

Abbreviations:

RL = Rib Lake

RLH = Rib Lake History

RLHe = Rib Lake Herald

RLLC = Rib Lake Lumber Company

**Rib Lake History - by Robert P. Rusch**  
***Rib Lake Herald: Annotated Chronology - Volume 3: 1922-1941***

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Odds & Ends - There is a large gap within the Rib Lake Herald editions. Most editions from the years 1922 to 1938 have been lost. Approximately 25 editions of the Herald have been recovered from the Rib Lake High School and they are in the period that are otherwise not covered.

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Date- Printed	Topic	Quote	RPR Comments
<b>1930</b>			
1/3/1930	Businesses	A GOOD RESOLUTION "Most likely everyone has made some kind of New Year's resolution before the year 1929 closed. We have thought of one and believe it will be worth your careful perusal. ¶ "I firmly resolve to do all my trading in Rib Lake during the year of 1930, if it is possible and convenient for me to do, and especially at the merchants who give me credit when I have no cash and when one of my family is sick." ¶ Whatever resolution you make this year, be sure to include one that will help your hometown."	
1/3/1930	Businesses	NOTICE "I will cut and haul ice as soon as it is thick enough. Ice that comes from Spring Water Lake is pure and leaves ice box with no bad odors. We will also pack ice to satisfy you as we haul it. Signed Otto Brehm, Rib Lake."	This is a reference to the business of harvesting natural ice from the lakes. The idea of packing the ice was to put it into a building or room where it was usually covered with a thick layer of sawdust; thus protected, it would last well into the summer.
1/3/1930	Railroads - RLLC	NAT JOHNSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE "When Nathaniel Johnson was going home Tuesday afternoon in his new Chevrolet Coupe, his car and Engineer Frank Hayward's locomotive got onto the crossing at Pfeiffer's corner, on the east side of the Village on State Highway 102, at the same time with the result that the automobile was pushed down the track a ways and badly damaged and Mr. Johnson's right arm and his head bruised. He came in on the engine and had Dr. Lapham fix him up and then Mrs. Lapham took him home. He says he feels pain in his arm and other parts of his body and is glad it was no worse and that he escaped with his life. His car was taken to the South Side Garage for repairs.	This accident happened approximately 50 feet south of the layout of State Trunk Highway 102 as it exists in 2008. What was then Highway 102 is now called East Road.
1/3/1930 (cont)	Railroads - RLLC (cont)	¶ Engineer Hayward, with Fireman Otto Halverson, were pulling about 35 loads of logs up a steep grade and Mr. Hayward blew the whistle for the crossing and the engine was puffing hard, but conditions of the air or -what you may call it - were such that Mr. Johnson did not hear the whistle nor the racket the locomotive was making and did not see the train until he was in the center of the crossing and the engine was bearing down upon him. You can imagine how anything like that will frighten a person. There is only one sure way to cross tracks, whether it be in the country, town, city or village - STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! When you are SURE the track is clear, go ahead."	
1/3/1930	RLLC	"Bob Hess has gone to Athens to run the steam log hauler this winter. ¶ J.F. Sisley, Vice President of the RLLC, was in Milwaukee Tuesday on business."	

1/3/1930	Businesses	The following businesses took out smaller ads on a full page of the Herald devoted to the Farmers Institute and farm exhibits: First National Bank, Rib Lake, Wis., capital and surplus \$35 million. ¶ J.A. Taylor, Hardware and Farm Implements, furniture and undertaking "The orange front hardware." ¶ Rib Lake Cooperative Creamery Company, affiliated with Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., largest manufacturers of sweet cream butter in the world. ¶ Dr. C.C. Smith, Dentist. ¶ Ed Johnson, proprietor, Armory Theatre, high class motion pictures and other entertainments. ¶ The Big Store, Peter Bogumill, proprietor, ready to wear and tailor made clothes, shoes, dry goods, groceries, flour and feed. Our entire line of fall and winter merchandise going at cost. ¶ Buksa Brothers, proprietors, Cozy Recreation Parlor. ¶ Dr. E.A. Lapham, M.D. ¶ Star Recreation Parlor, J.A. Hurtgen, proprietor, spend your leisure hours at the Star. ¶ "Where good quality costs less. Phone 512, Pure Foods, G.L. Seidel, choice and fancy groceries, dry goods and chinaware." ¶ The Tourist Inn, Peter Beck, proprietor, meals served at all hours, prompt service. ¶ Rib Lake Roller Mill, Victor Kohn, manager, dealer in flour and Schreiber's	
1/3/1930 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	Striped Sack cattle, poultry and hog feeds: feed for every need. We grind every day. ¶ Log Cabin Service Station, William Gilge, proprietor, gasoline, oils, grease, tires and tubes. ¶ The Rib Lake Herald, official Village paper. "prints the local, county and state news. Covers the local field completely which makes it a good advertising medium." ¶ Good Luck Restaurant, Oscar Peterson, proprietor, regular meals and short orders, open all night. ¶ Victor Gustafson Lumber Company, everything to build anything. ¶ O. Winters, sells "Red Goose" shoes, also harness goods. ¶ National Hotel, Waters and Reed proprietors, board by the day or week, steam bath, running water bath. ¶ Cozy Corner Cafe, Mrs. Charles Dodge, proprietor, the best part of the meal is in the cooking. We specialize in the good old fashioned cooking at this restaurant. Regular meals or short orders at popular prices and you will enjoy them. ¶ Fred Niggemann, dealer in general merchandise, Foot Schulze shoes, McKibben hats and caps, a complete line of dry goods, staple and fancy groceries, Phone 47. ¶ Frank L. Becker, dealer in general merchadise. ¶ Rib Lake Lumber Company, manufacturers of northern hemlock and hardwood	
1/3/1930 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	lumber. ¶ Rib Lake Bakery, John McRae, proprietor, a supply of nice fresh bread, rolls, donuts, cakes and pastry always on hand. Meals at regular hours. ¶ Phil J. Arnold, Atwater, Kent, Philco and Eveready radios, hardware, paints and oils. Star Barn Equipment. ¶ Novak's Meat Market, dealer in fresh and salt meats, sausage is specialty. ¶ Arnt Herrem, mens and boys clothing, tailoring, dry cleaning and pressing. Clothes we sell do fit. ¶ Jake C. Janda, Tri-State Ice Cream, a specialty, groceries, confections and notions. ¶ Zip's Barbershop, first class work at all times. ¶ You take no chance when you insure with Freiberg-Trantow Agency. Old line companies. ¶ Edward Blasch, dealer in all kinds of barn equipment, lightning rods, water systems, Oakland and Pontiac automobiles. ¶ Something all would like to know, what a barbershop where work repeats is executed clean and neat, try us. W.S. Calvert. ¶ Post Office ¶ William Banks, Livery and dray line. ¶ O.A. Peterson, dealer in general merchandise. ¶ George Braun, Sr., dealer in forest products, real estate, Soo Railroad lands, especially high prices paid for peeled balsam. ¶ White Front Barbershop, August Wegner, proprietor, and get a	
1/3/1930 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	good haircut and shave when you are in town. Special attention paid to ladies hair bobbing. ¶ H.C. Headstream, watch maker and jeweler. All work given careful attention and done properly. ¶ Frank Tauber, general insurance, loans, real estate. ¶ Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company, Kodaks, confectionary, magazines, Rexall lines of drug sundries. ¶ The Pal, Art Swanson, proprietor, Medford quality ice cream, billiard room, confectionary. ¶ The Lakeside, Ed Stamm, proprietor, confectionary, ice cream, cigars and soft drinks, gas and oils. ¶¶The next side of the Herald added the following advertisements: ¶ Robert Wensel, proprietor, South Side Garage, auto accessories, tires, batteries, welding, battery charging, day and night wrecking service. Give us a trial."	
1/3/1930	Rib Lake Herald	"J.J. Voemastek, publisher of this paper, has been on the sick list for a number of days but is feeling quite a bit better now."	
1/3/1930	Businesses	"Jacob Kapitz was in Chicago with a [railroad] carload of Christmas trees and his son-in-law, Jacob Bursik, was with him. They came back day after Christmas."	
1/3/1930	Greenwood	"George Fleegel loaded two [railroad] cars of poplar bolts at Chelsea last week. ¶ The Greenwood Cheese Factory is running pretty good now. He has quite a few new customers and is paying top prices in cheese."	

<b>1934</b>			
12/14/1934	Schools & Entertainment	RIB LAKE HIGH WINS OPENING HOME GAME "The Rib Lake High School basketball team defeated Westboro last evening on their home floor by a score of 17-10 in a very snappy game. ¶ Westboro netted 3 points in the first quarter and succeeded in holding the locals scoreless. At the end of the half, Rib Lake had forged ahead and the score stood 5-3. ¶ The locals seemed to have very hard luck in shooting at the basket and this resulted in a much lower score than they should have had. It seemed they were unable to make any "sucker shots" and Bill Sisley and George Schaack missed a number of these. ¶ Westboro had several men on the team who had never played before and this was a handicap to them. However, they put up a scrappy battle from start to finish. ¶ The Rib Lake High School second team won an easy victory over Westboro's second team by a score of 33-14. ¶ Many of the spectators stayed for the dance given after the game."	These were the days when both Rib Lake and Westboro had their own high schools.
12/14/1934	Law	ILLINOIS MAN FINED. "Fritz Anderson of Wilamet, Illinois, was fined \$10 and costs by Justice Blakeslee at Medford December 7 for transporting Christmas trees without a proper license. Harry Hosford, Conservation Warden, filed the complaint against Anderson."	At this time the state regulated the transportation of Christmas trees as part of the reforestration effort. It was aimed at prohibiting the unlawful cutting and stealing of Christmas trees. As late as the 1960s, if you were driving, for example, to Milwaukee with a balsam fir Christmas tree, you were to have in your possession a note signed by some landowner indicating that you had had permission to cut the tree.
12/14/1934	Mud Lake & Camps - Jobber	"Stephan Rezutek started work in the L.P. Lamberty camp last week."	Lambert Lamberty was a resident of the Mud Lake area and ran a number of jobber camps in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wis. Jobber camps were lumbering operations run by a person who contracted to cut and deck trees owned by the RLLC. The jobber camps supplemented the production done by the numbered camps of the RLLC.
12/14/1934	Businesses	"Diamond Service Station, Day and night service, D-X gas, Diamond 706 oil, Quaker State oil, National tires and tubes and accessories, ice cream, candy and cigarettes, Art Schultz, proprietor."	This D-X gas station was located on the southeast corner of Fayette and McComb Ave. It is on Lot 12, Block B of McComb's Racing Park Addition. This was a choice business location because in 1934 State Trunk Highway 102 ran on McComb Avenue northward to Fayette Street where it turned and ran eastward on Fayette. In 2008, this site is occupied by Barry Anderson's body shop.

12/14/1934	Attorney	"Attorney Clifford Curran is doing office work for Attorney K.J. Urquhart of Medford, who is ill."	Clifford Curran was a native of Rib Lake who became an attorney. As late as the 1970s he practiced law out of an office on Second Street in Medford. Attorney Robert L. Brandner joined him in 1972 and formed the firm of Curran and Brandner. As of March 10, 2008, the sign "Curran and Brandner" still hangs on the side of the law office, although Attorney Curran died about 1980. If you want to have a little fun, call the law office and ask to speak to Attorney Curran.¶ The March 15, 1935, edition of the Herald advertised that Clifford L. Curran's Law Office was "over First National Bank, Rib Lake, Wis."
12/14/1934	Businesses	This edition of the Herald had ads for three businesses: 1. Millard Kapitz, Insurance Agent selling accident and life insurance. "The most dreaded enemy of all - accident and sickness! Are you protected??? Provide for your old age protection and financial independence. Insure now!" ¶ 2. Royer's Meat Market, Saturday only "wholesale chunks of meat, small hog or beef on sale. Lard per pound, 15 cents. Round steak, 12 1/2 cents. Sirloin 13 cents, T-Bone 13 cents, neck bone 5 cents, spare rib, 2# 25 cents, roast beef pound, 11 cents, short ribs beef, 8 cents". ¶ 3. Hat sale "Sale of felt hats at the Rib Lake Millinery Shop beginning Tuesday, December 18. Also scarf and cap sets suitable for Christmas gifts at bargain prices. Shop open each day from 2-6."	
<b>1935</b>			
3/15/1935	People & Rusch	"Mrs. Robert Bleck received a box of oranges and grapefruit from her sister, Mrs. Walter Kurth, Saturday morning. Mrs. Kurth lives at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but is spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida."	Both Mrs. Anna Bleck and Mrs. Bertha Kurth were my aunts.
3/15/1935	Spirit Lake	"Harry Swanson came home from the Medford Hospital this week. On January 12, a car ran him down on Highway 102 as he was going with Fred Lietz to his farm home this side of Spirit Lake, and he was taken to the hospital with a broken leg. He was in the hospital since that time. Nels St. Clair has been taking care of his farm."	
3/15/1935	Ole A. Peterson	"Mr. and Mrs. Russell Has of Bloomer, Wisconsin, moved here last Saturday and occupied the O.A. Peterson house on Church Street. Mr. Has is employed by the Rib Lake Dairy Company and has been working here since February 23."	This means sometime prior to March 15, 1935, Rib Lake lost one of its most colorful and successful businessmen in the person of O.A. "Ole" Peterson when he moved to Phillips.
3/15/1935	Businesses & RLLC & Camps - Jobber	"Paul Kaske and his daughter, Mrs. Adolph Walbeck, and her children [including Marlin "Shoes" Walbeck] went out to Krueger's camp Tuesday to visit Mrs. Paul Kaske, who is cooking there since last fall. Mr. Krueger is going to break camp soon and Mrs. Kaske is expected to come home in another week."	This is another example of a jobber camp. This jobber camp was run by the Kaske's. While I do not know the location of the Kaske jobber camp, I surmise that it was in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; at this time dozens of jobber camps were working there to augment the supply of logs flowing to the RLLC.

3/15/1935	RLLC	"F. Handeyside, General Sales Manager for the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, arrived in Rib Lake Tuesday morning on business at the office of the RLLC, and left in the evening for other points in Wisconsin. Mr. Handeyside makes his headquarters at Sheffield, Pennsylvania and told us Tuesday that they have not as much snow there as he finds in Wisconsin."	At this time the RLLC was owned and operated by a Delaware Corporation entitled "The Rib Lake Lumber Company of Delaware". That corporation was, in turn, owned by the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company and/or the U.S. Leather Company of New York. In 1935 the RLLC was purchased by 4 individuals, including Frank Handeyside and John D. "Jack" Mylrea. ¶ The front page of this volume has the letter of Mr. Handeyside to Jack Mylrea introducing the idea of the sale. See Doc. #10871 & #11554. It is my intention to give to the Rib Lake Public Library a CD that contains that and a host of other RLLC documents.
3/15/1935	Businesses	STEADY RECOVERY SHOWN BY RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS. "Retail sales from the United States during the calendar year 1934 are estimated at \$28,548,000 as compared with \$25,037,000 for 1933, an increase of 14%, according to statistics covering all lines just made public by the Department of Commerce. Every kind of trade and industry reported substantial increases, ranging from 25% in catalog sales of mail order houses, and 22% by the automotive group, down through restaurants, apparel stores, farmers supply and country general stores, furniture and household stores, each reporting 18% gains, to variety stores with 9%. In the food group, the lowest of all, was 7%. ¶ Total retail sales in 1934 recovered to a point where they were 58% of the 1929 total. The retail groups hit hardest during the <u>depression</u> were the furniture and household stores, with a low point in 1932 of 32% of 1929 sales. And farmers supply and country general store with a low point in 1932 of 33% of sales in the <u>great crash year</u> . <u>The lumber, building and hardwood group also registered a low of 33% in 1932.</u>	Here is proof that the US was slowly coming out of the Depression.
3/15/1935 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The group of retailers least affected by the depression were variety stores [resale], with a low point of 74%; restaurants, 67% and second hand stores, 71% in 1932 of their 1929 sales. ¶ Of particular interest is the showing in 1934 of restaurants, which had held up relatively well in the leanest years. Their 18% increase in sales last year over 1933 was largely due to the repeal of the 18th Amendment [the 18th Amendment prescribed prohibition-making it unlawful to manufacture and sell alcohol]. Reports to the retail trade section of the Commerce Department show conclusively that in 1934 the high rate of business that had been maintained by second hand stores declined proportionately as the people were able to make purchases of household effects from stores dealing primarily in those commodities." (emphasis added)	
3/15/1935	Businesses	VICTOR GUSTAFSON LUMBER COMPANY, RIB LAKE, WISCONSIN "We carry a complete stock of building materials, sash, lumber, doors, plaster, shingles, brick, trim, roofing, wall board, prompt service. Telephone office 2R2, Residence 2R3."	
3/15/1935	Church - Lutheran - St. Peters & Germania	"Lenten services in German and English at 1:15 p.m. Sunday."	F. Kammholz was the pastor. At that time he served both the St. Peter and St. John's congregations. Both churches continue to have portions of their services in German as of 1935.
3/15/1935	Church - Catholic	"Daily mass in Rib Lake at 8:00. Next Sunday mass in Rib Lake at 8:00 and in Greenwood at 10:00. Evening lenten devotions Sunday at 7:30. Lenten devotions every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Meeting of Christian Mother's Society the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00. ¶ W.C.O.F. meets the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 . ¶ M.C.O.F. meets the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. ¶ Meeting of the Altar Society on the third Wednesday evening of each month. Signed P. Dickopf, Pastor."	

3/15/1935	Schools	SCHOOL NOTES - 4TH GRADE "We have been studying about the lumber industry. Each one in our room made something for our project. We have the following scenes: a forest; huge pile of logs in the forest; a loader, loading a log on a flat car; a train; the engine, coal car and flat cars loaded with logs; a camp; a large sleigh load of logs; the mill pond with logs floating in it; a man using a peavy sending a log up the chute; the roundhouse water tank; machine shop; sorting room; planer; tramway. Besides, we have two bulletins, one "Protection and Care of Our Forests" and the other "Products of Lumber". Signed Ruth Peterson."	
3/15/1935 (cont)	Schools (cont)	5TH GRADE "The following pupils have received Palmer Method buttons: Erwin Frank, B. Brandt, Earl Reistad, Elizabeth Hohl, Geraldine Shelley, Jeanette Curran, Andrew Wilson, June Bettin, Robert Barnes, Mary Olecheck, Helen Maslonka, Joseph Rezutek, Loretta Ploeckelman, Dorothy Willetts, Gerald Reinhardt and Gaylund Jarish. Those who received a button are now working for another award. All others are working for their first button."	
3/15/1935	Physicians & Health	CLINIC-HOSPITAL, MEDFORD CLINIC AND HOSPITAL "Located at foot of State Street, Medford, Wisconsin. Clinic rooms are equipped to handle all cases. Office hours 9:00-12:00 a.m., 2:00-5:00 p.m. All day and night calls answered promptly, phone 279. Doctors: R.C. Nystrom, M.D.; D.M. Norton, M.D.; L.E. Nystrom, M.D."	
<b>1937</b>			
3/12/1937	Businesses	GUSTAFSON LUMBER COMPANY GETS BIG CEMENT ORDER "The Gustafson Lumber Company was the lowest bidder and were awarded a contract for 11,500 barrels of cement which will be used in building the federal government's dam west of Westboro. Bids were opened at Madison last week Thursday morning and the Gustafson Lumber Company was found to be the lowest bidder by about \$12.00. The numerous cement dealers in this section of the state had their bids in for the contract. ¶ The first carload of cement will arrive in Westboro within a short time and others will follow to keep the project going. It is said to be the largest order for cement in the entire state."	The dam in question is the Mondeaux dam. In 2008, it is still holding water and has created the Mondeaux Flowage and Recreation area in the Chequamegon National Forest.
3/12/1937	Agriculture	INTERESTING PROGRAM ON FARMER DAY "An interesting afternoon on Farmer's Day, March 18, is being planned by the members of the committee. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., the meeting will get underway at the Gem Theatre in Rib Lake. Speakers who will be here for that time are Professor George Briggs and Al Cramer, of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets. Mr. Briggs' subject will be crop problems. Mr. Cramer will discuss feeding and breeding dairy cattle. In addition, educational films will be shown. ¶ It is hoped that a large number of farmers will be able to attend this meeting. If there is enough interest shown, other meetings will be planned for the future. There will be no charge of any kind."	
3/12/1937	Rib Lake - Village	VILLAGE BOARD STUDIES COMMUNITY HALL PLAN "The subject of building a community hall in Rib Lake is being studied by the Village Board. At Tuesday's meeting, William Radtke, John Mauch and William Banks were appointed as a committee to find out what other villages have done in the line of community halls. It is expected that they will go to Arpin to look at a building there. The Village Board and the Commercial Club are cooperating on this proposed project."	

4/2/1937	Schools & Politics	RE-ELECT FOR COUNTY [SCHOOL] SUPERINTENDENT APRIL 6 SOPHIE OPITZ "1. Consider these qualifications: experience in rural, graded, village high schools, teacher training, one term in the field with the schools and communities of the county. ¶ 2. Aims for the future: Try to maintain a high standard of teaching efficiency; to continue 4-H club work, of much benefit to the boys and girls; to work for equal opportunity for all boys and girls. ¶ Advertisement - authorized and paid for by Sophie Opitz, Medford, Wisconsin."	In 1937 Taylor County still had the elected position of County School Superintendent. Sophie was running against Roy J. Forehand. Both were non-partisan. ¶ A paid ad for R.J. Forehand indicated he was 35 years old, married with 4 children, a taxpayer within the county, had 13 years' experience as principal of schools, 8 years at Hannibal and a Bachelor of Education degree. His platform read: "If I am elected, I pledge my friendly and sincere counsel and cooperation of all. I will establish a new high standard of efficiency and public service for the schools of Taylor County."
4/2/1937	Businesses	"Peter Bogumill bought a truckload of smelt early Saturday morning. He was on the road all night."	There is no explanation of what he intended to do with a truckload of smelt.
4/16/1937	Politics & Rusch	ONLY ONE OF CHELSEA'S OFFICIALS IS DEFEATED "Tuesday's election in the Town of Chelsea resulted in the re-election of all town officers with the exception of assessor. Town officers are as follows: Paul Schmoltdt, Chairman, who won over Charles Diels; Supervisors Louis Steiner, and James Peterson, no opposition; Treasurer Rudolph Neumueller, no opposition."	The April 16 edition of the Herald further reported: "Chester Steiner is a patient at the Medford Hospital following an accident in which he was severely injured while skidding wood. He is a son of Louis Steiner, local blacksmith."
4/16/1937	Businesses	JUNK WANTED, AT HIGHEST CASH PRICES "Aluminum per pound 10 cents, copper 6, brass 4, zinc 1 1/2, rags per hundred \$1.60, iron per hundred 25 cents, paper bundled per ctw 25 cents; paper, loose per hundred 20 cents, batteries each 80 cents, radiators each 75-\$1.50. ¶ Also have a 1926 Ford Coach for sale. Signed Walter Bacholtz, Rib Lake Junk Dealer."	Just beneath ad is another ad reading "KIDS! KIDS! Bring in your junk Saturday, somebody's going to get that \$10 prize, why not you? Bring the junk to the old Marschke barn every Saturday."
4/16/1937	Roads	"State Highway 102 from 13 to Rib Lake is in excellent condition this spring. The blacktop prevented water to soak into the road bed and no frost holes have made their appearances so far. What a contrast the present road is to what we had in former years."	
4/16/1937	Camp 25 & RLLC	"Matt Whiting, foreman in Camp 25, is off on a visit to his home and relatives in Minnesota until the ground in the woods dries out so men and teams can go to work."	
5/7/1937	Politics	BOECKLER RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY BOARD	Max Zuther was a county board representative for the Town of Rib Lake; Millard "Satch" Kapitz served as county board representative for the Village. At that time each municipality in the county had a representative. Later that system was changed to reflect the principle of one man-one vote. Districts cutting across municipal boundaries were formed in order to make the population within each district almost uniform. That is a system we use for county board elections in 2008. Rolland "Rollie" Thums represents both the Village and Town of Rib Lake west of CTH C in 2008.
5/7/1937	Entertainment & Harper Lake	EXPECT TO TAKE ACTION ON BATHING BEACH PLAN "At the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club held on Tuesday evening at Dodge's Café, the subject of a proposed bathing beach to Harper Lake was brought to light. The matter was first proposed last year but no construction action was taken. The committee expects to meet next week. The Club proposes to build bath houses for men and women and a pier on South Harper Lake. ¶ The members on the committee are L.W. Evans, and Peter Faust, Westboro, and Dr. Baker, Mike Schmidt and Attorney C.L. Curran. Mr. Evans attended the Club meeting Tuesday."	In 2008 the very popular swimming beach and boat launch on South Harper Lake is owned and operated by the Town of Rib Lake.

5/7/1937	Businesses & Bank	FOR SALE "At par, 5 shares of common stock of the First National Bank of Rib Lake - \$100 per share. Inquire at the First National Bank, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	
5/7/1937	Spirit Lake	"Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vanderhoof of Spencer have moved into the Spirit Lake Hotel, which they recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clendenning, who have been operating the hotel for a number of years, have moved into their cabin at Spirit Lake."	
5/7/1937	RLLC	"Hardwood production this year will be less than normal. Anticipate your wood requirement for this winter and place orders at once. RLLC of Delaware, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	I take it this is an order for firewood. The RLLC sold and delivered hardwood firewood.
5/21/1937	Businesses	NEW HOME OF THE STAMM BEVERAGE COMPANY	A photo of the building is set out in the Herald. The building still stands on the north side of Fayette Avenue at its junction with McComb. Stamm Beverage Company sold beer and pop out of the building. Later the operation was conveyed to George Tlustv.
5/21/1937	Roads & Spirit Lake	"Stakes set out on a relocation survey of State Trunk Highway 102 east and north of the Rib Lake Town Hall show that the road will be widened out in many places, many curves will be taken out and some shortcuts will be made. Fences and telephone lines will have to be moved in some places. A curve will be taken out at a point north of S.M. Swanson's place, then the road will turn to the right and go behind the Spirit Lake School, cross the former Andrew Swanson farm to a point opposite the farmhouse and then go in a northeasterly direction across Fred Lietz' farm to join the present roadbed opposite Fred Lietz' house. A new bridge will have to be built to cross the outlet from Olson's Lake."	The major reconstruction occurred at a point in 2008 known as the east end of Rustic Road #1. At that point today STH 102 goes to the northeast in a straight line to the shores of Little Spirit Lake. Prior to the reconstruction in 1937, STH 102 took a turn to the east and proceeded easterly on Berry Avenue. It crossed the outlet to Olson Lake before making a 90 degree turn and going north to Little Spirit Lake. Today the old route is dead-ended because of the failure of the bridge at the end of Olson Lake. About 1995 the bridge became so weak that it was condemned and blocked off by the Town that did not want to spend the money to replace it.
6/4/1937	Politics & People	WILL CUT RELIEF ROLLS IN TAYLOR COUNTY "The Public Welfare Department of Taylor County has exhausted every effort to curtail its relief expenditures and in view of the present financial situation, has found that its present rate of expenditure cannot continue. The cut in the relief rolls will affect about 80 families. ¶ The Taylor County Relief Committee, therefore, announces that all cases will be removed from the relief roll where there is a wage earner in the family. Letters informing relief families of the committee's decision are being mailed this week to those respective families to whom the policy applies. Aid will be suspended to these families as of June 15, although the Department will make every effort to continue supplying federal surplus commodities.	The effects of the Great Depression were felt throughout the county. Taylor County had a population of about 20,000 people, meaning that 1 in 20 was receiving relief.
6/4/1937 (cont)	Politics & People (cont)	¶ The expense of supplying relief has been enormous. Taylor County passed a resolution November 15, 1932, creating a county relief department. Expenditures for November and December of 1932 totaled \$6,619; for the year 1933 \$103,152; 1934 \$106,982; 1935 \$138,635; 1936 \$54,900 and expenses January 1 to June 1, 1937, \$27,891, using a commitment figure for the month of May. The total caseload in Taylor County as of June 1 is 215 active cases, comprising about 1,075 persons. The average cost at present for maintaining these numbers of cases is about \$22 per month..."	



