	"Matt Leienkugel, one of the proprietors of the brewery at Chippewa Falls, was here yesterday to dispose of a lot of personal property from the saloon building lately conducted by Otto Heinske. The bar fixtures were shipped. The building is now owned by the Koehler Land Company of Medford and they have offered it to the Village of Rib Lake for the sum of \$2,500. It could easily be converted into a village hall, library, council room, jail and for the use of the fire department. The library and the village hall used at present could be sold and would more than pay for the repairs and alterations on the opera house property. The village hall is too small for practical use and the building used for the jail and housing of the fire apparatus are unsatisfactory, in fact, so we are informed, the jail building has been condemned. We are of the opinion, and have heard several of our prominent businessmen express the same, that the village board should take steps to purchase the property without delay."	Was this the beginning of the effort that led to the acquisition of real estate at 741 McComb Ave - the combined village hall - public works building? That McComb Avenue location was the village hall until about 2000 when the village hall was relocated to the former Clearview School.	
2/21/1919	Rusch	POLES WIPE OUT HUN FORCE. "Berlin Feb. 17 - a company of German soldiers under Lt. Parthenheimer refused to return to Bromberg in the face of warnings, say a dispatch to the Tageblatt and were attacked on 3 sides by Polish forces. The company was almost entirely wiped out. Parthenheimer was killed. The German forces are now reorganizing."		
2/21/1919	Businesses	FLOUR MILL FOR RIB LAKE. "It has been communicated to the Herald that during the past week a meeting was held by a few interested parties with regard to erecting a flour mill in this village. After duly considering prospects, it was agreed that such an undertaking would benefit the community as well as the promoters. It was resolved that a mill would be bought and a building, modern in every detail, could be erected, in which said mill would be installed. The approximate cost of the undertaking was figured from \$9,000 to \$10,000 and the necessary funds were pledged at the meeting to make the plan materialize. It was further agreed that as soon as the weather would permit, a start would be made with the excavation and the concrete foundation put in. The plans call for a mill of 25 barrels capacity, adapted to either rye, buckwheat or wheat, so as to provide for the needs of practically everybody. ¶ The mill will be located on the site of the old pickling station, recently acquired by the Brehm Brothers."	I suspect this is the origin of the present day Rib Lake Roller Mill, 1213 Fayette Avenue, now owned and operated by William Schreiner.	
2/21/1919	RLLC	HAS JAW BROKEN. "Gust Skon, who works with his father on the landing of the RLLC, was hit by a log last Saturday afternoon and was knocked into the [hot] pond. It happened around 4 o'clock in the afternoon. An examination of his injury by Dr. Wichman disclosed that his lower jaw was fractured. He was able to walk to the doctor's office after the accident and the fact that he was knocked into the pond saved his life, as otherwise the log would have rolled over him and crushed out his life. His father pulled him out of the water from between the logs where he might have drowned. Mr. Skon took him to the hospital at Marshfield where the surgeons wired the jaw together and he is billed for a long stay in that institution. A letter received by his sister Pearl from him yesterday was very encouraging. He wrote it himself."		
2/21/1919	Camp 9 & RLLC	LUMBERMEN TO VISIT RIB LAKE. "The North Wisconsin Loggers Association will meet at Rib Lake on February 26 and will be entertained at dinner by the RLLC at Camp 9. ¶ A special train will bring the lumbermen to this point on Tuesday evening. They will leave for the camp at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning via a log hauler train, where dinner will be served and an opportunity afforded to witness the logging operations of the RLLC, returning to this point about 4:30 p.m., when an inspection of the sawmill and planing mill will be made. A special train will take the lumbermen to Chelsea to connect with the southbound train Wednesday evening."	The transportation between the mill in the Village of Rib Lake and Camp 9 was by way of the steam powered log hauler over the ice road leading to the campsite just south of Hultman Lake in Price County.	
2/21/1919	RLLC	"Bob Hess, who enlisted last summer and has seen active service in France, arrived in Rib Lake Sunday. Bob lost no time in getting on the job, for Tuesday the log hauler started on a double shift with Bob as engineer and Ray Washatka as fireman and Geroge Daus as helmsman. With a crew of ex-soldiers, and all husky, hardened fellows, the [steam] hauler ought to do some work if the machine and road will respond to their efforts. That's like driving a French baby tank, aye boys?"		
2/21/1919	RLLC & Fawn Valley	Charles Kalk is working for the RLLC, unloading sleighs on [Rib] lake.	The Herald reported the ice was 20" thick on the lake. These sleighs would probably include sleighs brought in both by horse and by steam hauler from Camp 9.	
2/21/1919	Interwald	"Billy Jarchow is home from his military service in Europe. He says the USA is the only okay and whatever the roaming there is most joy in homing. His chevrons and his training he will lay aside and with his old job in the woods be more than satisfied. ¶ Other soldier boys - Richard Stibbe, Paul Stibbe, Robert Sykes, August Boelka, Ed Anderson, August Hengst, Robert Franz, Andrew Scheuer - of the Interwald circles, are home again from the cantonements and all very soldierly appearing men. Interwald seems more like itself than while they were away and we hope the rest will come again soon. Signed George Kowner."		

2/28/1919	RLLC & Camp 9	LOGGERS VISIT RIB LAKE - THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN LOGGER'S ASSOCIATION SPENT A DAY HERE. "The Northern Wisconsin Loggers Association, an organization perfected for the purpose of divising ways and means for logging at the lowest cost and in the most efficient manner, met at Rib Lake February 25 on invitation of George N. Harder, President of the RLLC. ¶ The following guests were present: W.B. Clubine, Park Falls Lumber Company, Park Falls, Wisconsin; P.S. Mclurg, Eugene Hebert and Dan Hashie, Kneeland-Mclurg Lumber Company, Phillips, Wisconsin; W.G. Collar and James McCumber, West Lumber Company, Lugerville, Wisconsin; G.W. Campbell, Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company, Park Falls, Wisconsin; J.D. Twomey and Pat Twomey, Mellen Lumber Company, Glidden, Wisconsin; R.B. Goodman, Sawyer Goodman Company, Marinette, Wisconsin; J.W. Gleason, Goodman Lumber Company, Goodman, Wisconsin; J.B. Galbraith, Northwestern Lumber Company, Stanley, Wisconsin; J.H. McRoy, J.S. Stearns Lumber Company, Odanah, Wisconsin; W.E. Vogelsang, Turtle Lake Lumber Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan; D.M. McDonald, Mellen Lumber Company, Mellen, Wisconsin; P.J. DeMares, Scott and Howe Lumber Company, Ironwood, Michigan; J.S. Landon	Please note that this meeting was attended by reporters from two journals, the Hardwood Record and the American Lumberman. I will try to obtain copies of the coverage they undoubtedly printed. ¶ One of the unique things about the RLLC was its simultaneous means of log transportation: railroad, horse powered sleigh and steam hauler.	
2/28/1919 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 9 (cont)	and S. Baldwin, Medford Lumber Company, Medford, Wisconsin; J.J. Lingle and G.T. Dixon, Westboro Lumber Company, Westboro, Wisconsin; O.T. Swan, Secretary, Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber Manufacturer's Association, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; C.E. Urbahns, Superintendent, Soo Line, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; E. Alexander Stewart, Chicago, Illinois, American Lumberman; G.E. Henry, Chicago, Illinois, Hardwood Record; E.C. Getchel, F.E. Poole, C.R. Claussen, Dr. G.C. Wichman and O.A. Peterson, Rib Lake. ¶ As but a few of the lumbering operations in Wisconsin are operated by a steam log hauler, one of the prime reasons for the meeting at this time was to see the hauler owned by the RLLC in operation. The guests from the north were met at Chelsea by a special train on Tuesday evening and those arriving from the south were met by a special train Wednesday morning. The guests were taken to the National Hotel where they were taken care of in Mr. Bonneville's usual efficient manner, and expressed their appreciation of the warm rooms and fine table service and all felt that Rib Lake was to be envied in the hotel service.		
2/28/1919 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 9 (cont)	¶ At about 9 o'clock members of the association, headed up by Mr. Harder, started for the landing, to which point W.B. Patrick, Woods Superintendent, had preceded them. On arrival of the hauler from camp, everybody boarded a bark sleigh and the trip to camp was on. Out through the valleys, past up to date farms, among picturesque hills, the lumbermen vying with each other as to the advantages of an ice road over a railroad in operating under the conditions represented at Camp 9. ¶ At 11:30 camp was sighted and everyone was greeted by the pleasant smile of H. McMillan, Camp Foreman, who threw open his private office and everybody reveled in warmth, badinage (sic) and Standard tobacco. In a little while the dinner horn blew and the Standard tobacco was abandoned for roast pork and dressing, cranberry sauce and all other fine things prepared as only Chef Daniel Pilon can prepare. After being seated at table, the visitors were surprised by a quartet singing by F.E. Poole, C.R. Claussen, D.C. Estes and S.J. Williams. The dinner served was a regular camp dinner, the cranberries being an addition to the regular fare. After dinner the woods operations were visited in which the guests		
2/28/1919 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 9 (cont)	were profuse in their statements as to the efficient manner in which everything was being done. After being "photographed" the return trip to Rib Lake began and without any mishap everybody arrived safely. The sawmill was visited and experienced sawmill men stated in their opinion the sawmill at this point was the best and most conveniently arranged of any they had seen. ¶ A short business session was held at 5:30 in the office of the RLLC, at which time the Association extended to the company their hearty appreciation for the pleasant and profitable day. ¶ After supper at the National [hotel] the special train left for Chelsea, made up of the regular coach and the special car of Mr. C.E. Urbahns, Superintendent of the Soo Line. Mr. Urbahns threw his coach open to the members of the Association, assisting in every way to make them comfortable, and the community which his line serves is to be congratulated in having such a genial gentleman as Superintendent. ¶ At the parting at Chelsea everybody expressed their opinion that this was the end of a perfect day."		
3/7/1919	Germania & Rusch	NEW BOUNDARIES FOR POLAND. "Under the new terms of the Armistice, hostilities must cease in Posen, where the Germans have been opposing the advance of the Poles in their efforts to establish their claim to the entire territory of the German province of Posen. ¶ The provisional boundary fixed by the Allied Armistice Commission follows: East of Grosser, Neudorf (Southwest of Bromberg)---¶ This takes in the greater part of Posen and only leaves out those portions along the border that have been thoroughly Germanized. ¶ The heavy shaded portions of the map show the new territory in which the Allies have backed up Polish sovereignty."	At the peace conference and by way of the Treaty of Versailles, the victorious Allies also dictate the creation of the Polish corridor.	

3/21/1919	War - Soldiers & Law	"George H. Claussen, Pleasant Valley Farmer, was found guilty on all counts for violating the espionage act. ¶ The indictment against him was for making a series of serious utterances against the Red Cross, the government, using profane, obscene language. ¶ He said that only about 10% of the money from the Red Cross gets to the soldiers, and branded any man a fool who would cross the sea to "fight for France or any other country", also "if George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were living today they would drop dead if they came into the white house and saw Wilson and other English cocks sitting in their swivel chairs running the US government for England. ¶ Emil Kohlepp, Eau Claire, was found guilty of violating the espionage act and fined \$250 by Judge A.L. Sanborn. Kohlepp said this was a rich man's war and the corporations and the money men are the men who started this war. Also, he did not see why the government was not getting after the rich people and make them pay more taxes, etc."		
3/28/1919	Obituary	CARL HANKE. "Carl Hanke, a pioneer of Rib Lake, passed away this week in his 73rd year. He lived in Rib Lake about 33 years, having taken up a homestead in the early days when this country was a wilderness. He is survived by his wife and 3 sons and one daughter: Herman Hanke and Bruno Hanke of Rib Lake and Ernst Hanke of California and his address is unknown. The funeral date is uncertain. The funeral is to be held in the lutheran church today."		
3/28/1919	Interwald & Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"The Wausau Lumber Company's wanigan boats have appeared at Interwald again. That means get ready for soft weather and the spring log drive."	A wanigan used on the Rib River is in the logging museum at Rhinelander as of 2008.	
3/28/1919	Camp 9	"Camp 9 broke up Saturday. The steam hauler finished hauling logs from this camp Wednesday, last week."	Bear in mind that the steam hauler was dependent upon a frozen ice road for a route of travel. The warm weather of spring was its death knell.	
3/28/1919	Businesses	"A meeting of the Rib Lake Farmers Cooperative Company will be held in the Rib Lake Town Hall on April 6 at 2 o'clock."		
4/4/1919	Law & War - Soldiers	GETS A YEAR AND A DAY. "P.J. Fautek, former editor and proprietor of the Medford Sun [a newspaper], was sentenced in federal court by Judge Sanborn at Eau Claire to a day and a year in Fort Leavenworth last Saturday. ¶ He had been found guilty of violating the wartime espionage act. ¶ Mrs. August Mielke pleaded guilty in federal court at Eau Claire last Friday and the judge imposed a fine of \$250 which was paid and she was released. She came home with her husband Friday afternoon. Frank Diesing, one of the witnesses, also came home Friday, and Miss Lottie Banks and Mrs. George Hahney came home Saturday. ¶ Dr. Desombre of Medford pleaded guilty Friday in the federal court at Eau Claire and was fined \$500."	The war is over, but prosecutions for violating the espionage act continue. Note the prior coverage regarding the claims against Mrs. August Mielke.	
4/4/1919	RLLC	"George N. Harder, president of the RLLC, made a business trip to New York City last week and will stop off at Williamsport, Pennsylvania on his way back to visit his parents."		
4/11/1919	Agriculture	RESTRICTIONS ON EXPLOSIVES FOR FARM USE REMOVED. "E.C. Getchel, federal explosives licensor for Rib Lake, is in receipt of the following notice from the chief explosives engineer at Washington D.C. which is self-explanatory: "All regulations relating to the purchase, possession and use of explosives for reclamation of land, stump blasting, ditching and other agricultural purposes are revoked and no further license will be required."		
4/18/1919	Businesses	"The Farmers Produce Company is the name of a firm which has been organized in Rib Lake. The officers are as follows: Henry Voss, President and Treasurer and E.F. Hollen, Manager. They buy and ship butter, eggs, pork, veal, hay, potatoes, stray and grains of all kinds."		
4/18/1919	Rib Lake - Village	"Several parties are trying to get the village board interested in paving or macadamizing McComb Avenue the coming summer. Something ought to be done to make this street better, kill the dust and mud, but the question is which will be the best plan to adopt. The village board has the matter under consideration."		
4/18/1919	Western Fever & People	"H. [Henry] W. Stelling left for Millville, Minnesota where he has bought a farm, last Friday night. He will see how everything is and what's needed and will be back here next week to pack up and go for good. Mr. Stelling has been a resident of this village and later the Town of Rib Lake for about 20 years and leaves a host of friends who wish him and his family the best of everything in our sister state of Minnesota. We shall be interested in any good news about them."		
4/18/1919	O.A. Peterson & Businesses	"O.A. Peterson has bought the opera house from the Koehler Land Company. He says that just at present he is not quite decided as to what use he will convert it."		
4/18/1919	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & People	"Ray Pendergast of Ashland was in the village Sunday. He has just returned from foreign service with the American army and resumed his run as fireman on the passenger train from Ashland to Spencer last Monday night. While in the village he was the guest of the McLellan family."		

4/25/1919	Rusch & People	MARRIED. "Miss Norma Maes and Mr. Otto Ruesch [should read Rusch] were quietly married last Saturday afternoon, April 19, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Maes, of this village. The wedding was in the parlor and the Rev. A.P. Sitz, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, pronounced the words that made them husband and wife. The couple were attended by Mr. Robert Bleck and Miss Anna Ruesch [should read Rusch] and Mr. Walter Bartig and Miss Leona Maes. A wedding supper was served at 5 o'clock and in the evening they took the train for the south to be gone about a week on a honeymoon visit at Abbotsford, Curtiss, Sheldon and Chippewa Falls. They have rented Mrs. Julia Miller's house and will go to housekeeping as soon as they return. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Ruesch are well and favorably known in Rib Lake and vicinity and their numerous friends extend to them their heartiest congratulations."	Otto Rusch was my uncle. Six years after the marriage, Otto Rusch died of TB.	
4/25/1919	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Miss Anna Mae Kennedy, who has had charge of the drug store at Mellen the past year, has decided that Rib Lake is a good town after all and has come back."		
4/25/1919	Tannery	"Orders have been received from the New York office to shut down the Rib Lake Tannery and the work of getting things in shape for an indefinite stop in the manufacture of leather is underway. It will be another month or more before all the wheels in the plant are finally at a standstill. In the meantime an order may come to start up again. The reason for a shut down at this time is not known at the Rib Lake office. It may be due to several causes. We are of the opinion that there is a sudden overproduction of leather on account of a sudden termination of the war and as soon as peace is signed and some of the embargos are off business will become normal again."		
4/25/1919	Politics	"The Rib Lake Village Board at a meeting Wednesday night and in the midst of it a report came in that Corine Marcus, Anthony Bonneville and the little Junk boy are lost and have not been seen since supper time. So the village dads took a recess and started out with a posse to hunt for the kiddies. The lumber yard, gravel pit and all the nooks and corners in the whole village were being ferreted out to find a trace of the missing youngsters when a telephone message came announcing that they were found at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Curran, where they were playing with their boy. It was after 9 o'clock then. The hunt was called off, the village dads called the meeting to order again and got through with the routine of more or less important business at a little before midnight."		
4/25/1919	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	"President McRae has appointed the following committees: Streets, the whole board; Health, James UpJohn, Thomas H. Brehm, Orlando Winters; Paupers, August Wagner, John Mauch and William Gessert. Joseph Deusz took the contract to excavate the drainage ditch from McComb's Addition to the creek, a distance of about 1/2 mile at \$3 per rod. The ditch is to be 5 feet wide at the top and the ground taken out is to be leveled off nicely on both sides. ¶ The village will furnish dynamite for blasting stumps and rocks and lumber and other material for culverts and bridges. Last year the cost was estimated at \$1,000, but at Mr. Deusz' figures it will come to a great deal less. ¶ The Railroad Commission has authorized the village board to sell the machinery in the old municipal electric light plant and the board is looking for buyers. The contract with the RLLC for electric current runs for 10 years at the end of which, if the company does not care to renew it, it is thought it will be possible to get a line to Rib Lake from some water power plant, either on the Chippewa River or some point nearer. The dynamos and engine in the plant are in good condition and will be good for many years service."		
4/25/1919	Rib River Valley	GREENWOOD LEAVES. "The drivers are back again. The water petered out and the [river] drive had to hang up again - pretty well down to Rib Falls now, though, and the next flood may see the logs going in on the home stretch. Signed George Knower"		
5/2/1919	RLLC	"The ground plan for the new machine shop for the RLLC has been staked out and the mill superintendent will be getting ready the timbers, rafters and lumber for the building."	This is among one of the few buildings still existing from the RLLC. In 2008 it still stands in the southeast corner of STH 102 and McComb Ave. It was recently occupied by Fisher Creek Company, makers of animal food. ¶ The building was well built approximately 60 x 100 feet long. Railroad tracks allowed the locomotives to be run inside the building for servicing. The tracks are sill embedded into the concrete of McComb Ave.	
5/2/1919	People & RLLC	"Lemuel Richardson, father of Mrs. S.J. Williams, arrived here Friday from his home in Shippenville, Pennsylvania, for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are planning on a vacation trip to their old home in Pennsylvania and Mr. Richardson will return home with them."	Many of the mill VIP's, including the mill president, Mr. Harder, originated from Pennsylvania. Bear in mind that the mill was taken over by the Central Pennsylvania Leather Company. ¶ The state tree of Pennsylvania is the eastern hemlock. The hemlock, which dominated the forests of Rib Lake, provided the tanbark for the tanning industry.	

5/2/1919	Western Fever	GREENWOOD LEAVES. "Had a letter from Freeman Fishbeck's folks. They are well and like their new location out on the prairies of North Dakota. Healthy place, they write, can see the town 9 miles away, etc. Signed George Knower."		
5/2/1919	War - Soldiers & RLLC	RIB LAKE GOES OVER AGAIN. "Wednesday night the full quota (\$12,500) for the Victory Loan for this village was subscribed and some subscriptions have been taken since, so Rib Lake has gone over the top once more. The largest buyer was the RLLC, which took \$5,000 worth of bonds. ¶ The committee on this loan is composed of E.C. Getchel, Chairman; John Steffeck, J.A. Taylor, J.J. Kulstad and John McRae. They deserve the thanks of the community for their successful effort to bring Rib Lake over the top."	This article refers to the national effort to sell war bonds to finance WWI. Quite a contrast to the present Iraq war where America has simply taken out its credit card.	
5/2/1919	War - Soldiers	PLANT SCARLET POPPIES. ""In Flanders Fields the poppies grow ¶ Between the crosses, row on row, ¶ that mark our place; and in the sky ¶ the larks still brave singing, fly, ¶ Scarce heard amid the guns below." ¶ When Lieutenant Colonel John McCrea wrote the beautiful poem, the fields of Flanders had burst forth into a field of scarlet, and the spots where heroes had fallen were red in protest at the butchery of the Hun hordes. ¶ A beautiful campaign has been launched to interest people everywhere in the United States to plant red poppies this spring to commemorate the dead whose blood has been offered in sacrifice that freedom might endure. Plant poppies, everyone, and make of the planting a sacred rite, dedicated to the khaki thousands who lie in the fields of France - contributed"	This is the origin of the poppy memorial event. Every Memorial Day the American Legion continues to sell red poppies from the streets of McComb Ave.	
5/2/1919	Businesses & O.A. Peterson	NEW INDUSTRY FOR RIB LAKE. "O.A. Peterson, the mill man and logger, has made all arrangements for erecting a cheese factory in Rib Lake just west of the municipal electric light plant, and the work is now under way. The first requisite of a cheese factory is a good well and the Klug Brothers are on the job now drilling one. The building will be 24 x 54 feet and is to be completed as soon as possible. The capacity of the plant will be 10,000 pounds of milk per day. An expert cheese maker from Loyal, Wisconsin, will be in charge. Mr. Peterson has already purchased the boiler and engine and left for the southern part of the state Wednesday morning to buy the other machinery."	The location referred to is in the SW corner of Church St. and State Road.	
5/2/1919	Rusch	MISS ANNA RUSCH MARRIES. "A pretty home wedding occurred last Saturday afternoon, April 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knop, Town of Rib Lake, when Miss Anna Ruesch (should read Rusch) and Mr. Robert Bleck were united in wedlock by Rev. A.P. Sitz, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake. ¶ The couple are well and favorably known in this community and have a host of friends."	Anna Rusch was my aunt. William Bleck, now residing at 1311 Landall Ave, Rib Lake, is a grandson of the married couple.	
5/2/1919	People & War - Soldiers	IS HOME FROM FRANCE "Dan Kapitz, who enlisted in the Canadian Army about 2 years ago and has been in a forestry regiment in France, arrived here Sunday morning, having been honorably discharged from the army. He enlisted in the Canadian Army before the United States entered the war and has seen some hard service. He is entitled to a land grant of 320 acres and is going back to Canada shortly to meet Jerry Brea, who is at Winnipeg, and the two will go together to pick out 540 acres, or a section [of land], in western Canada. ¶ Dan's numerous friends in Rib Lake are glad to see him back."	In 2008 the Kapitz family continues to own local land, including a beautiful parcel on the south shore of South Harper Lake.	
5/9/1919	RLLC	HORSES FOR SALE. "The RLLC will have several horses for sale at reasonable prices. Horses can be seen at the company's barn."	The RLLC maintained a beautiful and well equipped barn on the northern edge of West Street. It is now part of the campus of the Rib Lake Public Schools. The barn even featured an operating room where sick horses could be treated.	

5/9/1919	RLLC	"The RLLC is building a tramway for loading timbers in the yard."	The term tramway refers to the elevated railroad system. The elevated railroad system consisted of narrow gauge track. It led from the west side of the lumber mill above McComb Ave. It then branched into a variety of spur lines running throughout the 80 acres of land used for wood storage and wood drying. ¶ One of the advantages of the tramway was to permit easier and higher piling of lumber. Since the tramway was elevated, the workers starting a lumber pile started at ground level. The lumber would be passed down to the workers for piling. The crew would then build upward level to the tramway. From that point they could build further upward ending up with a pile easily 20 feet high. ¶ Initially the elevated tramway system extended for at least 1/4 mile west of the mill. Eventually the lumber company reduced the elevated system of the tramway. At that point the tramway was reconstructed so the rails would pass from the elevated system over McComb Ave down to ground level. ¶ In 2007 construction took place in the former mill yard. Several lengths of old railroad track were uncovered.	
5/9/1919	Rusch	"Otto Rush (should read Rusch), who formerly was employed by the Union Tanning Company, is now employed by the Rib Lake Creamery."		
5/9/1919	RLLC	"A.W. Mallinson, sales manager of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and George N. Harder, president of the RLLC, were here Saturday and went to Westboro in the afternoon."	The lumber situation at Westboro was in flux. The same edition of the Herald indicated that: "J.W. Kaye of Westboro is home from Panama and it is reported that he will soon leave with his family for Panama again to continue the management of the big logging contract some 90 miles from that city. The family will reside at Panama. His place as chairman has been filled by Frank McCumber, temporarily."	
5/9/1919	Businesses & Rib Lake Herald	"Saturday we had the pleasure to take a spin in one of the new Crow-Elkhart cars for which F.J. Hintz is agent. We must say that the car has lots of power, runs smoothly and rides easily. The Crow-Elkhart is a big value for the money asked for it."	This article was printed as news. It is clearly a plug for the car and for F.J. Hintz, who is selling the cars in Rib Lake. The editor of the Herald, J.J. Voemastek, routinely inserted such material into his newspaper. J.J. Voemastek found it his duty to boost Rib Lake merchants since he felt that the prosperity of the village depended upon their prosperity. This philosophy led J.J. Voemastek to criticize those who purchased by way of mail order catalogs.	
5/9/1919	Railroads & Law	"Any person who removes, throws down, injures or defaces any railroad sign shall upon conviction be fined, not to exceed \$25.00."	This is filler inserted into the middle of this edition of the Herald.	
5/9/1919	People	NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. "In county court for Taylor County, Wisconsin. In probate. ¶ Notice is hereby given, that at a regular term of said court to be held in the courthouse in the City of Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin, on the first Tuesday of June, 1919, there will be heard and considered the application of Mathilda Gnotke for the administration of the estate of Herman Gnotke, late of the Town of Rib Lake in said county, deceased. Signed M.A. Buckley, Judge."	Their son, William Gnotke, in 2008, resides at the Veteran's facility at King, Wisconsin. William Gnotke recently constructed and donated to the Rib Lake Library a beautiful replica of the Rib Lake logging train.	
5/9/1919	Businesses	NOTICE. "The businessmen of Rib Lake have decided to keep their stores open on Tuesday evening instead of Friday evening as heretofore, to take effect after May 2, 1919, signed Businessmen of Rib Lake."		

5/9/1919	War - Soldiers	THE 32ND DIVISION COMING HOME. "The 32nd Division, composed mostly of Wisconsin and Michigan troops, and which has seen some of the hardest fighting in France, is nearing home, and some of the units reached Boston and New York the first of the week. ¶ The transport, George Washington, with Secretary of War Baker and 6,582 troops on board, arrived in New York Monday. The transport Wilhelmina docked Sunday at Boston with the first large unit of the 32nd Division, Wisconsin's Les Terribles. ¶ A telegram was received Monday night by Frank Darling from his son, Sergeant Russell Darling, announcing that he has landed, and another telegram was received Tuesday afternoon by John H. Schaack from his son, John N. Schaack, apprising him of his landing at Hoboken, New Jersey. ¶ Other Rib Lake boys in this division are Bob Olson, Ray Mauch, and Charles Voemastek. Wilfred Lehman was with this division when he was killed, also Eddie Carsten, who was wounded. Carl Gilbertson went over with this division and was transferred to duty in England. ¶ Word has been received from Carl Gilbertson and Alton Daue that they have been landed on American soil.		
5/9/1919 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ The governors of Wisconsin and Michigan and other notable citizens of these states have gone east to give the Wisconsin and Michigan men a rousing welcome."		
5/9/1919	Agriculture	GREENWOOD LEAVES. "Mr. Kolb, County Agent, has kindly given us the following information. He will try to have a tractor demonstration at some time and place with the fall plowing match. He would be glad to promise the tractor work but is unable to do so at this time. He will do the best to bring it about. He further says "the following have ensiled other crops than corn and can give you their own measure of success as you desire: Henry Suter of Medford, Clover; Ed Amicker, Stetsonville, soybeans; J.M. Zintner, Clover; F. Fink, sunflower; Ernst Zuther, Rib Lake, grass. ¶ There are any number of Taylor County farmers who are making a regular practice of ensiling clover. in fact most of those who have had a silo for a number of years. ¶ We need only to step across the line to Owen and Stanley to find any amount of peas being ensiled. ¶ Any green crop ensiles and the better you keep the air out, the better the job is accomplished...so you see that a man who has built or would build a silo need not give up and get the blues and try to sell out and go elsewhere where he will surely run up against some other kind of disadvantage, just because he finds out he can't every year succeed		
5/9/1919 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	in raising corn for silage - fill em up with clover silage and the best of hay and that steady flow of cream and money (and crop fertilizer) will continue to bless you. Signed George Knower."		
5/16/1919	War - Soldiers	"SPURN" "SLAVE" TREATY - EBERT - PRESIDENT OF GERMANY SAYS PEACE PACT WILL BRING NEW WARS - DEMANDS "PEACE OF RIGHT" - EXECUTIVE IN PROCLAMATION SAYS PACT WOULD "DELIVER GERMAN LABOR TO FOREIGN CAPITALISM; APPEALS TO PEOPLE TO STAND TOGETHER. "Berlin, May 10, Germany's reply to the terms of peace presented at the Versailles on Wednesday will be a proposal for "a peace of right on the basis of a lasting peace of the nations" according to a proclamation of the German people issued here by President Ebert."	The Rib Lake Herald now again features state and national and international news on its front page. To its credit, the Herald published verbatim the speech of President Ebert.	
5/23/1919	Germania	"Der Waldbote, [the "Woods Herald" German newspaper], which has recently been acquired by J.H. Wheelock and Miss Andresen, has been changed to an English newspaper, although for a while a German supplement will be included to complete certain advertising contracts. The paper is coming right up to the front under the new management. It has lots of news and covers the field thoroughly. The new proprietors have also purchased the printing office of Max Bach and with the combined equipment of the two plants will be able to do everything in the printing line and do it efficiently. Last Saturday we had the pleasure of making a fraternal call and inspecting the plant, and were given a cordial welcome and a bid to come again. The Herald wishes "Der Waldbote" and its proprietors unlimited success."	I have a fragment of Der Waldbote. One of my relatives many years ago wrapped the confirmation candles of my Aunt Pauline Gebauer in the German language newspaper.	
5/30/1919	Rusch & War - Soldiers	"Robert Ruesch [should read Rusch] passed through Chelsea on his way to Mellen, home from the army in France."	Robert Ludwig Rusch was my cousin and my namesake. He ended the war being billeted in a German home inside Germany. He loved sleeping in the feather beds.	
5/30/1919	Spirit Lake	"Ed Dake and family came up from Medford May 30 and spent the evening at Spirit Lake. We shall use Mr. Dake's own words in describing the wonders of this popular summering place: "We made a flying trip to Spirit Lake last night. Leaving home at 6:30 we reached the lake at 8:00 and it was the most enjoyable ride all the way. We happened to drop down in the premises of that prince of good fellows that you know as Poole, and he at once tended us the use of his launch and this was the last drop in our cup of happiness. After getting the knack of cranking the affair we made a successful trip across the lake to the spring, ah, but that is a spring - we quaffed its sparkling water while we feasted on the beautiful view but the whole, nation worked in the rejuvenation of our tired bodies. ¶ After this we just burned Friend Poole's gasoline with a lavish hand, and explored the numerous bays and long reaches of this most beautiful of northern lakes. Mr. Taylor, who is widely traveled - in fact has visited many beauty spots in England, Ireland, France and Canada - was charmed by the rugged shoreline cloved in green; and best of all, your lake has real trees, not scrawny poplars making it a	Right down to 2008, there are at least 3 beautiful stands of old growth hemlock that clove the beaches of Big Spirit Lake.	



5/30/1919 (cont)	Spirit Lake (cont)	feeble effort to cover the scars of the woodman's ax. We all agree that it would be hard to find a more restful spot on a warm May evening than the busom of Spirit Lake with the soft reaches stretching away to nothing to the north, the deep shadows of the wooded bluffs on the west, the little island with its picturesque cottage to the south and the sound of little waves lapping the pebbled shore."		
6/20/1919	RLLC	"High officials of the Central Pennsylvania Leather Company, parent of the RLLC, are expected here today. They are E.C. Hoyt, President and W.G. Horton, Vice President."		
6/20/1919	Rib Lake Herald	NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. "Messrs. Charles J. Voemastek and Edwin P. Scherer have leased the Rib Lake Herald and will conduct same under the firm name of Voemastek and Scherer. The lease dates from June 16, 1919, and all accounts due the Herald or payable by the Herald up to that date are payable to and by John J. Voemastek, owner, and all business after said date will be in the hands of the new firm."		
6/27/1919	O.A. Peterson & Businesses	NEW CHEESE FACTORY RUNNING. "O.A. Peterson started up his cheese factory, which is situated west of the village electric light plant, last week Tuesday. Mr. F.W. Zastrow of Loyal, Wisconsin, has been engaged as cheese maker. All of the machinery in the plant is brand new and modern in every way. At present about 5,000 pounds of milk are being received daily and Mr. Zastrow informed us they expect to double that amount before long. About 560 pounds of American cheese are turned out every day."	The plant was located in the SW corner of State Road and Elm Street in the village.	
6/27/1919	Law	"Rib Lake is not much excited over the impending death of John Barley grower. At least, not yet."	This is a reference to the fact that by national constitutional amendment, the country is scheduled to go dry next year.	
7/4/1919	Library	USE THE LIBRARY. "Not a village or community in the state shall be without books this summer. The boys and girls out of school and young people home for their vacations need books for their leisure hours. For grown ups too no better recreation offers itself during the hot days when one wants to sit still and be cool than interesting books. ¶ If you are not conveniently near a public library to secure books from that source, write the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, Traveling Library Department, 604 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. They will send you circulars explaining their plan of sending out traveling libraries and of mailing books direct to individuals."		
7/4/1919	Law & Roads	IMPORTANT MEASURE REGARDING TRAFFIC. "Except for a fragmentary provision, Wisconsin has had no law regulating highway traffic. With the increase in the number of motor vehicles, and the advent of motor truck with its big load, within recent years most of the eastern states have devised measures of this character. Wisconsin has just stepped into the breach with a traffic regulation law upon State Highway Engineer Hearst and joint highway committee spent much time and study and which has passed both houses. ¶ The new measure limits the maximum gross weight of vehicle and load combined on any axel to 18,000 pounds. The total weight of the portion of the vehicle and load combined resting upon any wheel is limited to 800 pounds per inch. ¶ In the matter of speed, the bill fixes it for vehicles more than 3 tons and less than 6, including vehicle and load, equipped with pneumatic tires at 20 miles per hour; equipped with 2 or more solid tires, 16 miles per hours. Vehicles weighing 6 tons or more with pneumatic tires, 16 miles per hour, and with 2 or more solid tires, 12 miles. Vehicles equipped with metal tires weighing more than 3 tons load and vehicle combined,		
7/4/1919 (cont)	Law & Roads (cont)	are limited to a speed of 6 miles per hour...."		
7/4/1919	Rusch	"Mrs. Hattie Rusch and Hattie Sampson returned from Eau Claire Sunday afternoon. They claim there is no place like home."	The reference is to my aunt, Hedwig "Hattie" Rusch.	
7/11/1919	Businesses	AN OPPORTUNITY. "For those who wish to invest to good advantage, the newly organized Rib Lake Roller Mills offers a splendid opportunity. The new company is capatalized at \$15,000, divided into 8,000 common stock and 7,000 preferred stock. Preferred stock is guaranteed a 7% dividend, which takes preference over common stock. ¶ Our section is developing so rapidly that this mill will supply a long felt need. Our farmers have been hauling long distances and then not getting satisfaction. Having the mill right here in town will bring much new trade to us and it bids fair to be a most profitable venture. ¶ The milling system which this mill will use is the same as that used by the Kellogg Food Company of Battle Creek, St. John's University of Collegeville, Minnesota, the King of England and in fact wherever the best flour is wanted, regardless of other considerations. This system makes a flour of unusual high flavor and strength and gives back more flour to the bushel than other systems. ¶ The foundations are in and work will be started on the building as soon as the contractor arrives. It is expected that the building will be completed and machinery installed ready to run by September 15.	The September 2007 telephone directory for Rib Lake lists: Rib Lake Roller Mill - 1213 Fayette Ave. - Rib Lake - 715-427-3215. After 89 years, this Rib Lake mill has outlasted all others. Its owner and operator is William J. Schreiner.	

7/11/1919 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ Messrs. Brehm Brothers will advise with any who care to invest in the new company. Quite a bit of the stock has already been sold. In case anyone wishes to convert liberty bonds into mill stock paying 7%, the bonds will be taken at face value. This is certainly a great inducement for our village as thousands of dollars have been spent outside for milling purposes and this will give an opportunity to spend the money at home. It will benefit the farmers as well as the businessmen and help build up the community. By a share or two."		
7/11/1919	RLLC & People	"The Hemlock and Hardwoods Manufacturers Association will have a 3 days outing from July 24-27 at Mackinac Island, Michigan. They have chartered a boat from Chicago which will stop at Milwaukee and Manitowoc. Mr. and Mrs. George N. Harder will attend. Mr. Harder is president of the association."	George N. Harder was also the president of the RLLC. The Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Assoc. lasted into the 1980s. Its last president was Darrell Dahm of Stetsonville, Wisconsin.	
7/18/1919	RLLC & Clubs/Orders	"A couple of agents of the American Federation of Labor, supposedly from Rhineland, spent two days here for the purpose of organizing a timber workers union, but did not get enough to join to get a charter."		
7/18/1919	Fire & RLLC	"The RLLC is installing an electric fire alarm system. 18 boxes will be placed for that purpose throughout the lumber yard, planing mill and machine shop. H. Burmeister is doing the installing."		
8/1/1919	Agriculture	"The European Corn Borer (pyrausta nubilalis) is done to present in 35 towns in the vicinity of Boston, Mass. and in two widely separate areas in New York state. It is spread rapidly and there is a general belief that it may soon be found in other states. For that reason everyone is urged to cooperate in the control of the pest. ¶ This insect may have entered Wisconsin by cobs of seed corn in 1918. ¶ Send suspected said specimens to State Department of Agriculture, C. Norgod, Commissioner, State Capital of Madison."		
8/1/1919	Agriculture	"Joe Schmidtfranz has planted some peanut and almond seeds and says they are looking fine. I wonder how he will sell them, 100 or 50 pound bags?"		
8/8/1919	Businesses	ANOTHER INDUSTRY FOR RIB LAKE. "A.A. Schroeder, proprietor of the Rib Lake Creamery, is remodeling the interior of the creamery this week and will also build an addition to same for the purpose of installing an Allen ice cream outfit and cheese factory. The freezers are being put in this week and in a short time Rib Lake will have the opportunity of buying ice cream made at home. The cheese factory will be operating in about 2 weeks."		
8/8/1919	Rusch	"Miss Ethel Murphy, who was visiting here for a few weeks, left Saturday for Iowa. Mrs. Otto Rusch accompanied her as far as Curtiss."		
8/8/1919	Mud Lake	"John Kauer writes from Wyoming that he is working for John D. [Rockefeller], in an oil field. No doubt the price of oil will come down now."		
8/15/1919	Tannery	IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TANNERY. "The Union Tanning Company has built a carpenter shop onto the west side of the pan house and same was put into commission recently. A drill press, which has been ordered, will be installed as soon as it arrives. Electric lights and steam heat will also be installed. Fred Unger is in charge. A bath house and dry house for the employees is now under construction. Several improvements on the company houses are also being made. Superintendent McCullough is pushing the work as fast as labor conditions will permit. The tannery has been receiving hides for some time now and it won't be long before all the departments of the plant will be running again."		
8/15/1919	Church - Christ	"About 35 people, mostly members of the Church of Christ, gathered at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter St. Clair near Spirit Lake last Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of taking part in and witnessing the baptismal services conducted by the pastor, Rev. O.O. Gilbert. After a short devotional service in St. Clair's grove, the candidates for baptism, and all others present, repaired to the banks of St. Clair Lake where Rev. Gilbert baptized, by a motion, two adults and 4 children - 6 all told. The day was nice and warm, especially suited for the occasion, and the water was clear as crystal."		
8/15/1919	Camp 17	"Charles Burnett, foreman at Camp 17 for the RLLC, returned to resume his duties at the camp Monday, after a week's vacation."	This is the first report in the Herald regarding the existence of Camp 17. To date, there has been no mention in the Herald of Camp 15 or 16.	
8/15/1919	People & War - Soldiers	"Dr. E.A. Lapham has been discharged from the army and is back in Rib Lake. He was a captain until recently when promoted to Major."	I have a beautiful black and white photograph of Dr. Lapham in his military uniform.	
8/22/1919	Agriculture	GET PUREBRED SEED WHILE SUPPLY LASTS. "In an effort to banish scrub grains from Wisconsin farms, grain growers are being urged to secure purebred fall rye and wheat seeds soon. ¶ The wise farmer in this section will not make the mistake of sowing too much wheat. That wheat is not always a safe crop on your Colby silt is again demonstrated in our present crop where rust is providing considerable chicken wheat. ¶ Winter rye one year with another is a safe crop, fall seeding gets it out of the way of spring work, it does not lodge as easily as oats, it makes an excellent nurse crop for oats and combining yield with price on our soils it is now more profitable than wheat. signed R.A. Kolb, County Agent."		

8/22/1919	Health	TAYLOR COUNTY HOSPITAL WANTS MORE BOOSTERS. "The Taylor County Hospital idea is gathering new impetus each day. Everyone is getting together on the proposition and the hospital is assured for Taylor County. To make it easy to accomplish, each one of us should talk and bolst hospital...¶ If this is a rotten community, it is rotten because you have always carried a hammer and not a horn. Now is the time to start up the band. If you can't play a horn you can at least be a drum. Remember that it is boosters that make the community. Knockers make it what Sherman said war was. Come on now for Taylor County Hospital. Signed Committee."		
8/22/1919	Entertainment	"In a swimming feat at Harper Lake Tuesday night, Hugo Kulstad, after a hullabaloo between the bunch as to who could swim the farther, won out on the deal by swimming from Harder's dock south to the island and then west to Everson's cottage, a distance of a mile or more."		
8/29/1919	Schools	RIB LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 1. "The Rib Lake Public Schools will commence its 1919-1920 session Monday, September 1. All teachers, with the exception of a kindergarten teacher, have been engaged. ¶ Walter D. Detert of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, will be the principal of schools the coming year. Teachers in other departments are: Chester J. Johnston, manual training and mathematics; Mayme Yahr, history; Bell Webster, English; Myrna Greffenius, 8th Grade and Departmental; Mae McGinnity, 7th Grade and Departmental; Florence Mungavin, 6th Grade; Florence Roberts, 5th Grade; Olga Paulson, 4th Grade; Emily Jones, 3rd Grade; Ethel Rudd, 2nd Grade; Rebeke Theig, 1st Grade. ¶ This is the first time in the history of the local schools that an entire new faculty was engaged. ¶ The school board for this year consists of John A. Taylor, Director; S.J. Williams, Secretary; J. Steffeck, Clerk; same as last year."		
8/29/1919	Camp 14	"John Swanson, cook for the RLLC at Camp 14, was in the village a few days last week."		
8/29/1919	Fawn Valley	"County Fair September 2, 3, 4 and 5. ¶ Oscar Gordon is raising his stave silo this week.. ¶ About 15 men gathered at a shingling bee at the Fawn Valley Schoolhouse last Sunday afternoon. ¶ Ernst Gerstberger and family and Art Michel returned from a motor trip to the southern part of the state this week. ¶ An unusually large crowd gathered at the Rib Lake Town Hall last Sunday to "trip the light fantastic".	The town hall building was routinely used for public dances. Zondlo's Bar and Ballroom, now standing across the road from the town hall, was not constructed until the 1930's.	
9/5/1919	Law	IT ISN'T DONE. "Cigarette smoking by women is looked on with disfavor in Milwaukee. ¶ Gustie Schultz, Kenosha, was riding down Grand Avenue [present day Wisconsin Avenue] in an automobile smoking a cigarette when traffic officer Henry Richter saw her. He stopped the car and reprimanded her as gently as he could. ¶ "She got real mean about it", the officer testified in district court. "I tried to tell her Milwaukee women weren't smoking cigarettes on the street, but she wouldn't listen to me. She got so abusive I had to arrest her." ¶ She was fined \$10. ¶ Ethel Weniger, arrested in a north Water Street cafe, was charged by Patrolman Arthur Baumann also of smoking cigarettes. The judge said he hoped 60 days in house correction would make her discontinue smoking."	Bear in mind that at the same time women were being arrested and jailed for public smoking, it was considered fashionable for men to smoke. By constitutional amendment, women received the right to vote-nationally-in 1920. The Herald has almost no coverage of this.	
9/5/1919	Camp 16 & Obituary	JULIUS MONSKE. "Last Friday afternoon the community was shocked by the sad news that Julius Monske had been seriously injured in an accident in the woods of the RLLC. The accident occurred in the vicinity of Camp 16 and as near as we could find out, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. ¶ Mr. Monske was employed as a fireman on the woods locomotive and also acted as brakeman when necessary. The day the accident happened the woods locomotive was at Camp 16 spotting the railroad ditcher which was being used to pick up some ties. A few minutes before the accident, Mr. Monske had gone to the ditcher to confer with the engineer of same. The ditcher is operated from a flat car which is moved from place to place by the locomotive. Rails are laid on the flat car on which the ditcher is so it can be propelled by its own power either forward or backward as the occasion requires. After Mr. Monske left the ditcher to return to the engine, the ditcher was run to the front of the flat car, picked up a bunch of ties, then back to the other end of the flat car to accommodate the length of the boom for dropping the ties on a car standing near. Mr. Monske sat down on the edge of the	This is the first mention of Camp 16 in the Herald.	
9/5/1919 (cont)	Camp 16 & Obituary (cont)	flatcar preparatory to jumping to the ground and as the ditcher was backing up he was caught between a car stake and the ditcher. ¶ Immediately after the accident, he was brought to the village and given medical attention. No hope for him was extended when the nature of his injuries was fully ascertained. He was taken to the Marshfield Hospital Friday night, he RLLC using their locomotive to take him to Chelsea. Mr. Monske died at the hospital early Saturday morning and was brought back to the village Sunday afternoon. ¶ The funeral was held from the lutheran church Tuesday afternoon. The pallbearers were Paul Kaske, Carl Jacobs, Julius Gilge, Carl Yorde, William Tetzlaff and Rudolph Hein. Undertaker F.E. Poole had charge of the burial. Besides a sorrowing wife, there are left to survive an infant son, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Monske, Sr., and two brothers, John and Herman, and two sisters, Mrs. Otto Holverson and Mrs. Ernst Ziemke. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement."		