6/4/1937	CCC	EXPLANATION MADE TO SENATOR DUFFY "Emergency Conservation Work, Office of the Director, Washington D.C., May 20, 1937. ¶ Honorable F.Ryan Duffy, Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. Dear Senator Duffy: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 17 in which you quote a wire you have received from Mr. George F. Meyer, Medford, Wis., relative to this discontinuance of the Mondeaux, Wisconsin, camp. ¶ Our records indicate that we have a CCC camp in this vicinity known as CCC Camp F-18 located in Taylor County, Westboro Post Office, which is to be discontinued on or about May 31, due to the fact that we are under manatory instructions to reduce the number of our CCC camps until we reach a basis on which the future organization will operate. ¶ I am informed, however, by the United States Forest Service, which is the technical agency in charge of the work of CCC Camp F-18, that our camp is not engaged in the construction of the dam referred to in Mr. Meyer's telegram. The dam is a WPA [Work Project Admin] project, I am informed, and therefore it will not be affected by the discontinuance of our CCC Camp F-18. Sincerely yours, J.J. McEntee, Acting Direct	Mr. George F. Meyer was the father of Dr. Walter Meyer and very active in local politics. He had apparently written to protest the discontinuance of a CCC camp which he thought was involved in the construction of the Mondeaux dam facility. Both the CCC and the WPA were creations of the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, both aimed at giving employment to people. The WPA was aimed at adults and the CCC was aimed at young men 18-22. See the next article for an update on the Mondeaux dam project.
6/4/1937 (cont)	Environment & Politics (cont)	MONDEAUX DAM WILL AID WATER CONSERVATION "The Mondeaux dam now being constructed by WPA workers on the Mondeaux River in Taylor County will add greatly to water conservation and recreational facilities in the Chequamegon Forest Reserve, according to G.E. Wiseman, the nominee, Director, WPA District 8. "The dam will play an important role in the Federal Forest Service Recreation Program, and it will also serve as a reservoir to be used in controlling and fighting forest fires in the park region" Mr. Wiseman said. ¶ The lake to be created by the dam will be 4 1/2 miles long and 1/2 mile wide, covering 540 acres. Approximately 400 acres of the area to be flooded have already been cleared. ¶ The concrete structure, when completed, will be 20 feet high, and 110 feet in overall length and is designed to maintain a waterhead 10 feet in depth. ¶ The coffer dam and the footing excavation have been completed, and 212 timber piles upon which the structure will be founded, have been driven to the required depth. The footing forms of the west abutment are now in the process of construction. ¶ A washing screening plant has been erected in a gravel pit located within 400 feet of the dam site. Gravel and sand can thus be produced and delivered at a comparatively low cost and with a minimum loss of time, greatly increasing speed and efficiency on the project. ¶ An average of 80 men from WPA rolls are employed in erecting the dam and clearing the flowage. ¶ 6 other similar structures have been completed by the WPA in District 8. Barron Park Dam provides a swimming pool and other recreational facilities for the City of Barron. ¶ Bolger Dam, located on the Hemlock Creek in Barron County and Murphy Dam, on the same creek in Rusk County, were constructed to conserve and control flood waters and increase the propogation of fish. ¶ A swimming pool and facilities for water sports are provided by the Prairie Farm Dam in the Village of Prairie Farm, Barron County..."	
6/4/1937	Schools	34 STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE TONIGHT "Commencement exercises will be held tonight at the high school auditorium for the class of 1937 of the Rib Lake High School. ¶ The 34 graduating members of the class are as follows: Catherine Arnold, June Barnes, Edward Bloedow, Alice Bokath, Lee Clendenning, John Eckhoff, Arthur Freiboth, Leonard Goodwin, Carl Halverson, Evelyn Hein, Robert Hess. ¶ Leroy Holmes, Ina Julmala, Dorothy Kalk, Ruth Kannholz, Maxine Lalonde, Lillian Lien, Edward Marschke, Jean Marsh, Angeline Martin, Frank Matyka, Peter Mihalka, Mildred Mittwoch. ¶ Gladys Ploeckelman, Geraldine Probst, Gerald Radtke, Bernard Rosenfeldt, Constance Rusch, Elvera Talbot, Valeria Warner, Agnes Ziemke and Howard Lamont..."	
6/4/1937	Politics & Rib Lake Village & Fire & RLLC	ORDINANCE #47 "An act to create Ordinance #47 of the Village of Rib Lake relating to the operation of the Village firefighting and first aid equipment outside the Village limits of Rib Lake. ¶ 1. The Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized and empowered to answer fire and first aid alarms outside the Village limits of Rib Lake and to use for such purposes any or all of the fire fighting equipment and first aid equipment belonging to the Village. ¶ 2. Any other ordinance or resolution relating to the above subject therefore passed by this Village Board or any previous Village Board is hereby revoked and repealed....Passed, approved and adopted. 25 May 1937, Signed Frank Handeyside, Village President. Countersigned Frank L. Becker, Village Clerk."	Besides serving as Village President, Frank Handeyside was also a VIP in the RLLC.

6/4/1937	Entertainment	BILL BOKATH GETS PIKE, TROUT AND FROG ALL ON ONE CAST "What appears to be a story for Mr. Ripley's "Believe it or not" is that of Mr. William Bokath's unusual luck of catching a pike, a trout and a frog, all at one time. Mr. Bokath was fishing at New Wood and landed a nice 22" pike. When he opened the fish he found a 10" trout and when he opened the trout, he found a green frog, making it three in one."	
6/4/1937	People & Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Gustav and Barbara Rusch motored to Chicago Friday to visit Mrs. Rusch's sister and her husband and will return Monday. Mrs. Rusch was born in Chicago but does not like to live in the big city."	Barbara Rusch was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peer Beck. When her first husband, Gus Rusch, died, she married Elmer Radtke. She has a unique and appropriate tombstone in Lakeview Cemetery; the names of both husbands are on the stone; she is buried between them.
6/4/1937	CCC	ENROLLEES OF CLOSED CCC CAMPS WILL BE ABSORBED BY REMAINING CAMPS "The enrollees of 4 CCC camps within the Chequamegon National Forest, which were to be closed by May 31, namely Sheep Ranch, located near Phillips; Mineral Camp near Marengo; Ghost Creek Camp near Hayward and Mondeaux River Camp, west of Westboro, will be absorbed by the remaining camps in an effort to bring the camp strength up to 160 men per camp for more economical management. The reduction of camps is uniformly distributed throughout the United States and is a step in the plan to establish the CCC on a basis of 300,000 men on 1500 camps of 200 men each. This will probably result in a further reduction of camps later in the year..."	
6/18/1937	Politics & Agriculture	CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISOR ATTEND R.E. MEETING "Max Zuther, Chairman of the Town of Rib Lake, and Frank Knorn and George Zondlo, Supervisors, attended a Rural Electrification meeting at Brantwood Tuesday. Supervisor Zondlo said the farmers in that vicinity are about 100% for getting rural electrification and would like to see a rural line extended from Taylor County into Price County. ¶ A representative of the RE and a member of the Town Board will make a farm to farm canvass of farmers in the Town of Rib Lake in the near future, according to Mr. Zondlo. Farmers are urged to get together and discuss the matter of rural electrification and decide whether or not they want it."	As things worked out, a private company utility (Lake Superior District Power Company) extended power lines into the Village and provided electricity inside the Village. It does to this day. The rural areas around the villages did not have a sufficient concentration of electrical users to make it economical for private utilities to service. The administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt met this need by creating government funded rural electric cooperatives. To this day the Town of Rib Lake is served by the Taylor County Cooperative except for the northern part of the township, which is served by the Price County Electric Cooperative.
6/18/1937	Roads & Rib Lake - Town	TOWN ROAD TO HARPERS LAKES FIXED UP "Joseph Probst, Jr., Road Commissioner for the Town of Rib Lake, has had a crew of about 12 men fixing up the road to Harper Lakes from the Village limits north. The "bulldozer" of the RLLC was used on the job for a day. The hills of Bernard Kuna's and Fred Lehmann's and Peter Wolf's farms were cut down and the road at these places was widened out, and some of the low places were filled in. ¶ This piece of road was badly in need of repairs and after the new culverts were put in, it will be a great improvement. The Harper Lake road carries heavy traffic all summer and will now be safer to travel, especially at night."	Up until about 1990, the road was called the Harper Lake Road. The Town Board shortened the name to Harper Road.
6/18/1937	Agriculture & Rusch	AUCTION SALE AT FRED GRUEBER'S FARM "Monday, June 21, 2 1/2 miles north of Rib Lake Town Hall on County Trunk Highway C. Cattle, household goods, machinery, standing crops and 4 Guernsey cows - all fresh - one yearling Guernsey heifer, two Guernsey calves, one month old, black mare, 13 years old, bred, and 14 chickens. ¶ Household goods: Singer sewing machine, victrola, 2 davenport, cupboard, 2 tables, 3 beds and springs, 2 dressers, dishes, kitchen utensils and other articles too numerous to mention. ¶ Crops: 3 acres of clover and timothy hay, 3 acres of oats. ¶ Farm machinery: walking plow, spring tooth harrow, and spike tooth harrow, wagon and hay rack, single harness, numerous farm tools, also some lumber and timber. Terms of sales, cash, Emil Wallgren auctioneer. Frank L. Becker clerk."	This is the inventory of probably a typical farm in the Town of Rib Lake. The farm was located on rolling glacial soil, not conducive to farming.

6/18/1937	People	HALUSKA-POLACEK "Mr. Thomas J. Polacek and Miss Mary Haluska were united in holy wedlock Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Lutheran parsonage. Miss Emma Ziemke attended as bridesmaid and Mr. Donald Taylor of Medford attended the groom. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Medford to enjoy a wedding supper. The newlyweds will make their home on the bride's farm near the Fawn Valley school."	In 2008 there are sure a lot of Polacek's just east of the site of the former Fawn Valley School, the junction of Peche and Fawn Avenue.
7/23/1937	People & Rusch	"Mrs. Carl Schiedow of Chicago is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck, and her sister, Mrs. Gus [Barbara] Rusch, and family."	
7/23/1937	Health	"Mr. and Mrs. William Radtke are having a septic tank, bath and sink and lavatory installed in their residence."	In 1937 the Village did not have municipal sewer. I remember approx. 1960 the William Radtke home being in the southwest corner of Landall and Pearl Street.
7/23/1937	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Harold Kennedy made a trip to Canada where his father invested in land, north of Montana, and returned last Sunday. He says the drought has destroyed all crops in that section."	This means that at least two of the Kennedy family remain in Rib Lake: Harold, mentioned above, and Anna Mae Kennedy, the pharmacist - co-owner and operator of the Upjohn-Kennedy Pharmacy on McComb Ave., Lot 5, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition. For a history of the Kennedy family, see "Movers & Shakers", Doc. #12269 in the CDs of Rib Lake History - Documents and Photos, at the Rib Lake Public Library.
7/23/1937	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	TRAVEL BY TRAIN! FOR COMFORT, ECONOMY "One way, 2 cents a mile in coaches, also in tourist sleeping cars west of the Twin Cities, space in tourist sleeping cars extra. ¶ 3 cents a mile in sleeping or parlor cars, space available. ¶ Round trip, 1 4/5 cents a mile each way in coaches; also in tourist sleeping cars west of the Twin Cities. Space in tourist sleeping cars extra. Return them at 30 days. ¶ 2 cents a mile each way in sleeping or parlor cars, space extra. Return them at 30 days. ¶ 2 1/2 cents a mile each way in sleeping or parlor cars. Sleeping and parlor cars space extra. Return them at 6 months. Speed with safety. For information please see your nearest Soo line agent."	
7/30/1937	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	VILLAGE BOARD GRANTS LIQUOR LICENSES TO PINK AND SCHARER "At the regular meeting of the Village Board held Tuesday evening, Frank Pink, proprietor of the National Hotel, and L.G. Scharer were granted Class C retail liquor licenses. At a previous meeting of the Board, those two applications for licenses had been rejected [the rejection occurred on June 18, 1937]. ¶ Albert Mielke, a tenant in the <u>Scharer Building</u> asked the Board to cancel his license in favor of Mr. Scharer, which the Board did. Then the Board voted favorable on Mr. Scharer's application. In both instances the voting on the application for licenses, all of the trustees voted in favor of granting the license. ¶ The application of Henry Sekadlo for a Class C retail liquor license was read, but it was tabled until after it has been published according to law."	
7/30/1937	Agriculture	LIME PROJECT STOPPED AUGUST 1 "Word has just been received by County Agent McFetridg that all WPA lime projects will stop August 1, with very little possibility of them starting again. The lime companies, however, have written that they will make deliveries at the same price for orders received now for delivery up to August 31. ¶ About 30 [railroad] cars of lime have been shipped into Taylor County so far this year. Lime is very badly needed on most farms in the county and farmers should, if at all possible, take advantage of the present low price."	

8/27/1937	Harper Lake & People	MIKE YOST HEAVY LOSER IN A FIRE "A fire of unknown origin destroyed Mike Yost's shanty at Harper Lake last week Wednesday with all of its contents. Mr. Yost got up early Wednesday, as is the usual habit, got his breakfast and then about 6:30 a.m. left for a berry patch about a mile from his place of abode to pick a few berries. When he returned at the noon hour, his shanty, his cooking and housekeeping utensils and food and supplies and all his clothes, except what he wore, were in a heap of ashes. ¶ He was sure there was no fire in the stove when he left and there was no sign of a fire anywhere near his shanty, so it supposed that a spark from the stovepipe when he cooked his breakfast lit somewhere and started a blaze after he left. ¶ Mr. Yost is looking after Dan Pilon's cottage at Harper Lake, and built himself a shanty 8 x 12 on the lot to live in. Since the fire he has moved into the cottage."	Dan Pilon was a long-time cook at several of the camps run by the RLLC.
8/27/1937	Schools	NORMAL SCHOOL WILL OPEN FALL TERM AUGUST 30 "The fall term of the Taylor County Normal School will open on Monday, August 30, according to Principal August Newman. The demonstration school, consisting of grades 1-8 inclusive, will begin September 7. ¶ The enrollment in the demonstration school has been closed with the exception of the first and second grades. As these grades have not been filled with pupils, especially the first, parents who wish to enroll their children should do so before the school opens. ¶ Beginning with the fall session, the Normal School will inaugurate a 2 year term for the training of rural teachers. ¶ The change from a one year course to a two year term was necessitated by the school law passed by the 1937 legislature establishing a compulsory two year training course for rural teachers. ¶ Besides Principal Newman, the faculty consists of Mrs. Elva E. Pease, Assistant, and Ottilia A. Bogl, Assistant Demonstration School Teacher. ¶ The Normal School is under the direction of the Taylor County Education Department composed of R.J. Forehand, County Superintendent, and Mrs. Agnes Ehlert and Vera Hestekin, Supervising Teachers.	Taylor County was one of many counties that operated its own teacher's college, that is, Normal School. The building stood within 100 feet of the east side of the Taylor County Courthouse.
8/27/1937 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ The School Board is composed of P.C. Schmoltd, Town of Chelsea, President; R.J. Forehand, County Superintendent of Schools, Secretary; and Carl M. Nelson, Town of Deer Creek."	
8/27/1937	Entertainment	TUNE IN TO RIB LAKE REVIEW OVER RADIO STATION WSAU "1370 kilocycle, every Friday 1:30-2:00 p.m., every Friday at 1:30 turn the dials of your radio to 137 kilocycles and Rib Lake program will greet you. You will be entertained for 30 minutes by the following Rib Lake firms: Gustafson Lumber Company, J.A. Taylor, Little Bohemia Tavern, Rib Lake Dairy Company, Seidel's Food Store, the Rib Lake Herald, Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company and Wellington Lake Pavilion. Always a good program on WSAU - the voice of Northcentral Wisconsin."	
8/27/1937	Greenwood & Entertainment	WELLINGTON LAKE PAVILION "Saturday, August 28, Leroy's Rhythm Artists [band], gents 35 cents, ladies free."	The popular dancing pavilion stood for many years on the east shore of Wellington Lake. The Bonde family operated one in the Town of Rib Lake in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 20, Town 33 North, Range 3 East.
9/3/1937	Entertainment & Harper Lake	SPEED BOAT RACES SUNDAY AT HARPER "Outboard motorboat races will be held on Sunday, September 5 at Harper Lake Resort, on North Harper. The races are scheduled to begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and there will be 5 big events with two heats in each event. Races will be run in Class A, 9 horsepower; Class B, Division 1, 14 horsepower; Class B, Division 2, 16 horsepower; Class C, 22 horsepower; and the free for all, in which anything and everything is run. ¶ Sunday races will be one of the best of the season, and quite a number of boat drivers expect to be here. The course will be one of the fastest in Northern Wisconsin because of its long straight-a-ways, but is also one of the most dangerous because of its three hairpin turns. ¶ Three local boats, W-71, 23 and 25 will be in Sunday's races. As this will be one of the last races of the season, all of the drivers will be trying hard to win. You are practically guaranteed an afternoon of real thrills and there may be some spills. ¶ In the evening, a free dance will be held at Harper Lake Resort."	At this time the Harper Lake Resort was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schmidt.
9/3/1937	Law	NOTICE "All persons under 16 years of age on the streets of the Village of Rib Lake after 8:00 p.m. will be taken into custody by the Village marshal unless they can show good reason why they are on the streets. Signed Charles Dodge, Village Marshal."	

9/3/1937	Law	WILL EXAMINE 30 CITIZEN APPLICANTS "Clerk of Court, W.E. Freiberg, has announced that Circuit Judge G.N. Risjord will examine 30 Taylor County applicants for United States citizenship during the first day of the fall term of circuit court Monday, September 30. ¶ The following are the applicants:....Andrew Langendorff, Rib Lake...Bruce Basykikowicz, Town of Maplehurst...Albert Rosiejka, Lublin...Andrew Mesiar, Donald...Gustaf Friedlund, Rib Lake....Amalie Linska Lemke, Chelsea...Adam Bieniek, Rib Lake...Herman Wiitala, Rib Lake... Joseph Maslonka, Rib Lake...Alexander Scott and Ellison Scott, Westboro..."	
9/3/1937	Library	MRS. FRED MIELKE IS APPOINTED LIBRARIAN "The Library Board met in special session Monday night at the library to appoint a new librarian. There were 13 applications for the position, and Mrs. Fred Mielke was elected to fill the vacancy."	
9/3/1937	Greenwood	"Walter Frischmann, who operates a tavern and dance hall at the junction of C and M, was a Rib Lake caller yesterday."	The tavern and dance hall was called "Evergreen Gardens". In 2008 the place is operated by Dennis Fuchs and is known as the Cattail Tap. The tavern is located on low, swampy ground, hence the name Cattail Tap - named after cattails. About 20 years ago a photograph appeared in a Wisconsin state publication using the location of the tavern as an example of where <u>not</u> to build.
9/3/1937	Businesses	"George Walters of Westboro was in Rib Lake on business Wednesday. Mr. Walters, who is the proprietor of the Walters Veneer Company, at Westboro, said that the plant is running and 8 men are employed. Fire destroyed the plant last spring. At the present time Mr. Walters is making more improvements at his plant."	
9/10/1937	RLLC & Camp 25 & Camp 24	COMPANIES CAMPS MODELS OF UP-TO-DATE FACILITIES "A combination bathroom and laundry room were installed at Camp 25 of the RLLC early in June. This proved to be such a success that a second unit was immediately put in at Camp 24. ¶ Each unit consists of running hot and cold water with an abundance of hot water at all times, under pressure, and a battery of six showers. ¶ The laundry section at each camp consists of about 12 built in tubs likewise connected with hot and cold running water. ¶ Early last spring the company completely overhauled its camp sleeping quarters by installing single double-decked beds throughout. This insures each man having a single bed to himself, not sleeping compelled to share his sleeping quarters. ¶ The company has also installed a large capacity washing machine connected with steam pipes and hot water. All camp bedding is being regularly steamed and washed, insuring clean bedding at all times in its camps.	
9/10/1937 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 25 & Camp 24 (cont)	¶ The RLLC is among the first, if not the first, lumber company in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan to take this big forward step in providing these modern facilities for its camp employees. Their camps are considered as models for up-to-date facilities. ¶ For years the company has been noted for the wonderful meals it has served to the men in its camps, equal to that served in some of the better hotels. ¶ This is quite a contrast to what it used to be in some camps years ago."	
9/10/1937	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY MAKES ANOTHER WAGE ADJUSTMENT "There is seemingly a very definite rumor that the lumber company has made another wage adjustment with its men effective September 1. If this is correct, this will be the 4th advancement since the new management purchased the company. If our understanding is correct, the new adjustment will represent a little over 30% increase in the wages of common labor in a little over a year and a half. ¶ All of the wage adjustments or increases in the wage rate have been entirely voluntary on the part of the company, clearly indicating its willingness to share with its men, as far as is possible, the earnings of the company."	

9/10/1937	Agriculture	BARN DESTROYED ON SCHOLZ FARM "Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a 36 x 96 foot barn on the Emanuel Scholz farm 3 1/2 miles southeast of Rib Lake Sunday evening. When the fire was discovered, the huge barn was a mass of flames. A bull and 5 calves were burned in the barn, whereas a flock of chickens were saved. 17 head of stock and a team of horses were in the pasture. A wagon, hay loader, side delivery, feed cutter, fanning mill, scale and numerous small farm tools were destroyed by the fire. ¶ In the grainery were 563 bushels of rye, oats and barley, and the hay mow contained over 40 tons of hay. ¶ The barn was built in 1936 to replace an old structure, and the loss of the building and contents is estimated at about \$4,000 partly covered by insurance. ¶ At 8:00 o'clock Mr. Scholz had finished his milking and farm chores and had gone into the house. His son, John, who lives on the farm with him, had taken another son, Ted, to a lumber camp where he is employed. After eating a lunch, Mr. Scholz went to bed and estimates that it was then about 9:00 o'clock. In the meantime Joe and Frank Bohte, Donald McPoland and Frank Roiger saw the flames from John Roiger's Tavern on County	
9/10/1937 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	Trunk C, east of the Scholz place, and left immediately for the scene of the fire. When the men got there they woke Mr. Scholz up, and that was the first he knew of the fire. At the time the barn was all in flames and very little could be done except to save the other buildings. ¶ In a short time cars came from all directions and the crowd lent a willing hand at the pump and carrying of pails of water. An old grainery was threatened by the fire, and volunteers worked hard and succeeded in saving the building. When interviewed about the fire, Mr. Scholz said he was very grateful for the help given by the people who came to the fire. ¶ Mr. Scholz has been farming on the place for 30 years and has at present time 160 acres of land. He is already cleaning up the debris and plans on building a new barn immediately."	
9/10/1937	People	"Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kroll and daughter Catherine of Rib Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kroll of South Milwaukee, motored to Bellanger, Wisconsin Sunday to visit friends and relatives."	
9/10/1937	Ole A. Peterson	"The Rev. and Mrs. L. Winter and son Donald of Spirit and Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Peterson and children, Emily, Wiley and John, of Phillips, were dinner guests at the Herman Batzer residence Sunday."	
9/10/1937	Businesses	"The line crew of the Lake Superior District Company was here last week to string up the line wire for extension to the farm homes of Mrs. Walen, August Radtke and George Buksa, for electric lights and power."	
9/10/1937	Rib Lake Herald	"It was our good fortune to meet Mr. Howard Cutts at the speed boat races at Harper Lake Resort Sunday. We have not seen him for years. Almost 40 years ago Howard worked in Rib Lake for John L. Larsen, who had a livery stable and did draying and carried mail in the express between Rib Lake and Chelsea. It was Howard's lot to haul the printing press from the depot to the back room on the first floor of McComb's Opera House where the Herald was established and the first issue of the paper was gotten out on December 10, 1897. This was a Washington Hand Press and served its purpose for many years."	
9/10/1937	Rib Lake - Village	STORM SEWER JOB FINISHED "The storm sewer job on the south side of the Village which was contracted by Otto Brehm and Walter Bachol was finished by them Wednesday. The sewer is 650 feet long and 24 x 24 inches on the outside and was built of creosoted 2 inch lumber. Their contract price for the labor was \$165."	
9/17/1937	Clubs/Orders	BOHEMIAN SOCIETY WILL HAVE 40TH YEAR JUBILEE "Order Vlastimil, #151 of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Society (ZCJB) will hold a celebration and 40th year jubilee on the foundation of the Society at Wellington Lake Pavilion Sunday, September 19, in the afternoon, and at the same time 41 new members will be installed in a new order institute to be known as Order or Lodge #386 of Rib Lake, Wisconsin. For the express purpose of installation and institution of the new order or lodge in the Western Bohemian Fraternal Society, an installation team from Ashland, Wisconsin, and many members from neighboring orders will attend this meeting. During the afternoon program Peroutka's International Orchestra of Phillips will play, also for the ball in the evening. Refreshments will be served. We shall be delighted to have as many as possible from Rib Lake and vicinity attend and assure one and all that they will receive a cordial welcome and the most courteous treatment. ¶ For Order Vlastimil #151 of Rib Lake, I heartily thank one and all who will participate in our celebration and ball. Signed James Vlach, Secretary and Correspondent."	