9/5/1919	Businesses	"A deal was closed last week whereby Fred Niggemann became the owner of the building in which he is conducting a store. Same was purchased from Ed Gomoll."	The store building was located on the NE corner of Landall and McComb Avenue. Today it is still operated as an IGA grocery store; it is now owned by Roger Zondlo. As of 2008 it is the only grocery store in operation in Rib Lake and it does a land office business.	
9/5/1919	Rusch	"Miss Agnes Grenett of Eau Claire visited with the Misses Rusch this week. ¶ The Misses Hattie Rusch, Martha Marschke and Agnes Frenette left for Eau Claire yesterday."		
9/5/1919	Camps	LOST. "Between Chelsea and Rib Lake, a pocketbook containing \$25 in cash and hospital ticket. Finder please return to Gottlieb Burda, Chelsea, Route 1, Wisconsin, (Camp 2), reward."	Here is an example of a person giving his camp number as an address. This is not a camp associated with the RLLC. The hospital ticket was a writing giving Mr. Burda a right to hospital care in the event Mr. Burda was injured. A hospital ticket was an early form of health insurance.	
9/12/1919	Businesses	"Buy it in Rib Lake."	This is an unadorned, one sentence filler line published on the first page of the Herald.	
9/12/1919	O.A. Peterson	"Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Peterson and family expect to move to the village next week. They will live on Church Street in the house Mr. Peterson purchased from Miss Elnora Skon."		
9/12/1919	Physicians	MEDICAL MEN MEET AT PHILLIPS. "The Price-Taylor County Medical Association held its semi-annual meeting in this city [Phillips] Tuesday. The members of the medical professions of the two counties present included Doctors Reilly and Nelson, Park Falls; Doctors Nystrom, Nedry and Elvis, Medford; Dr. Weichman, Rib Lake; Dr. McClure, Westboro; Dr. Mitchell, Ogema; Dr. Seibert, Lugerville, and Dr. Sperry and Fenelon of this city. ¶ Dr. McClure of Westboro is president of this association and Dr. Weichman of Rib Lake secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be at Medford, the places of meetings alternating between Price and Taylor County - Signed the Phillips Times."	To 2008, the Price-Taylor Bar Association continues to function. It is a voluntary organization of all of the attorneys in the two counties. ¶ While the village of Rib Lake has a part-time doctor working in the village one day a week, the doctor is on the payroll of the Medford Clinic. In 2008 the Rib Lake Clinic is operated Monday through Friday from 8-5 p.m.; for 4 out of the 5 days, the Rib Lake Clinic is headed by a nurse practitioner. My dear wife, Ann Kathleen Rusch, is an RN at the Rib Lake Clinic.	
9/12/1919	Hunting	HUNTING LICENSE. "The hunting licenses are in my possession, \$1 each, deer tag 10 cents. Persons who received a hunting license last year may send their old license with \$1 fees and return postage and receive a new license without application. ¶ Closed season for partridge. Duck hunting season opens September 16. Rabbit season opens October 15. Deer season same as last year, November 21 to November 30. Signed Carl Herrmann, Taylor County Clerk.		
9/12/1919	RLLC	"Most of the machinery has been moved into and installed in the lumber company's new machine shop. Have you noticed the smile of satisfaction Mr. Funk now carries around with him?"		
9/12/1919	Rib Lake Herald & Westboro	THE WESTBORO HERALD - VOLUME 1 #1 SEPTEMBER 12, 1919 - REGULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD.	Out of the blue, the Rib Lake Herald has on page 5 of the Herald a page entitled "The Westboro Herald". ¶ There is no explanation or comment regarding the new endeavor. I can only speculate that J.J. Voemastek decided to try to tap into the Westboro market, which did not have a newspaper of its own. The page beneath the line "The Westboro Herald" was filled principally with ads by Westboro businesses, including the Westboro State Bank, Westboro Creamery Company and "Annual Westboro Fair at Westboro" and by C.P. Hanson, Westboro, Wis. "Fancy and staple groceries." Two smaller ads featured W.F. Thors Garage "Ford Sales & Service, General repairing and vulkanizing, auto livery, phone 85, Westboro, Wis" and, finally, "the sanitary market - Bidwell and Forsythe proprietors, dealers in livestock, fresh and salt meats, fish, eggs, butter, etc, we buy good veal, pork, beef and mutton on hook, fresh fruits in season, give us a call, Westboro, Wis". ¶ Some of the quotes under the Westboro Herald - are as follows: "It is the rumor around town that Westboro may have a modern electric light plant.	

9/12/1919 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald & Westboro (cont)		This would be a fine thing for our town in as much as we will have no lighting plant after the lumber company is through here, which will not be more than 2 years. We understand that Mr. Linge, has made a very liberal offer to get these people to come in here, so it is up to the people of Westboro to boost and do everything possible to get it in." ¶ "J.W. Lundeen and family returned Saturday from Elsworth, Wisconsin, where they have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Lundeen's parents, Mr. Lundeen made the trip in his big Studebaker and says he had a fine trip." [Mrs. Phyllis Lundeen - long-time resident of Westboro, moved to Rib Lake in 2006.]	
9/19/1919	RLLC	LUMBERMEN TO CONVENE. "Northern Lumbermen Salemanship Congress, joint auspices of Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturer's Association and Michigan Hardwood Manufacturer's Association, will convene at Antigo, Wisconsin on September 26, 27 and 28 [1919]. ¶ The first member on the program of the morning session on Friday, September 26, is George N. Harder, President of Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturer's Association, RLLC, Rib Lake, Wis, who will give the address of welcome."		
9/19/1919	O.A. Peterson & Rib Lake - Village	LIGHT PLANT SOLD. "the Village Board sold the old electric light plant and the house used by the light superintendent to O.A. Peterson Friday evening and he was given possession Saturday. The consideration was \$1,500. Mr. Peterson had a bonded boiler inspector inspect the boilers to see if they could be used and the inspector found them in such poor condition that under the state law they can carry only 15 pounds steam pressure, therefore being useless for generating steam. Mr. Peterson will begin the work of taking out the machinery and erecting the engine at his mill as soon as possible. The light building will have [to be] remodeled to use for his store and office and the superintendent's house will be remodeled for his bookkeeper."		
9/19/1919	Westboro & Rib Lake Herald	THE WESTBORO HERALD - VOLUME 1 #2, SEPTEMBER 19, 1919.	Once again, without explanation, the Rib Lake Herald includes a page entitled "The Westboro Herald". ¶ Under local briefs, the following article was published: "A walk-out occurred at the [Westboro High School] last Thursday when a teacher was hired as assistant whose record during the war was far from favorable. Anyone desiring to teach in our Westboro schools or hold any public office must be 100% American and anyone whose conduct during the war was the least bit questionable cannot expect it to be forgotten as soon as the war is over." ¶ "Westboro, like other patriotic towns, always went over the top during the war, but Westboro, is the only town to go over the top after the war. We take our hats off to the students that carry the American spirit. Signed the Editor."	
9/26/1919	Rusch	PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING. "A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's Lutheran Church yesterday. The contracting parties were Miss Ida A. Gilge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gilge, and Mr. Edward C. Kelnhofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Kelnhofer, both from this community. The Rev. A.P. Sitz was the officiating clergyman. ¶ Miss Elsie Gilge was maid of honor and Mr. Jord Heyne of Ashland best man. The wedding march was played by Arthur Taylor. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Kelnhofer are well and favorably known in and about the village. They will make their home in this village."	Julius Gilge had married my aunt, Martha Rusch.	
9/26/1919	War - Soldiers	116,492 YANKS DIE. "The cost of the war to the United States and manpower is officially estimated at 116,492 dead and 205,690 wounded, a total of 322,182. These figures include losses to army and marine units on all fronts to September 1. Killed in action totaled 35,585, or 11% of the entire list; that of wounds, 14,742; died of disease 58,073; died of accident and other causes, 8,092. Under the head of "missing" the announcement records a zero with a notation "all corrected"."		

9/26/1919	Westboro	THE WESTBORO HERALD, VOLUME 1 #3, SEPT. 26, 1919 "Through the combined efforts of business interests of Westboro and Rib Lake, there shall appear hereafter in the Rib Lake Herald, a page known as the "Westboro Herald". The people of Westboro have had a rather regretful experience to the "flash in the pan" when Mr. Fautek gave us, but to compare the management of the Rib Lake Herald with the editor of The Sun, would be very unjust indeed. ¶ The Rib Lake Herald is a paper very good and long standing in Rib Lake and Westboro, are so situated geographically that they have many things in common. We feel that this is a movement in the right direction and deserving of the support of every live person in our community. The Westboro page shall be devoted entirely to the interests of Westboro and surrounding country. ¶ Bring your want ads and also your news items to the Westboro State Bank. Everyone boost. Signed A.R. McCumber."	The Westboro section of the Herald appears for less than 6 months.	
9/26/1919	Camp 16	"L.C. Fleming, cook in Camp 16, who has been in Belview, Minnesota, on a visit, is back again."		
9/26/1919	O.A. Peterson & Spirit Lake	"O.A. Peterson and family moved to this village from their Spirit Lake dairy farm Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John Tilch will manage the farm."		
9/26/1919	Church - Christ	"At the regular monthly business meeting of the Church of Christ, it was decided to call Mr. Gilbert as pastor for the ensuing year. His salary to be increased to \$1,000 a year, part of this money being supplied by the State Board and American Christian Missionary Society. After Mr. Gilbert's acceptance of the call, the work of the coming year was discussed."		
10/3/1919	People & Rusch	GILGE-BURTZLAFF MARRIED. "On Saturday last at St. John's Lutheran Church at 2 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Elsa Burtzloff and Mr. William Gilge, both of the Town of Rib Lake, Rev. A.P. Sitz officiating. ¶ Miss Mildred Kelnhofer played the wedding march as the bridal party came down the church aisle. Miss Elsie Gilge was maid of honor and Mrs. Hulda Radtke and Minnie Burtzloff were the bridesmaids. Messrs. Theodore Markwarth, William Christensen and William Franz were the groom's attendants. ¶ After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the groom's parents [Mr. and Mrs. Julius and Martha Gilge]. In the evening a wedding dance was held at the Rib Lake Town Hall, which was filled to its capacity with relatives and friends. ¶ The young couple will make their home with the groom's parents during the winter months. The Herald joins their many friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity."	The bridegroom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Julius and Martha Gilge. Their 40 acre farm was located on the SW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 31, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The 2008 plat book shows the land titled in Sharon Meyer.	
10/3/1919	Schools	THE PLACE TO BOOST. "Residents of our village should know that the best place to do their boosting is right here at home. It is a very fine thing to go away for a little visit and boast of the many good points of your hometown, and you should do so every time you have an opportunity. But the balance of the time, that is, the time you are not visiting, do your boosting here at home. ¶ One good way to help out a little would be to visit the school in which your child is seeking an education and boost the morale of that institution by showing, through your presence, that you really are interested. Go over and call on the teacher in whose hands you have entrusted your child, and tell him or her that you want to do anything you can to help along the school and that if you can be of service in getting any needed improvements put through, or any supplies secured, that you are ready and anxious to help. Show that you realize the school is a place destined to do more for your child that keep it off the street and out of bad company. ¶ Boost here at home and let the school feel some of it."		
10/3/1919	Camp 15 & RLLC	JOE LILY SERIOUSLY INJURED. "A sad accident happened in the woods Monday afternoon in the vicinity of Camp 15, in which Joe Lily was seriously injured. He was assisting in removing the dipper from the boom of a lumber company's ditcher when something went wrong and the dipper fell to the ground, striking Joe and inflicting a severe wound. He was taken to the Marshfield Hospital Monday evening, the lumber company's locomotive making the trip to Chelsea to make connections with the night train. ¶ At this writing he is getting along as well as could be expected, but his condition is still serious."	This is the first mention of Camp 15 within the Herald. ¶ I surmise that the ditcher was some type of a steam shovel device that ran on the railroad tracks. An article about 2 months previous to this described the ditcher in conjunction with the death of Mr. Monske. The ditcher was on tracks on top of a railroad flat car. The ditcher's boom and bucket was used to clean out the ditches that were maintained on either side of the railroad track for drainage purposes.	
10/3/1919	Clubs/Orders & War - Soldiers	RECEIVED LETTER FROM FRANCE. "The Patriotic Club of Rib Lake recently received a letter written in French. It was postmarked in La Baume September 1, 1919, and addressed to Mrs. Eggleston. ¶ The letter translated is as follows: ¶ My generous benefactor: By these few words I wish to thank you very sincerely for the amount you sent a few days ago, which renders me great service in helping to raise this little boy. He is still very young to understand, Madame, what you are doing for him, being only 4 years old. ¶ Madame, I salute and respect you. Signed Vivian Chevssiere, Grandmother"		
10/3/1919	Westboro & Sheep Ranch	"Five double-deck [railroad] cars, this being the remainder of the parkhan sheep, were shipped from here [Westboro] Sunday morning. C.V. Wennerstrand accompanied them to Chicago, he is taking this opportunity to visit friends in the windy city."	Apparently the sheep raising effort at Westboro had succeeded.	

10/3/1919	School & Westboro	SUES THE SCHOOL BOARD. "Oscar Radmacher [sic], the assistant principal, is suing the school board for \$1,000 damages owing to the fact that the school board was compelled to discharge him, the children refusing to attend school while he was assistant principal. We wish Mr. Radmacher the same success he had in his suit against Mr. Angus Petersen."	This article was published in Volume 1 #4 of the "Westboro Herald - a regular department of the Rib Lake Herald". ¶ Oscar Radmacher eventually became a controversial attorney practicing in Medford. The formerly magnificent Radmacher farm buildings still stand approx. 10 miles west of Westboro on the north side of CTH D. I believe the proper spelling of his last name was Rademacher.	
10/3/1919	Schools	"The sophomore class has been studying "Julius Caesar" for the past three weeks. After the part of Act 3 which deals with Caesar's murder was taken up, the class wrote compositions dealing with the supposed speeches of Brutus and Anthony over the dead body of Caesar. One of the best, written by Miss Helen Williams, follows: ¶ Brutus' speech. Friends, Romans and Countrymen, we are here assembled to mourn the death of our former leader and friend, Julius Caesar. He was not killed because of personal feeling, but for the cause of Rome. Would you have roomed under the rule of the Tyrant? No, rather to have no King at all! Some may think me a traitor, but I still love Caesar. Since he desired to be made king, he felt it his duty to take the people's part, but was he not doing this to get the people to crown him? Did he not refuse the crown three times to make the people think he was a valiant man? Caesar would have laid down the law with a heavy hand had he once been made king. Therefore, let us rejoice in the fact that he no longer lives to receive the crown. If anyone thinks I have acted rashly, let him do with me what he will. I have done my part for the betterment of the	What quality work from a sophomore in high school.	
10/3/1919 (cont)	Schools (cont)	citizens of Rome, and I am ready to stand the consequences. I now depart, giving my place willingly to Anthony, since he loved Caesar it is only right that he should have this privilege. I pray you all to remain and listen to him."		
10/10/1919	Businesses	POTATO WAREHOUSE. "Peter Lieg has a crew of men at work making improvements on his potato warehouse this week. Enormous extensions are being made in all such improvements that will aid in the storing and shipping of potatoes. The unusual amount of potatoes that are being brought in daily made it necessary for him to enlarge the warehouse and install modern machinery. It is estimated that the costs will reach in the neighborhood of \$3,000."	I believe the potato warehouse was located on the west side of Ella Street about 200 feet south of Fayette Ave. The railroad track running to the tannery ran along its north side allowing for easy railroad shipment of potatoes out of the village.	
10/10/1919	Rib Lake Herald	STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP. "Publishers Voemastek and Scherer, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, ¶ Editor Edmund P. Scherer. ¶ Business Manager Charles J. Voemastek. ¶ Owner John J. Voemastek, Rib Lake, Wisconsin. Signed Edmund P. Scherer."		
10/10/1919	Camp 16	"Oliver Lamberty left for Camp 16 Tuesday."		
10/24/1919	Businesses	"Gessert Brothers are busy loading sugar beets this week. It is estimated that 5 [railroad] carloads will be shipped to the Chippewa Falls Sugar Refining Company. They have 10 acres of their own and about 40 acres contracted."	The Gessert Brothers were merchants in the Village of Rib Lake. This is the first mention in the Herald regarding the growing and shipping of sugar beets.	
10/24/1919	Businesses & Agriculture	REPORT MANY LAND SALES. "Jacob Kapitz, one of the local dealers in farm and timberland, reports the following sales: ¶ H. Stelling farm to J. Kleisner, 20 acres to G. Thums. 40 acres to John Krauz. 40 to G. Straub. 40 acres to A. [Anton] Curek. Deering's farm to J. Haluska. Scott farm to J. Breitenbach. 200 acres to O. Gordon. Knetz farm to M. Kathrein. Bush farm at Spirit to J.J. Haack. Weigelt's farm at Spirit to J. Tishler. Nystrom's farm at Spirit to Charles Vogel. 40 acres to Andrew Spock. 20 acres to F. Lehman. Muchofski farm to M. Baster. Loytosh farm to A. Saari. 40 acres to Martin Schinker. 20 acres to S. Lucia. ¶ The new settlers that have located in this farming community are well pleased with their new homes and many prospective buyers are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to settle in this region of the great Badger State."	The 40 acres that Anton Kurek purchased was the NW 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 3 East. Anton had been born in Yacopone, Poland and immigrated to the US first settling in Minneapolis. Anton was a hard working man who with his family made a prosperous dairy farm on the 40. During the great Depression Tony Kurek was desperate for work and money to feed his family of 4. Tony told me that he searched the Chicago newspapers for job opportunities. He read an ad for a master stairbuilder. Desperate for work, he lied and claimed he was an experienced stairbuilder. He told me that he would stay awake all night working out the dimensions and mathematics necessary to build the stairs for the next day's project. He succeeded. ¶ Tony and his wife Mary had 4 children, one of whom is Mrs. Lillian Thums, who turned 81 in 2008 (Mrs. Ed Thums).	
10/24/1919	Greenwood & Schools	"The foot shadow pie social at the schoolhouse in District 4, Greenwood, last Friday evening brought the sum of \$29, which will be used to get a new library. The school has been named as the Buddy School recently."		

10/31/1919	Spirit Lake & Law	JUST A WARNING. "The coming of the cold days finds Harper and Spirit Lakes in loneliness, yet at some times or others they are inhabited by strange parties, 18 of whom are now under suspicion. But the guest at the lake last week was the strangest of them all. This particular stranger was a county sheriff, C. Kelnhofer, who is on the trail of the above-mentioned "guests". This, of course, brings to light that something about the untimely calls of the visitors was not just right. The trouble in this instance is that the aforesaid parties have been in the habit of entering cottages at the lakes and destroying property. There are 2 classes of offenders. One of these would receive about 3 years of the blissful life in the penitentiary, while the juvenile class would have an opportunity of being domiciled in a reform school. ¶ To enter these cottages isn't exactly robbery, but just as bad a crime in the eyes of the law. The thief takes the property of another privately; the robber by open force. ¶ Parties concerned should take this warning, for it may lead to more than is expected, especially with the sheriff on the trail, who is well posted in the rules of the game."		
10/31/1919	Businesses & O.A. Peterson	HAS MOVED STORE. "O.A. Peterson has moved his store from its former location across from his sawmill to the building which formerly housed the village light plant. Same has been thoroughly renovated and enlarged. This new building will give Mr. Peterson a better chance to store his goods and add greatly the convenience of waiting on the trade."	I can remember this building being used as a grocery store as late as the 1970s when it was owned by Jerry Heindl. The building stood on the SW corner of Elm and State Rd.	
10/31/1919	RLLC	"The sawmill of the RLLC was obligated to close down Monday afternoon on account of a shortage of logs. The shortage of efficient laborers for the woods work has hampered the lumber company considerably this fall. Practically all lumbering concerns are up against the same difficulty."		
10/31/1919	Law & Rib Lake - Village	TO HAVE A CURFEW. "Since the municipal light plant has been discontinued, the village has been without a curfew and children, some of tender age, have been seen roaming the streets until late into the evening. When told by authorities that it was time that they were home, their alibi always was "we don't know what time it is." ¶ We have been informed that the village board has authorized a whistle to be purchased and permission has been granted by G.N. Harder, president of the RLLC, to have same installed at the sawmill. We understand this will be done in the very near future."	The curfew whistle was a well-known feature of the village.	
10/31/1919	Businesses	ROLLER MILLS NEARING COMPLETION. "The Rib Lake Roller Mill is fast nearing completion. At present the expert that is here to install the machinery, assisted by Joe Probst, Jr., is busy installing the elevators. It is estimated that the mill will be ready for operation within the next two weeks. It is a Midget Marvel Mill and has a capacity of 25 barrels of flour a day. Brehm Brothers, who started the project of building a roller mill in our village, deserve the hearty support of everyone in their undertaking, which will mean much to the future of our village and surrounding farming country."		
10/31/1919	Businesses	NOTICE - KILN WOOD WANTED. "The Farmer's Cooperative Company will buy pine and hemlock wood, cut 4 foot long and split. For prices call at the store. Signed George Schreiner, Manager."	As of January 27, 2008, this is a mystery to me. What is meant by kiln wood?	
11/7/1919	Agriculture	ATTEND THE SHORT COURSE. "What does the future hold for the young man of Taylor County? Farming. The trees, the brush and the stumps are fast giving way to cultivated fields and the young man of today, the man of the future, will be a farmer. What of the farmer of the future? Prices of farm products will gradually stabilize themselves and resume the old normal, but prices of land will remain high and will never come down. You say "they must come down". So said your father and your grandfather and your great-grandfather, and yet in all history of civilization land prices have gone in only one direction. Up and ever up and we can expect them to do so. What of the farmers of the future? They will be obliged to raise normal priced farm products on high priced land. Can you do it? Training will help. The short course at Madison has graduated over 5,000 trained farmers and they are making good in every county of the state. ¶ Does it pay? Get a short course curricular and see. ¶ Attend the short course beginning November 11. Signed R.A. Kolb, County Agent."		
11/7/1919	Library	TO BECOME A USER OF LIBRARY. "Walk right in, step up to the desk, ask for an application card, and write on it your name and address. ¶ No charge! Not a cent. No red tape! Not an inch."		
11/7/1919	Clubs/Orders	BEAVERS WILL CONVENE. "The Beaver Lodge will hold a meeting Tuesday evening, November 11, and all members should be present. After the lodge meeting a chicken bouilli will be served."		
11/7/1919	Politics & Law	TO ALL CONCERNED. "The Congressional Act (H.R. 6810) construing the meaning of the words prohibiting the manufacture or sale of "beer, wine or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors" as used in the war prohibition act, has become a law. ¶ It is now a violation for any person to manufacture or sell any beverage in any quantity which contains 1/2 of one percentum or more of alcohol by volume. Therefore, any person who manufactures or sells any beverage (in violation of law) containing the above-described amount of alcohol, becomes a violator of law, liable to punishment, and may be fined \$1,000 and imprisoned for one year in a federal penitentiary. The penalty does not apply to registered pharmacists who have obtained a permit from the collector (Form 737). ¶ Such pharmacist may sell only on prescription of a physician."		
11/7/1919	Camp 16 & RLLC	"Glen Hanifen is now employed at Camp 16 for the RLLC as a "sky-hooker". If he makes as a good a "sky-hooker" as he did a "gob" [sailor in the US navy] he is, without a question, the man for the job."		



11/7/1919	Businesses	"Gessert Brothers shipped a [railroad] carload of calves to Theresa [Wisconsin] Wednesday."	
11/7/1919	O.A. Peterson	"O.A. Peterson is installing a platform scale on the west side of his store."	
11/21/1919	Businesses	A NEW INDUSTRY FOR RIB LAKE. "A corporation is being organized among local businessmen to be known as the Rib Lake Wood Products Company. The S.A. Konz 22 acre site in this village has been purchased and the company intends to leave in logs, ties, bolts and other forest products. Box lumber and veneer will be manufactured, also lumber. The main object is to provide an outlet for a certain class of timber that has up to the present time not been saleable and which can be worked up into boxes and similar products. ¶ The stock in the new corporation is being rapidly subscribed for by the local men who know it is going to help our town. Common or preferred stock can be purchased by applying to Brehm Brothers, Peter Lieg or George F. Braun. For those who wish to boost home industry, here is a chance, at the same time making a good investment. Some machinery has already been purchased and delivered and will be erected in the near future."	
12/5/1919	Physicians	HAS IMPROVED HIS OFFICE. "Dr. E.A. Lapham has made a decided improvement in his office on McComb Avenue. The room wherein is contained his instruments, drugs and operating table has been enlarged. A coat of paint and a new carpet have been added and together with the added windows which the room now has, it makes an ideal place for the doctor to see his patients."	
12/5/1919	Camp 9	THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CAMP 9 WAS A BIG TREAT. "It was with some misgiving that many of the men at Camp 9 contemplated eating their Thanksgiving dinner in camp. Some of them had never been in camp before and the thoughts of missing a city dinner of turkey or chicken was rather dampening to their spirits. ¶ Thanksgiving day was an ideal winter day and the forenoon passed as it usually does in the woods so that by noon the men had worked up an appetite that would do justice to any ordinary meal, but they did not anticipate the treat that was in store for them til Chef Pilon blew the dinner horn and they all had taken their places at the table. There was a look of pleasure and surprise on everyone's face, for there was a dinner before them that could not and was not duplicated in any hotel or camp in Wisconsin. There was roast pork and dressing, done as only Chef Pilon can prepare it, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, French peas, macaroni, brown gravy, tapioca pudding, mince pies, white and brown cookies, brown cake and bread, the equal of which has never been made, and nice yellow fresh butter, all to be washed down with a cup of hot, fragrant tea.	
12/5/1919 (cont)	Camp 9 (cont)	¶ Dan's [Chef Pilon's] face was a happy smile as he watched the men clean up the platters time and again and it seemed to be a pleasure for him to replenish them, as he was ever on the alert, and as soon as they were anywhere near depleted, Dan and his assistant, William Marsky, would quickly take them to the kitchen and then return them loaded with steaming hot roast pork and dressing and other good things until every man had enough and more than satisfied as one could tell by their remarks when going out. One said "this is the best Thanksgiving dinner I had ever ate in my life." Another said "if I am in the good old USA next Thanksgiving and I know where that chef is doing business, I am sure going to eat there." Yes, it was a glorious Thanksgiving feed. We all say so. Signed by one of the guests."	
12/5/1919	Obituary & Railroads - RLLC	FRED C. BAILEY. "The remains of Fred C. Bailey were brought to the village Tuesday morning from Stockton, California where he passed away November 26, general peritonitis being the cause of his death. ¶ Fred C. Bailey was born in Northport, Maine, May 17, 1857. At the age of 4 years he came to Wisconsin with his parents, who settled in Oshkosh. In 1882 he married Miss Ellen Lindsey of Seymour. This union was blessed with 5 children, Mrs. E.A. Wasson of Stockton, Cal, Georgia, Barbara Jean and Mrs. H. Begley, all of Muskegon, Michigan and Bruce, who is now stationed at Paris Island with the US Marines. He is also survived by his only brother, O.H. Bailey, who resides in this village. ¶ In 1885 he moved his family to Rib Lake where they resided until they moved to Muskegon, Michigan, in 1916. ¶ Mr. Bailey was one of the first engineers of the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company and the first locomotive engineer they had. He was the first locomotive engineer to make the run over the Rib Lake short line from Rib Lake to Chelsea."	
12/5/1919	Roads	"To the Honorable County Board, Taylor County. Gentlemen: The electors of the Town of Rib Lake, at the annual town meeting, voted \$800 to be worked out on the state highway system where it was left off this year on Rangeline between Section 19, Town 33, Range 3 East and Section 24, Town 33, Range 2 East. ¶ Therefore we petition your honorable body to provide a like amount for said purpose. ¶ Dated the 28th day of October, 1919. Signed Ernst Zuther, Albert Knop and R. Mielke, Town Board."	The proposed improved road would run north from the Town Hall to the county line; today it is a portion of CTH C.
12/5/1919	Mud Lake & Camps	"Margaret Enders and Marie Lamberty visited the L. Lamberty camp Friday."	Lambert Lamberty operated jobber camps. Jobber camps were frequent in the history of the RLLC. Private individuals bid on company timber. The jobber would open and operate his own camp decking logs along the railroad line to be picked up by the crew of the RLLC.

12/19/1919	Westboro	"The Westboro Lumber Company is busy hauling logs by rail from their camps to the mill."	The Westboro Lumber Company had its own railroad operations. It ran essentially west of Westboro past the present day Mondeaux Dam where the line forked.	
12/19/1919	Camp 9	"The RLLC sent one of their big sprinklers out to the woods Wednesday morning preparatory to building an ice road from Camp 9."	The first step to build an ice road involved a large group of men walking the route and tramping the snow down. You then started taking a sleigh on the ice road route. The final step involved sprinkling water on the route to form layer and layer of ice. The sprinkler was a large water-tight box built on sleigh runners. Approx. every mile was a water hole on the ice road loop. The team of horses would be unhooked at the water hole sites. The team would then be used to pull a rope which hauled a 50 gallon barrel of water to the top of the sprinkler where it tripped and spilled its water into the water tank. The team would be hooked under the sprinkler and the crew would be off down the road. At the rear of the sprinkler were spigots that could be opened to spread the water.	
12/19/1919 (cont)	Camp 9 (cont)		¶ The late Peter Enders of Wood Lake was on the crew building the ice road to Camp 9. He told me that they were under orders to stop at every water hole to fill up. It was a cold night and he decided to skip every other water hole. The next morning he was surprised to hear the VIP of the RLLC congratulate him for the nice, smooth ice he had laid down the night before.	
12/26/1919	Obituary	MRS. WERNER RADTKE. "Mrs. Werner Radtke, nee Abertine Groschke, was born in Germany on April 13, 1859. She was married to Werner Radtke on Nov. 19, 1886. This union was blessed with 11 children, 9 of whom are living. ¶ She came to America with her husband in April 1891, coming direct to Taylor County and settling in the Town of Rib Lake where they have resided ever since. ¶ About 3 weeks ago she was taken to the Marshfield Hospital where she underwent an operation for ulcer of the stomach. She died at the hospital following the operation December 17. ¶ Vain is any attempt to measure the loss of a mother to her children; after all the poets have sung and lovers dream, outside of heaven there is no love like mother love. None ever entered their home without a warm welcome nor left without feeling the warmth of a genuine hospitality, so characteristic of the people of her ancestry. ¶ Her body was brought to Rib Lake last Thursday evening and taken to the home in the Town of Rib Lake. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the lutheran church, the Rev. A.P. Sitz officiating. Burial was made in the Rib Lake Cemetery. The passbearers were: J.A. Taylor,		
12/26/1919 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Herman Hanke, John Burtzlaff, Louis Kutzke, Berthold and Conrad Hein. Undertaker F.E. Poole had charge of the funeral. ¶ She leaves to mourn her demise a sorrowing husband, 4 sons; Paul, who is living in Appleton and who came for the funeral, William, Otto and Werner, Jr.; and 5 daughters, Anna, Emma, Minnie, Freda and Elsie, all of whom make their home with their father. ¶ The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing relatives of the deceased."		
12/26/1919	J.J. Kennedy & family	"John Kennedy arrived home from Milwaukee Friday where he is taking up a law course at Marquette University."		
12/26/1919	Politics & War - Soldiers	BURGLARS MARGIN IS 4,806.00. "Victor L. Berger, socialist, was reelected to congress from the 5th Congressional District Friday by a majority of 4,800 votes, having received 24,493 votes to 19,561 for Henry L. Bodenstab, the fushion candidate.¶ The 5th District will remain unrepresented in the present congress. Gov. E. L. Phillip has announced that he will not call another special election in the district. "Another election would be useless" said the Governor "and I do not care to spend the people's money in that way." ¶ The next regular congressional election in that district will be held in November 1920. If the socialists carry out their announced intentions, they will renominate Berger as their candidate at that time."	Berger had been blacklisted by the congress because the opposed America's entry into WWI. Congress declared his seat vacant. He won the next election. Congress remained adamant in refusing to seat him. That is the rest of this story.	
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1/9/1920	Camps & O.A. Peterson & Obituary	INJURIES PROVE FATAL. "Joseph Heintl, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heintl, Sr., from the Town of Rib Lake, received injuries last Tuesday morning, January 1, while working at one of O.A. Peterson's camps, from which he died 12 hours later.¶ Joseph and his brother James were engaged as sawyers in one of the camps. At the time of the accident, the two young men had felled a tree, which in falling struck a windfall and broke off a limb which came back, striking Joseph and fracturing his skull. His brother James was unhurt. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning. The unfortunate young man was at once rushed to the village and then to Chelsea. He was taken to the hospital at Marshfield on the morning train and died at 9 o'clock in the evening, not having regained consciousness. ¶ Deceased was born in Bohemia Nov. 25, 1900. He came to the United States with his parents when he was 1 1/2 years old and has made his home in the Town of Rib Lake ever since. He was well and favorably known and the sorrowful parents and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss. He leaves to mourn his death a mother and father, 6 brothers and 3 sisters."	Note that they were working on January 1 - New Year's Day.	
1/9/1920	Rib Lake Herald & Obituary	IN MEMORIAM "We are pained to chronicle the sad news of the death of Frank B. Hand, founder of the Rib Lake Herald at Hurley, Wisconsin last Christmas morning. ¶ In 1897 Mr. Hand was induced by Rib Lake businessmen and A.C. McComb of Oshkosh, to start a newspaper in Rib Lake, and the first issue was gotten out Dec. 10, 1897; just one week after he and J.J. Voemastek arrived here to set up the printing plant which was shipped here from Hurley, Wisconsin and consisted of a Washington hand press, a 7X11 Gordon jobber, one imposing stone, a paper cutter and a fairly good assortment of new and used type. Mr. Hand owned a 1/2 interest in the Herald until 1904 when he sold out to J.J. Voemastek, his partner. The first two or three years after his business venture in Rib Lake, he was seen here quite often and enjoyed to visit with the friends he made here. It was while he was here the first year that he became acquainted with Miss Bessie Gardner, of Spencer, then one of the teachers in the village school, and whom he subsequently married."		
1/9/1920	RLLC	"The RLLC sent their steam log hauler out to camp Monday, with Robert Hess as engineer, George Daus fireman, Kenneth McLeod steersman."	In all probability, the log hauler went to Camp 9. The first mention of Camp 9 in the Herald was made on Feb. 20, 1914. Camp 9 is still going strong 6 years later. This has to be one of the longest lived of the RLLC camps.	
1/16/1920	Businesses	RUSHING THINGS ALONG. "The Rib Lake Wood Products Company is breaking ground on the piece of land the concern recently purchased from S.A. Konz west of this village. Buildings are being put up and machinery is being installed and it is believed that part of the mill will be in operation within 3 weeks. The manufacturing of lath will be the first product put on the market."		
1/16/1920	Interwald & Rib River Valley	"Jim Peterson, Chris Dabble, Mark Knower and others are landing logs in the river below Interwald, mostly for Peterson and the Wausau Lumber Company, I understand. Signed George Knower."		
1/16/1920	Tannery	"10,000 POUNDS OF GREEN HIDES ARE BEING WORKED IN AT THE TANNERY EVERY DAY. THIS IS 75% OF THE CAPACITY OF THE PLANT."		
1/23/1920	Rusch & Obituary	DIED. "Leona Knop, 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knop, of the Town of Rib Lake, died at her home Monday morning from a complication of diseases. The funeral was held from the lutheran church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Sitz officiating. The pallbearers were Martha Mielke, Eliza Radtke, Dorothea Maes, Anna Hanke, Martha Krushat, and Myrtle Taylor. She was a scholar in the 4th grade of our local schools. Her parents have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow."	Leona Knop's mother was my paternal grandmother, Ida Rusch, nee Lange. After the death of my grandfather, Herrmann Emanuel Rusch, Ida married a widower, Albert Knop.	
1/23/1920	Tannery & Library	OUR VIEWS AND NEWS. ""Our views and news", a montly periodical published by the Central Leather Company at their New York office by and for its employees, has come to our desk and we are very favorably impressed with it. It is printed on good paper, and is well made up, and contains very interesting reading. Our prosperous little village is mentioned in the January issue."		
1/23/1920	Businesses	WANTED! HARDWOOD AND HEMLOCK LOGS - HEMLOCK AND BALSAM PULPWOOD - DELIVERED ON GROUNDS - HARDWOOD AND HEMLOCK TIES - 54" HARDWOOD BOLTS - RIB LAKE WOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY. SEE GEORGE F. BRAUN AND C.R. CLAUSSEN		
1/30/1920	Businesses	PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS. "A deal was closed this week whereby William Koage traded his garage on railroad street for a combination cheese and butter factory near Marshfield. The other party in the deal is a Mr. Shode. Mr. Shode is an electrician by trade and has considerable experience in the garage business. He comes to Rib Lake well recommended. ¶ During the 4 years that Mr. Koage have made their home in this village, they have made a host of friends who regret that they are leaving."		

2/6/1920	Agriculture	BEAUTIFY THE FARM HOME. "The beauties of the woods and fields have been sung by more poets than one, who love the openness and freedom of the rural life. In fact, to enjoy life we all "go to the country". And yet as we travel the rural highways and visit farm homes in how many cases do we find the beauty of nature destroyed and hidden by unsightly buildings and hideous sign boards. How many times do we fail to set off the home so that its beauties may be most evident. How many times do we find views that are most lovely hidden by a forest of trees. Often we could enhance the beauties of Nature by suitable planning and planting. ¶ Would you like to beautify your farm home? The Department of Landscape Gardening of the College of Agriculture will help three farmers in each county to make their home more beautiful. These farmers will be served in the order that they apply and the first come will be the first served. ¶ Let us hear from you. Signed R.A. Kolb, County Agent."		
2/6/1920	Rusch	"Otto Rusch took his wife to the hospital at Chippewa Falls this week and when they arrived there they found the hospital full, so they were compelled to go to Eau Claire and were fortunate to obtain the only vacant room in the hospital in that city."		
2/6/1920	Businesses	CITY MEAT MARKET - GESSERT BROTHERS - DEALERS IN FRESH, SALT AND SMOKED MEATS, FISH, EGGS, BUTTER, ETC. WE BUY GOOD BEEF, VEAL, PORK OR MUTTON ON FOOT. GIVE US A CALL! RIB LAKE, WISCONSIN.	So reads an ad in the Rib Lake Herald.	
2/13/1920	Law	INDECENT DANCING. "The Rib Lake and Greenwood Town Halls held their first dance of the season, the former last Saturday and the latter last Sunday evening. Last year's dances were given at these halls each week and fairly good crowds assembled for the occasions. This year promises to be a record breaker for attendance at these dances, if there is truth in the rumor that dancing is to be a scarce amusement in the village hereafter. The band put on dancing in Rib Lake recently. Due to the fact that indecent dancing was taking place accounts for this statement. However, indecent dances, such as the so-called "shimmey", "cheek-to-cheek" and a few others are, without a question, out of place at a public affair of this kind and the local management is doing the just thing by prohibiting them, but in the case of this sort the modest dancer should be approached individually. It is hardly equitable that all those who enjoy dancing should be debarred from it because of some that are either ignorant or do not care how they conduct themselves at a public gathering."		
2/13/1920	Businesses	"A new whistle has been added to the string in our village. The Rib Lake Wood Products Company now blows the customary signals at morning, noon and night."		
2/20/1920	Obituary	HENRY VOSS. "Sunday morning the sad news was received in the village that Henry Voss had passed away at the hospital in Chippewa Falls on Feb. 14. The cause of his death is given as influenza and pneumonia. ¶ Henry Voss was born in Elmanhorst, Schleswig Holstein, Germany on Feb. 19, 1844, being at the time of his death 76 years, lacking 5 days old. He was married to Ms. Sophi Grossman at Winterthur, Switzerland, Oct. 31, 1866. They came to the US in 1881 and settled in Dorchester where they resided about a year. ¶ Mr. Voss took up a homestead in Interwald and moved onto it from Dorchester. He was postmaster at Interwald for 18 years, was chairman of the Town of Greenwood, and a member of the school board of the School District, Town of Greenwood, for about 10 years. In 1900 he moved to Rib Lake and engaged in the hotel business. With the exception of about 3 years spent in Medford, the family has resided in the village for the past 20 years. ¶ He leaves to mourn his death a sorrowing widow, a sister in Germany and a niece, Miss Lydia Aldinger. The funeral will be held this Friday afternoon from the lutheran church.		