9/17/1937	Clubs/Orders	4-H CLUB FAIR HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE "Taylor County 4-H Club Fair came to a close Sunday evening after a successful three day season in spite of the fact the first day was rainy. The total attendance for the three days was in excess of 11,000. ¶ The following Rib Lake 4-H Club members received awards at the fair: Handicraft, Donald Barnes, 1st in breadboard, 1st in chick feeder, 1st in bench hook; Doris Hauch, 2nd in breadboard, 2nd in chick feeder, 2nd in bench hook. ¶ Demonstrations: Donald Barnes, 1st individual demonstration, 1st trio of poultry; Dorance Hauch, 1st team demonstration; 6th individual demonstration. ¶ Sewing, Florence Turba, 2nd in scarf; Annette Patrick, 4th in darning; Catherine Daus, 3rd in dress making; Wilma Heintz, 2nd in toy, 3rd in scrapbook, 4th in scarf; Harriet Batzer, 5th in collar; Myrtle Rhody, 2nd in dress review, 2nd in collar, 4th in pajamas; Helen Wild, 3rd underclothing, 3rd patching, 1st in dress review; Mary Hess, 3rd in dress review, 4th slip. ¶ Cooking, Alvira Gilge, 1st sponge cake, 2nd cookies; Alma Zielke, 2nd muffin. ¶ Gardening: Lawrence Kofler, 2nd carrots, 3rd turnips.	
9/17/1937 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ The members of the sewing and cooking class wish to thank Miss Patrick and Mrs. Patrick for their help and club work. A complete list of all of the awards at the fair will be published in the next issue of The Herald."	
9/17/1937	People & Businesses & Gustafson	MARTIN-GUSTAFSON "A host of Rib Lake friends of Miss Alice Martin of Withee and Mr. Harry Gustafson of this Village were pleased to hear this week of their marriage on September 11, 1937, at Sherill, Iowa. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. ¶ Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Martin of Withee and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gustafson of this Village. ¶ The bride, who was attended by Miss Violet Gustafson, sister of the bridegroom, was attired in a black street dress with black accessories and carried a gardenia corsage. Miss Gustafson wore a black street dress with matching accessories. ¶ Mr. Carl Marschke of Rib Lake was best man. ¶ Mr. Gustafson attended the Rib Lake Public Schools and Wausau Institute. He is a member of the firm known as the Gustafson Lumber Company and is General Manager of the Wisconsin Food Products. ¶ The young couple, who will make their home in Rib Lake, have the best wishes of their many friends."	
9/17/1937	Businesses	"Carl Purdy and Seldon Patrick have built themselves an electric refrigerator to keep the food they feed to their mink fresh. The cooler is 3 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet inside and refrigeration is done by means of a Frigidaire unit."	In 2008 the Patrick mink ranch, 1 mile west of the Village of Rib Lake, is thriving. It has survived tremendous foreign competition. It is a major operation. The current owners are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Patrick.
9/24/1937	Law	COURT SESSION OPENED MONDAY "Seven criminal cases and 13 civil actions are listed on the calendar for the September term of circuit court for Taylor County, which began at the courthouse in Medford on Monday. Judge G.N. Risjord of Ashland, is presiding. There are 7 jury and 5 court fact cases and one court law case. Thirty Taylor County applicants for citizenship were examined during the first day. ¶ The criminal cases on the court calendar are: ...State of Wisconsin vs. Robert Marks of Phillips, charged with larceny. Defendant is accused of having taken parts of a sawmill belonging to Max Zuther, in the Town of Rib Lake. Attorney for the plaintiff is T.W. Andresen and John DeBardeleben, Phillips, will defend the defendant. ¶ Court fact: "John W. Wimer vs. Olive G. Wimer, Town of Holway, default in a divorce case. Curran and Simon of Rib Lake and Medford, are the attorneys for the plaintiff. Paul Griesser of Medford, divorce counsel."	Attorney Clifford Curran represented the plaintiff, Wimer. Attorney Simon of Medford represented the defendant. Paul Griesser held a job comparable to what is known today as family court commissioner.
9/24/1937	People & Schools	RIB LAKE PEOPLE BEGIN FALL SCHOOL TERM "Quite a number of our young men and women have during the past three years enrolled in institutions for higher learning. ¶ Ervin Klister packed his trunk for Notre Dame this year. ¶ Returning to the LaCrosse Teacher's College as sophomores will be Arlene Arnold and Marie Lien, while Harold Peterson is a senior there this year. ¶ Hildegard Hahney and Harold Curran will be completing their courses in business, the former at Wausau, the latter at LaCrosse. ¶ Stout Institute has among its sophomores, Mary Mostwick and Darrell Lemke. ¶ At the University of Wisconsin can be found Walter Zielke, Gus Hill, Leo Yorde, Carl Resudek and Frank Kurek. ¶ Orlin Anderson is a junior at River Falls Teacher's College. ¶ George Schaack is studying mechanics at Madison. ¶ Only Kathryn Arnold of last year's graduates of Rib Lake High seems to be attending school this year. She entered Columbia School of Nursing at Milwaukee. ¶ Many others, however, are working now to enable themselves to attend schools later. Among the employed are:	

9/24/1937 (cont)	People & Schools (cont)	¶ June Barnes, at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at Medford: Lillian Lein at Dr. Lapham's office: Constance Rusch at Rib Lake Dairy Company; Dorothy Kalk at the Marshfield Hospital; Robert Hess, Jr. as Assistant Mail Carrier at Rib Lake; Bernard Rosenfeldt as Salesman for the Jewel Tea Company; Michael Shinker, Edward Marschke and Valeria Warner at Chicago; Ellis Bokath at Rockford, Illinois; Ina Julmula at Cloquet, Minnesota; Gladys Ploeckelman at Milwaukee. ¶ If we have omitted names which belong in these lists, send them into us and we will be glad to publish them next week."	
9/24/1937	Greenwood & Agriculture	GREENWOOD CHEESE FACTORY BUILDING GARAGE "Olin Thompson, proprietor of the Greenwood Cheese Factory, is building a new fireproof garage for his trucks, and the concrete foundation and floor are already finished. The building will be 22 x 64 feet, one story high, and the walls will be of brick. It will house 4 trucks. A heating plant will keep the trucks warm for easy starting in winter. Mr. Thompson, who owns and operates this factory, has made a success of the business (where others failed) by working hard early and late and making the kind of cheese people like to eat."	I believe the cheese factory was located along CTH C in the NW 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 2 East. Up until about approx. 1980, the County Highway C grocery operated just north of the cheese factory building. This building is directly across CTH C from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
9/24/1937	Roads	102 GETS A DRESSING "State Highway 102 is getting a fresh coat of top dressing, consisting of oil and sand or fine gravel. This will put the road in fine shape for fall and winter travel. The bumps and depressions on the road have been taken out and people in this section find 102 as good as any paved road."	
9/24/1937	Railroads - RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY FIXING UP 12 MORE FLAT CARS "The RLLC has just received a shipment of 12 flat cars. They are being shipped and equipped with bunks, stakes and safety pockets, and will be used in the company's logging operations."	
9/24/1937	Obituary	MRS. ED DUCHENE DIED IN EVERETT, WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 19 "Mrs. Ed Duchene, former resident of Rib Lake, died at Everett, Washington, September 19, so a telegraph received here Monday by Mrs. J.J. Voemastek from Verl Duchene informed her. ¶ Mrs. Ella Duchene was about 67 years old. She was born in Wisconsin and lived in Rib Lake with her husband, Ed Duchene, until about 27 years ago when they moved to Washington. Mr. Duchene was engineer on one of the locomotives of the RLLC. They had no children. She has one sister, Mrs. William Mitz living at Medford, one brother, Larson Shelley somewhere in Idaho, and one brother, Clarence, who has not been heard from for over 30 years, and may be alive."	I surmise that this family gave its name to Duchene Lake in Section 20, Town 33 North, Range 2 East.
9/24/1937	Schools	SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR WILL CONDUCT NIGHT SCHOOL "Mr. Leonard Hooch, Commercial Instructor in the Rib Lake High School, will conduct a night school for those of high school age who wish to study typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. The classes will be held at the high school and Mr. Hooch plans on having the class meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Everyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Hooch either at the high school or at the Marvin Trantow residence by the first of next week."	
9/24/1937	Rusch & People	"Chris Brunner is drilling a well for George Hanke on his farm on County Trunk Highway C."	The George Hanke home was located on the SE 1/4- SE 1/4, Section 12, Town 32 North, Range 3 East. It is 1/2 mile west of CTH C. In 2008 the farm is occupied by Rodney and Kris Strobach and their 3 delightful children, Katie, Ryan and Beka, all of whom are my grandchildren. George Hanke was the father of Vern Hanke, who is the father of Greg Hanke, the owner and operator of Hanke Oil Company along with his wife, Cindy. George passed his retirement years living in his house and reading Western novel after Western novel.
9/24/1937	Ole A. Peterson & People	"Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson and daughter, Karen, visited at the Karen Batzer home Sunday."	Karen, now Karen Baumgartner, is a <u>grand</u> -daughter of the illustrious Ole Peterson and is actively and enthusiastically contributing to the preservation of Rib Lake history.



9/24/1937	Tannery	"C.P. Hanson, who recently painted Ed Stamm's building at the north end of McComb Avenue [on the north side of Fayette where McComb Ave junctions Fayette Ave], recalls that 43 years ago he painted the office and boarding house buildings of the Shaw Tannery Company, which were then on the site of the present Stamm Beverage Company buidings. E.C. Getchel was manager of the tannery at that time, and later became president of the bank here."	
9/24/1937	People & Schools	FRESHMAN CLASS "The following pupils are enrolled in the freshman class of the Rib Lake High School this year: Eugene Meyer, Stone Lake; Alvin Carlson, Spirit Lake; Arthur Bokath, Mud Lake; George Jefferson, Monroe Center; Eugene McDonald, Rib Lake; Lawrence Yanko, Fawn Valley; Clara Pellkofer, Rib Lake; Benedict Rezutek, Mud Lake; Melvin Clendenning, Spirit Lake; Elwood Swanson, Spirit Lake; Lawrence Mathias, Rib Lake; Harold Winkler, Rib Lake; Ivar Blomberg, Town of Hill; Eileen Gessert, Rib Lake; Joe Quednow, Fawn Valley; Henry Hauch, Rib Lake; Elmer Mittvoch, Rib Lake; Donald Notbohm, Rib Lake; Ethel Schauss, Edgar, Wisconsin; Marvin Smith, Rib Lake; William Pendergast, Rib Lake; Lawrence Turba, Fawn Valley; Clarence Fenzau, Rib Lake; Billy Radtke, Rib Lake; Ruth Kettleison, Rib Lake; Erwin Kofler, Rib Lake; Cecilia Hohl, Rib River; Pauline Minarcini, Fawn Valley; Vernon Reistad, Rib Lake; Joseph Surek, Rib Lake; Geanne Thompson, Rib River; Agnes Schreiner, Rib Lake; Lucille Bleck, Rib Lake; June Jefferson, Monroe Center; Virginia Goodman, Rib Lake; Hazel Vlach, Mud Lake; William Midboe, Rib Lake; Annette Patrick, Rib Lake;	
9/24/1937 (cont)	People & Schools (cont)	Ann Nelson, Rib Lake; Lucille Becker, Rib Lake; Myrtle Shinker [sic], Fawn Valley; Arthur Monski [sic], Rib Lake; Ducin Dohm and Verlyn Dohm, Rib Lake; LaRue Gummo, Rib Lake; Bonita Wensel, Rib Lake; Lee Waldhart, Rib Lake; Kenneth Gilge, Rib Lake; Lucille Hoffman, Rib Lake; Alvin Carlson, Spirit Lake."	
9/24/1937	Westboro & Obituary	FORMER WESTBORO MAN DIES "J.W. Kaye, 65, a former resident of Westboro, died on September 3 of malaria at the old PanAmerican Lumber Camp on the Rio Congo in San Miguel, Panama Canal zone. Mr. Kaye was buried at Rio Congo. At the time of his death, Mrs. Kaye was visiting her brother, Archie Haigh at Marshfield. ¶ Deceased was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and married Annie Haigh, formerly of Medford. ¶ He was a resident of Westboro for many years and was a member of the Taylor County Board when the courthouse was built in 1913. Mr. Kaye was a stockholder and secretary of the Board of Directors of the Westboro Lumber Company. After he left Taylor County, he was employed by the American Timber Company at Rio Congo."	
9/24/1937	Businesses & Greenwood	"Electric light poles for the new rural electrification line have been set along County Highway M east and beyond Walter Frischmann's Evergreen Gardens [tavern] at the junction of County Highway M and C, then north on County Trunk Highway C as far as the lutheran church [St. Peters] and the Greenwood Cheese Factory, and north from the Greenwood Town Hall [on Timber Drive] as far as Ferdinand Frank's place. The subscribers are assured they will have electrical service, light and power, by the first of January. When this line is put into service, there will be many extensions in other directions, it is said. Electricity on the farm is a great aid to better living and will save the lady of the house much drudgery."	These lines were being constructed by the Taylor County Electric Co-op, another legacy of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration.
11/5/1937	Education & Entertainment	PTA WILL HAVE ARMISTICE PROGRAM "The Parent Teachers Association will meet Thursday evening, November 11, and at that time will observe Armistice Day. ¶ The following program will be rendered that evening: Talk-Attorney Leonard Schmidt of Merrill; Music-High School Band; Piano Solo-Miss De Lorr Hayward. ¶ After the program, there will be dancing to the music by [Adolph] Walbeck's Orchestra. ¶ There will be a 10 cent admission charge at the door, and lunch will be free. The meeting will be for adults only."	

11/5/1937	People	MINNEAPOLIS GIRL BECOMES BRIDE OF GEORGE ZONDLO "Miss Victoria Agnes Padula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Padula of Minneapolis, became of the bride of George J. Zondlo, son of Mrs. Rose Zondlo of the Town of Rib Lake at St. John's Catholic Church October 30, 1937, the Rev. Peter Dickopf read the high mass. ¶ Miss Sophie Lesniak of St. Paul, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor. Miss Genevieve Kuduk of Minneapolis was bridesmaid. The bride's niece, Evonne Padula, and a friend, Bernice Hayney, were flower girls. Their flowers were pink roses, yellow chrysanthemum and orchid asters. ¶ The bridegroom chose his brother, Frank, as his best man. Stanley Hebda, cousin of the bride, acted as usher. ¶ 60 guests attended the reception held at the bridegroom's home after the evening, after which there was a dance at the Rib Lake Town Hall. ¶ The bride has been employed as a seamstress since her graduation from St. Anthony High School at Minneapolis. The bridegroom is a well-known and popular man of this community."	In addition to farming, George and his brother, Frank, for several decades operated the Zondlo's Bar and Ballroom on the corner of CTH C and STH 102.
11/5/1937	Rib Lake Herald & People	LOCAL NEWS NOTES. "Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor and Mrs. E.A. Lapham were in Marshfield Wednesday evening. Mr. Taylor attended the joint meeting of Central Wisconsin Funeral Directors and the 9th Councilor District Medical Society. ¶ Ruth Coey plays at the Lakeside [Tavern] Sunday night. Gents 35 cents, ladies 10 cents. ¶ Peter Fyalkowski and Miss Wing left for Cleveland, Ohio, Monday. Peter is in the US Coast Guard and was home on a month furlough. ¶ Somebody left a parasol at the post office. Owner is requested to ask the postmaster or one of the clerks. ¶ Have you put Mobil Arctic oil in your car? If not, you probably aren't enjoying the easy starting you should be. It gives you more protection against burned out pistons and bearings, too. Drive in today at the Owl Service Station and ask for Mobil oil - Adv."	I quoted the entire column to give you a feel for what was considered local news in 1937.
11/5/1937	Business	GETTING READY FOR CLOSING OUT SALE "J.A. Taylor is spending considerable time and effort to get his stock marked down and out on tables for his big going out of business sale. Mr. Taylor has given the people of Rib Lake good, clean, quality merchandise for the past 35 years, and now that he has sold his building, must sell the stock quickly. He is going to make big sacrifices on all his hardware."	J.A. Taylor was the son of Dr. L.L. Taylor, M.D., one of the founders of the Village.
11/5/1937	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY BUYS SAND SUCKER AND CABOOSE "The problem of removing accumulated dirt, bark, etc., from the bottom of the sawmill pond has been an increasingly difficult problem, partly due to the mud bottom of the lake. Various methods have been tried in the past with only partial success. ¶ With the thought of endeavoring to fully take care of this in the future, the RLLC purchased an 8 inch sand sucker pump. This pump, we believe, to be the first of its kind in this part of the country, although it has been successfully used for river and harbor work. ¶ The pump has a capacity of 2200 gallons per minute of liquid that can contain 40% of solids. It was necessary to build a barge or boat 12 feet wide, 20 feet long and 3 feet deep to take care of the pump. The pump is electric driven. The pump is fed by an 8 inch hose which is 18 feet long. The hose is reported to weigh 500 pounds, which will give one an idea of the size and capacity of the outfit. ¶ The electric motor develops 40 horsepower. ¶ The pump worked about 5 days and we understand that the bottom of the pond is cleaner than it has ever been before. ¶ It takes 4 men to operate the sand sucker.	The primary concern of the RLLC was to maintain the hot pond. The hot pond was that portion of the lake immediately adjacent to the sawmill. The water was kept from freezing by steam pipes laid on the bottom of the lake. It was at this point that the logs were rolled into the lake from the railroad flat cars. The constant stream of logs produced an accumulation of bark and dirt that worked to the bottom of the lake, making the hot pond ever more shallow. Hence the need for the sand sucker.
11/5/1937 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ The company has just recently purchased a wood frame type second hand railroad caboose to replace the old company caboose."	¶ Ironically, this week's edition of the Star News, March 13, 2008, had an article regarding a project using similar equipment within 400 feet of the hot pond. Working off of the ice in the lake, equipment was used to try to suck organic matter off of the Rib Lake lake bottom. The organic matter will be spread on a test lot to determine whether it can be used as a fertilizer. The long-range purpose of the experiment is to see whether this method can be used to deepen Rib Lake.

11/5/1937	Clubs/Orders	"The Twentieth Century Club met at the Klister home on November 2. Mrs. Upjohn, President, called the business meeting to order, then the members pledged allegiance to our flag and recited the club collect, and 20 members responded to roll call with current events. Mrs. Baker was leader and her topic was government projects - dams and bridges. Mrs. Ray Voemastek read about the T.V.A. [Tennessee Valley Authority]. Mrs. Branton read a magazine article about Armistice Day. Mrs. Olson gave national affairs. The hostess served a delicious lunch. The next club meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Arnold."	The importance of the Twentieth Century Club to the Village cannot be underestimated. For over 100 years it was a forum for the women "movers and shakers" of the Village. Shortly after 2000, the club disbanded.
11/5/1937	Clubs/Orders	"The South Side Neighborhood Club enjoyed Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T.M. Berfield."	
11/5/1937	Clubs/Orders	COMMERCIAL CLUB ENDORSES HIRING OF COUNTY NURSE "At the regular monthly meeting of the Rib Lake Commercial Club held at Harper Lake Resort, the secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Taylor County Board to the effect that the Club is in favor of hiring of a county nurse. ¶ It was also decided to discontinue Rib Lake Day after November 10. The discontinuing is to be only temporary. The disposition of any unclaimed prizes after next Wednesday will be left up to the discretion of the Rib Lake Day committee."	
11/5/1937	Politics	SENATOR DUFFY STATES HIS POSITION "Senator F. Ryan Duffy told a gathering of Wisconsin Democrats at Sheboygan that if he is a candidate for reelection next year, it will be on the record he has made as an "enthusiastic" supporter of the Roosevelt administration."	
11/5/1937	Agriculture & Businesses	"Bring your cattle, calves and hogs to William A. Gessert's barn Wednesday, November 17. Dairy cattle bought and sold at all times. Signed W.A. Gessert"	William Gessert's barn was <u>in</u> the RLV - south side of Railroad Street - 100 feet east of McComb Ave. He quit his business in 1958.
11/12/1937	Agriculture	LAMONT ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SOIL COMMITTEE "In the community election held in the Town of Rib Lake for the election of Soil Conservation officers, Ed Lamont was elected Chairman; George Zondlo, Vice Chairman; Max Zuther, Additional regular member; Eugene Hein, first alternative member and Carl Seidel, second alternative member...."	
11/12/1937	Businesses	TAYLOR'S HARDWARE GETS READY FOR BIG SALE "J.A. Taylor and his sons and employees have been busy the past few days getting ready for their big going out of business sale which begins Saturday and ends on the night of November 20. The entire stock has to be sold in 7 days, and the stock is being marked down to real low prices. The store has been closed since yesterday while the sale price tags were being put on the articles. ¶ Working with Mr. Taylor getting out the advertising and putting the new prices on the stock are his sons, Arthur of Merrill, and Elmer of Rib Lake, and Andy Karkula and Leo Radtke, who are regular employees of Mr. Taylor. ¶ It looks as if the Taylor going out of business sale will be one of the biggest hardware sales in the history of Rib Lake."	
11/12/1937	Obituary	MARTIN WIEGEL DIES "Martin Wiegel, Town of Rib Lake resident, died in the Stetson Sanitorium Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. Kammholz officiating. ¶ Mr. Wiegel was born in Russia on Aug. 10, 1873, and came to Chicago in 1912. In 1930, he came to Rib Lake and made his home with his brother, Gottlieb, in the Town of Rib Lake. His wife and three children preceded him in death and are buried in Russia. He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, Fred, and a brother and sister, all living in Russia, and his brother, Gottlieb in Rib Lake."	
11/12/1937	Health	J.E. BRANTON WILL HAVE CHARGE OF XMAS SALE "J.E. Branton will be chairman of the 1937 penny Christmas seals sale in Rib Lake, according to word received from the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Assoc. Headquarters, where plans are being completed for the 30th annual sale to be conducted by that organization, to continue the campaign against tuberculosis in Wisconsin. ¶ Among the year-round health giving activities of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Assoc. and its affiliated local groups throughout the sale are free chest clinics, tuberculin testing and x-ray studies; public health nursing demonstrations; year-around educational program through newspapers, magazine exhibits, radio talks and motion pictures and social service. These services are made possible with Christmas seal funds."	
11/12/1937	Businesses	OLD HORSES FOR FOX FOOD "Top prices, send postal card or call Ogema. Harry Magnuson, Route 1, Ogema, Wisconsin."	

11/12/1937	Businesses	RIB LAKE BIG CASH DRAWING AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION "Will be held December 24 at 2:00 p.m. \$200 in cash given away in 80 prizes. Ask for tickets and details of big drawing at any of the following business places: Lake Superior Power Company, Freiberg-Trantow Agency [insurance], Seidel's Food Store, Fred Niggemann [food store], Arnold's Hardware, Phil Goelz [tavern], Art Swanson [tavern], Dr. E.A. Lapham, M.D., J.A. Taylor [Hardware], the Big Store, Peter Bogumill. ¶ Alphonse Kollman [tavern], Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company, D-X Station, Art Scholz, Dr. R.G. Mauch [dentist] Romey's Tavern, R. Notbohm, Gustafson Lumber Company, Al Goodman, McRae's Bakery, The Rib Lake Herald, Millard Kapitz [insurance], Dr. G.L. Baker, M.D., Rib Lake Beauty Shop, Stamm Beverage, Rib Lake Roller Mill, Owl [gas] Station, Louis Dewse, Mike Schmidt [Harper Lake Resort], George Zondlo, Jorgensen Shoe Store, J.C. Janda, Kotche's Arcade, The Lakeside Tavern, Gibson's Barbershop, Menning's Barbershop, North Side Dairy, Art Herrem [tailor and clothing], Rib Lake Station, Joseph Lilly, William Albrecht Barber, Gem Theatre, Joseph L. Niggemann Dairy, Modern Tavern, Louis Scharer."	The list of sponsors really provides us with a who's who of Rib Lake business people. ¶The bottom 1/3 of the same page was taken up by an ad by 41 other area merchants advertising a \$2,000 cash give-a-way. "Rib Lake Big Cash Drawing and Christmas Celebration will be held December 24 at 2:00 p.m., \$2,000 in cash will be given away in 80 prizes. Ask for tickets and details of big drawing at any of the following business places: Lake Superior Power Company, Freiberg-Trantow Agency, Seidel's Food Store, Fred Niggemann..."
11/19/1937	RLLC & Entertainment	LUMBER COMPANY STORE WILL HAVE XMAS PARTY "The RLLC Store has just announced plans for a Christmas Party, which will be held at the store on December 23, 1937, at 2:00 p.m. Liberal cash gifts will be distributed among their patrons. Further details will be announced in the near future. ¶ The Lumber Company's announcement ad appears on page 8 of this issue." ¶ The ad on page 8 read as follows "Announcing - Big Christmas Party * the Company Store * on December 23, 1937, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. \$75 in cash, distributed among our patrons, watch for further details. We will still feature our regular Friday and Saturday specials. Call at our store. We make one delivery in the forenoon every day. We deliver all day Saturday."	
11/19/1937	People & Politics	DE LORR HAYWARD WILL HEAD NEW WELFARE DEPARTMENT "Taylor County Board of Supervisors in regular session November 16, unanimously passed an ordinance creating a Department of Public Welfare into which was integrated forms for caring for the indigent as follows: Old age assistance, blind pensions, aid to dependent children, direct relief, hospitalization (exclusive of Wisconsin General Hospital or the State Orthopedic Hospital), pauper burials and the county poor farm..."	De Lorr Hayward was born and reared in Rib Lake. Her father was a locomotive engineer. She remained the head of the County Welfare Department into the 1970's.
11/19/1937	Schools	SCHOOLS WILL GET STATE AID DECEMBER 1 "Assemblyman Carl M. Nelson of Taylor County has informed the Herald that Taylor County high schools will receive state aid under the new high school aid law passed by the 1937 legislature on or about the first of December. These amounts will be paid directly to the school treasurers. ¶ An amount equal to \$7.32 will be paid for each student attending the school on an average daily attendance basis. In the event the student is a non-resident student, this amount will be credited to the town, village or city from which the student comes. In addition to this, the law provides for \$800 flat rate to schools having 4 year courses and a \$600 flat rate for schools having 3 year courses, etc. ¶ Rib Lake High School, flat rate \$800; average daily attendance 135.1; amount on ADA basis \$988.93, total aid \$1,799.93; non-residents, 41."	In 2008 the state aid to school districts per child is approximately \$6,000.
11/19/1937	Businesses & Entertainment	"Miss Harriet Nelson entertained her card club at the Cozy Corner Café Tuesday evening. Mrs. Gerald Olson won the high score prize and Miss Martin drew a prize on a lucky cut."	The Cozy Corner Café operated on street level of Lot 15, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake. The Cozy Corner Café was owned and operated by Nettie (Mrs. Charles) Dodge - known to all as "Ma" Dodge. She was a sister to Ole Peterson and Oscar Huldne Peterson; c. 1920 Oscar, a deaf-mute, ran the Busy Bee Restaurant, Bleck D, Lot 9, 729 McComb Ave. On 5/3/1940 the Rib Lake Herald reported that Ma Dodge officially changed her restaurant name from Cozy Corner to Ma Dodge's Cafe. Nettie ran the popular restaurant and boarding house to 1950. In 2008, the site is vacant, the SW corner of McComb & Landall.

11/19/1937	Agriculture	"The Village President [Handeyside] Chair appointed Banks, Radtke and Reistad to inspect the ginseng racks of John Mauch to be used for snow fence and report at the next meeting."	
11/19/1937	Clubs/Orders	"Friday, the first meeting of the 4-H Club was held; 12 boys and 19 girls joined the club for the year 1937 and 1938. Thursday evening the Club will take the Westboro bus to Medford to the Achievement Day program in which 6 clubs will participate. Mr. Branton will be the leader and Miss Irene Patrick and Miss Yorde will be assistant leaders and supervise the sewing and cooking class. Miss Nora Braun has consented to lead the singing."	
11/19/1937	Greenwood & War - Soldiers	GREENWOOD GREETINGS, ARMISTICE DAY (WRITTEN BY GEORGE KNOWER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE RIB LAKE HERALD) "A man may know his manhood ¶ though he sheds tears - ¶ chances play him parts in one ¶ hundred years - ¶ his stage a whole world, ¶ now, more ¶ than ever ¶ to do a man's endeavors without ¶ fears. G.K."	
12/17/1937	Roads & People & Rusch	TWO ARE INJURED IN CAR CRASH "Ed Brehm and Carl Radtke, Jr., both of Rib Lake, are in the hospital at Marshfield following an automobile accident early Sunday morning. Brehm was taken to the hospital Sunday with a fractured right leg. Radtke, who was treated by Dr. Lapham, for concussion of the brain, was taken to the hospital on Monday by Elmer Taylor in the ambulance, and he is being treated for a ruptured kidney. ¶ The car, which is owned by Brehm, was being driven by Rice Park of North Dakota, who is here on a visit. The accident occurred on County Trunk C, just north of the Rib River bridge. The car hit a telephone pole and landed on a stump. ¶ Park suffered cuts, but the 4th occupant of the car, Miss Frances Knop, also of Rib Lake, was uninjured. Miss Knop summoned help. ¶ The people in the car had been at a dance at Wendorf's Hall at Chelsea and were going home by way of M and C. ¶ After examining the wrecked car, traffic office Neal Smith thought the accident was caused by failure of the steering apparatus."	
12/17/1937	Businesses	GAMBLE STORE DOES BIG BUSINESS ON OPENING DAY "Ed Priehn, proprietor of the new Gamble Store, which opened here last Saturday, is very pleased with the number of people who visited his store last Saturday on the opening day and says that business is very good. <u>The store is located in the former John Taylor building</u> , which Mr. Priehn has purchased. ¶ Everything was in readiness on Saturday, and the people of this community had their first opportunity to inspect the extensive lines of merchandise handled by this new store. This merchandise consists in part, of automobile supplies, featuring tires and batteries, paint, radios and household necessities. ¶ All stores bearing the "Authorized Agency Gamble Stores" sign are owned by the man operating the store. These merchants are in business for themselves. The investment is theirs - they do their own ordering - they place their own advertising. It is their business, yet the vast resources of Gamble Stores are behind them.	This store was located on the east side of McComb Ave in Block A of McComb's Racing Park Addition. It was probably located in Lot 9, although it could have been Lot 8, 9 or 10. ¶ The store continued as a Gamble Store to c. 1990. Its last owner under the Gamble Store agency was Duane Warner. In 2008, the building is owned by Catherine Kriehn and houses a music store.
12/17/1937 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The Gamble Store agency sells Gamble's merchandise at Gamble's regular low prices. Thus, even a store in a small town can expect mail order and big city prices, rendering a time and money-saving service. The agencies operate a warehouse [or wholesale house] in the nearest Gamble Store, which, because of its nearness, practically eliminates delay and transportation costs. Here he obtains as much merchandise as is necessary to answer the needs of his community. Every item handled in a regular Gamble Store is available to the consumer through Gamble Store agencies. ¶ This new Gamble Store is one of 1580 Gamble Stores and Gamble Store agencies now operating in the Middle West."	