2/20/1920	Law	DO YOU EMPLOY CHILDREN? If you employ children you should inform yourself on the provisions of the child labor law. It may save you money. ¶ It is a violation of the law to employ any child under 17 years of age, except in agricultural pursuits, unless the employer has on file a labor permit by the Industrial Commission or some person designated by the commission, authorizing the employment of the child."	The RLLC obtained such a permit in order to hire my father, Herman Arthur Rusch. In a display case before my desk I have 4 documents pertaining to this process. First is the letter from the RLLC dated Apr. 12, 1920, addressed to County Judge M.A. Buckley reading "referring to the application of Herman Rusch for employment permit, kindly note if permit is granted. It is our intention to have this boy work in our lumber yard. Yours truly, RLLC by S.J. Williams, Treasurer." ¶ The next document is signed by Pastor A.P. Sitz of the lutheran church. It reads: "To whom it may concern: this is to certify that the record of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, Wis. shows that Herman A. Rusch was born Oct. 4, 1903." The third document is a record of birth certificate issued by the Industrial Commission of Wis. showing that Herman Rusch was born on Oct. 4, 1903. It is signed by Alvira Benn, Deputy Register of Deeds for Taylor Co, Wis. ¶ The final document is a school certificate on a form issued by the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin. It certifies that Herman Rusch has completed 7th grade. The form then asks the school	
2/20/1920 (cont)	Law (cont)		official to answer the following questions: 1. Do you recommend that this child be granted a labor permit? yes. 2. Why? Help parents. 3. Did you try to persuade the parents to keep this child in school? No. 4. What reason did they give for not doing so? left blank. signed N.W. Delert. He is either the principal, superintendent or school clerk. ¶ In summary, my father quit school after the 7th grade to work for the RLLC. He never returned to formal schooling.	
2/20/1920	F.J. Hintz	"F.J. Hintz has accepted a position to estimate timber in Langlade County. He will commence work as soon as weather conditions permit."		
2/20/1920	Law & C.T. Hintz	IN BANKRUPTCY. "In the matter of C.T. Hintz, bankrupt. ¶ Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of February, 1920, the said C.T. Hintz was duly adjudged bankrupt and that the meeting of creditors will be held at the office of C.F. Lamb, referring bankruptcy, 105 W. Main St., Madison, Wis."	This is the first mention of an adjudication of bankruptcy that I have seen published in the Rib Lake Herald.	
2/20/1920	Businesses & Rib Lake Wood Products Co.	"WANTED - 54" bolts, 5" thick and larger. Popple, birch, maple and ash. We buy same in any quantity piled on ground. Signed Rib Lake Wood Products Company."	This is the first mention within the Herald of anyone seeking to buy popple, also known as aspen. It was a species that was almost non-existent in the virgin forest. It is a sun loving pioneer species which thrived following the cutover and fires. Its short rotation and quick growing qualities make it a popular forest product in 2008.	
2/27/1920	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	THE BIG STORE CHANGES HANDS. "Bogumill Brothers, two of whom are from Thorp and one from Mellen, have been in the village all week taking inventory at the Big Store and on Wednesday they purchased the stock and fixtures from Peter Lieg. Frank Diesing has been engaged by the new proprietors to manage the store, they having stores at Thorp and at Mellen which require their attention. ¶ Frank is too well and favorably known in this village and vicinity to have us try to enlarge on his popularity or his ability to handle the store. Under his sufficient management we bespeak success for the owners of the establishment. ¶ Just what the Lieg family will do in the next few months is yet uncertain. ¶ The first announcement the new manager has to make is a big money saving sale which will commence tomorrow (Saturday) and last one week. Bills will be out tomorrow. Watch for them."		
2/27/1920	Rib Lake - Village & Railroads - Wisconsin Central	"The train schedule having been changed some time ago, has left some doubt as to the exact time trains leave and arrive at Rib Lake. Through the courtesy of C.M. Rayner we received the following schedule which is correct to date. Train #1 leaves Rib Lake at 10:30 a.m., #2 arrives at 12:01 p.m., #3 leaves at 2:45 p.m. and #4 arrives at 3:56 p.m."	This would be the schedule for train traffic between Rib Lake and Chelsea.	

2/27/1920	Businesses	"Attention old maids - confidentially, Holister's Rock Mountain Tea is your last hope for a sweet breath, rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes. Don't give up without trying it - James UpJohn."	James UpJohn was the owner and operator of UpJohn Drug Store on McComb Ave. The building is still standing and in 2008 features the Ultimate Illusion Beauty Salon.	
3/5/1920	Businesses	NEW BARBER FOR RIB LAKE. "A deal was closed Tuesday whereby E.L. Bushaw of Westboro took charge of Wagner's Barbershop. ¶ Mr. Wagner has had 20 years in this field and a rest is due him. He has been owner of the tonsorial parlor in Rib Lake about 7 years."		
3/12/1920	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	TRAINS ARE DELAYED. "The snowstorms that raged Wednesday night and all day Thursday of last week delayed all trains in this section. Rib Lake was cut off from the main line on all train service from Thursday morning until Saturday at 6 o'clock when Conductor Killinger and his crew of valiant snow fighters and two engines broke through the drifts to Chelsea and brought in the papers and parcel post which had accumulated there in 3 days. A gondola, loaded down with pulpwood, was derailed by the deep snowdrifts near Mrotek's farm in an effort to push it through ahead of the engines. The pulpwood was spilled and the car had to be pulled off on the side of the track with cable. A wrecking crew will pick it up in the near future."	I have a series of good quality black and white photographs showing railroad related snowplowing efforts at the Kelnhofer farm. George J. Kelnhofer owned the NW 1/4, Section 34, Township 33 North, Range 2 East. It was bisected by the railroad right-of-way. Drifting snow frequently blocked the tracks there. Today the land is owned by Mr. Joseph Probst. STH 102 is situated exactly on the former railroad right-of-way at that location.	
3/19/1920	Agriculture	FARMERS INSTITUTE A SUCCESS. "The two days farmers institute was brought to a successful close Wednesday afternoon. It was the best institute that Rib Lake ever had. Just for comparison we give you a few figures. 4 years ago the attendance was about 10, last year about 42 in all. This year over 100 attended the first day and about 140 the second day. ¶ Special credit is due Mr. Getchel and Mr. Mrotek who through their untiring efforts induced the businessmen to lay their shoulder to the wheel and induced all to turn out. We hope Rib Lake will have another institute next year and in the years to come and that each one will be better than the previous one. Farming will be the future industry in this territory, and knowing that, why not learn all we can about it?"	The program included soil fertility, liming and commercial fertilizers, corn and other crops for silo, organizing Wisconsin potato growing, bull wine, tuberculosis and growing pigs on forage.	
3/19/1920	Businesses & Agriculture	ATTENTION FARMERS! "A.A. Schroeder, proprietor of the Rib Lake Butter and Cheese Company, wishes to announce that the cheese factory will commence operation April 1, 1920."		
3/19/1920	People	"Dr. W.R. Claussen of Madison, formerly of Rib Lake, was in the village this week and gave a lecture on tuberculosis among cattle at the Farmers Institute Wednesday morning. He is the father of C.R. Claussen, manager of the Rib Lake Telephone Company."		
3/26/1920	Schools	"Principal of Schools, W.W. Detert, went to Phillips last Friday to confer with the other principals of the triangle league in arranging the date for the oratorical and declamatory contest."		
4/2/1920	RLLC	"H. Cole of the Land Dept. of the RLLC, with headquarters at Wausau, was in the village this week."		
4/2/1920	Businesses	"J.G. Bogumill of Thorp and W.A. Bogumill of Mellen, were here on business the past week."	These two Bogumills were part of the Bogumill Brothers that purchased the Big Store.	
4/2/1920	Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"The [river] drive is on. Sager water is all that could be desired. Scaler H.E. Rifleman has orders on March 24 at 7 p.m. from the Wausau Lumber Company at Big Falls, to pick up a crew and wait in. He's done it. This is the next morning and the crew is at work and the logs on the run."	It sounds like the logs may have been destined for Big Falls. Big Falls is to the Northwest of Wausau. A large sawmill operated there.	
4/9/1920	Railroads - RLLC	LOSES TOP OF LEFT THUMB. "Charles Burnett met with an accident Tuesday morning that cost him the top of the thumb of his left hand. He was employed as brakeman by the RLLC on their logging railroad and the accident occurred while he was making a coupling between two cars. The injury is quite painful and will be some time before Mr. Burnett will be able to resume work."		
4/9/1920	Businesses	HAVE INSTALLED NEW ENGINE. "An expert has been in the village for the past two weeks and this week he finished installing the new 40 hp crude oil engine for the Rib Lake Roller Mills. It was started up Tuesday without any trouble and has been running every day since. This engine furnishes ample power for the mill and is more economical than steam or gasoline."		
4/9/1920	Germania & Church - Zion Lutheran	"Germany lutheran services were held at the Lutheran Church here Easter Sunday by Rev. Sitz of Rib Lake."	This was published under "Brannan News Items".	

4/16/1920	Tannery	NEW BATH HOUSE AT THE TANNERY NOW IN USE. "Last fall Mr. McCullough, superintendent of the tannery, started to build a bath house for the use of the men who work in the tannery. Owing to the shortage of material, it was not completed until recently. It is a building all by itself and is situated just south of the Leach House. It has a cement floor, steam heat and lots of running hot and cold water. In the center is a drying rack for drying clothes. Two showers are installed and besides there are 2 lavatories. This is a decided improvement and a great convenience to the men working in the tannery. Instead of working clothes hanging all over in the tannery when the men have finished their work and gone home, they are hung on the drying rack in the bath house and when the men come to work the next day they are dry and can be put on in a warm room. Besides this, when the men change clothes to go home they have an opportunity to take a shower bath before putting on their clean clothes. This is only one of the improvements that have been made by Mr. McCullough since he took charge of the tannery. He is a firm believer in making things as convenient and sanitary for the men		
4/16/1920 (cont)	Tannery (cont)	that work under him as conditions will permit. It was to this end that he had the bath house built."		
4/16/1920	Roads	NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. "Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to 10 o'clock May 1, 1920 at the office of the county highway commissioner for the following: grading and culverting the unfinished portion of project 31 on STH 13 according to blueprints and specifications on file at the county commissioner's office, Medford, Wis."	This is the first mention of STH 13 in the Herald.	
4/16/1920	Businesses	"The Rib Lake Cheese Factory shipped 5,000 pounds of cheese last Friday. At 31 cents a pound this shipment amounts to \$1,550."		
4/16/1920	Agriculture	BUYS VALUABLE BULL. "Another good sire has been added to the growing list in Taylor County and one that should without doubt help make guernsey history for the future. This latest acquisition goes to Rib Lake. Last week Mr. Gerstberger in company with the county agent traveled to St. Croix County to look at some guernseys. ¶ This bull should do much to improve Taylor County guernseys, and it is hoped that farmers in the Rib Lake community will make proper use of so valuable an animal. He is without doubt one of the best bred guernseys in the county. Will farmers continue to make use of scrubs and grade bulls when such valuable blood is available? We might as well ask with Ruskin, will you go and gossip with the stable boy when you can talk with kings?"		
4/16/1920	Schools & Mud Lake	PROGRESS OF MUD LAKE. "The following poem was written by John Kauer, 13, a pupil in the 8th grade of the Mud Lake School. He also carried away the honors at the contest held at the Fawn Valley School last week in which a number of the neighboring schools were represented. ¶ Mud Lake settlement of old, ¶ settled mostly by people from ore the sea ¶ who came across the ocean bold, ¶ to be happy and be free. ¶ Then the woods were full of game, ¶ for everything was wild ¶ the buck just to the scaffold came, ¶ as the hunter sat and smiled. ¶ Houses were built, then first of all, ¶ they were made of hewn logs, ¶ the men worked hard from spring ¶ til fall, ¶ in sunshine and in fogs. ¶ Of course the roads were very bad, ¶ and buggy rides were scarce, ¶ so one was glad if he a wagon had ¶ without having many prepares. ¶ But roads have since been improved ¶ and are being improved today. ¶ For more people on the farms have ¶ moved, some also went away. ¶ Now Mud Lake has many good fields ¶ amidst its stumps and stones, ¶ fields which always could harvest yields, ¶ for in the temperate zones. ¶ The farmers of Mud Lake, ¶ are simple in their ways,		
4/16/1920 (cont)	Schools & Mud Lake (cont)	¶ whatever a thing they build or make ¶ will last for many days. ¶ A school house also was built on a hill ¶ for education was their aim. ¶ The teachers and children have worked with a will, ¶ and brought the school its fame. ¶ When it comes to a school contest, ¶ Mud Lake usually takes the prize, ¶ for all the children do their best, ¶ and so they're very wise. ¶ Now don't forget in Mud Lake's a pond ¶ for swimming, skating and fishing, ¶ of which the boys are very fond, ¶ and for nothing more are wishing."		
4/23/1920	Roads & Rib Lake - Township	"The Town of Rib Lake has purchased a new International 15 hp tractor through J.A. Taylor. The new tractor will cost about \$2,500. The town expects to do considerable amount of road building and will make other improvements the coming year."		
4/23/1920	Camp 16	"Louis Fleming, the genial cook who held sway at Camp 16 all winter, and who for the past 6 years has been cooking for the RLLC, finished up for the season this week and will leave for Belleville, Minnesota, in a few days. Mr. Fleming is undecided as to what he will do, but is going to try something different than cooking for awhile."	In the recent past there has been a real shortage of camp news published in the Rib Lake Herald. It was my fond wish to be able to accurately determine which camps were operating and for what period of time by reading the Herald. ¶ Unfortunately, the absence of a report regarding a camp does not authoritively mean it was not operating - camps were considered run of the mill news and probably poorly covered by the Herald.	

4/23/1920	Businesses	AN OPPORTUNITY - READ IT ALL - EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN RIB LAKE AND VICINITY MAY NOW HAVE A SAVINGS ACCOUNT ABSOLUTELY FREE! "In appreciation of the patronage of the cash buyer the undersigned merchants have adopted the system of the savings account company and from now on will give a cash discount with every cash purchase. Save these checks. Save these checks. And when you have accumulated \$1 worth or more, the merchant whose names appear hereon have arranged with the First National Bank, Rib Lake, Wis. to have the savings checks accepted at double their face value if deposited in a savings account. ¶ Remember: not a cent of cash to be paid. No strings on them whatever. Signed The Big Store, Bogumill Brothers, Proprietors, F. Dising Manager and Phillip J. Arnold, dealer in hardware."	In the middle of an ad was a check made out in the amount of 10 cents. A facsimile of a savings check was printed reading: "The value of this check is 10 cents".	
4/30/1920	Roads & Rib Lake - Township	NEW TRACTOR EXPECTED SOON. "The new 15-30 International kerosene tractor purchased by the Town of Rib Lake through J.A. Taylor is expected to arrive any day. A man from the factory will come with it, it is thought, to unload it and start it up. We are in hopes that he will also give a demonstration of the machine for road work in the village, like dragging the streets, for instance."		
4/30/1920	Rusch	MARRIED. "Miss Hattie [Hedwig] Rusch, daughter of Mrs. A. Knop, of the Town of Rib Lake, and Harry Johnson of Eau Claire, were married at Eau Claire Saturday morning. The bride was attended by Miss Martha Marschke, of this village, and the groom was attended by John Inglis, of Eau Claire. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple departed for Rib Lake and are spending this week visiting with relatives and friends here in the village and vicinity. The groom is an automobile tire builder and has the position with the Gillett Tire Company in Eau Claire, in which city Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their future home. The bride is well and favorably known in this village and vicinity and the Herald joins her large circle of friends in wishing her and her husband happiness and prosperity."	My aunt, Hattie Rusch, turned 100 on 9/9/1999. She received a call from President Clinton wishing her happy birthday. I remember Aunt Hattie well. She always had a twinkle in her eye. After her father, Herrmann Emanuel Rusch, died, her mother married Albert Knop, a widower with 7 children. The 7 Rusch children then were combined with the 7 Knop children. The women at the lutheran church asked Mrs. Albert Knop how the new family was getting along and she replied - according to Hattie - "fine, I spank them all".	
4/30/1920	RLLC	"Joe Lily commenced work Monday for the RLLC as brakeman on the log train. It is now 7 months since he was hurt and during which time he was unable to work. Time was not fleeting and Joe was "tickled to death", so they say, to get back on the job again."	Here is confirmation that the RLLC logging train is working. But no mention of the camps from which they are hauling.	
5/7/1920	RLLC	THE STRIKE SITUATION. "The strike of the Timber Workers Union which was called on Monday, May 3, did not affect Rib Lake in the least. This village and surrounding territory are in district #2 with headquarters at Rhinelander. Very few places were seriously affected and in only one place, Phillips, was the work in the woods affected. From the report it is clear that in all cases the sentiment of the public is against the strike. The RLLC is very grateful for the position which their men have taken in the matter, everyone having reported for work Monday morning and as far as ...(tape ended). Following we give a report of the first day of the strike:"	There follows a listing of approx. 45 companies throughout northern Wisconsin. They are all of the major lumber companies then existing giving strike conditions. Here are some of the reports: "Brooks & Ross Lumber Co of Wausau, WI "140 men out. 36 working. Not operating plant. Men orderly. B. Heinemann Lumber Company, Merrill, Wis. "about 50 men on strike, 150 working. Sawmill and planing mill running with full shipping crew. Production 65% normal and shipments 100%. Men quiet and peaceable and showing a tendency towards desire to return to work. 3 box factories and 2 sawmills are shut down here while the veneer and sash door factories are running 80%". ¶ Sawyer Goodman Company, Merrill, Wis. "men have struck and we are not attempting to run any part of the plant. 500 men are out and none working. Public opinion is not with the strikers but the men seem confident." ¶ Merrill, Anson, Gilky, Hurd Lumber Company "Partial strike here but we are running factory and yard. 106 men are out and 94 working. Men quiet. Local opinion favors management".	



5/7/1920 (cont)	RLLC (cont)		¶ Medford Lumber Company "no concerted actions here. Only 4 men missing. 109 working. We are operating sawmill, planing mill and yard with production and shipments 100% normal. Situation quiet and local sentiment against strike." ¶ Merrill Woodmore Company "120 men on strike and we are not operating plant. Men quiet and with opinion against them are rather half hearted." ¶ A.H. Stange Company, Merrill. "200 men out on strike. 5 reporting for work. Men quiet." ¶ Heineman Lumber Co. Merrill, Wis "92 men out -6 reporting for work. Men quiet and with many half hearted among them. Also many that seem confident of success." ¶ RLLC, Rib Lake, May 3, 1920 "We have no strike. Saw mill, planing yard operating at normal capacity. Our employees peaceable and opposed to strike. Public in this village unanimous in approval of the attitude of our men."	
5/7/1920	Spirit Lake	THE SPIRIT OF SPIRIT LAKERS. "A jolly good time was had by all who attended the closing day program at the Spirit Lake School Saturday evening. The program, which lasted about an hour, consisted of a very good selection of dialogs and pieces, the participants of which showing plainly that they had splendid training. A good laugh was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served after which games were played which kept the young folks busy until about the smallest hour of the night, when they parted for their homes to take a wee bit of rest before daybreak."		
5/7/1920	Camps - Bark	"The RLLC has a crew of men in the woods building bark camps."		
5/28/1920	Camp 16	"Andrew Swanson is working for O.A. Peterson loading logs at Camp 16."		
6/4/1920	Agriculture	"I am ready to pull stumps with my stump puller either by day or contract. Can work in swamp or on hillside. A.W. Blank, Route 1, Rib Lake, Wis."		
6/11/1920	Camp 16	"Peter Enders and Peter Lamberty are loading logs for the Wausau Lumber Company near Camp 16."		
6/18/1920	Fire	"The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Wednesday evening: John McRae, Chief; Ed Kenney, First Assistant Chief; Fred Curran, Second Assistant Chief; D.C. Estes, Secretary and Treasurer."		
6/18/1920	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	DO YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR FARM? "I expect to devote all of my time for the next 6 months to the sale of Wisconsin lands, and will have 20 or 30 land buyers here every week. If your farm is for sale, be sure to list it with me. Signed John R. Shattuck, Soo Line Immigration Agent, Medford, Wis."		
6/25/1920	Greenwood & Church - St. Ann's	DOUBLE WEDDING AT GREENWOOD. "Mr. Leo Ramsbugler and Miss Hilda Rudolph and Mr. Joseph Fleischman and Miss Mary Rudolph, were married at the Greenwood Catholic Church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 22. Rev. Fr. H. Bothman, of this village, tied the nuptial knot."		
6/25/1920	Camp 18	"R.R. Dresden, the well driller, finished drilling a well at Camp 18 last week. Same is 87 1/2 feet deep, 18 1/2 feet being through solid blue granite rock. One day it took 3 hours to drill 2 inches. As soon as he gets his machine in from the woods he will drill a well for William Radtke."	This is the first coverage in the Herald regarding Camp 18. Camp 18 was at the very end of the RLLC railroad. It was in the extreme southern edge of Lincoln County south of present STH 64.	
6/25/1920	Camp 18	INJURED LAST FRIDAY. "Fred Kalk accidently sustained a severe cut while at work at Camp 18 about 9 o'clock last Friday morning. He was engaged in peeling bark and in climbing over a peeled log he slipped and lost his balance. When he saw that he was going to fall he tossed his ax away from him and reached out and caught a limb to steady himself. The limb broke and he fell on the ax, which had lodged, bit up. His right leg was badly cut just below the kneecap, and the kneecap fractured. He was brought to this village on the gasoline car by Charles Burnett, foreman of Camp 18, and taken to Dr. Lapham's office and the wound dressed, and in the afternoon he was taken to the Ashland Hospital. John Stelling accompanied him to that city."	Please note that the RLLC is still peeling hemlock bark. I surmise that Kalk slipped on the log because it had just been peeled and was still slippery.	