12/17/1937	Tax Delinquency	TAX DEED NOTICE "Notice of expiration of the time for redemption of land sold for the taxes of 1933. The following described lands in the County of Taylor, State of Wisconsin, were sold by the treasurer of said county on the 1st of August, 1933, the amount set opposite each tract or parcel of land or village lot or city lot includes the taxes, charges and interest up to the last day of redemption. ¶ Now, therefore, unless the said taxes, charges and interest are paid on said described tract or parcel of land...on or before the 1st day of August, 1938, the same will be subject to deed and will be conveyed by tax deed to purchaser or holder of treasurer's certificate, as provided by law."	Then follows an entire page of legal descriptions throughout Taylor County. There exist at least 75 quarter-quarter sections in the Town of Rib Lake and 26 parcels of land within the Village of Rib Lake, including lands in McComb's Racing Park Addition and Kennedy's original plat of the Village. ¶ For example, the NW-NE, Section 14, Town 33 North, Range 3 East owed \$6.46 in taxes. The 40 just behind the one in which I dictate this material, the SW-NE, 13T33N, R2E, had \$7.70 of unpaid taxes against it. This 40 was 1/4 mile west of CTH C. Even lands on CTH C were up for sale; for example, the NE-NE, Section 12 had \$9.59 of unpaid taxes. This 40-acre parcel is in the SW corner of today's Rustic Road #1 on CTH C.
12/17/1937	Entertainment & Clubs/Orders	"Afternoon coffees are the occasion for many pleasant afternoons for Rib Lake ladies this summer. Almost every day you find groups of ladies gathered at the homes of some friends exchanging opinions while visibly plying their needles at fancy work until coffee is served by the hostess. Mrs. Pendergast entertained Monday afternoon, Mrs. Bever on Tuesday, Mrs. Brong on Wednesday, Mrs. Niggemann on Thursday and Mrs. Stelling on Friday."	
<b>1938</b>			
4/1/1938	Physicians & People	BURNS ARE FATAL TO FORMER RIB LAKE PHYSICIAN "A lighted cigarette, dropped from his hand when he fell asleep in a living room chair of his home at 368 W. Wilson, Glendale, California, caused the death of Dr. G.C. Wichman, 62, a physician who formerly had offices in Rib Lake. Third degree burns were on his arms and legs. ¶ A neighbor, walking past on the sidewalk, saw the physician's clothing and wicker chair in which he sat were ablaze, and he was taken to the physician's and surgeon's hospital, where he died on Monday. ¶ News of the tragedy was received here in a letter to J.J. Voemastek from Dr. Wichman's son, Wiley, of East Hollywood. A telegram came to Mr. Voemastek Tuesday, telling him of Dr. Wichman's death and that the funeral would be held Wednesday. ¶ Dr. and Mrs. Wichman and their only son, Wiley, lived in Rib Lake for many years before they moved to California in 1921. Dr. Wichman sold his house, office building and practice to Dr. Baker. Mrs. Wichman died a number of years ago. ¶ The many people in Rib Lake who remember the Wichmans are sorry to hear of this tragic death."	Dr. Wichman's office was on the west side of McComb Avenue in Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake.
4/1/1938	Politics & Rib Lake Village	VILLAGE CANDIDATES HAVE NO OPPOSITION "There will be no opposition in Tuesday's election, with present incumbents running for reelection as follows: President Frank Handeyside; Trustees (3 to be elected) William Banks, William Radtke, Orrin Reistad; Supervisor Millard Kapitiz; Clerk F.L. Becker; Treasurer Herman C. Batzer; Assessor Chester Winslow. ¶ The voters will also elect a Justice of the Peace for a term of 2 years and a constable for one year. ¶ Wesley Schmidt is our present Justice of the Peace, having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of W.E. Freiberg. ¶ Ewold Nelson is constable. ¶ The polls in the Village Hall of Rib Lake will open for voters on April 5, 1938 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ¶ The Village Board met and appointed the following to election positions: Marilyn Curran and Olive Dews, election clerks; Mrs. John Bertagnoli and Mrs. Peter Wolff, ballot clerks; John Reinhart, Chairman of the inspectors; and Gertrude Hahney and Mrs. Harry Everson, inspectors of elections."	

4/1/1938	Politics & Rib Lake Town	10 CANDIDATES RUN FOR OFFICE IN TOWN OF RIB LAKE "10 candidates have filed nomination papers as candidates for the 6 offices in the Town of Rib Lake in the election to be held April 5. They are as follows: Chairman of Supervisors, Max J. Zuther, incumbent, and E.L. Lamont; supervisors, 2 to be elected: Frank Knorn and George Zondlo, incumbents and George Buksa and Harry Swanson. ¶ Town Clerk: Pat J. Cullen, incumbent, no opposition. ¶ Assessor, Anton Kauer, incumbent, and Cy Claussen. ¶ No nomination papers were filed for the office of Justice of the Peace for a term of two years, and constable, for a term of one year."	
4/1/1938	People	CAL JOHNSON SPEAKS AT CLUB MEETING "Cal Johnson, writer of Outdoor Stories, well known to residents in Rib Lake, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Rib Lake Commercial Club held at the Lakeside Tuesday evening. Mr. Johnson recently spoke over a coast to coast network of the National Broadcasting Company during the conservation day period of the national farm and home hour. He was also the main speaker at the annual banquet of the Peoria Fly and Big Casting Club of Peoria, Illinois, and was in daily attendance at the National Boat and Sport Show held at Navy Pier, Chicago...¶ The very fact that Mr. Johnson makes his home at Stone Lake, only a few miles from Rib Lake, indicates that this immediate part of Wisconsin has what Mr. Johnson writes about and which is widely read by sportsmen throughout the entire United States."	
4/1/1938	People & Politics	"Sheriff Herbert Curran was in Rib Lake Saturday and Tuesday."	Herbert Curran was born and reared in Rib Lake. His last gainful employment was in the 1980's as Chief of Police for the City of Medford, after which he retired to his home in the Town of Rib Lake.
4/1/1938	Agriculture & People	"Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kroll and daughter will move from their present location on 102 to a farm southeast of Rib Lake next week. They will rent the farm from Edward Blasch, near the Fawn Valley School."	The new farm was located in the SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The daughter was and is Nancy Kroll, who, in 2008, is a resident of the Village; Nancy for many years owned and operated a grocery store with her then husband, Dale Strobach, in Lot 14, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition.
4/1/1938	Businesses	"Herman Smith, the blacksmith, is going to build a blacksmith shop on the south end of the Lutheran church lot, which he purchased from the congregation. William Junk, the blacksmith, has rented the place where Mr. Smith is now doing business."	The new location that Smith chose was the southern most portion of Lot 17, Block B, McComb's Racing Park Addition. In 2008 the building still stands on the north side of Landall Street and at the north end of Mill Lane. Herman Smith operated the blacksmith shop there until approx. 1980, when he sold out to Alan and Linnea Hansen, who, in turn, operated the blacksmith shop there until 2004; their business name was Otter Forge. I photographed the interior of the shop about the year 2000 since it was an industrial, historic spot. Much of the equipment was operated by a belt-and-pulley system that originally had been operated by a steam engine, although by that time the power source was an electric motor.

4/1/1938	Germania & Rib Lake Herald & Politics	AUSTRIA, A GERMAN STATE "Austria, as a sovereign state, is no more. In the twinkling of an eye, its independent identity was wiped out and it became merely another state in the German Reich. ¶ "Anschluss" was made a fact in the Treaty of St. Germain by which this union of Germany and Austria was forbidden, is just another torn scrap of paper. ¶ The German Reich acquired 32,369 square miles of territory and 6,732,000 more inhabitants. ¶ Arthur Seiss - Inquart rules the Austrian state after the enforced resignation of President Mikles and Chancelor Schuschnigg. ¶ Such is the concrete result of Hitler's startlingly sudden invasion of Austria and seizure of power there. His coup was well planned and it was carried out with a swiftness that demonstrated the speed with which motorized troops can act. ¶ Great Britain and France filed strong protests against the German coup, but their notes were scornfully rejected by the Berlin foreign office..."	At this time the Rib Lake Herald continued to publish international and national events; in fact, such coverage made up the bulk of the Herald. ¶ Following WWI, the defeated Austria wanted to join in a union with Germany but was prohibited by the victorious Allies from doing so. The prohibition was a stark and blatant <u>de facto</u> renunciation of Wilson's claimed right of self-determination.
4/1/1938	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	CUT RHINELANDER LUMBER RATE "The State Public Service Commission issued an order last week giving the logging and lumber companies of Rhinelander a reduction on freight charges amounting to about 60 cents on each 1,000 feet of lumber shipped. Railroads affected include the Chicago Northwestern, the Milwaukee [Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, commonly known as the Milwaukee Road], the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee, and the Soo Line. ¶ The Commission acted on complaints of the Thunder Lake Lumber Company, Robbins Flooring and Brown Brothers Lumber Companies, which claim they were at a disadvantage in competition with other mills in Rib Lake and Upper Michigan. ¶ Freight rates on lumber are established for geographical areas or groups. The industry sells on the delivered basis with freight charges being deducted from the bill when paid. ¶ Rhinelander has been in the group taking a rate of 17 cents per 100 pounds for shipment to Milwaukee. The adjoining area, called the Wausau Group, had a rate of 15.5 cents for similar delivery. The rate from Gladstone, Michigan, to Milwaukee has been 15 cents."	
4/1/1938	Roads	LOAD LIMIT NOTICE FOR TAYLOR COUNTY "Class A highways of concrete and 102 in Rib Lake. No weight limit on Highway 13. ¶ On 102 into Rib Lake it is 60% of Class A highways. ¶ On other state roads, 60% of Class B highways. ¶ On county trunks, 7500 pounds. Signed W.C. Miller, Taylor County Highway Commissioner."	
7/1/1938	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	LICENSES GRANTED TO 8 TAVERNS "At an adjourned session of the Rib Lake Village Board, called Friday evening, 8 taverns were granted a Class "B" liquor license. There were only the 8 applications and those who were granted licenses were Alphonse Kollman, F.L. Becker, John Freeck, Millard Kapitz, L.J. Scharer, Art Swanson, Phil Goelz and Harry Talbot. The amount of tavern license was raised to \$175, or \$25 more than last year."	
7/1/1938	Rib Lake - Town & Agriculture	POWER LINE SERVES 5 NEW CUSTOMERS "A new rural [electric] line extension out of Rib Lake, serving 5 rural customers, has been completed and is now rendering service, according to Lake Superior District Power Company, which includes Rib Lake and the surrounding territory. ¶ The new line is now serving Ernest Gerstberger, Frank Radtke and Ernest Ziemke. Clarence Grow and E. Lamont will be connected to the new line as soon as they have finished wiring their homes for the service. ¶ A second extension in this vicinity, which will serve 13 new rural customers of the company, has been delayed by a strike in the pole yards from which the power company buys its line poles. It is hoped that shipment can be made on the poles soon and the line can be completed. Customers who will be connected to this line include Andrew Zondlo, Joe Hebda, George Zondlo, Frank Zuege, the Rib Lake Town Hall, Paul A. Thomas, L. Yanko, Fawn Valley School, William Fels, John Novak, Joe Heindl, and Albert Knop."	
7/1/1938	People & Greenwood	JARCHOW-JUDNIC "Miss Esther Jarchow chose white for the color of her satin gown and accessories for her marriage to Joseph Judnic, Jr., Saturday. Rev. Kammholz performed the ceremony...The wedding supper was served to about 75 guests at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jarchow, also of the Town of Greenwood. A wedding dance was held in the evening at Jarchow's hall and music was furnished by Ewan's Orchestra."	
7/1/1938	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kennedy and sons, Lyle and Donald, Gladstone, Michigan, were guests of the Henry Mathias family and relatives from Sunday to Thursday last week."	



7/1/1938	Schools & Clubs/Orders	ALUMNI BANQUET HELD SATURDAY NIGHT "Nearly 100 people attended the annual Alumni Banquet and Dance held at the Lakeside Saturday evening. The banquet, which began at 7 o'clock, was followed by a dance, the music for which was furnished by the Funk Sisters' Dance Band. ¶ The assembly sang the Rib Lake High School [song], accompanied by Miss Irene Patrick at the piano. Following two choruses of the song, the dance band played during the banquet. ¶ After the banquet, President of the Alumni Association, Harold Zielke, gave the welcoming address to the newly graduated class of 1938. ¶ Toastmaster Ray Voemastek called upon various people present for a few words, among them being Millard Kapitz, Rib Lake; Vernon McRae, Cleveland, Ohio; Gordon Meek, Minneapolis; Arthur Taylor, Merrill; John and William Sisley, Athens, Georgia; and Elmer Taylor and Marvin Trantow, Rib Lake. Mr. Taylor, on behalf of the American Legion Post Rib Lake, presented medals to Miss Florence Bogumill and Charles Dodge, members of the Class of 1938, for their outstanding scholastic ability during their 4 years in high school. ¶ The class response was given by Robert Becker, President of the senior class of 1938.	
7/1/1938 (cont)	Schools & Clubs/Orders	¶ Millard Kapitz was elected President of the Alumni Association for the coming year; Mrs. Marvin E. Trantow, Vice President, and Miss Ella Yorde was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Immediately after the banquet dancing was begun."	
		This is the end of the material obtained from Mike Wudi at the high school. All of the newspapers are now being turned over to the Rib Lake Public Library.	

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1/13/1939	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	"The annual meeting of the voting members of St. John's Lutheran Church was held after the service Sunday morning. By resolution of the congregation, an English service will be held every Sunday forenoon at 9:30 o'clock. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, a German service will be held at 10:45 a.m. ¶ The following are now members of the church council, Pastor, the Rev. O.E. Hoffman; President Carl Radtke; Secretary Ed Christenson; Treasurer William Radtke; Trustees William Gessert, William Edens and Herman Batzer. ¶ In all matters of Christian faith, life and doctrine, the congregation adheres strictly to the Bible. The congregation therefore, appeals to all who still believe in the pure preaching and teaching of God's holy word. The congregation is a member of the West Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, which is affiliated with the Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America."	
1/27/1939	Obituary	LEO THUMS. "Funeral services for Leo Thums, who died at his home in the Town of Greenwood January 17, 1939, were held at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The Rev. Fr. Peter Dickopf officiating. Mr. Thums had been ailing since last spring and had to quit work as a lumber piler for the RLLC. ¶ The pallbearers were 6 nephews of Mr. Thums, namely Joe and Leonard Wudi and Ambrose, George, Dan and Alfred Thums. ¶ Leo Thums was born Dec. 13, 1902, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thums in the Town of Greenwood. ¶ On May 11, 1926, he was married in St. Ann's Catholic Church to Miss Anna Hoffman, also of the Town of Greenwood. They lived in the Village of Rib Lake for about 2 years, then moved onto farms in the Towns of Greenwood and Rib Lake. At the time of his death and for a number of years he was employed by the RLLC. ¶ He is survived by his widow, Anna Thums; 6 children: Alvin, Florence, Elmer, Isabel, Chester and Adeline; 5 brothers: George, Town of Rib Lake; and Lawrence, John, William and Leonard, all of the	
1/27/1939 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Town of Greenwood; and 3 sisters: Clara, Mrs. Joe Wudi; Margaret, Mrs. George Haider; and Miss Elizabeth Thums, all of the Town of Greenwood; 2 brothers: Joseph and Frank, preceded him in death.	
1/27/1939	Businesses & RLLC	COMPANY'S GENERAL STORE "The RLLC is building a small addition to the south side of their store for more floor space. It will be completed in about 3 weeks. The store was opened Dec. 31, 1936. Walter W. Krueger is manager; George LeClaire, head clerk; Miss Lillian Lien, clerk; and James Novak is in charge of the meat department."	For many years the RLLC had a company store. Its location was on the east side of McComb Ave. just north of the present location of STH 102. In 2008, its site is the Mobil Gas Station owned by Cindy and Greg Hanke.
2/10/1939	Attorneys	"Members of the Taylor County Bar are Attorneys P.W. Andresen, Herman Leicht, M.A. Buckley, E.J. Neuenschwander, Oscar Rademacher, Paul W. Griesser and Louis J. Charles, all of Medford, and Clifford L. Curran of Rib Lake."	

2/10/1939	Businesses	"Ice harvesters are busy filling the ice houses in Rib Lake and vicinity. The ice is now from 18-24" thick."	
3/10/1939	Agriculture	FARMERS INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD HERE TUESDAY. "The Farmer's Institute will be held at the Gem [movie] Theater in Rib Lake on Tuesday, March 14, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon, during which time the Little German Band will play and other musical numbers rendered. ¶ Professor C.J. Chapman of the Soils Department of the College of Agriculture, will discuss soil fertility problems, commercial fertilizers and lime. He will discuss some of the 125 soil samples he has taken and will show moving pictures on the subject. ¶ Dr. V.S. Larson, State Veterinarian, will talk on sleeping sickness."	
3/17/1939	Obituary	J.F. HAYWARD DIES AT HIS HOME HERE. "John Franklin Hayward, a resident of this community for 28 years, died in his home here on Monday, March 13, 1939. Mr. Hayward, who was born at Spencer, Wis. March 5, 1876, was 63 years and 8 days old at the time of his death. ¶ Mr. Hayward's early training was received in the public schools at Spencer. He began railroading at the age of 25 years, first as fireman on the Wisconsin Central, and later as engineer for the Soo Line. He came to Rib Lake in Jan. 1911, and was engineer in the Chelsea-Rib Lake branch of the Soo Line. He built the South Side Service Station, now attended by William Bokath. ¶ On June 28, 1906, Mr. Hayward was united in marriage to Maude A. Lake, and to this union was born one daughter, De Lorr, who is now director of the Taylor County Public Welfare Department. ¶ He was a charter member of the Rib Lake Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The Masons conducted the funeral service from the Methodist Church. The Rev. F. Langendorff, Pastor. Interment was at the Spencer Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were C.P. Hanson, James Upjohn, C.E. Brong, Roy Broman, Frank Trojahn and Clifford Curran.	
3/17/1939 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Honorary pallbearers were John Mauch, Sr., Burt Aitken, William Banks, Sr., Otto Halverson and Charles Zielke."	
3/17/1939	RLLC	"Emil Gnotke, one of the sawyers in the RLLC's sawmill, was ill yesterday and did not report for work in the morning, so the carriage crew went home. The other saw, Albert Prah, sawyer, operated as usual."	
3/24/1939	Politics	CANDIDATES IN VILLAGE HAVE NO OPPOSITION. "Out of the 10 offices to be filled in the Village of Rib Lake at the election April 4, there is only 1 new candidate. Mrs. Chester Winslow is seeking office. Mrs. Winslow, who has no opposition, is running for assessor in place of her husband, present assessor, who has been ill for some time. ¶ The following is a list of officers whose terms expire this spring and who, like Mrs. Winslow, have no opposition: President Frank Handeyside; Clerk F.L. Becker; Supervisor Millard Kapitz; Treasurer Herman Batzer; Trustees Elmer Taylor, Fred Curran and John Mauch. The three trustees whose terms do not expire this year are Orrin Reistad, William Banks and William Radtke."	
3/24/1939	Camps - Bark & Tannery	1894 BARK CHECK FOUND. "A bark check dating back to the 26th of June, 1894, was found on a lumber pile in this village Wednesday. Old-timers say that Fayette Shaw started his tannery in Rib Lake in 1894. The check is in a pretty good state of preservation and apparently never was cashed. ¶ It reads: "Bark Camp #3. Date June 26, 1894. F.D. Shaw, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, pay to F. Johnson or order, the sum of thirteen and a half dollars, same being charged to the men on my books. #130, George McDonald, foreman. Good only when accepted." ¶ The check was not endorsed."	
3/31/1939	RLLC	HANDEYSIDE ACCEPTS POSITION IN THE EAST. "Frank Handeyside, General Manager of the RLLC, has resigned, and he and Mrs. Handeyside are leaving tomorrow for Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where he has accepted a responsible position with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, a firm which Mr. Handeyside served as General Sales Manager until he was transferred to Rib Lake to be a General Manager of the RLLC, which at that time was, like the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the US Leather Company. ¶ Mr. Handeyside came to RLLC as a General Sales Manager, and for a time had his headquarters in Rib Lake, which later were changed to Appleton. He filled this position with credit to himself and the company for 6 years and 2 months when he transferred to the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where he was General Sales Manager for about 3 years before he was returned to Rib Lake as General Manager of the RLLC in October, 1935. Shortly after that, the RLLC was sold to other interests and Mr. Handeyside was retained as General Manager. ¶ Mr. Handeyside is serving his second term as Village President.	The writer of the article contends that both the RLLC and the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company were subsidiaries of the US Leather Company. See Doc. #11554 on the cover page of this volume for Frank Handeyside's signature.

3/31/1939 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ It is with regret that the people of this community learned this week of Mr. Handeyside's resignation, and all join in wishing him and Mrs. Handeyside the best of luck in their new home and Mr. Handeyside's endeavors in the eastern field, ¶ Mr. Handeyside's successor is to be here in about a week or 10 days."	
3/31/1939	Obituary & Interwald	CHARLES DIESTELHORST. "Charles Diestelhorst died March 25, at his home in Rib Lake. He had been ill the past 3 years and his death was caused by heart ailment. He was 86 years, 6 months and 20 days old. ¶ Born in Hanover, Germany, he came to America in September, 1872, and resided with a married sister in Manitowoc. On Feb. 25, 1892, he was married to Miss Anna Nerger in Manitowoc County. On the second of April he went to Kentucky to make a home, and his wife joined him in May of the same year. They lived there until 1900 when they came to Taylor County to live on a farm at Interwald. They lived there until 4 years ago next September when they moved into the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ He is survived by his widow and 5 children: Louise Waning, Rib Lake; Lydia Huebner of Whittlesey; Elsa Comstock of Wauwatosa; Otto Diestelhorst, Rib Lake; and Carl at home, 13 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and one nephew, Otto Baumgart at Milwaukee.	
3/31/1939 (cont)	Obituary & Interwald (cont)	¶ Funeral services were held from the Lutheran Church, the Rev. Hoffman, officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Rib Lake. Pallbearers were Charles McClousky, Herbert Steinman, Theodore Stanky, Ula Pollack, Victor Mayer and William Jarchow."	
3/31/1939	Businesses	IN BANKRUPTCY "C.L. Baldwin, referee in bankruptcy, on Tuesday notified creditors that Peter Bogumyll of Rib Lake, doing business as "The Big Store," that Mr. Bogumil was adjudged bankrupt on the 24th day of March, 1939, at the courthouse in Wausau, Wis. ¶ The store has been closed for two weeks."	
4/7/1939	Politics	253 VOTES CAST IN TOWN OF RIB LAKE. "253 voters turned out at Tuesday's election in the Town of Rib Lake and reelected the entire slate. The results were as follows: Chairman Ed Lamont; Supervisors Frank Knorn and George Zondlo. Unsuccessfully running were Harry Swanson, Joe Probst, Jr, Charles Kalk, George Buksa and Bernard Seidl. Clerk, Pat J. Cullen; Treasurer, Joseph Kauer; Assessor Anton Kauer; Justice of the Peace, Pat J. Cullen; Constable, Andrew Olson; serving on the election board were ballot clerks Mike Schneider and Laverne Zuege. ¶ Inspectors of the election Albert Knop, Mack Zuther and Ben Hohl. ¶ Clerks of election Alfred Carlson and Ernst Tetzlaff. Constable of election Andrew Olson."	
4/7/1939	Politics & Greenwood	TILCH REELECTED CHAIRMAN IN TOWN OF GREENWOOD. "The following are the results of the election in the Town of Greenwood: Chairman William Tilch, 160; Peter Sluis, 94. ¶ Supervisors (2 elected), Albert Schreiner, 192; E.R. Stibbe, 148; Tony Hohn, 93. ¶ Clerk, Henry Fuchs, 235; Treasurer, Andrew Scheuer, 237; Assessor John Dums, 124; Otto Scheuer, 110; Ed Bucki, 18. ¶ Justice of the Peace, Henry Fuchs, for two years. Justice of the Peace (1 year) Andrew Scheuer; Constable Martin Steen; Ballot clerks Vincent Kraemer and John McClusky; Inspectors of election, Joe Bohte, Sr., Herman Pollack and Frank Gebauer; Clerks of election Jerry Meyer and Henry Klemm."	
4/7/1939	Camp 24 & Camp 25 & Camp 26	LUMBER COMPANY WILL BUILD ANOTHER CAMP - 26 "The RLLC will put up a group of buildings 3 miles west of New Wood Camp (Camp 25) as soon as the weather warms up, to be known as Camp 26, to accommodate 160 men. The camp will be about 15 miles northwest of Rib Lake by rail. ¶ Men will be put to work there to peel pulpwood all summer and cut saw logs next fall and winter. Camp 24 will also operate during the summer months. ¶ The company has been operating only 1 camp for some time, and logging operations for this season were round up last Thursday. Loggers will start again about the first of July. The present cut of hardwood, which is smaller than that of a year ago, will be run through the mill by the end of April, but some more hardwood will be milled next fall, sometime in September. ¶ Ed Synnott is the company's woods superintendent, Chris Brandt is foreman, Nels Nelson assistant foreman, Henry Janzen bookkeeper and Louis Fleming cook."	The locations of Camp 25 and 26 are shown on page 148 of the Pictorial History of the Rib Lake Area. Camp 25 was located in Section 23; Camp 26 was located in Section 20. Both were in Town 33 North, Range 4 West.

4/14/1939	RLLC	NEW MANAGER OF LUMBER COMPANY TO TAKE JOB APRIL 15 "H.W. Johannes, who has been manager of the Menomonie Indian Mills for the past 3 1/2 years, has resigned from that position to accept the General Managership of the RLLC of Delaware of Rib Lake effective April 15. ¶ The American Lumberman says: "Mr. Johannes is a well-known lumberman in the north, having advanced to his place in industry after starting as office boy with the Jacob Mortinson Lumber Company at Wausau, Wis. in 1905. ¶ During his management of the Menomonie Indian Mills since Sept. 1, 1939, Mr. Johannes carried out quite an extensive program of improvement and reorganization of the operation. The mill was largely rebuilt to increase production; the planing mill was revamped, and Moore cross-circulation kilns were installed. Another innovation introduced was to change from a railroad logging operation to a truck haul logging program. Delivery truck service to customer's yards also was started. ¶ One of the accomplishments of which Mr. Johannes is most proud in his employment at the Indian Reservation is the increase of 50% in the number of Indians employed in the operations.	Note that the author says that the RLLC has an annual production of 50 million board feet. For a while after the sawmill closed in 1948, a memorial log sat along present STH 102 in the former mill yard. That log was inscribed with certain data concerning the RLLC. It claimed that the RLLC's total production amounted to 1 billion 470 million board feet.
4/14/1939 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	When he took over the positions, Indians constituted 48% of the payroll, while at present they make up 76%.¶ Prior to taking the job at Neopit operations, Mr. Johannes was General Manager of the West Lumber Company, Lugerville, Wis. from 1922-1935. Earlier in his career, he was successively bookkeeper and stenographer for the Collar-Stange Lumber Company at Merrill, in charge of the shipping office at Backus and Brooks Company, International Falls, Minn., and Office Manager of the Kneeland-West Lumber Company [Phillips] between 1915 and 1922. ¶ Although his resignation at the Menomonie Indian Mills is regretted, Mr. Johannes' friends are wishing him great success in his new office. The RLLC manufactures northern hemlock, kiln-dried hardwoods, lath and shingles. It has been in operation nearly 35 years, and has an annual capacity of 50 million [board] feet. It has a double band saw with 2 resaws. The company's timber supply is considered one of the most solid blocks in Wisconsin." ¶ Mr. John Mylrea, Vice President of the RLLC, informed the Herald last Friday that Mr. Johannes will be treasurer and General Manager and a director of the company.	
4/14/1939 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	He is moving to Rib Lake this week and will be on the job Monday, April 17. The residence that Mr. Handeyside, his predecessor had, is reserved for him."	
4/21/1939	Politics & Environment & CCC	34 COUNTY YOUTH ENTERED CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP IN APRIL "34 youth in Taylor County were enrolled in the CCC on April 8, 11 and 12 as follows: [I will mention here only Rib Lake and Gilman enrollees] Harold E. Bleck, Rib Lake; Emil A. Kassube, Rib Lake; Frank Panek, Rib Lake; David W. Douthitt, Westboro; Walter E. Dums, Medford; Joseph F. Kossek, Rib Lake; Robert F. Elock, Westboro."	
4/21/1939	People	KAUER-RHODY [WEDDING] "Spring-cut flowers graced the altar at St. Johns Catholic Church at Rib Lake for the nuptials of Miss Elizabeth G. Kauer, Rib Lake, and Carl H. Rhody, Ogema, which were performed April 15. ¶ The Rev. P. Dickopf celebrated the 9 o'clock nuptial high mass and read the marriage vows in the presence of relatives and friends. ¶ Traditional white satin, one princess lined train, with lace inset in yoke and sleeves, was worn by the bride, with white fingertip veil and accessories. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies. ¶ Miss Catherine Kauer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and attired in floor-length aqua green taffeta gown with shoulder corsage of sweet peas and roses. Miss Myrtle Rhody, sister of the groom, and Marie Payamps, niece of the bride, who were bridesmaids, were gowned in shell pink tafetta and wore corsages of sweet peas and roses. Miss Elaine Kauer, niece of the bride, was flower girl and gowned in floor-length white silk crepe and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and roses. ¶ The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhody of Ogema, was attended by Harvey Rhody, brother, and Pete Kauer, brother of the bride.	During his retirement in the 1960's and 70's, Carl H. Rhody wrote a series of wonderful books called the Saga of Spirit Valley. They are first-hand accounts of the people and places in the Spirit Valley. They contain a wealth of Rib Lake history.
4/21/1939 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Marie Kauer, Town of Rib Lake, with 100 guests present. White, pink and aqua green colors were used to decorate the home for the reception. ¶ A wedding dance was held the same night at Kelly's Hall in Ogema. ¶ Mr. Rhody and his bride will make their home on a farm in the Town of Spirit."	