7/9/1920	Agriculture & Businesses	ANOTHER STEP - A NEW INDUSTRY FOR RIB LAKE. "Last week Ernst Gerstberger took a trip to Waukesha County and on the farm of Charles Solverson of Nashota picked up some registered guernsey females to take to his farm at Rib Lake. Mr. Solverson is an old breeder and has heard he has animals of the best families of the breed and it goes without saying that Mr. Gerstberger found something good. To our knowledge, these are the first registered females of any breed to be taken to Rib Lake and marks the beginning of a new industry. A man may own just cows and be a farmer, he may use a purebred bull and be a dairy man and he may own purebred females and be a breeder. Mr. Gerstberger has gone through those stages of development, and Rib Lake may look to this addition as it would to a new factory. If this is a farming country, then we must build up our agriculture, and these things are adding to our agricultural prosperity and to our total wealth."		
7/23/1920	Schools	BIDS WANTED. "Notice is hereby given that the school board of joint districts #2, Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, Taylor County, Wis. will receive sealed bids for the erection of a 2 room school building, 41 x 67 feet, on the site of the present school house, better known as the Rib River School."		
7/23/1920	Obituary	MRS. JOSEPH PROBST, JR. "Mrs. Joseph Probst, Jr. passed away at her home in the Town of Greenwood last Monday evening, July 19, after an illness of only a few days duration. ¶ Mrs. Probst, nee Julia Hohl, was born March 29, 1890 in Waterloo, Indiana. On Nov. 15, 1910 she was married to Joseph Probst, Jr. in the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ Their union was blessed with 4 children, Cornelius, Ferdinand, Dorothy and Geraldine. Besides these children she leaves to mourn her loss her sorrowful husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hohl, and 5 brothers, Frank, Wilfred, Leo, Bernard and Vincent, and 2 sisters, Margaret and Veronica. ¶ The funeral was held from St. Ann's Catholic Church in Greenwood. The Rev. W. Smits of this village officiating. The funeral procession, which was over 1/2 mile long, attested to the esteem in which she was held by her friends. The pallbearers were Joseph Dums, Alex Probst, Albert Schlosser, Carl Faber, Anton and Michael Hohl. Burial was made in the Greenwood Cemetery, Undertaker F.E. Poole in charge."		
7/23/1920	Agriculture	HIGH EXPLOSIVES - DANGEROUS. "Another allotment of TNT for Taylor County. The strings of red tape have become unloosened and Wisconsin received another allotment of TNT. Those who have used it know what it is, and to the uninformed we say that TNT is a salvaged war material that the war department has handed over for land clearing purposes. It is given us free of charge, and all we have to pay is the cost of packing and freight, in all about 10 cents per pound. It is used stick for stick like dynamite and as it comes 3 sticks to a pound, our shipment represents considerable savings. ¶ Our allotment of 24,000 pounds will come in one shipment. First come will be the first served. No farmer will receive more or less than 50 pounds but as the TNT comes in 100 pound box, it will be necessary for two farmers to pair off and make a joint application. Applications will soon be in the hands of your town chairman (in the land clearing area they will be with your clearing chairman), with the banks and postmasters. Signed R.A. Kolb, County Agent."	There was no requirement for training or licensing of the user. I am dictating these notes from my home, Section 13, Town 33, 3 East. When I purchased this land in 1968 you could clearly see the effects of TNT land clearing. The former owner, Stanley Dyrz, was known far and wide for his aggressive land clearing work. He has blasted out hundreds of stumps on the site that was to become my home. I called it a moonscape because of the craters that pockmarked the land.	
7/30/1920	O.A. Peterson	"The O.A. Peterson sawmill was obliged to shut down Tuesday while some repairs were being made."	Peterson had acquired the former Stephen A. Konz mill on the west side of the village.	
8/6/1920	Politics & RLLC	MASS MEETING. "US Senator Irvine L. Lenroot will discuss the political issues of the day on the sawmill floor of the RLLC at 12:45 noon today (Friday). A cool, quite place to hear our senator, who represents our interests in Washington. The ladies are urged to attend this meeting."		
8/6/1920	Railroads - RLLC	"The RLLC has purchased a second hand Ford car from Wells and Chase of Medford and William Funk has converted it into a [railroad] track car. It is used to haul supplies to the camps located near the track and for taking men to the woods. It is a pretty handy rig for making fast trips."		
8/6/1920	Businesses	WISCONSIN HOTEL AGAIN OPEN. "Mr. and Mrs. George Cody of Crandon arrived here Wednesday and have taken possession of the Wisconsin Hotel formerly owned by Joseph Scott. During the past week the property has been thoroughly renovated and everything has been put in 1st class shape."		
8/6/1920	Schools	"A basket social was held at the Stone Lake school house last Saturday evening. About 150 people were present. More than \$50 were realized from the sale of the baskets which was turned over to the Rev. Gilbert and Rev. Stewart."	These pastors had been conducting services at the school house. I need to learn exactly where this school building stood.	
8/20/1920	War - Soldiers	"Body of Guy Lehman to arrive this week. ¶ The body of Guy Lehman, who died in Liverpool, England, Oct. 9, 1918, while in the service of his country, is to arrive here sometime this week. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman, Sr. of this village."	Guy Lehman's brother, Wilfred, also died in WWI and was buried in France.	
8/20/1920	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy and new daughter of Chippewa Falls, visited in the village Tuesday."	My guess is that this is a reference to the William Kennedy who is a brother to J.J. Kennedy. The last mention in the Herald was over 10 years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were operating a hotel in Abbotsford.	

8/20/1920	F.J. Hintz	"The F.J. and C.T. Hintz families are moving to Ingram, Wis. this week where they have a large cedar job and will manufacture ties and shingles. They figure it is to be a 5 year job or more. Rib Lake has been their home for many years, having been engaged in the lumber industry most of the time. Ingram is about a distance of 50 miles from here, and we trust that [they] will occasionally find time to call on their friends here who regret to see them leave."		
9/3/1920	Rib Lake - Village & Rib Lake - Township	CENSUS FIGURES. The Town of Rib Lake census figures for 1900 were 1698, 1910 782 and 1920 1018. Bear in mind that in the year 1900 the area from which the Village of Rib Lake was created was part of the Town of Rib Lake. ¶ The census population for the Village of Rib Lake are as follows: 1910 1018, 1920 1020. Taylor County's population totaled 18,045.		
9/10/1920	Attorney	"T.W. Andreason, Attorney at Law, Medford, Wis, special attention to probate and administration of estates, wills, etc., office at courthouse."	Attorney Thomas W. Andreason was the Taylor County District Attorney. He apparently was a part-time District Attorney. As the ad shows, he solicited private pay business for his office at the courthouse.	
9/10/1920	Rib Lake Herald		The Herald has stopped publicizing its special page devoted to Westboro news. It appeared to peter out after about 12 weeks or so.¶ There continues to be Westboro news published regularly in the Herald, but not on a dedicated page.	
9/17/1920	Stephen Konz	S.A. KONZ FACTORY BURNS AT SEYMOUR; LOSS \$20,000 "The plant of the Seymour Windmore Company at Seymour owned by S.A. Konz of Appleton, was destroyed by a fire that started in the boiler room. The loss is approximately \$20,000 partially covered by insurance. Rebuilding will be started at once. Several thousand dollars worth of cheese boxes and egg crates stored in the company's warehouse were destroyed. ¶ The name of S.A. Konz is a familiar one to Rib Lake citizens. A few years ago he was in the store business here, being proprietor of the Big Store and operated the sawmill now owned by O.A. Peterson."		
9/24/1920	Businesses	"The Fair Department Store was closed last Wednesday on account of a holiday. Mr. [P.E.] Marcus, the proprietor, spent the day at Minneapolis. The store was also closed on Jewish New Year Day, which was a week ago Monday."		
9/24/1920	Businesses	"Brehm Brothers are moving the pickle factory this week. They will remodel the interior of the building and use it for a warehouse."		
10/1/1920	Rib Lake Herald	"The Rib Lake Herald chronicled in its last issue the departure from this village Charles Voemastek, who grew from office "devil" to printer and then to editor of the Herald, and who now has gone to Besemer, Michigan, his native town. Edmund Scherer, his partner, gives him the fitting tribute of being a fine business partner and all around, first class printer with all the qualities of a good newspaper man."	Edmund P. Scherer continues as editor and John J. Voemastek continues as the owner of the Rib Lake Herald.	
10/15/1920	J.J. Kennedy & family	HIS LIFE CRUSHED OUT. "The remains of Dan Ferguson, youngest brother of Mrs. H.J. Kennedy, were brought here from Chicago last Saturday. He was working with the construction crew and his life was crushed out when a heavy beam fell on him. The funeral was held from the M.E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. S.J. Lambricht officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. Allen Kennedy, A.J. Allard, George Clark, Archie McLellan, William Banks and Peter Clendenning. Mrs. John Logan of Medford and Mrs. O.F. Oleson of Chippewa Falls came to attend the obsequies. Deceased was 52 years old and single. He was born in Ontario, Canada, and was in Rib Lake about 25 years ago. He is survived by two sisters, (Mrs. H. J. Kennedy and Mrs. William Kennedy, Chippewa Falls), and 4 brothers (Peter, Hugh, Phillip and Alexander). The brothers could not be reached because they are in the western states."	Dan Ferguson's sisters married two of the Kennedy brothers, Hugh J. Kennedy and William Kennedy.	
10/15/1920	RLLC	"The RLLC has sold a quantity of hemlock logs for pulpwood, deliveries of which start Dec. 1 and will continue until May 1. It is understood that the sale of this timber will not interfere in any way with the continuous operation of the sawmill at this point."	The Herald on several occasions has mentioned the skyrocketing price of paper and the shortage of printing stock. These shortages may account for selling hemlock for pulpwood.	
10/15/1920	Businesses	"A carload of machinery was shipped from here to the Hintz Brothers at Ingram the fore part of the week for the sawmill they are going to build there."	The former Hintz sawmill in the village is now operated by O. A. Peterson. I wonder if the carload of machinery referred to here came from the mill at Hintz Town. The former S.A. Konz sawmill in Rib Lake is now being run by Rib Lake Wood Products Company. The Rib Lake Wood Products Company advertised in the Oct. 27, 1920, edition of the Herald for "all kinds of logs, ties and pulpwood this winter. We want 1000 cords of bolts."	

10/22/1920	People & J.J. Kennedy & family	"One of the Herald's representatives was in Medford Saturday and while there met an old friend, J.C. Hoffmann, who worked on the new mill of J.J. Kennedy when he came to Rib Lake a little better than 20 years ago. Jake is the same genial good fellow as of yore."	The new mill of J.J. Kennedy is in reference to the one constructed in 1897 - following a fire.	
10/22/1920	Clubs/Orders	MENDELSONH MUSICAL CLUB TO VISIT RIB LAKE. "The people of Rib Lake have a rare treat in store for them in the entertainment to be given at the armory, November 4. The first number of the Lyceum course of entertainments to be given the coming season will be rendered by the Mendelsohn Musical Club, consisting of 6 members, every one being an artist upon his instrument. The people of Rib Lake are indeed fortunate to be able to listen to this musical club. Do not neglect to provide yourselves with season tickets for 6 high class entertainments. Season tickets, adults \$2, children \$1, single tickets 25 cents and 50 cents."		
10/29/1920	Railroads - Wisconsin	"William Gessert went to Milwaukee with a carload of stock which was loaded at Ogema."	It appears that Rib Lake resident William Gessert, rode in the cattle car. William Gessert was one of the Gessert brothers, owners of the "City Meat Market" in the village.	
10/29/1920	Western Fever & People	"John Obowa, writes us the following from Bismarck, North Dakota: "We had a very good crop, we thrashed 2000 bushels of grain and will get about 700 bushels of corn. Our neighbor, Peter Mihm, who is also from Greenwood, thrashed 1000 bushels. The season has been very dry and the rust done considerable damage. So far we are making good.""		
10/29/1920	Attorney	"The voters of Taylor County will make no mistake if they cast their ballot for T.W. Andresen for District Attorney. Mr. Andresen is one of the oldest settlers of this county, is a principled fellow, and always ready to help anybody so long as it is not inconsistent with his official duties. That's one of Tom's worsts failings - always ready to help those in need and neglecting his own private business. His record as District Attorney, according to records in the books at the courthouse (not according to willifying statements which can easily be disproved), is such that we can truthfully say that we have never had a better District Attorney in this county. Through his efforts and a system of handling cases, many cases which would otherwise have had to be tried in court, at big expense to the county, have been disposed of without court trial because he got the evidence in advance and then there was nothing for the guilty parties to do, when confronted with it, but to plead guilty and have the judge pass sentence on them. To enumerate all and go into details would take too much time, but if you want proof for our statement, you can easily get it at the courthouse"	This article was printed without attribution and as a run of the mill news story on the front page of the Herald. At the time of the publication, Andresen was running for reelection on the republican ticket. He had opposition from Atty. Oscar Rademacher running as a socialist for the position of Taylor County District Attorney.	
10/29/1920	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & O.A. Peterson	"O.A. Peterson received his [railroad] carload of apples last Friday evening and they were all sold by Saturday noon. They were fine apples. It pays to advertise."	Peterson had run an ad advertising New York greening apples for sale. The sale site would be at a railroad spur next to his "old store".	
10/29/1920	Spirit Lake & Hunting	SHOOTING TRAGEDY RESULT OF TWO DEATHS. "Never has Price County been the stage for such a tragedy as was enacted in the woods 12 miles from Spirit Falls late Thursday, October 21, when Carl G. Scheller, wealthy farmer, accidentally shot and killed Patrick Connolly, pioneer timber cruiser, and then filled with remorse, turned his rifle on himself and blew the top of his head off. The accident occurred not far from the Scheller home in the Town of Brannan, but we understand, in Lincoln County. ¶ Scheller was walking from his farm home with a neighbor toward Spirit Falls to look over some land from which he planned to cut the timber the coming winter, and he had taken a .32 caliber Remington rifle along in hopes of seeing big game. Connolly with two companions, Carl Woucier and Thomas Kelley, were sitting on a log partly screened from the road by bushes. He wore a duck coat and Scheller, seeing the tan colored object move, and thinking it was a deer, fired two shots. Connolly screamed and rose to his feet. Scheller, realizing he had shot a man, ran to the spot. The lumber man fell dead just as Scheller reached his side.		
10/29/1920 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Hunting (cont)	¶ Connolly's companion stooped over to pick up the body. They heard Scheller walking away and turned just in time to see him place the rifle to his head and shoot. He died instantly. ¶ Mr. Scheller was about 48 years of age and is survived by his wife and 4 children. He had served his town as chairman and was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, among whom he has lived for many years. Used to being in the woods and hunting, it is almost inconceivable that he would make such a mistake, and yet he did and in the agony of his realization he took his own life. ¶ Funeral services were held Sunday."		
11/12/1920	Businesses	"Three [railroad] carloads of apples were brought to Rib Lake this week and sold out. There was a car for O. A. Peterson, one for P.E. Marcus and one for the Farmers Cooperative Company. ¶ George F. Braun has built an addition, 20 x 30 feet, to his billiard hall and will furnish it with a billiard table and a pocket table."		
11/12/1920	Politics	"Warren G. Harding, Republican president elect, will take office March 4, 1921. This newspaper is Democratic, but we do not believe the country will go to the dog just because a Republican president was elected. Mr. Harding is a fine man - a typical, red blooded American. Of course we are pleased to note he is a successful newspaper man and a printer."		

11/19/1920	Businesses	RIB LAKE TELEPHONE COMPANY CHANGES HANDS. "C.R. Claussen, manager and proprietor of the Rib Lake Telephone Company, informed us Saturday that he sold the telephone exchange to Walter Bradfish of Edgar on the 12th of this month and that Mr. Bradfish has taken possession and will be here in a few days to give the business his personal attention. ¶ Mr. Claussen came here 10 years ago when he bought the Rib Lake exchange from Mr. Wallace. The plant needed many improvements, which Mr. Claussen, who is an expert in telephony, put into effect as soon as possible and vastly extended the rural lines. The result was that Rib Lake had a better telephone system than any other town of its size in this part of the state."	The Rib Lake Telephone exchange had a long and illustrious history as a privately owned company. The company's last private owners were John "Tubby" Eckhoff and, following his death, his son, Clark Eckhoff. The sale to ?? County Corporation occurred about 1985. In 2008, the current corporate owner is Frontier; the present phone book provides that a retail store is operated in Rhinelander, Wis. and checks payable to Frontier in payment of the phone bill should be sent to Rochester, New York. The beautiful former telephone office on the SE corner of Fayette and Ella Street once provided friendly personal service Monday through Friday. The doors are now locked and the facility is used exclusively for the benefit of the telephone maintenance crew.	
11/19/1920	Camp 9	"Fred Waldhart of Stetsonville is up here working for Randolph Wagner at Camp 9."		
11/26/1920	Camp 9	"The town board of the Town of Rib Lake held a hearing at the Town Hall Tuesday morning to lay out the logging road to Camp 9."	Camp 9 was located on the South edge of the NE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 36, Town 34 North, Range 2 East. This site is 3/4 mile north of the Price-Taylor county line. No public road ever served the camp directly; rather, access by public road could be obtained by way of CTH C to Blomberg corner turning west on the present Hultman Lake Rd. My guess is that the public was unhappy with this circuitous route and wanted the town board to lay out a more direct route. ¶ The camp was served by a well maintained ice road. The ice road would not be passable during summer because it passed through many low swampy areas. The camp was also served by a well laid out tote road. In 2008 you can clearly see the route of the tote road; its road is now incorporated into the Timm's Hill National Trail. The parking lot and gate marks the location of the tote road on Rustic Rd. #1; it is on the north side of Rustic Rd. #1 1/4 mile east of CTH C. The statutes provided that town residents could petition the town board to lay out a road. The town board would then conduct a hearing to determine whether or not to order that	
11/26/1920 (cont)	Camp 9 (cont)		the road be created. I will contact the Rib Lake Town Board to see if there is any record in the town files pertaining to this matter.	
11/26/1920	Hunting	"Two friends of Edward LaMont from the southern part of the state came up to visit him Saturday and incidentally will take in the open season for "Uncle Sam's sheep"."		
11/26/1920	Businesses & Fawn Valley	"Max and Arnold Zuther and Joseph Negle left for Milwaukee Wednesday with a [railroad] carload of Christmas trees."		

12/3/1920	War - Soldiers & Germania	STARVING CHILDREN OF GERMANY. "A campaign for the starving children of Germany has been organized and is to continue one week or longer.¶ More than 1 million German children under 5 years of age have perished in consequence of starvation since 1914, over and above what would have been the normal death rate. Statistics of disease and brutality prove that the children have suffered to an appalling degree. ¶"A relief worker who has spent some time in Germany says "it is only as you win the confidence of the people and are admitted into their homes and get personally to know the doctors and teachers and are given free entry to the schools, that the appalling dawns upon one that all, except the quite well to do, are suffering from lack of proper food and from under-nourishment; they are standing not so very far from death, for continual hunger, though it works very slowly, yet works very surely. You do not see death from starvation in a dramatic form; you do not see begging in the streets, and are not confronted with pitiable sites in public, such as one reads about in accounts of besieged cities. All starvation is done quietly at home, and when death comes, it comes in the form of		
12/3/1920 (cont)	War - Soldiers & Germania (cont)	influenza, tuberculosis, heart failure, or one of the new and mysterious diseases now arising and carries off its exhausted victims with ease." An important factor in the suffering of the child's population is the milk famine. ¶ Mr. Herbert Hoover, through the national committee for American Relief Administration, has been systematically providing for the support of 600,000 of these unfortunate children in cooperation with the Friends Service Committee and he states that this number must be increased to 1 million during the coming winter. ¶ There is, of course, need of child relief work in other countries of Europe and large sums of money are to be collected for the purpose; but it has been decided the campaign to be carried on in Wisconsin is to be exclusively for German children, there having been previous campaigns for the relief of children of other countries. ¶ Let there be no hesitancy on the part of all til more than halfway toward full cooperation regardless of what their past differences may have been. Let all classes remember that it is the little children of a great nation that are growing up with diseased bodies and weak minds. These children will be men and women a		
12/3/1920 (cont)	War - Soldiers & Germania (cont)	generation hence and now is the time to begin cultivating their good will, which is worth more in preservation of international peace than any league of nations..." signed L.D. Russell, Chairman for Taylor County.		
12/3/1920	RLLC	"The RLLC received a [railroad] carload of horses from Minneapolis Monday evening for their camps."		
12/3/1920	J.J. Kennedy & family	"John Kennedy, law student at Marquette University, Milwaukee, visited at his home in this village a few days last week. He returned to that city Sunday."		
12/10/1920	People	GESSERT-HANSON. "The marriage of William A. Gessert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gessert, Sr. of this village, and Miss Beda Hanson of Westboro took place at the lutheran parsonage in Rib Lake November 30, Rev. A.P. Sitz performed the marriage ceremony. Ms. Ruth Hanson and Mr. Walter A. Gessert were the witnesses. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Gessert will make Rib Lake their home, the former being engaged in business here as a junior partner of the Gessert Brothers Meat Market."		
12/10/1920	Rib Lake Herald	"We're always glad to meet the Rib Lake citizen who has a suggestion to make that will benefit this town, his neighbor or his community. We are also glad to have such citizens write us. But we want to say here and now that we've no admiration for the one who will seek to criticize a public improvement or cast reflection upon someone in the neighborhood by hoping to get printed a communication to which they are too cowardly to sign their name. We suppose every newspaper office receives such communications. Otherwise they wouldn't need waste baskets. We suppose every town and community has a number of these kind of citizens who want to condemn something or somebody, and yet who are so little as to seek to shift the blame for any trouble that may arise through the shoulders of the newspaper. We get such communications occasionally, and outside of wishing we knew who the authors were so we could set them before the public in their true light, we permit them to go into the waste basket or the stove. Always we can read between the lines and see that the authors of these anonymous communications are the very ones who do the least to help their town or county,		
12/10/1920 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	and who are the slowest to get back of any movement intended to boost the interests of themselves and their neighbors. Helpful letters of suggestion, constructive criticism is always to be desired and we encourage it. Letters from citizens who are well meaning will always find space in our columns. But the class who seeks to stab someone or slam some public institution under a fictitious name had better save their stamps."		
12/17/1920	Environment & RLLC	"A pine tree, said to be the largest in Lincoln County, was cut down by Pollack Brothers on their land at Heller. According to a Merrill paper, the stump was 56" in diameter and 4,713 feet of lumber scaled from the logs, of which 6 were taken from the trunk and 4 from the top."		
12/24/1920	Law	"Attorney Leicht was especially pleased yesterday to hear that the Supreme Court had decided Scheming vs. Devere and Schloegel Lumber Company case in his favor. The case was brought to recover damages for lumber burned near Rib Lake in 1916 and which was contracted to be sold by the plaintiff to the defendant."		

12/31/1920	Camp 9	LOGGERS LIKE WINTER WEATHER. "Winter is settling down to business and the loggers feel more confident and enthusiastic than 2 weeks ago. Sleighing is fairly good now and if it continues freezing it will be possible to make ice roads. The RLLC's [water] tanks are ready for making the ice road to Camp 9."	Camp 9 was not serviced by any railroad. Logs were transported from Camp 9 to the Rib Lake sawmill by means of a long ice road on which the steam hauler operated pulling sleigh loads of logs.	
<b>1921</b>				
1/7/1921	Camp 17	"The RLLC started another camp Monday to be known as Camp 17. It is located in Township 32, Range 3 East. George Burnett is foreman. About 35 men will be employed."	As of Feb. 1, 2008, I do not have good data regarding the specific location of Camp 17. ¶ In 1981 I published the centennial book entitled: "A Pictorial History of the Rib Lake Area". I included on page 143 a map of the Rib Lake area on which I superimposed the general location of the 28 camps numbered and operated by the RLLC. There I showed Camp 16 in Section 1, Town 32 North, Range 3 East and Camp 17 in the section immediately to the south of Section 1, namely Section 12. That data is partially corroborated by this entry from the January 7, 1921 edition of the Herald. ¶ It is one of my high priorities to specifically locate each of the 28 numbered camps of the RLLC. Unfortunately, the Herald has so far not been helpful in giving me specific camp locations.	
1/14/1921	Camp 9	"The steam log hauler of the RLLC started out yesterday morning to make a rut on the logging [ice] road to Camp 9. Bob Hess is the engineer, George Dewz fireman and Ken McLeod steersman."	The RLLC had a machine called a rutter. It was a wooden drag type device that contained two steel tipped cutters, or rutters. The rutters could be lowered beneath the plane of the rest of the machine cutting channels, or ruts, into the ice road. These ruts would provide a groove in which the sleigh runners would run. This permitted multiple logging sleighs to be pulled by the steam hauler. The ruts kept the sleighs onto the ice road. ¶ I question the Herald's claim that the steam hauler made the ruts. The steam hauler was so heavy that it's caterpillar steel tracks would break up the ice. I had the impression that a team of horses would be used to pull the rutter.	
1/14/1921	Spirit Lake	"The Spirit Lake logging road is fit to travel on now."	This was a sleigh road which ran cross country utilizing swamp bottoms avoiding high land.	

1/14/1921	Camp 9 & Rib Lake - Town	NOTICE [TEMPORARY WINTER LOGGING HIGHWAY] "Application having been made on the 12th day of January, 1921, duly made to the undersigned town board of the Town of Rib Lake, in the county of Taylor, by the RLLC, for a temporary winter logging [ice] highway to be laid out as follows: SE-SE, Section 1, Town 33, Range 2 East, ¶ NE-SE, Section 1, ¶ SE-NE, Section 1 ¶ SW-NE, Section 1 ¶ NW-NE, Section 1 and NE-NW, Section 1, Township 33, Range 2 East. ¶ Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned town board of said town will meet on the 25th day of January, 1921, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Rib Lake Town Hall, in said town, and decide upon such application. ¶ Dated this 12th day of January, 1921, Signed Ernst Zuther, Chairman, and Pat Cullen, Town Clerk."	These quarter-quarter sections were in fact utilized by the RLLC for its ice road that served Camp 9. I do not recall seeing this notice in earlier editions of the Herald but I may have missed it. The first mention of Camp 9 in the Herald was dated Feb. 20, 1914. From its beginning, Camp 9 was serviced by the steam hauler using an ice road. ¶ The 1913 plat book shows all of the land in Section 1 owned by H.G. Goldberg. I am surmising that Mr. Goldberg had objected to the use of his land or asked for some payment for the use of his land by the RLLC. I further surmise that the lumber company attempted an end run around Goldberg by having the town lay out this road at either town expense or no expense. ¶ Also note that the steam hauler had a fatal accident on Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 2 reported in the March. 6, 1914, edition of the Herald. ¶ While the Jan. 14, 1921 edition of the Herald makes no reference of Camp 9, note that the Nov. 26, 1920 edition of the Herald said that the town board would conduct a hearing to lay out a logging road to Camp 9.	
1/14/1921 (cont)	Camp 9 & Rib Lake - Town (cont)		¶ I have no doubt that the "temporary winter logging highway" referred to in the Jan. 14 edition is the ice road to serve Camp 9.	
1/28/1921	Rib Lake Wood Products Co.	SELL FOR CASH. "We pay cash for pulpwood. We also buy ties, basswood bolts, logs, etc. at the highest market prices. ¶ Also custom sawing. Signed Rib Lake Wood Products Company, George F. Braun, Manager."	The Rib Lake Wood Products Co. mill was located someplace north of the former S.A. Konz mill. The Konz mill had now been taken over and was being operated by O.A. Peterson. It may be that the Rib Lake Wood Products Co. site was the former site of the Taylor County Lumber Mill and/or the John Mathe mill, or, the former C.T. Hintz sawmill site.	
2/4/1921	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & O.A. Peterson	"The longest string of gondolas loaded with pulpwood ever seen in Rib Lake in one day was seen Tuesday. O.A. Peterson's crew loaded 15 carloads. Mr. Peterson has shipped over 200 carloads of pulpwood and bark so far this winter. His mill will start on sawing ties this week, the tie inspector being scheduled to be here on Wednesday morning, and the mill will saw on ties until in June."	O.A. Peterson had taken over the former Stephen A. Konz sawmill located 1 block southwest of the catholic church.	
2/4/1921	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Allard received word Saturday of the death of their niece, Lalah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy, at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, last week Tuesday. Lalah was born in Rib Lake and moved west with her parents about 15 years ago. We shall try to get full particulars. She is well remembered in Rib Lake, being about 14 years old when she left here, and her death is deplored by all who knew her."		
2/4/1921	Health	TWO CASES OF SMALL POX. "The local health officer found Ben Bokath broken out with small pox Monday afternoon in his room at the Central Hotel. He notified the Board of Health and they immediately got busy and secured the upstairs rooms of the Mandel Marcus building on the corner of McComb and Landall Ave. for a pest house and Mr. Bokath was moved there Tuesday where he will be kept until he fully recovers. His mother will look after him while he is under detention. The room he used at the hotel was fumigated so there would be no possible chance for others to get the small pox. ¶ Monday afternoon Dr. Lapham was called out to see Mr. Johnson, in the Town of Rib Lake, and found him broken out with small pox. ¶ These are the first cases we have heard of in this community this winter. In many parts of the state small pox cases have been numerous since early last fall. Some of the towns south of us are literally peppered with it. Rib Lake has been fortunate to escape thus far."		



2/4/1921	Businesses	"The UpJohn-Kennedy Drug Company has installed a coffee perculator and are prepared to serve hot coffee and sandwiches on short notice."	About 2 months prior, the Herald began running ads for the UpJohn Drug Store in which the name was now hypenated to UpJohn-Kennedy. The Kennedy is in reference to Anna Mae Kennedy, graduate of Marquette University and a registered pharmacist. ¶ As of Feb. 1, 2008, the former Upjohn-Kennedy building is still standing at 713 McComb Ave., Rib Lake. It presently houses a beauty salon called the "Ultimate Illusion", operated by Grace Fritsch and Tammy Westfall; the building is presently owned by Linda & Dennis Houston. Previously the building was owned by Ardie and Loretta Flagell. Mr. Flagell was a registered pharmacist and operated a pharmacy there until approx. 2000.	
2/11/1921	Law	MORE MOONSHINE. "Undersheriff Tonne came to Rib Lake Monday afternoon to look for violators of the liquor law. He was assisted by local officers and the premises of Jacob Kapitz were searched but no evidence was secured. Tuesday a stihl and some mash was confiscated at the home of John Haluska, who lives on the old Prah farm east of this village, and Mr. Haluska was taken to Medford to be questioned by the District Attorney. Another stihl was confiscated at Jacob Niemitz' place west of the village and Mr. Niemitz was called to Medford Wednesday to explain to the District Attorney. This will undoubtedly put a damper on the moonshine traffic. ¶ On Wednesday afternoon two stihls were confiscated at the home of John Schreiner. Mr. Schreiner was not at home at the time and we are informed that the stihls were in storage and he was not using them. ¶ John Hauluska was assessed a fine and costs of \$432.88. Up to last night he had not been able to pay this amount and arrangements were being made by his friends to raise the money so he could come home."	The national prohibition went into effect January 1, 1921. ¶ The Feb. 18, 1921, edition reported: "Jacob Niemitz was sentenced to 6 months at hard labor. He has to work and report to the [Rib Lake] village marshall and his pay will go to his family. The costs in his case were \$15.60." ¶ "John Schreiner, who is up for 2nd offense for making moonshine, pleaded guilty to the 2nd offense and got 90 days in jail and in addition has to pay a fine of \$500 and costs."	
2/11/1921	People & Agriculture	"Peter Perusek, a farmer in the Town of Rib Lake for the past 13 years and of late a resident in this village, has purchased 55 acres of land near Muskegan, Michigan and will move there with his family. The family has a large circle of friends in this vicinity who regret very much their departure."	The 1913 atlas shows P. Perusek owning the SW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 18, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. That 40 sits immediately west of my home on CTH C. The land was sold by the Perusek's at a public auction. Mrs. Anton Curek, Mary, successfully bid for the land at the auction and bought the 40 acres without her husband knowing it. She used her egg money. The Curek farm was immediately south of the Perusek farm. Mrs. Curek owned the Perusek farm for 18 months before Anton learned about it. ¶ In 1961 Tony Curek took the lead in planting all of the fields on the former Perusek farm in red pine. Their grandsons, Doc Thums, Rolland Thums and Judge Ray Thums all planted red pine in furrows that Tony plowed. In 2008, the former Perusek farm sports a beautiful, thriving red pine plantation. In the middle of the red pines stand two old apple trees, the sole reminders of the Perusek farmstead.	
3/4/1921	Camp 13	"Thomas Padden, who was working in Camp 13, was taken to the Medford Hospital Sunday night for an operation for appendicitis."	I believe Camp 13 was located in Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 3 East - approx. 2 miles north-northeast of Wood Lake.	
3/4/1921	Schools		At least 2 ads were run in the Rib Lake Herald for candidates for the elected position of Taylor County Superintendent of Schools. Emma M. Lupinsky of Medford was running for the office. Additional candidates for the position were W.H. Allen and A.A. Trojahn.	

3/18/1921	Railroads - RLLC & RLLC	"The pile driver of the RLLC ran through the telephone and electric light wires across McComb Ave. Tuesday afternoon and put the lights on the north side and the telephone on the south side out of commission for a couple of hours until the electricians repaired the brakes."	The RLLC needed a pile driver for a number of projects, including building railroad bridges. Poles would be driven into the ground called bents. As of the date I dictate this comment, Feb. 1, 2008, a series of 8 bents can still clearly be seen from STH 102 approx. 100 feet off the highway and in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 25, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. At that point the railroad line from the village crossed a small creek. The bents supported the railroad bridge last used in 1948.	
4/1/1921	RLLC & Camp 9	"Loggers tell us that the winter just closed has been the most successful in years. At first everyone was skeptical as to the outcome, but the weatherman seemed to sense the loggers needs and gave them weather accordingly. The RLLC had 6 camps running and had about 300 men on their payroll in these camps. Camp 9, which is in Price County, has another season's operation and if nothing happens to interfere, will finish next winter. After that, all of the company's camps will be in Lincoln County. The company is getting ready to run a private telephone line to their camps on their private railroad. This will be a great convenience to the company as well as the men. However, the lumber market is very unsatisfactory. With lumber quoted at 40% below the price of a year ago, there is no demand with this big reduction. If other commodities entering into construction would follow suit, no doubt there would be a noticeable improvement at once."		
4/8/1921	Greenwood & Rib River Valley	"The spring log drive has gone on down the [Rib] river past Goodrich."		
4/22/1921	Railroad - RLLC	"The RLLC is rebuilding its logging cars to standard height and is equipping them with air brakes."		
4/22/1921	Entertainment	RIB LAKE BAND MEMBERS. "The Rib Lake Citizens Band, organized last October, will start to give concerts during the summer months. They meet every Wednesday evening at the Upjohn-Kennedy building. The officers, leaders and members are as follows: J.A. Taylor director; John McRae secretary/treasurer; N.G. Tabor leader; Edward Blasch, bass horn; E.L. Bushaw solo coronet; F.J. Brehm melophone; W. Goelz soprano saxophone; E. Kelnhofer slide trombone; Ed Kotche clarinet; William Kotche bass drum; Otto Martin clarinet; Orville Peterson second coronet; M. Schroeder clarinet; V. Schroeder, K. Schroeder, A. Schroeder, saxophone, second coronet and slide trombone, respectfully; John Stelling baritone; Art Taylor first coronet; Elmer Taylor melophone; Everett Wagner second coronet; William Wolffe snare drums; Orlando Winter saxophone; Donald Winter melophone."		
5/13/1921	Camp 18 & Railroads - RLLC	"Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Patrick and son Curtiss and daughter Catherine and Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Voemastek and son Raymond took a trip to the woods Sunday and as far as the end of the track beyond Camp 18. This is one of the most picturesque trips that can be imagined. Although too early in the season to see the full benefit of nature's colors when all is in bloom, the air in the virgin forest, the spring water bubbling over the rocks besides the track and the "porkies" and squirrels and murmuring river inject that restful, satisfied, contented feeling of youth into a tired body and it is hard to break away and beat it back to town. The end of the track is about 22 miles from Rib Lake."	Camp 18 was in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County.	
5/20/1921	RLLC & People	GEORGE N. HARDER RESIGNS - S.J. WILLIAMS APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIM. "George N. Harder, president and general manager of the RLLC, sent his resignation to the New York office Friday, May 13, to take effect July 1 next. Next Wednesday, May 18, the New York office sent word here that S.J. Williams will take his place after July 1. ¶ It is no use in trying to deny that Mr. Harder's resignation creates great excitement in this community and much speculation as to who will be his successor. Now that it is settled and Mr. Harder is still receiving expressions of regret from his friends, coworkers and employees because he has decided to leave, while Mr. Williams is receiving the congratulations of his friends, coworkers and employees of the company for having received recognition from the New York office of his ability and faithfulness and promotion to general manager of the company. ¶ Mr. Harder has accepted the position of general manager of the Isaac Stephenson Company, trustees, at Wells, Michigan. This is the largest lumbering concern in the lake states. They have two sawmills with a capacity of 70 million feet per annum, mostly hardwood, some pine and some hemlock,		

5/20/1921 (cont)	RLLC & People (cont)	and a chemical plant. Mr. Harder will be one of the trustees, a stockholder in the company, secretary of the Delta Chemical Company and secretary of the Stephenson Charcoal and Iron Company. He will live at Wells, Michigan, and intends to be moved with his family by the 1st of July. The company will furnish him a modern residence and his salary will be substantially larger than in Rib Lake. ¶ We take the following sketch of Mr. Harder from the April, 1921, "Our Views and News" written by D.C. Estes: "George N. Harder is a native of Pennsylvania, which state so many of our company's leading men are proud to call home, having been born early in the year 1878 at the picturesque town of Tyrone. He was graduated from the grammar school at Williamsport and entered the employ of Bush and Bull Company in that city as clerk, which position he held for 2 years. During this time he studied bookkeeping and stenography at a night school. ¶ In 1897 he took the position of stenographer with the Beech Creek Railroad Company, which later was absorbed by the New York Central System. Shortly afterward he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company where he remained until		
5/20/1921 (cont)	RLLC & People (cont)	1902, when he became connected with the Central Leather Company, through his position as bookkeeper for the Keystone Lumber Company, now the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company. From this position he was advanced that of cashier, then chief clerk, freight and claim agent, and later assistant sales manager. ¶ On Nov. 21, 1911, he was promoted to the position of general sales manager of the RLLC, with headquarters at Merrill, Wis. In this position he had charge of the sale of the Merrill and Rib Lake mills and upon the death, in Dec. 1911, of Mr. James Wright, the general manager and treasurer of the RLLC, he was elected to fill his place as director of the company as well as to the two offices mentioned. Upon the death of Mr. Eugene Horton, president of the RLLC, in August 1918, Mr. Harder became the president, which position he still holds. ¶ Mr. Harder is a member of many business associations and has taken active interest in them and has been highly honored by the lumbermen of Wisconsin who elected him president of the Northern Hardwood and Hemlock Manufacturer's Association, a position he has held for two terms. He was also treasurer of the National Lumber		
5/20/1921 (cont)	RLLC & People (cont)	Manufacturer's Assoc. ¶ During the war he spent some time in Washington, where he was called into consultation with the government authorities and was instrumental in having the lumber industry retained on the essential list." ¶ We feel that we can say, truthfully, that Mr. Harder and his family have the best wishes of one and all in Rib Lake and vicinity in the shift of fortune which will take them away from us, knowing that they will profit thereby; at the same time we all regret that the change will take them from our midst. ¶ Mr. Williams has been connected with the RLLC the past 14 years and was with the parent company in Pennsylvania Company 5 years before he came here. At present, until he assumes his new office, he holds the position of office manager and treasurer of the company. ¶ His appointment as general manager of the company is reward for work well and faithfully done. The people of Rib Lake are pleased that one of their citizens received this important position and congratulate him. Let us join hands with him in a united effort for the best interests of his company and Rib Lake in general when he enters upon his new office."		
5/20/1921	Camp 16	"Camp 16 is no more. The steel has been taken up and Louis Fleming, the cook, and crew came home last week. Louis is going to spend a few days visiting here and then will go to visit friends in Minnesota."	The reference to taking up the steel is clearly a reference to pulling up the tracks. My belief is that the railroad tracks serving Camp 16 led northward past Camp 14 and then junctioned with the main line. It is unquestioned that the main line ran basically east and west through the top portion of Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. Perhaps an inspection of the aerial photographs taken in the 1930's will reveal evidence of the location of the railroad track to Camp 16.	
5/27/1921	Roads & Rib Lake - Village	"The village has purchased a new grader for street work. It is similar to the one bought by the county for Alex Scott, Highway Patrolmen. William Banks has given it a thorough trial and finds it the best road machine he ever hitched a team to."		

5/27/1921	Environment	ON, WISCONSIN. "A bill which has received the careful consideration and endorsement of the joint committee on finance at Madison provides white, scotch and norway pine seedlings free of charge to towns, cities and villages and private landowners for improving and making more profitable their wood lots. ¶ The bill, which Sendor Burke introduced, carries an appropriation of \$4,000 a year for growing seedlings for these purposes at the State Forestry Nursery at Trout Lake. This small sum, experts estimate, will provide more than a million seedlings a year. ¶ None of these seedlings, however, can be delivered within 3 years. They must remain in seed beds two years and in transplant beds at least another year. All the more reason for passing the bill without unnecessary delay. ¶ The legislature has enacted a law which authorizes towns, cities and villages to create memorial parks by purchasing and reforesting tracts of idle land outside of their corporate limits. In several communities plans are already being made to establish municipal forests under this law. To some extent the request for seedlings for this purpose can be met by the State Forestry Nursery, where there are a half million	This article was printed on the front page. It clearly indicates a progressive and visionary attitude on the part of the Rib Lake Herald.	
5/27/1921 (cont)	Environmnet (cont)	or more seedlings, but planting stock is needed for state land, especially the shores of northern lakes and rivers, and if the needs of communities and farmers and other landowners are to be met, there must be extensive nursery work on a larger scale and this cannot be done without the additional funds provided in the Burke bill. ¶ A million trees a year, in addition to whatever planting can be done in the state forest area, will work wonders in beautifying Wisconsin, in renewing the state's timber supply, in attracting tourists more and more and in providing places for popular recreation. All of this, moreover, have trifling expense, a nominal expense, to the state. ¶ To ensure the passage of the bill, it would be well for men and women interested in making their communities more wholesome and attractive to write to their representatives in the legislature and urge them to support Senate Bill #433S."		
5/27/1921	Agriculture	BUY VALUABLE STOCK. "The Bonneville farm, Headstream Brothers, proprietors, which is located 2 miles west of this village, has added to its herd two valuable guernsey females of the best breeding for a herd foundation. The stock was received last Friday.¶ Their present herd sire is a grandson of the great Langwater Warrior 26509, 11 of whose daughters sold at auction Sept. 21, 1920, for \$70,825, an average of \$6,438."		
5/27/1921	Rusch	"Mrs. Otto Rusch and daughter Constance, returned Sunday from a visit at Chippewa Falls, Cornell and Curtiss."	The reference to Constance is to Connie Szatkowski, whose funeral was conducted in Rib Lake within the last few years.	
5/27/1921	Businesses	"James Upjohn is having a new tin roof put on his drug store building. The work was contracted by J.A. Taylor, the hardware man, and his men, Herman Batzer and William Wolff, are doing the work. Every joint will be soldered. This will make it fireproof and leakproof. Although more expensive than ordinary roofing, in the long run it will be the cheapest."	As of Feb. 2, 2008, the building is still standing at 713 McComb and is occupied by the Ultimate Illusion beauty salon.	
5/27/1921	O.A. Peterson	"O.A. Peterson has made several important changes at his sawmill lately. A steam pump for fire protection has been installed, the new resaw has been set up and a planer and rip saw have been installed to make finished lumber for various purposes. Mr. Peterson now has 3 men busy making door and window casings and window and door screens. They have quite a number of orders ahead. If you want anything in that line, made especially, place your order."	O.A. Peterson has remodeled the former Stephen A. Konz sawmill on the west side of the village. This is the first report in the Herald of windows and doors being manufactured in Rib Lake.	
5/27/1921	RLLC & Camp 9	"The following items were taken from the Views and News, "Rib Lake barkings." ¶ Last fall when it looked as though it would hardly be cold enough to make an ice road for the hauler, someone wished that the lake would freeze so hard that the fish would have to come up to the Hot Pond for a drink. This was hardly fulfilled, but the ice that formed was so strong that only two [sleigh] loads of logs went through [the ice on Rib Lake]."	The steam hauler could and regularly did pull massive loads of logs from Camp 9. The logs were on sleighs. The ice road was constructed to have a thick bed of ice frequently over a foot thick. The problem arose when you reached Rib Lake. It is my understanding that the steam hauler would not be taken onto the lake for fear that it may break through the ice. Rather, teams of horses would pull the loaded sleigh onto the ice. The team would be quickly unhitched and removed. Many of the heavier loaded sleighs would eventually settle down and break through the ice. In short, logging was a tricky and dangerous business.	