4/28/1939	Schools & Clubs/Orders & Spirit	4-H CLUB ORGANIZED AT LIBERTY SCHOOL "At a meeting held at the Liberty School in Spirit Wednesday, April 19 [1939], a 4-H club was organized under the leadership of Miss Doris Blomberg, teacher and a committee name. 11 members enrolled in the presence of an enthusiastic audience after an address by Mr. Peterson, Price County Agent. ¶ Following the meeting, there was a musical program by the pupils of the Nora Braun Studio of Rib Lake as follows: Arthur Brietzke and Leslie Schmidt, piano accordionists; Alice Kettleon, piano; Phyllis Gessert, vocal, and a dramatic reading by Betty Bogumill. Mrs. William Gessert acted as accompanist and George and Nora Braun entertained with old waltzes and schottisches."	The Liberty Grade School was in the SE corner of CTH YY & German Settlement Road.
4/28/1939	Rusch	FREIBOTH-KNOP "Miss Esther Freiboth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freiboth of Rib Lake, became the bride of Mr. Charles Knop, Jr., son of Mrs. Bertha Knop, also of Rib Lake, on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Preston Bradley, Pastor of the People's Church of Chicago. They were attended by Miss Annie Schneider and Mr. Otto Mielke. ¶ The bride was attired in a white gown and a fingertip veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Schneider was clothed in a pink gown and carried talisman roses and pink sweet peas. ¶ A table was reserved at "The Old Heidelberg" for the bridal dinner. ¶ The evening was spent at the Aragon Ballroom, dancing to the music of Dick Jurgens. ¶ The young couple will make their home in Chicago, and they receive the best wishes of their many Rib Lake friends."	
5/5/1939	Businesses & Ole A. Peterson	BERNARD FRENZEL BUYS PETERSON'S STORE, HOUSE AND FILLING STATION. "Bernard Frenzel of this Village last Saturday purchased the Albert Goodman Store, the Goodman residence, and the Log Cabin Service Station, all of which were owned by O.A. Peterson of Phillips. Mr. Goodman will continue to operate a general store and is renting the store building and residence from Mr. Frenzel. George Straub is renting the filling station and will continue operating it. ¶ All of the foregoing property is located in the southwestern part of the Village on Highway 102, just south of the Catholic Church."	
5/5/1939	County Forest	"A crew at the George Washington Unit of the Taylor County Forest completed scalping last week and started planting Monday morning. 15,000 white spruce, and 15,000 Norway pine will be planted this year. ¶ Trees for the 9 school forests are expected today, and the school children, their parents, teachers and friends expect to plant next week. 6,000 3-year-old white and Norway pine and spruce will be allotted to Taylor County."	Eventually a 17,000 acre county forest was created to the northwest and east of Rib Lake. In addition, the Rib Lake School Forest was created on CTH D. At the time these forests were created, they were denuded and had lots of places for tree planting.
5/5/1939	Clubs/Orders	RIB LAKE ODDFELLOWS LODGE JOINS WITH MEDFORD. "Members of the Rib Lake Oddfellows Lodge and members of the Medford Oddfellows Lodge have voted to consolidate into one lodge, that at Medford."	
5/12/1939	Camp 26	LUMBER COMPANY BUILDING NEW CAMP, #26 "Work on Camp 26, out from New Wood camp, or Camp 25 of the RLLC, was started in earnest Monday when two [railroad] carloads of lumber were hauled out to the site to begin building operations. Two carpenters, J.M. Johnson and Oscar Olson, and a crew of men will have the work completed in less than 30 days, Mr. Synott, the company's woods superintendent, informs us. ¶ The camp will be large enough to house about 125 men and will probably be put in operation early next fall or sooner. ¶ This camp will be equipped with a portable refrigerator to keep meat and perishable food in good condition. It will be an electric unit and will be operated by a Kohler automatic lighting plant, which can also supply current for electric lights and electric appliances. ¶ The RLLC operates camps that are models of perfection."	
5/12/1939	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Miss Anna May Kennedy and her brother Harold returned Friday from a 10-day trip to Climax and Frontier, Saskatchewan, Canada, where they are interested in a section of land which their father, Hugh Kennedy, invested in before his death. They traveled about 2,500 miles in all."	Hugh J. Kennedy was a brother to J.J. Kennedy and one of the early movers and shakers in Rib Lake. The brother of J.J. should not be confused with Hugh A.B. Kennedy. To keep the various Kennedy family members straight, see "Movers & Shakers: Cast of Characters to Early Rib Lake History", Doc. #12269.

5/19/1939	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ENTER SAFETY CONTEST. "5 employess of the RLLC, exclusive of the foreman, office employees and safety director, who cannot participate in the contest, will be awarded \$5 each in a safety contest which began April 29. ¶ The employees are submitting one or more questions, relative to first aid or ways and means of preventing accidents or fires in or about the plant. Along with the questions, the answers must be submitted, and the employees must sign their names to each list of questions submitted. At the close of the contest all questions and answers will be submitted to a disinterested outside party for judging, Employers Mutual or National Safety Council, and 5 contestants will be awarded \$5 for the best question. ¶ The safety committee, of which C.E. Brong is chairman, and William Berfield is secretary, meets every month. The committee is composed of executives, foremen and representatives of the workmen in various departments. At the meetings, the causes of accidents, remedies, and new safety measures are discussed. The committee also makes a periodic inspection of the plant as a means to improve safety.	
5/19/1939 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Because of the safety record of the company the past two years, it received the Employers Mutual safety award. ¶ Near the first aid office, a flagpole with a safety flag and different colors for various departments denotes any lost-time accidents and their extent."	
5/19/1939	Rib Lake - Town	DYNAMITE USED ON PWA PROJECT "State men were here Tuesday to blast or "blow out" the drainage ditch near Romney's place with dynamite. This is a PWA [Public Works Administration] project of the Town of Rib Lake and the east end of the project is about finished. The ditch will drain the water from the highway just outside of the west limits of this village and will make a big improvement. Heretofore, after heavy rains, and in the spring, part of STH 102 and some portions of the town roads running west and southwest from Romney's corner were underwater, sometimes for several days, because water could not drain rapidly."	The Public Works Adminstration was one initiative of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration to deal with the effects of the Great Depression. The federal government financed local municipal projects ranging from art to ditch digging, funding locals who were employed by their municipality. The WPA came to an end when the employment boom associated with WWII made it unnecessary. ¶ Romney's corner was the NE corner of the NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. It was a major intersection at the time since STH 102 ran through it. It is low, flat land, only a couple feet higher than Rib Lake. It lies only 1/4 mile from Sheep Ranch Creek, to which the drainage ditch was blasted. To this day it can still be flooded by high water in springtime.
5/19/1939	Schools & Greenwood	P.T.A. MEETS AT GREENWOOD. "The following Rib Lakeites attended the parent-teacher's meeting at the Highland School at Greenwood: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hoffman, Lorraine Hoffman, Glendon Hoffman and George and Nora Braun. A very enjoyable program was given by the upper grades, and Glendon Hoffman gave an oration titled "A Tribute to Colonel Lindbergh," which won him first place at Rib Lake and third in the county forensic contest. The dance after the meeting was well attended with music by the Nora Braun Studio trio."	The parent-teachers association met at the Highland School. The Highland was just west of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Many schools of the time had parent-teachers associations. The oration celebrated Colonel Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly across the Atlantic solo. This flight took place in 1927.
5/19/1939	Clubs/Orders	"The local Masonic Lodge had a large attendance Wednesday evening, when a Master Mason degree was conferred on a candidate. Visiting members were present from Medford, Abbotsford and Colby. Refreshments were served after the lodge adjourned."	Since the lodge dealings are secret, the name of the recipient was not given.
5/19/1939	Roads	STATE WILL PAVE 40 MILES OF HIGHWAY. "Concrete paving of 40 miles of state highways in 6 counties will be included in the 16 projects on which bids will be received May 23 by the State Highway Commission at Madison. ¶ The largest of paving jobs on which bids are to be received is 9.963 miles of US Hwy 8 between Catawba and Prentice."	The entire state highway program for 1939 consisted of paving 40 miles of highways. By today's standards, a drop in the bucket.

5/19/1939	People & J.J. Kennedy & family & RLLC	MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SEIDEL CELEBRATE 44TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seidel celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary at their home here on Mother's Day, May 14. They also celebrated Mr. Seidel's birthday anniversary, which was May 14. ¶ Nine of Mr. and Mrs. Seidel's eleven children and six of their 10 grandchildren spent the day with them. Those who were there were Mr. and Mrs. George Seidel of this village, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hohl and 4 children of the Town of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seidel and one child and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seidel of the Town of Rib Lake, Mrs. Anna Sellmer of Milwaukee and Anton, Leonard, Ray and John, all of Milwaukee. A son, Leo, and his family and a daughter, Miss Agnes, all of Milwaukee, were not able to be there. ¶ The Seidel's were married by the Rev. Fr. Wickman at their home, which was in the Town of Rib Lake at the time. ¶ Mrs. Seidel and her daughter left Sunday afternoon for Milwaukee, where Mrs. Seidel will visit for a week.	
5/19/1939 (cont)	People & J.J. Kennedy & family & RLLC (cont)	¶ When Mr. Seidel came here in 1884, there was not a foot of town road. J.J. Kennedy was operating the sawmill, and the logging was being done on the east bank of Rib Lake. Mr. Seidel worked as scaler in Kennedy's lumber yard for six years, and helped build McComb's race track and also skidded logs, which were used in building the tannery, which ceased operation some years ago. Mr. Seidel built a house in the woods southeast of what is now the Village of Rib Lake, later moving to a farm nearer to the Village, which is now operated by his son. In 1937 Mr. and Mrs. Seidel moved to the Village."	
5/19/1939	People & Entertainment	"The fishing season opened Monday with a bang at Talbot's Resort on Willow Lake, with a number of walleye and northern pike being caught. Trout fishing was also reported to be good in Thunder Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbot of this village, who operate a resort at Willow Lake, had their annual spring opening Saturday night and will continue to have dances every Saturday night during the summer months."	"Willow Lake" is actually a large flowage in Oneida County. About the year 2000, the State of Wisconsin purchased most of the land around the flowage.
5/26/1939	Agriculture & People	LIGHTNING STUNS FARMER, KILLS COW. "John Blennert, Sr, who lives on County Trunk Highway C across the road from the Rib River School, was knocked unconscious yesterday forenoon, and the cow he was milking was killed by lightning. Mr. Blennert recovered in a few minutes and was taken to his home. ¶ The accident occurred about 4 o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Blennert and their 3-year-old grandson, Fred Mohr, Jr., had gone to their cow pasture, about 3 1/2 miles from their farm. Mr. Blennert was milking a cow tied to the fence when the lightning struck, killing the cow and knocking down 3 other cows. It is believed the bolt struck a tall tree some distance away, and then jumped the fence. Ernie Anderson, who was across the road, was also jarred by the bolt. ¶ John Boyne, neighbor, took Mr. Blennert to his son-in-law, Mr. Fred Mohr's farm. ¶ When it started to rain, Mr. and Mrs. Blennert had put their grandson in the car and he therefore escaped injury. Fred, Jr. is very fond of his grandfather and always stands beside him when he milks the cows, and if it had not been for the rain, he probably would have been injured.	
5/26/1939 (cont)	Agriculture & People (cont)	¶ Mr. Blennert suffered from the shock, but was resting easily at his home. One arm and a leg were swollen."	
5/26/1939	Schools & Fawn Valley	FAWN VALLEY SCHOOL CLOSES WITH PICNIC. "The Fawn Valley School closed another successful and profitable year Sunday with a picnic on the school grounds. The picnic was given on Sunday so that parents and members of the school board could attend, because at this time of the year every day of rural life is very busy planting, etc., and there is no time out during the day for recreation. There was a big attendance, and everybody had a good time. The lunch was served on the grounds. Mrs. Emma Zemke and Catherine Meyer taught the school last year. Miss Zemke is going to Hannibal next year."	
6/2/1939	Camp 26	BUILD CAMP FOR 160 MEN IN 12 1/2 DAYS "Ed Synnott, Woods Superintendent for the RLLC, is greatly pleased over the progress the crew made in building the company's new camp, #26, which is 15 miles southeast of Rib Lake. From the time work on the camp was started up to the time it was fit to house 100 men, it was just 12 1/2 days. The camp has single beds for 160 men, electric lights, refrigerator, etc. ¶ Last Friday evening Nels Nelson served the carpenters a barrel of beer to celebrate his wedding last month. ¶ Mr. Nelson and his wife hope to be living in Rib Lake by June 15."	

6/9/1939	Agriculture & Law	COMMISSIONERS TO MEET AT MEDFORD WITH A.L. STONE. "All town, city and village Weed Commissioners will meet with A.L. Stone, former State Weed Commissioner, at the courthouse Friday, June 16. The state weed law and its enforcements, the methods of controlling weeds, will be discussed. A part of the day will be spent in the identification of weeds. Anyone wishing to learn the name of a weed is invited to bring in a sample. ¶ Meetings of Weed Commissioners are usually called in each county every other year by the State Weed Commissioner."	As late as the 1970's I recall the Village of Rib Lake having a Weed Commissioner in the person of Walter "Wimpy" Wilhelms. The job of the Weed Commissioner was to see to it that landowners tore out certain plants that had been determined to be weeds. The June 9 edition of the Herald included a "Notice to Destroy Noxious Weeds" signed by Charles Dodge, Weed Commissioner for the Village of Rib Lake. "Notice is hereby given to each and every person who owns, occupies or controls land in the Village of Rib Lake to cut or destroy all Canadian Thistle, English Charlock or Wild Mustard, Goats-bead, Quack or Quitch grass on all lands owned, occupied or controlled by you..."
6/9/1939	Businesses & RLLC	LAST BIG MILL IN MINNESOTA PASSES ON. "A few years ago the news of the wrecking of another sawmill created little interest outside of the local community where it had operated. However, changing times drew special attention to an item in the May 9 issue of the <i>International Falls Journal</i> , which announced that the big sawmill owned by the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company Estate is to be torn down. ¶ This is the last big mill left in Minnesota and its passing marks the end of a period during which Minnesota stood at the head of all of the states of the union in the production of lumber. We recall the time when 7 busy sawmills were located at St. Anthony Falls and the Mississippi ran banks full of logs from the spring breakup to the fall freeze, when life in Duluth, Virginia, Domiginee, Crookston, Winton, Little Falls, Brainerd, Cloquet and Stillwater was regulated by the sawmill whistle, and trains of lumber were constantly on their way from Minnesota mills to build the stores and homes in hundreds of towns, cities and villages of the middle west. ¶ The closing of the M&O mill is largely because of excessive production costs due to unreasonable labor union demands rather than the	The editor of the Herald could see the handwriting on the wall regarding the Rib Lake Lumber Company. In less than a decade, the big mill at Rib Lake would close.
6/9/1939 (cont)	Businesses & RLLC (cont)	shortage of saw timber. The job of producing lumber in the state in the future will fall mostly upon the small portable type sawmills that can be set up handily to suitable stands of saw timber. These small outfits do not carry the annual burden of local taxation levied in industrial communities. With the passing of the M&O mill, the city of International Falls will suffer a permanent loss in employment and tax revenue."	
6/9/1939	Camp 26	KANNENBERG FOREMAN AT CAMP 26. "Charles Kannenberg of Tigerton, Wis., told the Herald that he was sent here to take the position of foreman in Camp 26 of the RLLC. He has had years of experience."	
6/9/1939	Roads	TRAFFIC ON MEMORIAL DAY WAS BETTER THIS YEAR "While death rode the highways of many states over the Memorial holiday, Wisconsin came through with the best May 30 record in many years, the State Highway Commission reports. Violent death totaled 24 in Wisconsin over the 4-day period this year, but traffic accidents accounted for less than 1/3 of these."	
6/16/1939	Obituary	HERBERT C. HEADSTREAM "The sudden death of Herbert C. Headstream last Thursday, June 8, was a shock to his family, friends and neighbors. He came home from his jewelry shop in this Village as usual about 6 o'clock, walked out into the backyard of his farm home and there fell prone to the ground. His son, Kenneth, picked him up and carried him to the house, and Dr. Holman was called and he pronounced him dead, apparently from a heart failure. ¶ Herbert C. Headstream was born in Mauston, Wis., on January 11, 1863, and departed from this life at his home June 8, 1939 at the age of 76 years, 4 months and 27 days. ¶ On Sept. 8, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Cramer of Marshfield, and to this union were born 4 children. ¶ He made his home in Marshfield until he moved to Rib Lake in 1901 and was engaged in the business of jewelry man until his death. ¶ He leaves to mourn his passing a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Enola Walty, and 3 sons, Perry and Kenneth, who are at home, and Harry, who lives in Minneapolis, one grandchild and a host of friends and neighbors. ¶ The funeral was held from the home west of this village on State Highway 102 at 2 o'clock Sunday	The Headstream farm was the W 1/2 - SW 1/4, Section 28, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. At the time of his death, STH 102 ran along the south boundary. In 2008 the south 40 of the farm is owned by Paul Kolecheck.



6/16/1939 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	afternoon, June 11, and was largely attended. The service was opened by a vocal number by Messrs. A.A. Trojahn and Ellison Scott. Then Mr. Ralph Michael, Pastor of the Church of Christ, gave a short sermon, which was very comforting to the mourners and uplifting to those present. ¶ The pallbearers were James Upjohn, J.J. Voemastek, Fred Niggemann, Victor Kohn, Robert Aitken and Edward Prien. ¶ He was a member of the Rib Lake Camp 890, Modern Woodmen of America, in good standing, and had transferred to this camp from Marshfield. When the family came to Rib Lake they first settled at Interwald on the Badger farm, later moving to Rib Lake."	
6/16/1939	Clubs/Orders	IS WOODMEN CLERK FOR 25 YEARS. "When Charles Whittlinger (now deceased) resigned the office of clerk of the Rib Lake Camp 890, Modern Woodmen of America, the job fell onto the shoulders of Mr. McRae and he has administered his duties faithfully and efficiently, the past quarter of a century. It will be 25 years next September since he took the office. Forty years ago the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors of America were the largest fraternal organizations in Rib Lake. The Modern Woodmen camp had over 100 members, it is said."	
6/16/1939	Fire	FIREMEN HOLD MEETING HERE. "The Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department was host of the annual district firemen's meeting at the Lakeside (tavern) Tuesday evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock. The local company turned out in full force with James Downs, Chief. ¶ A very instructive program was provided by William Berfield, Safety Engineer of the Rib Lake Lumber Company, who is also a member of the fire department. It consisted of questions and answers from the Firemen's Manual, and those who gave the best satisfactory answer to any question were given a ticket with a number on it. Corresponding numbers were put in a box and a number is drawn for 3 prizes. ¶ The lucky numbers were 14, 13 and 11, and Alex McDonald of Edgar drew one prize, and John L. Engeldenger of Colby drew 2. The prizes consisted of a sponge and chamois skin for polishing a car, a fish line, and a thermos bottle. ¶ The meeting was adjourned to serve lunch and consisted of hot beef and pork sandwiches, pickles, hot coffee and beer."	
6/16/1939	Roads & RLLC	"The Village [of Rib Lake] will have the company bulldozer round off and widen out the corners at Oscar Greening's and Herman Hanke's in the east limits of the Village around the lake to make traffic safer."	These two abrupt, 90 degree turns still exist on Lakeshore Drive. In 2008 the land on either side of the curves is owned by Paul Hohl and Rose & Gary Thums. The RLLC loaned its own bulldozer at this time.
6/16/1939	Rib Lake - Village & Businesses		Applicaton for liquor licenses were published in the Herald. Those applying were: Mathilda Tauber, Millard Kapitz, Alfonse Kollman, L.J. Scharer, John W. Freeck, Arthur Swanson. Those applying for liquor licenses from the Town of Rib Lake were Mike Schmidt, George Zondlo, Roman Notbohm, Anna Vanderhoof, and Carl Radtke, Jr.
6/23/1939	Entertainment	DEFEAT INDIANS TO WIN 9 STRAIGHT GAMES. "By Guy Wallace - Well, those glamorous, glorious and hard fighting Rib Lake Dukes of Swat left the local diamond Sunday with another victory tucked in their tuxedos. ¶ When it comes to pitching, Spot Steffes knows all the answers. Showing his usual good form, he went out and earned himself another shut-out. He also got a hit, but was injured sliding into second base in the 8th inning. He was replaced by Lefty Meier, who came in with the run on N. Grow's single. The doctor examined Steffes' foot and found it to be nothing serious, which we were all glad to hear. ¶ Norman Grow, usually a model boy, has gained quite a criminal record lately. By only Sunday he stole three bases and robbed several fellows of hits in center field. ¶ Although the young Indian twirler was plenty good, had a mixture of good stuff on the ball, and held our boys scoreless for 5 innings, but he had rather poor support and couldn't hold our batsmen in check. Eight timely hits aided by 6 errors on the Braves brought in 11 tallies for Rib Lake. Our runs were all acquired in the last 3 innings. Fran Schaack got 3 singles in 5 trips to the plate, and Engrove for 500%."	The Rib Lake team consisted of N. Grow, W. Grow, Patrick, Corbett, second base, Franny Schaack, S.S. Schwoch, C. Smith, third base, W. Schaack, center field, Steffes, pitcher, and L. Meier, 3rd base. Guy Wallace then set out in detail the statistics and a summary of the game. Rib Lake ended up beating Minocqua/Lac du Flambeau 7 to 0.

6/30/1939	People & RLLC	FRED M. SHAW AND DAUGHTERS HERE FRIDAY. "Fred M. Shaw, who was General Manager of the RLLC 30 years ago, and his daughters, Eunice and Drusilla, passed through Rib Lake last Friday on their way to Medford to visit relatives, the Andresen's and Urquhart's. They called on a few old timers like George Braun, James Upjohn, Ann Mae Kennedy, J.J. Voemastek and Dan McLeod. They now live at Fremont, Michigan. Since resigning his position of General Manager of the RLLC 30 years ago, Mr. Shaw embarked in various enterprises which took him to various parts of the country, and now, being well up in years, he has retired and is enjoying the blessings that come with ripe age and years of understanding."	
6/30/1939	Schools	JOHN ECKHOFF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. "John Eckhoff was elected President, Marlyn Curran, Vice President and Ruth Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni Association of the Rib Lake High School at the annual banquet held Saturday night at the Lakeside. Millard Kapitiz was the retiring President and Mrs. Marvin Trantow, Vice President and Miss Ella Yorder, Secretary and Treasurer. 95 people attended the banquet and dance."	
7/7/1939	Obituary	FREDRICK SCHLOSSER "Fredrick Schlosser, one of the respected citizens of the Town of Rib Lake who cast his lot with the early settlers 31 years ago, died at his farm home Monday, June 26, from cerebral hemorrhage. ¶ The funeral was held Friday morning, June 26, from the Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Dickopf officiating, and he was laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Tony, John, Vincent, Bernard and Frank Hohl and Joe Probst. ¶ Mr. Schlosser was born in Waterloo, Indiana, November 27, 1873, and came to Rib Lake in 1907. He married in 1913. ¶ Deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Schlosser; and the following children, Albert, Herbert, George, Mrs. Paul Dober, Mrs. John Schroeder and Dorothy, all of Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Raymond, Edward and Bernard of Rib Lake; also 6 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 2 sisters."	
7/7/1939	Church - Lutheran - St. John's & St. Peter's	LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES. "St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, Pastor. Divine Services on Sundays as follows, English 9:00 a.m., German 10:15, Sunday School 10:00, confirmation instruction Monday, Wednesday and Friday forenoon. Dorcas meets Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in church parlor. Hostess Mrs. Bucholz, Young People Society meets Wednesday night at Harper's Lake. ¶ St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Town of Greenwood, Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, Pastor. Divine Service in English at 8:00 p.m. Installation of newly installed church officers. Inspections on Tuesday and Thursday forenoons, We preach Christ and Him crucified."	
7/7/1939	Businesses	VICTOR GUSTAFSON LUMBER COMPANY "We carry complete stock of building materials - sash, lumber, doors, plaster and shingle, brick trim, roofing, mull board. Victor Gustafson Lumber Company, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, Telephone office 2R2, Residence 2R3."	It is unfortunate there has been a gap in the availability of the Rib Lake Herald between 1922 and the start of 1939; for that reason we do not know how the Victor Gustafson Lumber Company came to appear in Rib Lake. It is my understanding that Victor Gustafson bought out O.A. Peterson, who moved to Phillips.
7/14/1939	Camp 24	CHOPS TOE OFF. "John Ahonen, Brantwood, chopped a toe of from his left foot Monday while cutting branches off a tree at Camp 24. He was taken to Dr. Lapham's clinic for treatment."	
7/14/1939	CCC	14 GO TO CCC CAMP. "The roster of selectees to CCC camps from Taylor County, which were enrolled on July 6, are the following: 1. Richard Barta, Chelsea. 2. Otto Becker, Whittlesey. 3. Peter Bogumill, Rib Lake. 4. George Ahlert, Thorp. 5. Edwin Kaszubowski, Thorp. 6. Frederick Clemm, Whittlesey. 7. Lawrence Koffarnus, Whittlesey. 8. Herbert Lechner, Medford. 9. William Pendergast, Rib Lake. 10. Nick Peleschak, Lublin. 11. Mark Pink, Chelsea. 12. William Rice, Chelsea. 13. Leslie Lifenburg, Medford. 14. Joseph Sarafin, Lublin."	