6/3/1921	Rib Lake - Village	"Fredrick Miller, one of Rib Lake's early settlers and one of the first resident builders here, residing on what was known at the time as Shaw Town, died in Richmond, West Virginia last week. The family moved away from here about 15 years ago. Mr. Miller was a member of the local Camp 890, M.W. of A. [Modern Woodman of America]."	What was to become the Village of Rib Lake once had two distinct halves. The earliest portion of Rib Lake was on the south side, south of Railroad Street. It was named Kennedy Town after J.J. Kennedy. ¶ In 1892 Fayette Shaw constructed the tannery and built company houses north of Fayette Avenue. That part of town was dubbed Shaw Town. ¶ In the center was open land, including a horse racing track. When the open land was subdivided it became McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake.	
6/3/1921	Schools	"The following are graduates from Rib Lake High School this year, printed in alphabetical order: Margaret Clendenning, William McLellan, Peter Norville, Iona Pacourek, Irene Patrick, Edward Schaack, Fred Symon, Arthur Taylor and Helen Williams."		
6/10/1921	Spirit Lake	"Mr. Bradfish, manager of the Rib Lake Telephone Company exchange, is building a new telephone line to the cottages at Spirit Lake. The first telephone will be put into Dr. Wichman's cottage. W.W. Detert and Wesley Steil are helping Mr. Bradfish."		
6/17/1921	Hunting & Clubs/Orders	SPORTMEN ATTENTION! "The Rib Lake Reserve Rifle Club organized several years ago has on hand a considerable amount of inside and outside range target equipment, some rifles and ammunition. This property is owned by the War Department, and will have to be turned in unless enough members can be enrolled, to pay up dues and arrears and revive activity. These clubs will receive material aid through the War Department and will furnish wholesome amusement to men who are interested in improving their marksmanship. ¶ We need 10 or 12 men who will be willing to spend not to exceed \$3-\$5 per year to keep going. Prompt action is necessary. Apply to G.F. Braun, Secretary."		
6/17/1921	Tannery & Railroads	"The tannery locomotive has been in the machine shop of the RLLC to have its boiler repaired."		
6/17/1921	Camp 18	"Otto Olson, who has been helping out as cook at Camp 18, is home again, the position taken by Oscar Peterson permanently. ¶ Carl Yorde was badly hurt at Camp 18."		
6/24/1921	War - Soldiers	WAR HERO LAID TO REST - REMAINS OF PRIVATE WILFORD LEHMAN LAID TO REST SUNDAY, JUNE 19. "Rib Lake has never seen a more impressive funeral than that of Private Wilford Lehman last Sunday, June 19. The ex-servicemen, or Veterans of the World War, were represented by members from the various branches of the service, both land and sea, and Dr. Carl E. Lehman, the only marine present, was chosen the color bearer. ¶ Captain Edwin Johnson and Company of Home Guards were in charge. ¶ Private Wilford Lehman was born in Montaque, Michigan, Sept. 9, 1896. He enlisted on April 24, 1917 and served in Company G 127th infantry, 32nd division. He was killed in action August 5, 1918. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman, Sr., 3 sisters, Mabel, Myrtle and Lucille, and 3 brothers, Freddie, Henry and Earl. His oldest brother, Guy, died in the army of influenza while in England."		
6/24/1921	Spirit Lake	"Fred Lietz's mill at Spirit Lake is sawing lumber."	The Taylor County plat book as late as 1972 showed Albert Lietz as the owner of land 1/4 mile south of Little Spirit Lake, to wit, NE 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 5, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. In 2008, the land is owned by the indefatigable John Heiser.	
7/1/1921	RLLC	"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Korns of Chattanooga, Tennessee, arrived in Rib Lake last week. Mr. Korns has been bookkeeper in the tannery office at said place for the past 16 years and has been transferred to Rib Lake to take charge of the books of the RLLC in place of Mr. Williams, who has been promoted to general manager of the company. We hope they will like it here."		
7/15/1921	Harper Lake	"Jacob Kapitz has sold the G.N. Harder cottage at Harper Lake to some parties in Chicago."	George N. Harder was the former president of the RLLC. The cottage, named Hillside, is presently owned by Dr. and Mrs. Hanson of Marshfield.	
7/15/1921	Stephen Konz	IS FORGING AHEAD. "A recent issue of "The Hardwood", a magazine for lumbermen, has the following mention of S.A. Konz, a former Rib Lake man: "The Konz Box and Lumber Company of Appleton, manufacturer of cheese boxes, crating, veneers, etc, has opened a new department, which will engaged in the wholesale and retail lumber business. The company recently build a new sawmill and the lumber department will handle the surplus output as well as dealing generally in wood products. It is owned by the same interests as the Seymour Woodenware Company at Seymour, north of Appleton, which has recently completed the construction of a new plant to replace the one destroyed by fire last fall. S.A. Konz is president of both corporations.""		

7/15/1921	O.A. Peterson	"Oscar Peterson has opened a restaurant in Peterson's Opera House building and is ready for business. The place will be known as the "Busy Bee Café". Meals will be served at all hours and the place is open from 5 in the morning until 12 at night. In addition to serving meals, Mr. Peterson is baking bread for the trade. He is an experienced hand in this business, having conducted a restaurant in Libbey, Montana for several years. Billy Timm is assistant chef."	The 1920s were boom years for Rib Lake. The RLLC mill went to running two shifts, each 10 hour days.	
7/22/1921	RLLC	"Mr. Warren H. Horton, president of the RLLC, was here Friday on a tour of inspection. ¶ S.J. Williams, general manager, and O.W. Steffek, sales manager, RLLC, were in Chicago two days this week to attend a midsummer convention of the Hemlock Manufacturer's Assoc."		
7/22/1921	Westboro	"Last Saturday the mill tooted its last toot forever and for aye. About 7 o'clock the same evening fire caught from the burner and only prompt action on the part of those in charge saved the mill from burning."		
7/23/1921	Law	"When Governor Blain on Monday signed the women's rights bill, Wisconsin became the first state in the union where women have equal rights with men under the civil laws."		
7/29/1921	Businesses	WILL BUY STORE OF P.E. MARCUS. "The Rib Lake Co-operative Mercantile Company incorporated for \$50,000 on July 8, is taking inventory in the stock of the store of P.E. Marcus for the purpose of taking the same over, together with the lot and buildings, within the next few days. ¶ The officers of the new Rib Lake Co-operative Company are as follows: John Burzlaff president; George Schreiner, Carl Radtke, Fred Lietz and August Mielke, directors. So far 87 shares at \$200 each have been subscribed. It is all Rib Lake capital. ¶ Mr. Marcus has been in business in Rib Lake the past 23 years and is one of the most successful businessmen in the county. He intends to take a vacation as soon as he can and will then make plans for his future ventures. It is very probable that he will manage the store for a while, at least until the directors secure the services of another manager."	The store was located on the SE corner of McComb and Landall Streets. ¶ P.E. Marcus' store was called the Fair. It was a major advertiser in the Herald, especially prior to WWI.	
8/12/1921	Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rusch and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rusch and son of Mellen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Klatt and two sons of Fairchild, arrived in Rib Lake Wednesday to visit relatives and friends."		
8/26/1921	Rusch	"Mrs. Albert [Ida Lange, a/k/a Ida Rusch] Knop was very agreeably surprised Saturday by the arrival of her sister, Mrs. Augusta Bartig, and her son Arthur and his wife and Miss Ruth Bartig, who autoed over from Augusta, Wisconsin, to spend the weekend with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Knop. They returned to their home on Monday."		
8/26/1921	Spirit Lake & Agriculture	"Louis Strand was in from the Spirit Lake settlement, where he owns the old Frank Knorn farm, with his Ford tractor. He has an attachment consisting of 2 tractor wheels which are put on in place of the two rear wheels of his Ford touring car and convert it into a tractor to do work on the farm or haul a trailer. When the regular wheels are put back on the car, it becomes a touring car again. This is the only outfit of its kind in this section."		
9/9/1921	Camp 18	"The work on the RLLC's telephone line to Camp 18 is progressing nicely. The line will cover about 24 miles."		
9/16/1921	Stumpville	"J.J. Lemke and family left Tuesday morning for Amber, Wisconsin, a small station north of Owen, where Mr. Lemke will have charge of a sawmill. Mr. Lemke has been in the sawmill business for more than a quarter of a century and the past 3 years has had charge of a mill on Rib River, the place sometimes being called Stumptown [Stumpville]."	I take it that the mill at Stumpville has closed. It was on the Wood River, not the Rib River.	
9/16/1921	Roads & People	"Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everson, who sold their farm near Harper Lake, have moved to the Village of Westboro. He told us something of the hardships encountered when he settled on said farm which was then a piece of wilderness, 35 years ago, and had to tote in everything on a jumper, which was about 3 feet high, so it could straddle the stumps and stones in the path, then called a road. He was road commissioner for 25 years in his district and what roads there are in said district were built by him from small appropriations and sometimes at a loss to him. But there was no other way. Road buiding in those days through timber, marsh and hills with a hard proposition and road machinery could not be used, and if it could, there was none. Mr. and Mrs. Everson are two of the pioneers now left who made the wilderness in this part of the state habitable."	The Fred Everson farm stretched from the northeastern edge of South Harper lake eastward to the middle of Section 12. It was bounded on the north by what is today Rustic Road #1. The Everson farm fields lay just south of Long Lake. They are nearly all grown up into trees as of 2008. ¶ Note the use of the word tote. The Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club has preserved much of the old tote road leading northeast of the Village of Rib Lake by incorporating it into the trail system and marking it with silver paint blazes.	
9/23/1921	Camp 18	"Mrs. Charles Talbot is cooking at the loading camp, the other side of Camp 18, until the job of loading is finished. Dan Pilon was cook out there but was transferred to Camp 9, so Mrs. Talbot took charge to help out."		
9/23/1921	Camp 15	"John Mitchell is down from Ogema and has gone to Camp 15."		

9/30/1921	Entertainment - Rib Lake - Township	"The town board of the Town of Rib Lake has appointed Fred Freiboth constable, to be present at all dances at the town hall to insure good behavior and moral conduct of the dancers. His salary, \$3 per evening, has to be paid by the parties renting the hall, besides the \$5 rent. Further, the board resolved that the hall shall be rented for dances only once a month, which action is also taken by the authorities from the Town of Greenwood. Hall must be closed promptly by 12 o'clock midnight. Signed Ernst Zuther, Chairman; Albert Knop, Fred Leitz, Town Board."		
9/30/1921	Library	REPORT OF THE RIB LAKE FREE LIBRARY. "Number of books at beginning of year, adults 842, juvenile 326. Number of books added during year, adult 92, juvenile 11. Number of reference books at beginning of year, 165. Number of reference books added, 2. Number of fiction books lent in year, adults, 2525. Number of juvenile books lent during the year 1120. Number of periodicals lent in year 483. Total numbers lent 4,028. Number of current magazines regularly subscribed for, 13."		
9/30/1921	Rusch	"Louis Steiner and family loaded up Saturday to visit Mrs. Steiner's brother, Joseph Amol, and family."		
10/7/1921	Obituary & Tannery	JOHN HANIFEN. "In the death of John Hanifen, Rib Lake suffered the loss of an esteemed and valued citizen who breathed his last Monday, October 3. Three years ago July he suffered a stroke of paralysis while sitting in a chair in front of the tannery office. He was superintendent of the Rib Lake Tannery at that time. From that stroke until death he was an invalid and the last 4 weeks of his life he was confined to his bed. ¶ Mr. Hanifen was 56 years old. He was born in Laharbor Lake, Nova Scotia. In the fall of 1890 he moved to Wisconsin and was given the position of superintendent of Shaw's Tannery at Medford and Perkinstown. September 17, 1892 he married Ms. Blanche Colbath. In 1910 he moved to Rib Lake to take charge of the Rib Lake Tannery. ¶ The pallbearers were Fred Curran, Herbert Curran, Ewold Nelson, Charles Paige and Otto Rusch and Alex Norville."		
10/7/1921	Businesses & Rib Lake Wood Products Co.	BOOST FOR THE CHAIR FACTORY. "At a meeting of the stockholders of the Rib Lake Wood Products Company held Oct. 3 it was decided that the Rib Lake Wood Products Company would sell its property in the Village of Rib Lake to a new company, which will be formed here as soon as possible. ¶ This new company will be known as the Rib Lake Chair and Manufacturing Company and will be engaged in the manufacture of kitchen, dinner, parlor and other chairs, besides some other lines of furniture."		
10/14/1921	Businesses & Spirit Lake	"Harry Magnusen, near Stone Lake, is starting a fox farm. He has one pair to start with."	Under the leadership of his sons, Lester and Herbert, the Magnuson Brothers fur farm thrived. It is still operating as of Feb. 3, 2008.	
10/14/1921	Camp 15	"Fire of unknown origin destroyed about 200,000 feet of logs with bark on the rollways at Camp 15 of the RLLC last week Wednesday and Thursday. These logs were known as windfalls but were sound and the bark was on them because it could not be peeled. This is the main reason why the logs caught fire. The bark was dry and in condition to ignite very easily, which it did, despite all precautions and watchfulness of the company's men who work in that neighborhood every day."		
10/14/1921	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. William Kennedy and her granddaughter, Maxine Olson, of Chippewa Falls, are visiting Mrs. H.J. Kennedy and son and daughter for a week. Mrs. Kennedy was one of the pioneer citizens of Rib Lake, later moving to Medford, then to Abbotsford, and now she is living at Chippewa Falls."	William Kennedy was a brother of J.J. Kennedy. Hugh J. Kennedy was another brother.	
10/21/1921	O.A. Peterson	SHIPPING LOGS TO RIB LAKE. "About 200 [railroad] carloads of logs from the paper mills at Port Edwards are being shipped to Rib Lake to be sawed into lumber and lath at O.A. Peterson's sawmill. The readers of the Herald will remember there was a big fire at Port Edwards some time ago and about 2 feet million of logs, shipped there to be manufactured into paper, were damaged more or less. Mr. Peterson went to Port Edwards to see what damage the fire did and made the best bids on the logs to the insurance companies with the result the logs are coming to Rib Lake to be manufactured into lumber and lath and give Rib Lake people employment. When the people of Port Edwards learned that the logs will be shipped out, some of the businessmen went up in the air and the sawmill there offered to saw the logs for him and give the unemployed there something to do. Mr. Peterson, however, told them he can saw them just as cheaply himself, and, besides, his mill crew in Rib Lake wants something to do during the winter, so the logs are coming to Rib Lake. ¶ If everyone of us can get the habit of saying good things for Rib Lake and plugging for more business for Rib Lake,	Other information in the Herald indicated that there was widespread unemployment in the lumber industry in north Wisconsin. Many mills were closed.	
10/21/1921 (cont)	O.A. Peterson (cont)	the hard times won't be half as bad as they might be."		
10/21/1921	RLLC & History - Oct. 21, 1921	""Our News and Views," a publication by and for the employees of the Central Leather Company, in its issue for September has some nice write-ups of Rib Lake. The illustrations pictured of S.J. Williams, general manager, O.W. Steffek, sales manager, Walter Patrick, the walking boss; "Spike" Cameron blowing a dinner horn; office of the RLLC; the pond near the camp; the new root house near Camp 16; the gasoline "buzz wagon"; the woods engine; a bark peeler at work; and last but not least, Ed Franz, commonly known as "Kapoot".	DO YOU THINK OUR GREAT LIBRARIAN DAVID JUDELL CAN GET A COPY OF THIS PUBLICATION?	

10/28/1921	Law & Rib Lake - Township	TOWN OF RIB LAKE WINS LAWSUIT. "The case of Dr. Nystrom against the Town of Rib Lake was perhaps the most important, in a certain direction, ever tried in the Taylor County Circuit Court. It did not only interest the people of the Town of Rib Lake, but the taxpayer in general, and the outcome of it was watched by all alike, automobile owner and taxpayer. ¶ For a long time it was apparent that something had to be done to check the suits for damages, caused by automobile accidents, which in the past have threatened to grow up as mushrooms in a manure pile after a rain."	The Herald went into detail regarding the claims in the lawsuit. It boiled down to the fact that Dr. Nystrom wanted \$8,000 damages for injuries to himself, his family and automobile for an accident that occurred on the Harper Lake Rd. Dr. Nystrom claimed he met a car driven by Gus Hippa, Jr. that caused him to have an accident. The apparent claim was that the road was ill constructed or ill maintained, thereby subjecting the town to liability. ¶ The town was represented by Atty. Schweppe of Medford. The plaintiff was represented by Atty. Murat of Stevens Point. ¶ Attorney Schweppe's closing argument poked fun at the doctor's testimony. Schweppe told the jury "had this happened before the prohibition time, man would have something stronger than 2 1/2%, but" he added "that is not the case now anymore." This was a reference to the fact that the doctor's testimony was contradictory and could have been ascribed to intoxication but for the prohibition law. ¶ The jury ruled unanimously in favor of the township.	
10/28/1921	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy are coming to Rib Lake from Keller, Washington, on a visit in the very near future."	Angus Kennedy is the brother of J.J. Kennedy and the first to leave Rib Lake for the west. Q-Did the Herald previously report the death of Angus Kennedy? Answer: No, that was Hugh J. Kennedy, brother to Angus and J.J. Kennedy.	
10/28/1921	Agriculture	"Benedict Kofler, who bought the Kmatz farm, planted some watermelons last spring and succeeded in raising quite a few good sized ones that ripened. Two of them are on exhibition at the First National Bank. Who says this country is too far north for farming?"		
10/28/1921	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"Dr. G.C. Wichman went to Chicago Thursday night last week to attend the Annual Convention of Surgeons of the Soo Railroad. He returned Sunday morning."	Dr. Wichman, M.D. was in private practice and resided in Rib Lake. He was apparently on some approved list put out by the Soo Line Railroad.	
10/28/1921	RLLC	"Petition [to the Village Board] of the RLLC seeking permission to cross the street and roads in the Village of Rib Lake with their private telephone line from their camps in Lincoln County to the RLLC office and across the street at Clerf Blacksmith Shop, thence down the alley back of Upjohn's Drug Store to the residence of W. B. Patrick, the line being for private use only, was read."	Petition approved. Walter B. Patrick was the walking boss for the RLLC at the time. He was in charge of all woods operations, including all of the camps.	
10/28/1921	Law & Rib Lake - Village	"Application of Alois Seidel [to the Rib Lake Village Board] for a permit for the sale of near beer and other non-intoxicating beverages was read. It was decided to ballot on same. There were 5 ballots cast, all being unfavorable. Permit was denied."		
10/28/1921	Camp 9	"Peter Fuchs went to work at Camp 9 Tuesday morning."		
11/4/1921	Businesses	"C.G. McCaustland and his carpenter crew are building a summer porch on the south side of the Commercial Hotel for Landlord Mathias. The same will be a double-decker, 8 feet wide and will be screened in."		
11/4/1921	RLLC & Rusch	"Walter B. Patrick and John Mitchell were in Medford last week to call on Otto Ruesch, formerly camp foreman for the RLLC."	The late Frank Erdman of Rib Lake told me - when I interviewed him in 1981 - that Camp 6 of the RLLC operated for 1 year and had a Ruesch as foreman. This foreman was Johann "Otto" Ruesch.	
11/4/1921	O.A. Peterson	LATH AND TIE TIMBER WANTED! "I am in the market for lath timber, such as hemlock, balsam, spruce and pine, delivered at the mill. 7 inch stuff must be 4 feet, 2 inches long. Larger stuff can be 8 feet, 2 inches long. ¶ Tie timber must be 8 1/2 inches or more in diameter and 8 feet, 2 inches long, signed O.A. Peterson, Rib Lake, Wis."	This is a 6 x 8" advertisement in the Herald. Note that Peterson was buying logs just 4 feet long. Ole Peterson was creating a niche market and was very successful in doing so.	



11/11/1921	Businesses	1. John McRae, Rib Lake Bakery, a nice line of fresh goods always on hand. Quality and a square deal is the motto of this shop. Give us a call! ¶ 2. O. Winters Shoe and Harness Shop, there is a Dr. Scholl appliance or remedy for every foot ailment or deformity. ¶ 3. E.L. Bushaw, tonsorial parlor [barbershop], we use you right, service is our motto. ¶ 4. George F. Braun, for bargains in farm, timber land and town property, we specialize in fire and automobile insurance. ¶ 5. The Rib Lake Herald, if you are not already a subscriber and wish to keep in touch with the doings in this community and help make us a better newspaper, then subscribe for the Rib Lake Herald and let us do your printing. ¶ 6. John A. Taylor, hardware, farm implements, barn equipment and Dodge cars. ¶ 7. Oscar Peterson-The Busy Bee Cafe, meals and short orders. ¶ 8. Art Herrem, merchant taylor, dealer in clothing, french fry cleaning and steam pressing is specialty. ¶ 9. W.J. Bradfish, electrical installation appliances and repairing. ¶ 10. W. Banks, livery, bus and dray lie. ¶ 11. The First National Bank of Rib Lake, the old reliable, always at your service.	30 of the local merchants have taken out a full page ad to plug the Thanksgiving Ball. I have quoted their ads.	
11/11/1921 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 12. The Big Store, dealers in general merchandise and flour and feed and Gotzian shoes. ¶ 13. Frank Poole, furniture and undertaking, agent for Buick and Ford cars, we will sell at cost the Marvel vacuum cleaner. ¶ 14. Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company, Kodak's Confectionary Magazines and drug sundries. ¶ 15. August Wegner, for a first class haircut and shave, white front barbershop, opposite the post office. ¶ 16. Bob Hess, proprietor, North Side Garage, dealer in genuine Ford parts, overhauling and repairing. ¶ 17. F. Niggemann and Co., come in and look over our line of rubbers and shoes, Mackinaw coats and caps, prices are right. ¶ 18. O.A. Peterson, I will sell hardwood shiplap November 15-25 for \$16 per 1,000 feet. Also will buy your lath timber at highest prices. ¶ 19. Ed Johnson-The Armory, high class motion pictures and other entertainments! ¶ 20. Clausen's Electric Shop, storage batteries, we are in a position to give absolutely the best battery service in Taylor Co, winter storage, vulcanizing oxy-acetylene welding. ¶ 21. Jacob Kapitz, People's Meat Market. Kapitz means old Jake at the new People's Meat Market.		
11/11/1921 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 22. E.M. Kelnhofer, the store of quality and quantity. Try us. ¶ 23. Buy your flour and feeds, all quality goods, Brehm's Flour and Feed Store. ¶ 24. Thomas H. Brehm, the most reliable auctioneer in the northwest. He gets the prices. ¶ 25. Phillip A. Goelz, cigars, tobacco and soft drinks. ¶ 26. Jake C. Janda, dealer in fruits, confectionary, groceries, novelty, school supplies, phonographs and records. ¶ 27. Frank Tauber, life and accident insurance. ¶ 28. Phillip Arnold, satisfied customers come from Arnold's Hardware Store., ¶ 29. Albert Marschke, soft drink parlor, candy and cigars. ¶ 30. Rib Lake Cooperative Mercantile Company, dealers in general merchandise, flour, feed and farm machinery.		
11/18/1921	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kennedy are visiting at River Falls at the home of her brother, John Allard."		
11/18/1921	Camp 18 & Hunting	"Chester Curran shot a wild cat near Camp 18. It weighed 32 pounds. Hunters say it is the largest and nicest specimen of the wild feline ever bagged in these parts."		
11/18/1921	RLLC	"The sawmill of the RLLC shut down for repairs last Saturday after being in constant operation, with the exception of short stops for repairs, since February, 1917. The planing mill will continue in operation to fill orders now on hand and as more are received. At present it cannot be said for certainty when the mill will start again, but everyone hopes that it will be soon."		
11/25/1921	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Angus Kenedy arrived in Rib Lake Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and old-time friends. They are staying at the home of Mrs. Kennedy's brother, A.J. Allard."	I truly don't get it. One of the founding fathers of Rib Lake returns to Rib Lake after being gone for about 18 years, and that's all the editor can say and do?	
		AT THIS POINT THE BOUND VOLUMES OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD CEASE AND SO I AM BEGINNING USING MICROFILM.		
		SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING STATUS OF RIB LAKE HERALD. ACCORDING TO DAVID JUDELL, HEAD LIBRARIAN AT RIB LAKE, THE BOUND VOLUMES OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD HAVE A GAP BEGINNING DEC. 2, 1921 AND RUNNING UNTIL JANUARY 6, 1939. THERE ARE NO ACTUAL COPIES OF THE HERALD KNOWN TO EXIST ANYWHERE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE NO MICROFILM OR FILMED COPIES OF THE HERALD DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME KNOWN TO EXIST.		