7/14/1939	Library	PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDS THREE BOOKS "The [Rib Lake] Public Library has three new and important books to offer its patrons. "We Pointed Them North" by Abbott and Smith, is an absorbing and hilarious true story of a tough kid cowboy...¶ Another is John Gunther's "Inside Europe". Gunther, a European correspondent of the Chicago Daily News for 11 years, has a "nose" for personal, as well as political, news and this book bulges with inside facts and dictator secrets...¶ The third is Hitler's "Mein Kampf," called "The most important book in the world today," for the first time complete and unexpurgated in the English language. Here, for the American people to read and judge for themselves, is the work which has sold in Germany by the millions and probably the best written evidence of the "character, the mind and spirit of Adolf Hitler and his government." ¶ Avail yourself of these valuable books. Signed Librarian."	"Mein Kampf", [My Battle] was written by Adolf Hitler and was the Nazi bible.
7/14/1939	Entertainment	RIB LAKE SHUTS OUT TOMAHAWK, 3-0 (By Guy Wallace) "In one of the mostly hotly contested games of the season, Rib Lake won from Tomahawk at the Hatchet City last Sunday. Norman Grow led off in our half of the first inning and flied (sic) to short, one gone. Wes Grow smashed a hard drive to right center for a 2 base hit, Fran Schaack singled to left field and Corbett was intentionally passed, filling the bases. Patrick came to the bat and the Rib Lake fans were all yelling for a hit and Pat caught one after 2 and 2 were called on him and drove it to the center field wall for a double, clearing the bases. From then on, both pitchers, Steffes and Paultz, tightened up, and outside of a threat in the 3rd inning by Rib Lake team, neither team could gain any advantage over their opponents..."	Please note this was adult baseball, not high school.
7/14/1939	Agriculture & Health	TOWN OF WESTBORO FARMER HAS FINGERS MANGLED "Gust Hyppa, Town of Westboro farmer, had 3 fingers on his left hand badly mangled Monday morning when his hand was caught in the block and tackle while loading hay. He was brought to Dr. Lapham's Clinic, where the injured fingers were amputated at the first joint."	The Hyppa farm was located along present Rustic Road #1 in the SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 2 East.
7/14/1939	Hunting	DEER SEASON PROTEST IS ALL FOR NAUGHT "Madison - The Wisconsin Conservation Congress swept aside objections of five county delegations here and voted for a 7-day deer hunting season in 33 counties beginning November 25. ¶ An overwhelming majority prevailed upon the Lincoln, Sawyer and Forest County committees to disregard instructions from local sportsmen and retract their original vote for a closed season. The Vilas and Juneau delegates protested vainly to the end against allowing a fourth consecutive annual hunt in their counties. ¶ The final vote for the week's hunt in the solid block of northern and central counties was 62-2. Sauk, Columbia and Marquette Counties joined last year's block of 30, with the limitation that hunters in those counties, because of the density of population, be permitted only to use shotgun loaded with lead ball shells."	Compared to today's record number of deer, it is hard to imagine how scarce deer once were. Area hunter Rollie Thums reported to me that it was once common in his own lifetime to hunt until Thanksgiving [from Saturday opener] before seeing the first buck. Today deer populations have swelled to sometimes 3 times above the carrying capacity of the land, for example, 90 deer per square mile. In 2008 much of the native understory in our forest lands have been totally eaten away by the whitetail deer. Yet, for a variety of reasons, many people fail to realize that we, unfortunately, have too many deer to maintain a healthy, natural and silviculturally-productive hardwood forest. To try to objectively illustrate the problem, I cooperated with the Rib Lake High School in the year 2000 to erect a deer enclosure along the Nordic Ski Trail in Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. You are invited to view the vegetation inside the enclosure and see for yourself the dramatic difference between foliage exposed to deer browse and that which is not.
7/14/1939	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS "The following bills were presented in red: #58, the Soo Line, freight on car, sand and gravel, \$58.18."	Given all of the naturally available sand and gravel around Rib Lake, paying the Soo Line to haul sand and gravel to the Village seems to me like the proverbial hauling coal to Newcastle.

7/21/1939	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. "Sunday morning, July 23, at 9:00 o'clock, confirmation service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake. After a thorough course of instruction in God's holy word, 14 children will renew and confirm their baptismal vows. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, will preach a sermon appropriate for the occasion. The names of the confirmands are as follows: Walter M. Schwartz, Harvey Bokath, Ruth E. Halverson, Iline B. Zuther, Lucene L. Marschke, Myrtle E. Freiboth, Gehrman H. Radtke, Robert H. Batzer, Arthur H. Gerstberger, Melvin F. Hengst, Eileen R. Winkler, Ethel R. Greening, Carl C. Winkler and Elmer F. Fezau."	
7/21/1939  7/21/1939 (cont)	Rib Lake - Town  Rib Lake - Town (cont)	TOWN OF RIB LAKE STATISTICS. "Anton Kauer, Assessor of the Town of Rib Lake, furnishes the Herald with the following statistics: 1. Acres of land in farms, (appox) 18,273. 2. In corn, 366 acres, potatoes, 180, oats, 985, barley, 69, rye, 31, alfalfa hay, 39, clover and timothy or mixed hay, 3,264 acres, millet and sudan grass for hay, 62 acres, soybeans, 3, flax, 1, buckwheat, 30, dry field peas, 3 acres. ¶ Red clover seed harvested last year, 40 bushels, alsike seed, 5 bushels, alfalfa seed, 2 bushels. ¶ Wild hay made last year, 60 acres. ¶ Brood sows on farms, 32; chickens on farms, 4,568. ¶ Number of people on farms, 870. ¶ Number of milk cows on farms, 1,515. Heifers (2 years, 1 year and 4 months) 654. Bulls 112, Steers, 6, total 2,287. ¶ Sheep 193; mink 28, foxes 6, pigs 107, brood sows 36. ¶ [tax] exempt land in town is 9,468 acres: consists of county lands, 4,756 acres; forest crop, 3,690 acres; state lands, 880 acres; other, 138 acres. ¶ Total area of town is 47,781 acres. Acres assessed 36,311. ¶ Sets of farm buildings 265, mercantile buildings, 4; residential cottages, 47."	One of the categories of tax -xempt land was described as forest crop acres. Wisconsin Forest Crop Law was enacted in 1927. It permitted an owner of at least 40 acres of timber land to enter into a contract with the state. The landowner had to allow public recreational use of the land, including hunting, and agree to practice good forestry, meeting certain standards. In return, the tax was fixed at \$1 per acre. In addition, the landowner paid to the state a percentage of profit made when timber or pulpwood was sold from the land. This law was designed to encourage long-term silviculture. In 2008, the Managed Crop Law is a modern version, offering the options to the landowners of either allowing public use of the land under contract or being closed to public use. ¶ The county lands being referred to are part of the then beginning Taylor County Forest, which has grown to almost 18,000 acres by 2008. While Taylor County forest lands are exempt from property taxation, there are a number of mechanisms in place which dictate revenue for the local tax districts, including the town and school board. Those laws dictate that there is no net loss of revenue to the municipalities by entering land into the county forest system.
7/21/1939	People & Obituary	MRS. MATHILDA CHRISTIANSON PASSES AWAY "Mathilda Caroline Charlotte was born January 22, 1872, in Pommern, Germany. She was the daughter of Fritz Radtke and his wife, Henrietta (nee Kuske). At the age of 12 she, with her parents, came to America. After a course of instruction in God's Holy Word, she was confirmed on April 29, 1885, by Pastor Ungrodt of Medford. About this time St. John's congregation was organized. She was the first catechumen of St. John's congregation and the only one to be confirmed that year. All of her life she was a loyal and faithful member of the Lutheran Church. She was married to Mr. Peter Christianson on December 1, 1891. Her husband died January, 1916. She departed this life Thursday night, July 13, 1939, at Madison, Wisconsin, where she had gone for a goiter operation. ¶ She and her husband lived in the Village until 1895, when they moved onto their farm. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society.	

7/21/1939 (cont)	People & Obituary (cont)	¶ The following mourn her death: six children, Otto, Missoula, Montana; Alma, Mrs. Oscar Olson of Rib Lake; William of Milwaukee; Edwin on the farm near Rib Lake; Esther, Mrs. Arthur Schroeder of Fifield and Peter at home; (two daughters, Minnie and Ella, preceded the mother in death) four brothers, Carl, August and Frank of Rib Lake; and Fred, who lives in Oregon. Two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Monske of Rib Lake and Mrs. Paul Burkholz of Thenesville. (One sister, Minnie, preceded her in death.) ¶ Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the house and at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church of Rib Lake, the Rev. O.C. Hoffmann, pastor of the congregation, officiating. It had a large attendance and she was laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Berthold Hein, Werner Radtke, William Krueger, William Tetzlaff, John Taylor and Charles Seidel. ¶ Mrs. Hoffmann sang two solos "Lass Mich Gehen" and "Asleep in Jesus". ¶ Otto Christianson, son in Missoula, Montana, and Fred Radtke (a brother) of Athena, Oregon, were unable to come..."	
7/28/1939	Tannery & Camps - Bark	ANOTHER TIME-CHECK FOUND. "Another time-check on Fayette D. Shaw has been found and brought to the Herald office. It reads: "Bark Camp #2. July 2, 1894. #70. Thomas Fanning has worked in this camp as follows: 25 days at \$16 per month, \$15.36. Total \$15.36. Camp account: Merchandise, \$1.75; orders 50 cents, total \$2.25. Balance due \$13.11. Payable August 10, 1894. Charles Pinkerton, Foreman. To Fayette D. Shaw, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	The Herald had earlier reported the discovery of an uncashed check in the Village. Here is another one. Fayette D. Shaw was the founder of the Shaw Tannery in Rib Lake. This uncashed check was to pay Thomas Fanning for 25 days work peeling hemlock bark at bark camp 2 less merchandise that he purchased from the camp store.
7/28/1939	Law & Ole A. Peterson	"Summons. Amelia Steer v. O.A. Peterson and Jenny Peterson, his wife, et al, defendants. ¶ You are hereby summoned to appear within 20 days after service of this summons, and defend the above titled action in the court aforesaid. In case of your failure to do, judgment will be entered against you according to the demand of the complaint."	This is a summons in a quiet title action filed in the circuit court for Taylor County by plaintiff's attorney, Louis J. Charles. It concerned a dispute over the ownership of land in the Village of Rib Lake near the Soo Line depot, including the site of the former S.A. Konz sawmill.
8/4/1939	RLLC & People	C.E. BRONG RESIGNS AS SALES MANAGER. "C.E. Brong, Sales Manager of the RLLC, has resigned to take a similar position with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, now managed by Frank Handeyside, former Manager of the RLLC. Mr. Brong will be relieved of his office, which he has held the past 4 years, so he can report for duty on his new job by the 15th of August. ¶ Mr. Brong came to Rib Lake from Sheffield, Pennsylvania, with J.F. Sisley in 1926. Mr. Sisley came here to take charge of the RLLC, and Mr. Brong went into the office as Assistant Accountant. Mr. Brong worked for the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company up to that time. When D.C. Estes, Chief Accountant, was transferred to the New York office of the U.S. Leather Company (which company then controlled the RLLC), Mr. Brong took his place. About 4 years ago when Mr. Frank Handeyside succeeded F.W. Warrington as Manager of the RLLC, Mr. Brong was made Sales Manager. During that time the RLLC was sold to Mr. A.P. Woodson and associates. Mr. Woodson is president of the company and lives at Wausau. ¶ Mr. Brong was elected director of the School Board of this District and would have had another year to serve. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Brong and family stand ace-high in the esteem of the people of this community, who all regret to see them leave, and wish them good health and prosperity in their native state of Pennsylvania."	
8/4/1939 (cont)	RLLC & People (cont)		
8/4/1939	Church - Lutheran - St. Peter's	FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT GREENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH. "St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Town of Greenwood, will celebrate its Mission Festival on Sunday, August 6. Two mission services will be held, the German in the forenoon at 10:30 a.m. and the English in the afternoon at 2:30. The festival speaker for both services is the Rev. William Brockopp of Glidden. ¶ Offerings for missions will be received at each of the services. Dinner will be served for all members and guests at a nominal price. A cordial invitation is extended to attend."	

8/4/1939	Ole A. Peterson	"Mr. and Mrs. Ole Peterson were down from Phillips Friday evening to attend the birthday party of Mrs. Charles Dodge."	Here is confirmation that O.A. Peterson and his wife, Jenny, have by this time moved to Phillips. Ole is said to have made his 3rd million dollars in Phillips by running a successful lumber business. Their granddaughter, Joyce Christophersen, currently lives in Medford.
8/4/1939	Germania	"The Rib Lake Little German band entertained the crowd with several snappy numbers before the baseball game."	
8/4/1939	Law & Rib Lake - Town & Rib Lake - Village	TAYLOR COUNTY SHARES IN \$8,778.56 STATE LIQUOR TAX. "Following is made to towns, villages and cities of Taylor County, based on revenue derived from the first 6 months of 1939: Town of Rib Lake, population 876, \$434.83. Village of Rib Lake, population 1,180, \$585.73. ¶ Checks for the above amounts have been mailed by the State Treasurer Smith to Treasurers of communities in Taylor County. ¶ Under the law, the revenue from the state tax of \$1 a gallon on intoxicating liquor, minus the cost of collection, is returned every 6 months to cities, towns and villages to reduce the tax on general property."	
8/4/1939	Spirit Lake	"The new cottage built by Dr. and Mrs. G.L. Baker on Spirit Lake is now completed and furnished. It is situated on a knoll north from the point across the lake from Tabor's cottage, in the heart of some very nice shade trees. There are about 2 acres of land with the cottage. The beach is gently sloping, with gravel bottom, and provides an excellent swimming place and boat landing. The cottage is a log structure of unique design. The logs were peeled and are held together with hardwood pegs. One side of each log is hollowed out so that it conforms to the contour of the log above it and the space between the logs is filled with plastic material, which makes the joint airtight. This makes the cottage cool in summer and warm in cold weather. The roof is shingled. The cottage is one-story high. It has a living room, bedroom, kitchen, and sun parlor. There is a large fireplace in the living room, and the front is built of multi-colored rocks, which were gathered in many places. The windows have small glass panes and the screens are rust-proof. The doors have large, massive iron hinges. The floors are of oak. The kitchen has a built-in cupboard, and there is a clothes press between the kitchen and bedroom.	The Baker cabin was on the east shore of Big Spirit Lake - specifically on the point. This site is about 1/8 mile north of the Price County line. In the 1980's the cabin was owned by Michael & Mary [Rhody] Zielke and family.
8/4/1939 (cont)	Spirit Lake (cont)	The carpenter work was done under the supervision of Bernard Kuna, and the fireplace was built by Peter Heindl. The workmanship is excellent. Mr. Kuna took special pains to make all joints in the woodwork accurate and tight, which required untold patience."	
8/4/1939	Konz & J.J. Kennedy & family	Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Konz of Appleton and Mrs. Mary Kennedy of Kenosha called on Rib Lake friends Thursday last week. They lived in Rib Lake in the early days. Mr. Konz operated a sawmill here and was president of the Village and Mrs. Kennedy's husband operated a blacksmith shop here after he quit working for J.J. Kennedy, Rib Lake's first lumberman."	Mrs. Mary Kennedy was the widow of Allen J. Kennedy. Allen J. Kennedy's blacksmith shop was located on the south side of Railroad Street between Second Street and Main Street in the Village. Allen J. Kennedy was <u>not</u> a blood relative of J.J. Kennedy.
8/11/1939	Sheep Ranch & Agriculture	BEAR GETS 6 OF PAT'S SHEEP. "Patrick Cullen, Rib Lake Town Clerk, says that when he counted his sheep one day last week he was 6 short, an investigation has convinced him a bear carried them off. Last year he lost 12 and the year before 14, in the same manner."	
8/18/1939	Camp 24	"The Herman Batzer family and their guests, Jessie Wagner, Glen Ellyn, Illinois and Stump Fraser, Aurora, Illinois, spent Tuesday visiting the lumber camps of the RLLC. The dinner at Camp 24, prepared under the guidance of Louis Fleming, was something to be remembered for its tastiness and abundance. The ride out and back on the supply train was a worthwhile event in itself."	
8/25/1939	Rib Lake - Town	"The Town authorities of the Town of Rib Lake have a PWA [Public Works Administration] project which employs about 14 men grading and graveling a piece of town road about a mile long on the west side of the Village of Rib Lake from Gesserts's farm west to Martin Carlson's farm. This hasn't been a very good road and needed fixing. Another PWA project will be started soon to build a road running east from Balzius Miklautsch's farm to Wood Lake. This will make Wood Lake a popular fishing place. The present road runs in only part of the way and is very slippery in wet weather. Thirty or more years ago Wood Lake was known for its good fishing of black bass and is being restocked annually. Fred Freiboth, Sr. is the foreman in charge of these operations."	The Public Works Administration was another program championed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Local units of government used federal dollars to hire unemployed men.

9/1/1939	RLLC	SAWMILL NOW CUTTING PINE AND HARDWOOD. "The sawmill of the RLLC started cutting pine and hardwood Monday morning and has about a 10 days run."	
9/1/1939	RLLC	INSTALLING NEW DRYING SYSTEM IN COMPANY DRY KILNS. "A cross circulating system is being installed in the dry kilns at the plant of the RLLC. Bob Knight of the Moore Dry Kiln Company of Jacksonville, Florida, is supervising the work which is being done by company men. ¶ In the new system, the temperature and humidity will be controlled from one point, and after the regulator is adjusted for the particular degree of humidity and temperature desired, the kiln will operate automatically. ¶ The new installation will increase the capacity of the kiln about 20%, and will shorten the length of the drying time about 30%, according to Mr. H.W. Johannes, General Manager of the Company. The kiln will handle green lumber direct from the saw, including hemlock, he said. ¶ The work of remodeling the kiln is taking about 3 weeks."	The well-constructed kiln building made of concrete and tile, still stands in the year 2008. It is located on the east side of McComb Ave just south of the Fire Department building. It stands about 150 feet north of Railroad Street. ¶ It was powered by steam that was transferred through an intricate system of underground tunnels from the mill. Some of these steam tunnels ran southward under McComb Ave and further south of Railroad St on Second Street to provide heat for company-owned houses occupied by the families of VIP's of the RLLC.
9/1/1939	Schools & Spirit	VILLAGE PURCHASES NEW SCHOOL BUS. "In a joint meeting of the Village Board and School Board of Joint School District 1, Village and Town of Rib Lake, the Village Board purchased a school bus from Gelhaus and Brost, Medford. The bus, which will be used to transport students to the Rib Lake public schools, is to be delivered here Monday and will have a Chevrolet chassis and a Wayne body, capable of seating from 36-40 passengers. ¶ The School District will also operate another bus which was purchased last year. ¶ One of the buses will be operated on a north route and the other on a south route. The tentative routes are as follows: North route - north on CTH C to 102, to 86, east on 86, then south and west to 102, thence back to Rib Lake via Spirit Lake settlement. The route may also include Fawn Valley. ¶ South route - south on CTH C to CTH M, thence north to Seidl's corner, and back to Rib Lake. This bus will probably be operated southwest of the Village on STH 102 as far as Kolecheck's then back to Notbohm's corner, from whence it will make a circular trip past Wellington Lake. ¶ 65 tuition students were enrolled in the high school during the past school term, and it is thought that this	
9/1/1939 (cont)	Schools & Spirit (cont)	number may reach 100 during the coming term. ¶ According to the information received from the School Board, the addition of the new bus will probably eliminate several feeder buses which were operated during the past term."	
9/1/1939	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	"The Mission Festival services at St. John's Lutheran Church held last Sunday at the local tourist park, were well attended, 450 being there."	
9/1/1939	People & Politics & Germania	THIS WEEK (By Nora Braun) "Once again the European war cauldrons seethe, and once again we are reminded that where there is smoke there must also be fire. Out of the whole, however, comes the assurance of war, and its costs are inestimable. Pauperized Europe cannot possibly hope to wage another war on bankruptcy. ¶ Herr Hitler meanwhile writes a letter to the Prime Minister of France. In it he cites his intent, its justification which appears to be nothing more than that Danzig should be for Danzigers, who are Germans, anyway. The return of the Saar is promised to the French with the approval of German people, and so it appears almost certain that conciliatory means could be applied to the present crisis and no war may be declared. If the Versailles pact was not one of peace, as the world was guided into belief, but a dictate of the most impossible and unbearable situation for the Germans, one can see that the Hitler coup has its justifications.	Nora Braun was the daughter of long-time Rib Lake pioneer George Braun, Sr., realtor.
9/1/1939 (cont)	People & Politics & Germania (cont)	¶ And speaking of the Versailles pact and our own part in the World War, we can justly declare our lack of confidence in foreign promise. The more than a million American lives lost did not justify the means to an end. Where is the world made safe for democracy for which we so vainly fought?"	

9/1/1939	People	CATHERINE KAUER BECOMES BRIDE OF LAWRENCE VAN HECKER. "The 21st birthday anniversary of Miss Catherine Kauer, daughter of Mrs. Marie Kauer, Town of Rib Lake, marked also the occasion of her marriage to Lawrence Van Hecker, Medford, August 26, at 9:00 a.m. at the very pretty wedding at St. John's Catholic Church, solemnized at a high mass, the Rev. Frs. Peter Dickopf, John Kauer and Roman Schweiterman officiating. ¶ The music for the occasion was rendered by the St. John's choir, under the direction of Miss Nora Braun, organist, who also acted as accompanist for the soloist, Gus Payamps of Philadelphia, who sang the Ave Maria by Schubert. ¶ After the ceremony, the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Marie, was open house to about 100 guests. ¶ A wedding dance was held at the Wellington Park pavilion in the evening, at which several hundred friends and relatives gathered to extend their well wishes to the esteemed young couple."	
9/8/1939	Schools	RIB LAKE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS 402. "The Rib Lake Public Schools opened Tuesday with a total enrollment of 402, according to Mr. D.A. Ingli, Principal. Pupils enrolled in the high school numbered 179, with probably a few more students who will enter later. ¶ Distribution by grades is as follows: kindergarten 24, 1st 22, 2nd 33, 3rd 23, 4th 24, 5th 22, 6th 22, 7th 26, 8th 24, 9th 59, 10th 42, 11th 37 and 12th 41. ¶ The two school buses are operating nearly to capacity, bringing into school an average of 80 students."	
9/15/1939	Post Office & Spirit	SPIRIT POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED. "The postal bulletin of September 6, 1939, says that the Spirit Post Office in Price County will be discontinued September 30, 1939. Mail for this office hereafter will go to Ogema and will be delivered on Route #1. This post office was established over 50 years ago, and C.B. Nelson was postmaster all this time, until his death last winter."	How is that for a record: a single postmaster for over 50 years. I believe the post office was in the old Strombom Store in the SE corner of STH 102 and 86. This was a 2-story, wood frame building and a true general store. Across the street - to the west - was the Ducky Wucky Restaurant. By 1990 - both were gone.
9/15/1939	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY ORDERS ANOTHER CATERPILLAR. "Mr. Ed Synnott, Woods Superintendent for the RLLC, informed us Tuesday that the company has placed an order for another caterpillar, D-6, a diesel unit, for woods work. The machine has been here for a week demonstrating. It is rated at 45 hp. The order was placed with the Bredner-Sinz Machinery Company of Green Bay. The company may place another order later."	For spectacular movie footage of the caterpillars in operation, see the c. 1937 film of the RLLC woods operation. It is color footage, apparently taken under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin Extension Service. It shows the D-6 pulling logs by use of a pan device. As many as a dozen logs were hooked by cables to the back of the powerful D-6 and pulled alongside the railroad track, where they were loaded onto flat cars.
9/15/1939	County Forest	LINCOLN COUNTY MAY PURCHASE FOREST TRACT. "(Merrill Daily Herald, Sept. 8, 1939) Final action on the proposed purchase of a 54,000 acre tract of forest land for a huge county reforestation project was deferred by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors until the annual meeting next November. ¶ Two actions taken by the Board indicated, however, the proposal was winning favor with the supervisors. The Board killed a resolution introduced by Supervisor Charles W. Bruce, stamping the proposal as impractical, then countered with an offer of \$25,000 for the property. ¶ The RLLC, owners of the property, had offered the tract for \$40,000, but many supervisors who favored the proposal felt this price was too high. SEEK LOWER PRICE	The land in question was principally in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County. This is the township that lies along the eastern boundary of Taylor County. The Lincoln County Board eventually decided <u>not</u> to acquire the land. The RLLC eventually sold the land to a variety of private parties.
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)		The vast bulk of the land today remains in private ownership.
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	As a result of the Board's action, the way was left open for the County Forestry and Conservation and Cut Over Rehabilitation Committees to continue their negotiations with the company to obtain a lower price. ¶ A resolution embodying a proposal to purchase the tract for \$25,000 was formally introduced and given its first and second readings. The resolution will be published 3 times before the November meeting of the Board, when the measure will come up for a final vote. ¶ The principal argument against purchase of the tract was that the property eventually would pass to the county as delinquent tax land. Proponents said it would be better business to obtain the property while it was yet covered with some green timber rather than to wait until the land was stripped of all assets.	In contrast to Lincoln County, the Taylor County Board of Supervisors eventually acquired the former holdings of the RLLC. The former lands of the RLLC now constitute the vast bulk of the beautiful and highly productive 17,000-acre Taylor County Forest. In 2008 the Taylor County Forest generated income of over \$700,000.



9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	FUTURE TO BENEFIT	Under the leadership of County Forester Brad Ruesch, the Taylor County Forest in 2008 annually produces tens
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	If the land is purchased, it would be acquired by the county as a wilderness park and held as a forest preserve to be developed and reclaimed as a forest for the benefit of future generations. During this development, reforestation work would provide employment for many idle men. ¶ The purchase would be made by bond issue without an actual levy against taxpayers of the county, it was explained, since all the land would be entered under the Forest Crop Law and the county would draw payments of 10 cents an acre per year that would eventually pay both principal and interest. In addition, the state will pay each of the several towns in which the property lies, about 7 cents an acre, to reimburse them for the loss of tax revenue. 20% of the fees paid to the towns would go to the county, while the balance would be divided between the individual town governments and school districts.	of thousands of dollars profit for the county while simultaneously furnishing superb recreational opportunities open to all.
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	WILL FILL PROGRAMS.	
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	Chairman L.B. Emerich (should be Emmerich) said acquisition of the property would give the county a distinct advantage in obtaining benefits under future federal rehabilitation programs which are to be launched in cut-over areas of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. He said the cut-over area of Wisconsin, with many diversified industries, afforded great possibilities for rehabilitation work.¶ Mr. Emerich added he believed there was a general misunderstanding among those who believed that the cost would fall upon county taxpayers. He emphasized that state forestry aids would cover the initial cost and eventually provide funds for improvement of the tract as a forest preserve. ¶The same misapprehension prevailed against the county's gigantic road improvement program launched several years ago, the chairman pointed out. He said the cost of these improvements is now being paid by federal and state road aids to the county.¶ The company [RLLC] offered Lincoln County a 54,000-acre tract for \$40,000, which is less than 75 cents per acre-a great deal less per acre than the federal government has paid for land for forestry purposes. Should the land go back to the county for taxes, it will take 6 year	
9/15/1939 (cont)	County Forest (cont)	If the county pays \$40,000 for the tract, it would get back from the state in 6 years, at 10 cents per acre, the sum of \$32,400. ¶ It would seem that the best interests for Lincoln County would be to buy this tract while the buying is good."	
9/15/1939	Schools	40 SENIORS ENROLLED IN RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL. "40 students are enrolled in the senior class of the Rib Lake High School for the 1939-40 term. Those enrolled are: Dorothy Reinhardt, Catherine Daus, Agnes Dietzler, Harriet Batzer, Wilma Heintz, Annabelle Halverson, Priscilla Marschke, William Hess, John Liebig, Ethel Lien. LaVerne Sampson, Wayne Billis [Bullis?], Harriet Everson, Herman Gilge, Wava Grow, Charles Gummo, Glen Gums, Dorrence Hauch, Harvey Hohl, Robert Johnson. Lawrence Kofler, Irene Krueger, Lois Linard, Shirley Martin, Lillion Plockelman, Dorothy Radtke, Albert Schreiner, John Seidel, Joseph Swider, Florence Turba. Raymond Turba, Clarence Wudi, Edward Ziemke, Henry Anderson, Brantwood; Elaine Blomberg, Ogema; John Blomberg, Ogema; Genevieve Donaldson, Ogema; Francis Fuchs, Greenwood; Arthur Jensen, Greenwood; and Raymond Gebauer, Whittlesey."	
9/15/1939	Obituary & Fawn Valley	PIONEER SETTLER DIES-BURIED HERE TUESDAY. "Albert William Ziemke, who settled on a farm east of Rib Lake in 1893, passed away at the home of his son, Ernest, on September 8, 1939. Death was due to old age complications. ¶ Mr. Ziemke was born in Germany on July 10, 1857, and in 1883 was married in that country to Miss Wilhelmina Blossey. They came to the United States in 1893 and settled in the Fawn Valley district, east of Rib Lake. ¶ He is survived by his wife, Wilhelmina, who lives with her son, Ernest; 4 sons: Ernest, Carl and Otto of Rib Lake; Albert of Merrill; and a sister, Mrs. Augusta Efflinger of Madison. ¶ Two children died in infancy and are buried in Germany and a daughter (Minnie), Mrs. Charles Laack, preceded him in death on November 19, 1916. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Pallbearers were Max Zuther, Fred Freiboth, Sr., Frank Radtke, August Radtke, Fred Radtke and Albert Yorde."	

9/15/1939	Politics & War - Soldiers	SENATOR LA FOLLETTE EXPRESSES DETERMINATION TO KEEP US OUT OF WAR "US Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., Wisconsin's senior representative in the US Senate, conferred Monday with progressive leaders during a motor trip through Taylor Co. The purpose of the informal conference was to swap ideas and information.¶ The Senator told his Taylor County associates that he was determined to do everything in his power to prevent the involvement of the United States in the European War.¶ Pointing to the great fight his father, the late Robert Marian La Follette, Sr, made to prevent American entry in the last world war, Senator La Follette said that he, too, would judge every question laid before the Senate on the single criterion of whether it tended to involve the American people in European violence and bloodshed. Artificial wartime wounds would be followed by complete collapse of world economy, Senator La Follette pointed out, and the rank and file of the nation, the farmers, the wage earners, the small businessmen and professional men - the very group which will furnish its sons to die on foreign battlefields - will pay and pay dearly for the tremendous cost of modern warfare.	WWII began in Europe on September 1, 1939, when fighting broke out between Germany and Poland. America would not enter the war until after Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
9/15/1939 (cont)	Politics & War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ The Senator pleaded with the American people to keep this great hemisphere as "an island of sanity in a world gone stark mad" and to devote their time and their great talents to working out a solution of the grave domestic problems which have plagued this nation since the end of the last war."	
9/22/1939	RLLC	O.R. LUTZ IS NEW SALES MANAGER. "Mr. O.R. Lutz of Oshkosh has been engaged as Sales Manager for the RLLC, and he began his new duties last Friday. Mr. Lutz is originally from Oshkosh, but recently spent some time in Texas. He succeeds Mr. C.E. Brong as Sales Manager, Mr. Brong having recently resigned to take a similar position with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company at Sheffield, Pennsylvania. ¶ Mr. Lutz was with the Medford Lumber Company from 1916 to 1924, and later with the Scott and Howe Lumber Company at Ironwood, Michigan."	
9/22/1939	Schools	38 ENROLLED IN JUNIOR CLASS IN RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL. "38 students are enrolled in the junior class of the Rib Lake High School, their names being as follows: Lucille Becker, Ivar Blomberg, Arthur Bokath, Alvin Carlson, Melvin Clendenning, Clarence Fenzau, Kenneth Gilge, Virginia Goodman, LaRue Gummo, Henry Hauch, Lucille Hoffmann, Cecelia Hohl, Donald Johnson, Earl Klemm, Ruth Kettleon, Erwin Kofler, Lawrence Mathias, William Nidboe, Pauline Minarcini, Bud Monske, Ann Nelson, Annette Patrick, William Pendergast, Billy Radtke, Vernon Reistad, Leo Resudek, Ben Resudek, Grace Rhody, Agnes Schreiner, Joseph Surek, Elwood Swanson, Geanne Thompson, Hazel Vlach, Lee Waldhardt, Earl Walker, Anita Wenzel, Harold Winkler, Lawrence Yanko."	
9/22/1939	Law	31 GRANTED CITIZENSHIP BY CIRCUIT JUDGE MONDAY. "31 Taylor County residents were granted citizenship by Circuit Judge G.N. Risjord. 4 candidates were unsuccessful and will be given further examination at a later time. Those granted citizenship are Walter Bando, Nettie Goch, Anna Pacewicz, Bendykt Gacek, Mike Shramo, George Malcolm, Johanna Peterson, Frank Juskiewicz, Herman Malinowski, Walter Klosowski, Joseph Stokosa, Jacob Garlarowicz, Karl Eckert, Frances Matuszewski, Blas Matuewski, Mary Liske, Wilhelmina Kloth, Joe Molewicz, Albert Karczmarczyk, Joseph Horvarth, John Valent, Bertha Steiner, Mary Maslonka, John Rau, David E. Peterson, Mary Ragolski and Joseph Kinas."	
9/22/1939	Agriculture	REGISTERED GUERNSEY BULL PURCHASED BY L. THUMS. "A registered guernsey bull has recently been purchased by Lawrence Thums, Rib Lake, from Frank Halopka, Medford. This animal is Golden Banner Adolf 275974, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, New Hampshire."	
9/22/1939	Rusch	MERRILL RESIDENT DIES AT AGE OF 91 "Mr. and Mrs. Otto Martin and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Martin's father at Merrill. ¶ The Merrill Daily Herald in its Sept. 15 issue had the following notice of his death. "Funeral services will be held at the Taylor Funeral Home for John August Rusch, 91 years old, who died yesterday afternoon at Lincoln Hospital. A resident of the city for 48 years, Mr. Rusch came here from Germany, where he was born May 15, 1848. Ill only two days, his death was attributed to old age. ¶ He worked in mills here many years, retiring in 1919. Mr. Rusch was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. The funeral rites will be conducted by the Rev. Walter Sievers. Burial will be in the Merrill cemetery. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Otto Martin, Rib Lake, 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild."	As of May 7, 2008, I do <u>not</u> believe John August Rusch was a relative of mine.

9/29/1939	Schools	41 STUDENTS TAKING SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES "41 students are taking high school studies as sophomores in the Rib Lake High School. In the following alphabetical list of the names of the sophomores, all students are from Rib Lake except those listed otherwise: Vernon Anderson, Robert Barnes, Ethel Bartelt, Whittlesey, Robert Batzer, De Lorr Brehm, John Bucher, Russell Bullis, Lillian Chojnacki, Jeanette Curran, Arnold Danielson, Ogema. Darlene Danley, Bob Daus, Catherine Elsholtz, Row Frisbie, Ogema, Verna Frischman, Whittlesey, Elizabeth Hohl, Gaylen Jarish, Augusta Jensen, Whittlesey, Carol Johnson, Ogema, Rosal Judnic. Jeanette Kudrna, Ogema, Marian Lord, Eileen Martin, Pearl Martin, Oscar Nelson, Ogema, Mary Olechek, Melvin Olson, Loretta Ploeckelman, Gerald Reinhardt. Earl Reistad, Joseph Resudek, Henry Resudek, Bernard Schlosser, Emma Schneider, Mar Smith, Margaret Stiel, Esther Steinman, Whittlesey, Mary Ann Tilch, Lorraine Wagner, Whittlesey and Dorothy Willett."	
10/6/1939	RLLC & CCC	SAFETY MEETING TO BE HELD AT CAMP PERKINSTOWN OCTOBER 15. "The general public is invited to attend a Taylor County Safety Council meeting and open house at CCC Camp Perkinstown Sunday, October 15. Free motion pictures will be shown every half hour beginning at 10. Several prominent speakers will address the crowd beginning at 2:30. ¶ At noon, a free lunch consisting of hot rolls, coffee, assorted meats, cheese, pickles, assorted cookies, and ice cream will be served through the courtesy of the Rib Lake Commerical Club, Medford Commercial Club, Stetsonville Commercial Club, Gilman Commercial Club, Perkinstown CCC camp, and Taylor County businessmen. ¶ The following exhibits will be at the camp...Rib Lake Lumber Company - industrial safety."	
10/6/1939	Westboro	NEW VENEER MILL AT WESTBORO IS COMPLETED. "Westboro's new veneer mill, an addition to Westboro's industry of no small importance, is about completed, and Mr. I.P. Kiger, the owner, told us Sunday that the mill may be in operation some time next week. ¶ The main plant is 28 x 60 feet, with a boiler room addition, 14 x 30 feet. The boiler room houses a steam engine for power for the engines and a steam boiler of about 30 hp. The smokestack is 70 feet high and 18" in diameter. ¶ The veneer kiln is built a short distance south from the main plant and will hold 4 cords. The raw material will be steamed in this kiln and then go to the lathe, which will shave or cut it into veneer sheets. Birch, oak, maple, basswood, ash and elm will be used to make scale board and berry boxes. ¶ George Walters will be in charge of the plant, which will employ 12-15 men. ¶ The plant is located on Silver Creek, west of Westboro's Creamery."	
10/6/1939	Spirit Lake & Post Office	SPIRIT POST OFFICE IS NO MORE. "The last cancellations with the postmarking stamp of Spirit Post Office, in Price County, were made Saturday, September 30, 1939. ¶ This post office was established January 11, 1895, and was given the name of locality "Spirit". Charles B. Nelson was appointed postmaster and served until his demise, June 18, 1939, at the age of 90 years, being one of the nation's oldest postmasters. ¶ Mail which formerly went to Spirit Post Office now goes to Brantwood, Wis. RFD #1, the patrons of that locality now being supplied by rural mail carrier from the Brantwood Post Office. ¶ Spirit, Wis. Post Office derived its name from an old Indian legend, that previous to a change of weather, and on sunset, a canoe with three headless Indians was observed paddling across the lake, and they named the lake "Spirit Lake". Later the settlement became known as "Spirit Settlement".	
10/6/1939	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY PURCHASES TIMBER. "The RLLC is negotiating the purchase of several blocks of timber and to date has purchased about 8 million feet of standing timber, which is now being delivered at the rate of 3 to 4 carloads per day to the mill in Rib Lake. ¶ If the company is successful in purchasing standing timber each year to augment their own holdings in Lincoln County, it will prolong the operations of the Rib Lake mill that much longer. ¶ Lumber sales took a jump the past summer, and the planer has been running 9 hours per day with a small night crew. ¶ Mr. Jack Mylrea, Vice President of the Company, who looks after woods operations for the Rib Lake and Thunder Lake Lumber Companies, was in Rib Lake, Monday."	The Thunder Lake Lumber Company gets its name from Thunder Lake just to the north side of the City of Rhinelander. About 1936 Jack Mylrea, along with 3 other investors, purchased the RLLC. Jack Mylrea was long associated with the Thunder Lake Lumber Company. ¶ I can only guess where the newly purchased Rib Lake standing timber was located. It may have been at Bergland, Michigan, in the U.P., or, it may have been in what is now the Boundary Waters canoe area of northern Minnesota. The RLLC did harvest logs in both locations, which were milled at Rib Lake.

10/6/1939	Schools	59 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 9TH GRADE IN RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL. "59 students are taking first year high school subjects at the Rib Lake High School. Those enrolled in the freshmen class are (only those who are not from Rib Lake have their addresses listed): Francis Ames, Ogema, George Anderson, Brantwood, Helen Bieniek, Erlan Blomberg, Ogema, Harvey Bokath, Betty Bogumil, Raymond Brietzke, Ogema, Lydia Kutts, Ogema, Jeanette Dewscz, Berdina Dietzler, Donald Dums, Regina Dums, May Dunkel, Whittlesey, Peter Eckhoff, Carl Elsholtz, Elmer Fenzau, George Fleegel, Erwin Frank, Myrtle Freiboth, Joseph Fuchs, Greenwood, Eleanor Gacek. Arthur Gerstberger, Louis Gojmerac, Ethel Greening, Ruth Halverson, Calvin Hein, Vernon Herren, Lorraine Hoffman, Francis Hohl, Margaret Holzl, Keith Jacob, Phillip Johnson, Ogema, Vernon Johnson, Ogema, Alice Kattleson, Hazel Koffarnus, Whittlesey, Garland Lehman, Leo Liebl, Lucerne Marschke, John Mihalka, Charles Nelson, Elaine Nelson, Ogema, Sophie Olechek, Geraldine Olson, Brantwood, Estella Pagel, Angeline Panek, John Pelkhofer, Archie Pendergast, Elizabeth Purdy, Gehman Radtke, Bernice Schneider.	
10/6/1939 (cont)	Schools (cont)	Raymond Schreiner, Leonard Steinman, Whittlesey, Marcella Swanson, Helen Turba, Henry Warner, Carl Winkler, Clara Wudi, Regina Wudi, and Richard Yanko."	
10/13/1939	RLLC & Health	COMPANY EMPLOYEES TO HAVE T.B. TEST MONDAY. "William Berfield, Safety Director of the RLLC, stated Wednesday that the employess of the RLLC's local plant, yard, machine shop, planer, etc., will undergo a compulsory tuberculosis test October 16. The number of persons taking the test will be about 300, he said. ¶ Arrangements for the tuberculosis test are being made by Miss Margaret Beers, Taylor County Nurse."	
10/20/1939	Clubs/Orders	BOY SCOUT NEWS. "The Boy Scout's cabin at Harper Lake is completed except for outfitting with dishes, tables, chairs, etc. Donations of these articles will be very much appreciated. If you have any such furniture or dishes, please call the high school, and a scout will be sent to your home to get them."	The Rib Lake Boy Scout Troop built a cabin on the west shore of South Harper Lake. After the local troop went inactive in the 1970's, the building was unused. Recently the building has been reopened and resingled.
10/20/1939	CCC	ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE VISITED CAMP PERKINSTOWN SUNDAY. "About 1000 visitors registered at the Perkinstown CCC Camp last Sunday at the safety program open house. A forest fire broke out about 4 miles west of the camp in the afternoon and several squads of CCC boys were sent out with trucks and equipment to fight it, and they got it under control in about 2 hours. ¶ The Perkinstown Camp is CCC Company 1692 and at the present time the company is about 209 strong. ¶ The following Rib Lake boys are enrolled in this company: Elmer Mittwoch, Raymond Kattleson, Harold Bleck, Frank Panek, Joe Kosek, and Emil Kasuba. ¶ The camp ground and camp buildings are in fine trim, clean, and everything is in good order. Lt. Carr is commanding officer."	
10/27/1939	RLLC	MILL SHUT DOWN FOR ANNUAL REPAIRS. "The sawmill of the RLLC is shut down for annual repairs. The mill has run very steadily the past 12 months and the machinery in the plant is due for an annual tuning up so that it will serve its purposes for another 12 months or so."	
10/27/1939	RLLC & Health	POSITIVE T.B. REACTORS TO BE X-RAYED FRIDAY. "The portable x-ray unit of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Assoc. will be in Rib Lake on Nov. 3 at the Safety Building of the RLLC. Those people who had positive reactions to the tuberculin tests, which were given on October 16 to 273 employees of the RLLC, will be given appointments for their x-ray on that date."	

10/27/1939	Law	"Ed LaMont, Chairman of the Town of Rib Lake, attended a meeting of the County Zoning Committee at the county seat Tuesday."	In 2008, Taylor County continues to have no comprehensive zoning. In the 1970's, shoreland zoning was enacted protecting lands along streams and rivers in the county. ¶ In the 1930's, the county enacted zoning prohibiting settlements in certain areas. This affected only portions of Taylor County and was designed to prevent a settler from demanding new roads and school bus services. The county board abolished this zoning in the 1970's. ¶ The Village of Rib Lake, as an incorporated area, has had for many years comprehensive zoning ordinances. This is not the case in respect to the Town of Rib Lake. To 2008 the Town has never enacted any type of zoning ordinance.
11/3/1939	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	MRS. WINSLOW WILL OPEN SWEDISH EAT SHOP. "Mrs. Emma Winslow, a resident of this village for many years and local assessor, will open a restaurant Saturday night, Nov. 4, to be known as the Swedish Eat Shop. It will be located in her home, just north of the Rib Lake Tourist Park. ¶ Saturday night's feature will be free chicken bouillon. Chicken will be served Sunday beginning at 12 noon. ¶ The Eat Shop will serve regular meals, short orders and sandwiches at all hours, and will be open evenings."	
11/3/1939	Clubs/Orders & Entertainment	VILLAGE BAND TO HOLD ELECTION OF OFFICERS. "The Rib Lake Village Band, under the direction of Mr. Clarence Speidel, met last week Thursday at the Legion Hall for its regular rehearsal, and at that meeting it was decided to hold an election of officers. The members of the band at the present time are as follows: Clarinets Jake Bursik, Rev. F. Langendorff, Otto Martin, William Hess, Melvin Olson; Cornets Harold Blaasch, Gerald Radtke, Eleanor Theison, Clarence Fenzau; Drums Ed Eckhoff, Amos Martin, John Eckhoff; Saxophone Ray Becker, Eileen Gessert; Baritone Cecil Grow; Horns Raymond Gilge, Elmer Taylor; Ethel Thums; Bass George Thums; Trombones John Hanson, John Leibig; Flute Annette Patrick."	
11/3/1939	RLLC	An advertisement 6 x 6" reads: "Wanted-logs. We are now purchasing hemlock, hardwood and white pine logs at our Rib Lake mill. Contact us for prices. Rib Lake Lumber Company of Rib Lake, Wis."	Up to this point, it has been very unusual for the RLLC to run an ad soliciting logs.
11/3/1939	Camp 24 & Health	"John Kaspariak, who is employed at Camp 24, was brought to Dr. Lapham's clinic Monday with a severe case of hemlock poisoning in his right arm. He will be at the clinic about 2 weeks."	Sounds like the clinic operates like a hospital.
11/10/1939	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & Businesses	SOO LINE'S EARNINGS GREATER IN 1939. "One of the safest barometers to follow to check the ups and downs of business is the earnings of the railroads. When the country prospers, the railroads prosper, and by this same token, when business is punk, the rail will feel it, too. The business of the Soo Line here in Rib Lake has shown a substantial increase for October 1939, over the corresponding month in 1938, according to figures compiled by Mr. Orrin Reistad, Local Agent of the company. ¶ The earnings for October 1937 in Rib Lake were \$9,338.53; for the corresponding month in 1938, \$7,908.59, and for 1939, \$16,317.82. ¶ Carloads forwarded, 1937 (October) lumber 80, P.W.D. 61, F.W.D. 7, Misc. 2, total 150. ¶ For 1938 (October) lumber 53, P.W.D. 79, F.W.D. 1, total 136. ¶ 1939 (October) lumber 145, P.W.D. 19, F. woodchips 45, total 209.	
11/10/1939 (cont)	Railroads - Wisconsin Central & Businesses (cont)	¶ Carloads received; 1939, October, coal 1, F&F 2, Grain 4, Sand and gravel 2, lumber 1, oil and gas 4, misc. 16, total 30. ¶ 1938, October, coal 1, F&F 2, oil and gas 2, misc. 1, total 6. ¶ 1939, October, coal 3, F&F 3, cement 1, lumber 3, oil and gas 2, salt 1, total 13. ¶ Less-than-carload received in months of October 1937, \$594, 1938, \$451 and 1939, \$363. ¶ All less-than-carload freight from the Twin Cities, Chicago and Milwaukee, and other points, gets second morning delivery at Rib Lake. Merchandise is received every day. ¶ The Soo Line gives better service now than in any previous years."	

11/10/1939	Law & Agriculture	50 MINK TAKEN AT BLOMBERG'S FARM "Thieves raided Harold Blomberg's mink pens on his farm near Stone Lake in Price County early Sunday morning and escaped with 50 mink. The mink consisted of breeding stock and prime mink ready for pelting, and the loss amounts to \$1,000 or more. ¶ The raiders cut the guard wires surrounding the pens and then lifted up the mink houses and killed the mink. Some of the pens had been carried into the nearby woods and left there. Some of the houses contained 7 mink. ¶ It is thought the thieves walked into the place either on the road or on an old tote road through the woods from the southwest. The mink could easily have been carried in a sack or pack sacks."	
11/10/1939	Businesses	"Fred Niggemann, who has been in the general merchandise business in Rib Lake for many years, is having a close out sale on all his merchandise. Read some of the bargains offered as listed in his ad on the last page of this issue."	
11/10/1939	Hunting	LEGAL PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN DESCRIBED AREA IN LINCOLN COUNTY AS A STATE GAME REFUGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CORNING STATE GAME REFUGE, ORDER #GR426. "Section 1, whereas in accordance with the power and authority delegated to the State Conservation Commission, said commission has caused investigations in the establishment of a certain area in Lincoln County, Wisconsin, as a game refuge for the purpose of providing a safe retreat for game and game birds in which they may rest and replenish adjacent hunting grounds, thereby permitting a successful wildlife program and insuring to the citizens of the state better opportunities for hunting and recreation through an adequate supply of game. ¶ Section 3, it is ordered and declared that the described area in Lincoln County to establish a game refuge designated as the Corning State Game Refuge and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap, or have in possession or under his control any gun or rifle unless the same is unloaded and knocked down or unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case: Town 33 North, Range 4 East, Town of Corning, entire sections of Section 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36.	A small portion of this land is incorporated into a state-owned conservation area called the New Wood in 2008. I estimate the present state holding there to be about 7 sections of land in the SE corner of Town 33 North, Range 4 West. These are all former RLLC lands. ¶ Section 5 of the order said that of the area described, 3 sections shall remain a game refuge for a period of one year.
11/10/1939 (cont)	Hunting (cont)	¶ All lying in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, containing approx. 7,520 acres. Signed State Conservation Commission by H. W. McKenzie, Conservation Director."	
11/17/1939	Obituary	EARLY SETTLER IN THE TOWN OF RIB LAKE DIES. "August Mielke, resident of this community for 48 years and held in high esteem by the many people who knew him, passed away at his farm home in the Town of Rib Lake on Nov. 11, 1939. He was 65 years, 11 months and 3 days old. ¶ Mr. Mielke was born in Germany Dec. 6, 1873, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Mielke, who preceded him in death and are buried here. In 1891 he came to the United States and settled in Rib Lake, where he worked in the sawmill for 2 years, then moved to a homestead in the Town of Rib Lake, where he made his home ever since. He was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Tetzlaff, and 8 children were born to this union. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Association for Lutherans. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Charles Kalk, Albert Knop, William Tetzlaff, Albert Yorde, Carl Radtke, Sr., and Sanke Hanson. ¶ Mr. Mielke is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Mielke; 4 daughters, Anna (Mrs. Kenneth Snyder), Weidman, Michigan; Elsie (Mrs. Ivan Ramsey), Detroit, Michigan; Emma (Mrs. Clarence Grun), Merrill, Wis.; and Martha (Mrs. Charles Feldbruegge),	The August Mielke farm was the N 1/2 NE 1/4, Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 2 East. In 2008 the land is owned by Jeffrey and Dawn Schupp.
11/17/1939 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Milwaukee, Wis.; 4 sons: Fred, Rib Lake; Louis, Marshfield; August, Milwaukee; and Carl at home; 2 sisters, Mrs. Fred Whittie of Duluth; and Mrs. Fred Krueger of Chisholm, Minnesota; and 6 grandchildren."	
11/17/1939	Hunting	GETS 30 DAYS IN JAIL FOR ILLEGAL DEER HUNTING "Frank Raizdon, Clark County, was sentenced to 30 days in Taylor County Jail after he pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal deer hunting. Warden Hosford made the complaint."	
11/17/1939	Businesses	JEWELRY STORE GETS AGENCY FOR BAND INSTRUMENTS "George Febel, proprietor of the local jewelry store, has taken the agency for Conn, Pan American and Cavelier band instruments. He is the only dealer in Rib Lake, and his territory includes Taylor County. Mr. Febel has announced that instruments may be purchased on time payments. Supplies and music will also be sold."	
11/17/1939	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	"Ray Pendergast, local resident and locomotive engineer on the Soo Line, was engineer on the Rib Lake local last week. ¶ John Herrem, fireman on the woods locomotive of the RLLC, was laid up for a day or two. He was cleaning the glass water gauge on the local locomotive and it burst. The eyeball was slightly injured."	

11/17/1939	Clubs/Orders & War - Soldiers	LEHMAN POST GAINS 11. "Lehman Post 274, American Legion, has closed its drive for 1940 membership with there being 11. The membership was 39, now it's 50, a substantial increase of over 25%. ¶ The officers of the post are George L. Seidel, Commander; W.E. Freiberg, Adjutant; and Dr. R.G. Mauch, Finance Officer."	
11/17/1939	J.J. Kennedy & family	"L.A. Dester, representing the Ripon Foods, Inc., was in Rib Lake Tuesday and inquired of Miss Anna Mae Kennedy about her uncle, J.J. Kennedy, who died about 8 years ago. His father sold livestock to J.J. Kennedy in 1889."	J. J. Kennedy died April 12, 1925, in his home at Portland, Oregon.
11/17/1939	Camp 24	"Harold Rhody, from the Spirit country, while working with his brother at Camp 24, was seriously injured when a falling tree struck him, breaking both bones below the knee of his right leg and crushing his ankle Monday afternoon. He was brought to Dr. G.L. Baker for examination and first aid and then taken to the hospital at Wausau for special care and treatment."	
11/17/1939	Camp 26	"John Erickson, an employee at Camp 26, was injured with a flying piece of wood and was confined to Dr. Lapham's Clinic for a few days."	
11/24/1939	RLLC	ELMER TIMM SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT. "Elmer Timm, a teamster employed by the RLLC for many years, had his right leg amputated in St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, as a result of an accident last Friday. Mr. Timm had the team he was driving hooked to a yard car loaded with lumber in the hardwood yard, near the Soo Line depot. He was going toward the depot and was walking between the rails when he tripped and fell, the wheel of the car passing over his right leg and badly pinching his left leg. ¶ The accident occurred at 12:30 o'clock noon and Ed Thums, Fred Vlach, and Walter Winkler, lumber pilers who were just climbing onto the lumber piles to go to work, heard his cries for help and went to his aid. The men got a stretcher and then he was placed on the lumber company's truck and taken to Dr. Lapham's office. He was given first aid treatment and taken to the hospital in Taylor's ambulance. Accompanying him were Mrs. Lapham and William Berfield, the Company Safety Director, and Elmer Taylor.	
11/24/1939 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Mr. Timm's legs were injured about 4" above his knees, and his right leg was amputated that same afternoon. ¶ His daughter, Florence, who is employed at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, arrived at the hospital Wednesday."	
11/24/1939	RLLC	SAWMILL NOW OPERATING 9 HOURS A DAY. "The sawmill of the RLLC is now operating 9 hours per day, 5 days per week, and in the near future may go on an 8-hour shift, 6 days per week. The reason the plant is operating more than 42 hours per week is because of the shipping into Rib Lake of logs from Michigan. If the logs are not cut now, they will have to be decked, and in that event would be cut next summer. However, this would involve added expense for decking the logs, and the company is passing this added payroll expenditure on to local employees by operating more hours."	I believe these logs were purchased from near Bergland, Michigan, in the Upper Peninsula. Bergland is approx. 15 miles directly east of Ironwood in Gogebic County. ¶ John "Jack" D. Mylrea was the VP of the RLLC. See Doc. #10883 and others regarding his out-of-Wisconsin log purchases. See CD of "Rib Lake History - Documents & Photos", available at the Rib Lake Public Library.
11/24/1939	Clubs/Orders	"Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frombach entertained their pinochle club Tuesday evening. High score prizes were merited by Mrs. William Berfield and Carl Fermanich. The consolation went to Ben Seidel."	
11/24/1939	Entertainment	SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS ARE IMPATIENT FOR SNOW, ICE "Sports enthusiasts in Rib Lake and surrounding communities are impatiently awaiting the falling of snow and hard freezing weather so they can enjoy the new toboggan slide recently built at North Harper Lake, about 5 miles north of the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ The toboggan slide was built on the north side of the lake through the cooperation of Mike Schmidt, proprietor of the Harper Lake Resort, and a number of local men who helped with the construction. ¶ The slide is in the form of a trench dug in a steep hill, the sides and bottom of which will be iced. The hill is steep, and it is believed the toboggans will gain enough momentum to carry them across the lake. ¶ Part of the lake will have the snow plowed off to be used for skating. ¶ This is the first time a constructive effort of this kind has been made in this community, and it will meet with much enthusiasm."	In 2008, the trench can clearly be seen in the woods on the northeast side of North Harper Lake. It has not been used for many, many years. This past weekend, Feb. 14, 2008, saw the 26th running of the Rib Lake Hinder-Binder cross country ski race. The Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club also successfully sponsors a snowshoe race. Local tobogganing has died out.
12/1/1939	Hunting	BEAR AND 3 CUBS KILLED BY WESTBORO HUNTERS "Art Premeau, proprietor of a tavern at Westboro, shot a 189-pound bear in the Yellow River country, and the other members in the hunting party, namely his daughter, Miss Alva Premeau, school teacher, his son, Ed, and his son-in-law, Henry Makovek, shot the 3 cubs. The cubs weighed about 39 pounds each."	

12/1/1939	Hunting & Wolves	#1 HUNTRESS SHOTS BRUSH WOLF "Mrs. John Freeck, who can be termed #1 huntress of Rib Lake, and I think we could include the entire State of Wisconsin and perhaps the northwest, continued her skill as a huntress by shooting a gray brush wolf while hunting for deer. As Mrs. Freeck put it, one shot, one wolf. ¶ Mrs. Freeck's skill with a rifle became known last year when she shot a buck during the deer season. Mrs. Freeck is still spending some time in the woods, and pity the buck who comes within range of her rifle."	
12/1/1939	Hunting & RLLC	18 OUT OF TOWN HUNTERS ARE GUESTS OF LUMBER COMPANY. "18 out of town hunters went out to Camp 25 of the RLLC Friday afternoon as guests of the company during deer hunting season. The camp is located at New Wood, with Herman Marschke doing the cooking for the men. ¶ 8 hunters from Rib Lake went out with the men, and 4 bucks were brought in from the camp Monday night. Those who had the good luck were Joe Richardson, Sheboygan Falls; Ed Christoph, Neenah; Tom Kuther, Neenah and William Lemke, Rib Lake. ¶ The following are the names of the men who came here as guests of the company, whose names we were able to obtain (some of them brought friends and their names could not be ascertained): R.C. Baudruil, Eau Claire; J. Klinghoffer, Waunakee; B. Bredson, Waupun; William Corrigan, Waupun; Ed Christoph, Neenah; Tom Kuther, Neenah; Ed Adams, Fox Lake; Leo Larson, Eau Claire; Joe Noerz, Beaver Dam; Jim Koehler, Koehler; Mr. Krause, Appleton; Mr. Jacobson, Menominee Falls; L.K. Scott, Glen Buehla, and Joe Richardson, Sheboygan Falls. ¶ Those from Rib Lake who hunted with them were William Lemke, Tracy Berfield, William Daga, William Berfield, Otte Lemke, Gerald Radtke, Fred Curran and William Radtke."	
12/1/1939	Rib Lake Herald	PIONEER RESIDENT WILL BE 82 YEARS OLD SUNDAY. "William Wells, who came to Rib Lake in 1892, and has seen this town grow up, will be 82 years old next Sunday, December 3. Mr. Wells is one of the old timers who subscribed to the Rib Lake Herald before the plant was set up. George Braun, Sr., who will be 91 years old on his next birthday, went out and got advance subscriptions so that a paper would be started here. ¶ This issue of the Herald makes the paper 43 years old. Since its founding in 1897 by Frank Hand and John J. Voemastek, the Herald has published 2,236 consecutive issues. Two years after the founding of the Rib Lake Herald, J.J. Voemastek bought out his partner, Frank Hand, and was editor and publisher of the paper, until 1934, when he was appointed postmaster. At that time, R.J. Voemastek became editor and manager and is now the publisher."	
12/1/1939	People	SCOTT-BRANDNER "Miss Ida Brandner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandner, Sr. of Whittlesey, became of the bride of Mr. Joseph Scott of Chelsea at a mass performed in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Whittlesey November 25. The Rev. Fr. Schweiterman performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by immediate relatives. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. ¶ Mrs. Scott has been teaching school in Taylor County for several years, has a sister, Mrs. Oliver Lamberty, living in the Town of Rib Lake, and another, Mrs. Emil Pakenham, living in the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ The young couple will live on the farm near Chelsea, where they will be at home to their friends."	
12/8/1939	Hunting	ROBERT BATZER IS SHOT WHILE DEER HUNTING "Robert Batzer, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Batzer of this village, was fatally wounded last Thursday afternoon, November 30, while hunting about 6-1/2 miles west of Chelsea and died before he could be brought to the Medford hospital. His father found him and was able to talk with him before he passed away..."	The article is a long one and goes into detail regarding the shooting. As of the date of the article, the person who shot Robert was unknown. ¶ He was buried at Lakeview Cemetery and pallbearers were 7 members of his Lutheran confirmation class, namely, Arthur Gerstberger, Melvin Hengst, Harvey Bokath, Walter Schwartz, Gehman Radtke and Carl Winkler.



12/8/1939	Businesses	ZIEHLKE'S STORE TO HAVE OPENING SATURDAY "Harold Ziehlke, who has opened a store in the former Fred Niggemann store building, will have his formal opening tomorrow, Saturday. Mr. Ziehlke is well known here, having been employed by the Rib Lake Lumber Company until recently. ¶ The store will handle general merchandise, consisting of groceries, dry goods, mens and ladies furnishings, notions, infant wear, etc., and a 10-cent variety counter. The line of infants wear is new and complete. ¶ Mr. Ziehlke has a stock of quality merchandise which he is selling at reasonable prices and is in business to give the public good service. He will appreciate your patronage. ¶ Mr. Fred Niggemann, who has been engaged in the general merchandise business here for almost 29 years, recently had a close out sale. He has not yet announced what his plans for the future are."	
12/8/1939	Law & Railroads - Wisconsin Central	INSPECTOR TAKES SOO LINE EMPLOYEE AT CHELSEA TO SUPERIOR. "George Ploeckelman, caretaker and coal heaver for the Soo Line Railroad at Chelsea, was taken into custody last Friday after an investigation made by Express Inspector Whittee, Minneapolis, and Postal Inspector Blair of Eau Claire. ¶ Inspectors Blair and Whittee made the investigation after complaints were made that goods sent by express and parcel post were missing. Some of the missing articles had been sold by Ploeckelman, and a search of his home, the Soo Line oil house, and pump house, revealed more goods. ¶ Articles allegedly taken by Mr. Ploeckelman include guns, radios, candy, razors, clothing, carpenter tools, etc. ¶ Ploeckelman, who has been employed at Chelsea the past 3 years, came there from Spencer, but his home originally was at Dorchester. He is in custody at Superior."	The railroad express agency was a consortium created by railroads in the United States. They handled freight shipments. The reference to the Express Inspector is to an agent for the Railway Express Company.
12/8/1939	Clubs/Orders	COMMERCIAL CLUB OFFICERS ARE REELECTED "At Monday night's meeting of the Rib Lake Commercial Club, the last one of this year, the election of officers was in order. Millard [Satch] Kapitz was reelected president; F.L. Becker, Vice President and Clifford Curran, Secretary. ¶ George Seidel and Dr. R.G. Mauch were reelected directors. ¶ Mr. Kapitz appointed George Seidel, Elmer Taylor, Dr. Mauch, and Frank Becker as a Christmas Committee to cooperate with other organizations in the putting up of decorations and the preparing of Christmas baskets, etc. ¶ Dr. E.H. Carstens and Harold Ziehlke were voted into membership of the club."	
12/8/1939	County Forest	5,000 ACRE FOREST TO BE PURCHASED BY COUNTY. "A tract of land containing more than 5,000 acres, formerly owned by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad [Soo Line], located in the northern part of Taylor County, will become a part of the county forest reserve. The land will be purchased by Taylor County for \$1,100. The land will be converted into forest crop acreage and as such will bring an annual revenue from the state amounting to 10 cents per acre. The purchase price can be paid over a period of 3 years."	This land is now within the 17,600 acre Taylor County forest in the NE corner of the Town of Rib Lake. The 5,000 acres was a remnant of the land of the Wisconsin Central Railroad received from the federal government in the 1870's as a reward for building its line through Taylor County. The land had all been logged - probably by the RLLC. This was a very progressive and far-sighted decision by the Taylor County Board of Supervisors; the Taylor County Forest in 2007 produced gross revenues of 1/2 million dollars. These funds flowed into the Taylor County treasury.
12/8/1939	Physicians	ADVERTISEMENT "Dr. E.A. Lapham, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, phone #44, hours, 9-11, 1-4, 7-8, Sundays 9-11 a.m. X-ray, diathermy, infared, violet ray, electrosurgical unit, and major surgery. All cases taken, and hospital beds for patients. Registered nurse, Mrs. E.A. Lapham, in attendance."	The same paper included an advertisement reading "Dr. G.L. Baker, physician and surgeon, Rib Lake, Wisconsin. Office hours 9-12 a.m. 2-5 p.m., Phone office #58." ¶ The same paper included the following ad for a dentist in Rib Lake: "Dr. R.G. Mauch, dentist, Rib Lake, Wisconsin, hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Evening by appointment, office over First National Bank."
12/8/1939	Rib Lake Herald	THE RIB LAKE HERALD "Rib Lake, Wisconsin, R.J. Voemastek, Publisher. ¶ Entered at the Post Office at Rib Lake, Wisconsin, at second class rates postage. Published every Friday. Subscription rates \$2 per year, \$1.50 in Taylor County, if paid in advance. Outside of Taylor County, \$2 per year in advance. To Canada, \$2.50. Single copies 5 cents."	

12/15/1939	Law	FORMER ASSISTANT CASHIER OF LOCAL BANK GETS 3 YEARS PROBATION. "M.E. Trantow, former Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Rib Lake, was placed on probation for 3 years in federal court at Madison on Dec. 7. Judge Patrick T. Stones suspended sentence of 2 years on condition that Trantow pay \$900 fine within the period of his probation."	
12/15/1939	Entertainment	ATTEND PACKER GAME "Satch [Millard] Kapitz, Frank Becker, John Freeck, Sumner Lewis and Emil Krushat motored to Milwaukee early Sunday morning and attended the Green Bay Packer-New York Giants football game, which the Packers won, 27-0, and the championship title."	Until about 1995, the Green Bay Packers would play some of their games in Milwaukee. In 2008, games are played only at the famous Lambeau Field in Green Bay.
12/22/1939	War - Soldiers	ADOLPH KUREK IS FLYING CADET. "Adolph Kurek, 4534 S. Whipple St, Chicago, who formerly lived in Rib Lake, is one of 45 candidates who have qualified for appointment as flying cadets in the 6th Corps area, United States Army."	Adolph Kurek went on to have a long and successful career in the US Army and later the US Air Force. He is the son of the late Anton and Mary Kurek of the Town of Rib Lake. His sister, Lillian Thums, who is 91 years old, still lives in Rib Lake.
12/29/1939	Health & RLLC	X-RAY SHOWS NO ACTIVE T.B. CASES "Out of the 77 x-rays taken by the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association on November 3 at the RLLC, there were no active cases and none advised sanitarium care, according to Miss Margaret Beers, Taylor County Nurse. ¶ On Octoboeer 16, 278 employees of the RLLC were given the tuberculin test. 77 reacted positively to the test and it was this group which was x-rayed on November 3. ¶ The classification of the x-rays taken is as follows: ¶ Number of x-rays taken, 77. ¶ Pulmonary tuberculosis inactive, 3. ¶ Primary tuberculosis, inactive, 34. ¶ Bronchitis, 1. ¶ Thickened pleura, 1. ¶ Advised heart examination, 5. ¶ Essentially negative, 33. ¶ Reports were sent to the individuals and to their family doctor by the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association."	
12/29/1939	Obituary	HANNAH SWANSON "Hannah Mathilda Swanson (nee Danielson) was born in the Town of Spirit on January 13, 1887. She passed away on December 21, 1939, at her home in the Town of Rib Lake, at the age of 52 years, 11 months and 21 days. ¶ She was stricken with a bad cold, and her death was caused by a complication of diseases. ¶ She was married to Bernard Swanson on November 25, 1913, by Rev. Stone. ¶ She leaves to mourn, her husband, Bernard Swanson, and 5 children: Mrs. J. Zich of Evanston, Illinois; Bernice, employed at Evanston, and Elwood Marcella and Gloria at home; 3 sisters, Mrs. D.C. Ahl, and Mrs. Carl Blomberg of Spirit and Mrs. A.J. Olson of Lena, Wisconsin; and 2 brothers, Gus Danielson of Spirit and John Danielson of the Town of Hill. ¶ She was a devoted mother, known for her generosity and willingness to help others. ¶ Funeral services were held Saturday, December 25, at Taylor's Funeral Home and at 2 p.m. in the Town of Hill, the Rev. Curt Knorn, Methodist Pastor at Spirit, conducting the services. Interment was in the Town of Hill. The pallbearers were Art Giersbach, Art Johnson, Ivan Danley, Harry Magnuson, Arvid Blomberg and George Blomberg."	
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1/5/1940	RLLC & Rusch	TEAMS PICKED FOR COMPANY SAFETY CONTEST "The captains of the 6 teams, composed of employees of the RLLC, will compete in a "quiz" contest in a series of safety meetings, met at the Safety Building last Friday evening and picked their teams for the competition. The 6 teams and their captains represent the sawmill, green yard, dry yard, planing mill, chipper and outside activities, which includes the company store, section crew, railroad men, machine shop, carpenters, etc. v ¶ The following are members of the various teams: ¶ Sawmill, Ernst Krueger Captain, Harold Bokath, Fred Mielke, Arnold Krueger, Orville Shannon, Adolph Walbeck, Clarence Martin, John Bucher, Steve Schabel and Cecil Grow; alternatives: Carl Krueger and Victor Storm. ¶ Chipper, John Corbett Captain, Ted Dietzler, William Frombach, Jack Johnson, Dick Upjohn, Art Olecheck, Gerald Radtke, Elmer Radtke, Mike Fruzen, and Claude Kettleson. ¶ Planing Mill, Fred Bailey Captain, Norman Grow, Wesley Grow, Randolph Wagner, Lester Wallace, Joe Pertmer, Herman Jacob, Erwin Stelling, Lester Martin, Frank Bertagnoli; alternates, Walter Gums and Donald Everson.	

1/5/1940 (cont)	RLLC & Rusch (cont)	¶ Outside activities, Oscar Olson Captain, George LeClair, Clarence Grow, Sumner Lewis, Robert Hess, Frank Goehring, Ed Synnott, Jim Willett, Anton Klister and George Bauernfeind; alternates: Robert Bleck and Meinrad Kathreine. ¶ Dry yard, Ewald Nelson Captain, Southwell Roosenfeldt, Joe Stiel, Earl Maes, Roger Reistad, Walter Kamke, Alvin Elsholtz, Kermit Johnson, Amos Martin and Ernst Tetzlaff; alternates: Curtiss Patrick and Herbert Stelling. ¶ Green Yard, J. Mauch Captain, Albert Lien, August Schopper, Ode Lemke, Stanley Hebda, Gust Ruesch, Ed Thums, George Thums, Jr., Emanuel Granquist and Fred Vlach; alternatives: Wesley Stiel and Dan Thums. ¶ The meetings, of a general get-together nature for the company employees and their wives, will be held at the Gem Theater building. The first meeting is to be held on January 18, and it is planned to have a meeting during each of the 3 months following. ¶ The 6 above-mentioned teams will compete in the quiz contest, with 2 of the 6 teams competing each night. A set of rules and a system of marking will be drawn up so the judges can award each team the points earned by the correct answers given by the contestants.	
1/5/1940 (cont)	RLLC & Rusch (cont)	¶ At the meeting Friday night, a drawing was held to determine which teams will compete at the various meetings with the following results: January meeting, sawmill and green yard teams. ¶ February meeting, planing mill and dry yard teams. ¶ March meeting, outside activities team and chipper team. ¶ April meeting, highest scoring team and second highest scoring team. ¶ The purpose of the meetings is to create better safety in the plant, the home and on the highway. ¶ Employees have been requested to submit questions and correct answers thereto. A prize will be given to each employee whose questions are used during the contest, and employees are asked to submit as many questions as possible. One employee is reported to have 16 questions all ready to be turned in. ¶ In addition to the contest, there will be various forms of entertainment, including community signing. The meetings are planned to last about an hour and a half."	
1/5/1940	Church - Catholic & Rusch	CATHOLIC NEWS AND VIEWS BY FLOYD ANDERSON "Thousands of Polish refugee families have no homes in which to inscribe devoutly the names of the Magi on Little Christmas this year; but their blood relatives in America will see, as in other years, the familiar G.M.B. scratched in colored chalk over their doors.¶ This custom is not peculiar to the Poles, but it is noticed especially among the Polish and Slovak people in this part of our country. It attaches a homely significance to the celebration of the Three Kings day, or Epiphany, January 6. On that day long ago, so the scriptures tell us, Wise Men came from the East to Jerusalem saying "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East and have come to adore Him". Tradition gives them the names: Gasbar, Melchior and Baltassar, whence the inscription G. or C., M. and B. They found and worshipped the infant Jesus, presenting gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and then, being warned in sleep of the bloody designs of King Herod, they returned another way into their own country.¶ Because they found the infant God with Mary, his mother, and the foster father, St. Joseph, Epiphany	In June 2006, I visited the Polish town of Budzow. I observed the chalked initials G.M.B. over the doorways of many of the homes. The custom is alive and well in rural Poland today.
1/5/1940 (cont)	Church - Catholic & Rusch (cont)	is kind of a home and family day in Catholic life. So the parish priest comes to the homes of his people at their invitation and first blesses the colored chalk invoking the intercession of the saintly Magi. Then, with a happy "peace be to you" he chants or recites the gladsome song of the Blessed Virgin, "My soul doth magnify the Lord". The benediction of the house then ensues. There is sprinkling of holy water, the burning of incense, and the inscribing of the Magi's initials over the principal doors of the dwelling, accompanied throughout by appropriate prayers. ¶ "Bless, oh Lord God Almighty, this home" the priest concludes, "that there may be in it health, chastity, humility, goodness and meekness, virtue triumphant, fullness of law, and generous thanksgiving to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. May our blessing remain upon this house and its dwellers always, through Christ our Lord, Amen." ¶ What a guarantee of peace within homes, among families and between nations there is inscribed in the truth, beauty and goodness of these ancient Christian customs.	
1/5/1940 (cont)	Church - Catholic & Rusch (cont)	¶ And this custom of blessing the home is not confined to the season of Epiphany by any means. Often a Catholic family, on moving to a new residence, will ask their parish priest to bless their home - "that there may be in it health, chastity, humility, goodness and meekness, virtue triumphant, fullness of law, and generous thanksgiving to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. ¶ It is a beautiful and praiseworthy Catholic custom - one well worth imitating."	
1/5/1940	Clubs/Order	"Mr. and Mrs. John Stelling were host of the Pioneer Schaafskopf Club Friday evening. High score prizes were awarded to Mrs. John Taylor and William Funk, consolation to Mrs. William Edens and Carl Jacob."	Schaafskopf, sheepshead, is a traditional and popular German card game.

1/12/1940	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	PILING TO BE REMOVED FROM RIB LAKE "The pilings which have been in Rib Lake for many years, are to be removed by the Village. Work will begin immediately, with Otto Brehm and Walter Bachol on the job. Plans call for the building of a hoist to pull the piling out after they have been chopped loose from the ice. ¶ The removal of the pilings will make our lake seem much larger and more beautiful. As it is now, the pilings tend to cut the lake in half with the result that the lake seems much smaller than it really is. If the dead heads and floating debris is removed from the lake next summer as is now proposed, we will have accomplished something really worthwhile. ¶ In the horse and buggy days, it was a favorite past time of a young man to take his girl for a boat ride on the beautiful Rib Lake on a warm summer evening or Sunday afternoon. Recent years have seen a decrease in the number of boats on the lake until there are very few. We predict that with the cleaning up of Rib Lake, there will be a return of the good old days when young and old enjoyed this wonderful gift from nature, and some day Rib Lake will become the summer resort which it has a right and is destined to be."	The pilings were installed in the lake by the lumber company to keep the logs from drifting. While at least one old photograph shows the entire lake filled with logs, that was not the case in later years. The logs would be dumped into the lake from the railroad at the hot pond at the north end of the lake. The pilings were driven to divide the lake basically in half in an east-west direction. A boom was constructed between the pilings to prevent the logs on the north half of the lake from drifting by wind into the southern portion of the lake.
1/12/1940	Camp 24	WOOD WORKER INJURED TUESDAY AT CAMP 24. "Harvey Rhody of Spirit, who is employed at Camp 24 by the RLLC, sustained a fractured jaw and concussion of the brain Tuesday morning. He was brought to Dr. Baker's office, and was then taken to the Memorial Hospital at Wausau by Mr. C.C. Lord. The latest reports were that he is getting along fine."	
1/12/1940	RLLC	LEE WARNER BADLY INJURED WHEN LOGS ROLL OVER HIM. "Lee Warner, who unloads logs from flat cars at the Mill Pond of the RLLC, was badly injured Tuesday morning about 8:45 o'clock when several logs rolled over him. It is believed that he was struck by a log while attempting to loosen a chain, preparatory to unloading a carload of logs, and that several more logs rolled over him after he had been knocked to the ground. ¶ Otto Zemke and Bob Bleck were working near him, but neither saw the accident because wind from the south was blowing steam from the mill to where they were working, making it almost impossible to see more than a few feet. After Warner had been knocked to the ground, he called for help and Zemke and Bleck went to his aid. Then these two men, assisted by Jewell Heisler and Art Knop, took the injured man to Dr. Lapham's office, where he was given first aid and immediately sent to the Memorial Hospital at Wausau in the ambulance. ¶ Warner was bleeding profusely from the nose and ears and the doctors at the hospital think he is suffering from a skull fracture. It was also believed he had a fractured arm and leg and a dislocated shoulder.	This injury took place at the hot pond.
1/12/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Mrs. Warner's son, Emil Pakenham, took her to the hospital shortly after the ambulance left. Pakenham said that Mr. Warner was conscious when Mrs. Warner saw him at the hospital, and that the doctors think he has a good chance to recover."	
1/12/1940	History - 1/12/1940	THIS WEEK (By Nora Braun) "This week Mr. George Braun will tell of his departure from beautiful Violet County in the Flambeau in 1894. Appointed by H.S. Hughs, Deputy Land Commissioner for the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, to act as agent for the company in this territory, he came to Rib Lake in 1894 and has lived here practically ever since. ¶ After coming to Rib Lake, accepted an invitation to spend two weeks as a guest of our Chicago friend, which was the last vacation I spent in the Flambeau County. ¶ When I first came to Rib Lake, it was a very small village, and the J.J. Kennedy race track covered the biggest part of the present Village site. A tannery, which I believe was operated by the U.S. Leather Company, was situated on the northeast end of the town and managed by Fayette Shaw, who came here from the east. The tannery purchased an immense lot of hemlock bark, which was quite a boost to the new settlers, and the bark piles in back of the tannery were as conspicuous as the present lumber piles of the RLLC. At that time, logs were almost worthless, especially hardwood logs, and whenever I sold a railroad 40, I was not asked how many logs were on the land	The hotel he refers to was the Commercial Hotel. I believe it was a 4-story, all wood frame building. It stood in the SW corner of present Railroad and Lake Street. It burned to the ground prior to 1900. ¶ Braun's comments emphasize the value that was attached to the hemlock bark. It was the source of tannic acid used at the tannery. The bark was clearly more valuable than the logs.

1/12/1940 (cont)	History - 1/12/1940 (cont)	but the question was invariably how much hemlock bark was estimated to be on the 40. Later, hemlock logs and pulpwood came into demand and in one winter I shipped 2000 cords to C.W. Howard of Menasha. ¶ While the tannery operated on the north end of the town, and J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company operated a mill on the south end, this divided the town, and the north part was commonly known as Shaw Town. The lumber company operated a hotel for the convenience of the lumberjacks, which was estimated to have had about 85 rooms. It contained a general store and presumably the post office (of the latter I am not certain). The hotel was managed by different people; at one time by a man named Braun, who was no relation to me. It was situated near the lake and somewhere near the site of the present lumber company office. It was totally destroyed by fire a few years after I came here. I had rooms there for a while, but when first coming to Rib Lake, I lived with the Larson family, who own the present John Mauch home. ¶ I operated a small office upstairs and two attorneys named Book and Rowland from Milwaukee sent me quite a number of my first prospects to buy land.	
1/12/1940 (cont)	History - 1/12/1940 (cont)	It was comparatively easy to sell railroad land, and I sold as high as 16 forties in one week. All Wisconsin Central Railroad lands were sold for \$5 an acre, regardless of their quality. The company stood for one price and allowed me 50 cents an acre for a commission. ¶ In this week's article, Mr. George Braun will tell of his first experience as a land agent for the Wisconsin Central RR Company and of some real pioneering by a young man and his family who came here from Chicago to make Rib Lake his permanent home. ¶ I was in Rib Lake several months before I sold an acre of land and you can imagine my thrill in closing my first deal. It was a 40 I sold to John Schaack of this Village, who was a young man from Chicago, looking around for a site on which to establish a home. He wanted an 80 about 3-1/2 miles east of Rib Lake, but one of the 40s he selected was promised to Theodore Lumerding, an early settler, who later moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, where he recently died. ¶	
1/12/1940 (cont)	History - 1/12/1940 (cont)	When Mr. Schaack came here, he did not find a road that was paved and wide nor even a gravel road. There was heavy timber everywhere with just a tote road, which was used chiefly to carry supplies to lumber camps. He recalls coming on a train as far as Berlin, Wis., where he bought himself a horse. For three days he rode horseback and walked intermittently to allow the horse the necessary rest. He built a log house on the land he bought and later brought his young wife and two small children. This was real pioneering for a young man from Chicago, and Mrs. Schaack relates it was sometimes a matter of months before she had an opportunity to converse with another woman. ¶ What might prove an overpowering handicap today did not fault these young settlers, and wild animals held no terror for Mrs. Schaack. ¶ One day, emerging from her house, she found herself face to face with a huge bobcat. She was alone, and not realizing, she calmly accepted the great cat to be a full grown horse variety, which had probably taken a stroll across the section to pay the new settlers a visit. She felt inclined to welcome the animal, but some instinct warned her, and this 30-pound wildcat strolled majestically away,	The Schaack Post Office was located in the SE 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 21, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. It was just to the north of the present day Wilderness Avenue. In 2008, the land is owned by Kurt and Petti Mannel.
1/12/1940 (cont)	History - 1/12/1940 (cont)	leaving Mrs. Schaack in a comparatively unruffled state of mind. However, great was the excitement when Mr. Schaack and a neighboring settler heard of it. Traps were set, with the only result that a housedog and a tame cat were caught in it while the great cat of the wilds went undisturbed on her way. Deer came quite frequently right up to the Schaack home to lick up the salt water poured out from her boiled potatoes. ¶ Later, the Schaacks acquired more land, built a home and barn buildings. In 1903, Mr. Schaack was appointed postmaster in that territory for the convenience of the settlers in Wood and Mud Lake and Fawn Valley, who found it impossible to come to Rib Lake. This post office was named Schaack, Wis., and was operated together with a store in the Schaack home. The mail was brought by a star carrier, and once when the carrier was unable to come, and Mr. Schaack was ill, Mrs. Schaack came to Rib Lake with her baby buggy and acted as the star carrier herself. In 1908 Mr. Schaack received an appointment to act as rural mail carrier, in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1936. Mr. Schaack sold his farm in 1915 to a certain Emil Taege and came to Rib Lake Village to	
1/12/1940 (cont)	History - 1/12/1940 (cont)	the farm is owned by a family named Whiteman. ¶ Other first settlers who purchased lands through me were Ernest Zuther and his brother, each purchasing 120 acres of land, and a certain Monske, who was their brother-in-law, bought an 80. About this time I bought a carload of horses from the Cooper Sales Stables in Chicago and sold all the horses within one week. In most cases I took a yoke of oxen as part payment on a team of horses and sold the oxen to the Medford Brewing Company, who fattened the animals with malt and sold them for beef."	

1/26/1940	RLLC	<p>LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FIRST SAFETY MEETING. "The Gem Theater was nearly filled last week Thursday evening by a large crowd which turned out for the safety program, sponsored by the Safety Committee of the RLLC. The Master of Ceremonies, Mr. C.C. Lord, started the program off with community signing of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here". ¶ Following the song, Mr. Lord addressed the group as follows: Friends, did you just hear that old familiar song? The curfew on the Village Hall has just reminded us that another day has rapidly drawn to a close. You remember that old proverb we were taught in school: count that day lost whose lone descending sun, views from thy hand no worthy action done. ¶ Well friends, this meeting has been arranged in the hopes that before the remaining hours of today pass, you will see or hear something here tonight that may be the means of preventing at least one accident in the plant, in the home or on the highway. ¶ Following Mr. Lord's introductory talk, he led the crowd in the community singing of "Smiles", followed by his reading the following verse. ¶</p>	<p>* This is a reference to Gustave "Gus" Adolph Rusch, my uncle.</p>
1/26/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>"There is a wondrous loss of power, in an honest wholesome smile. It often starts a blessing, that will travel for a mile. When the heart is sad and heavy, the days are dark the while. Do you notice how things brighten, when the moment that you smile." ¶ A selection was played by the sawmill hands, composed of Hans Brenden, violin, Adolph Walbeck, piano accordion, and Wesley Steil, guitar. ¶ William Berfield, Safety Engineer at the mill, then gave a resume of accidents of employees of the company last year. He said that in 1939 there were 32 injuries where patients had to be treated by a doctor. Of that 32, 10 were lost-time accidents, which, when added up, made a total of 179 days lost from work up to the first of this year, or an average of almost 18 days for every lost time accident. In other words, 10 men lost 18 days due to injuries. ¶ The quiz contest between 10 men on the mill crew team and 10 men on the green yard team was then staged. Ed Prien took the part of Professor Bunion and asked the contestants the questions on safety, which each man drew from a question box.</p>	
1/26/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>¶ At the halfway mark, or after 5 men on each team had drawn and answered the question, the score was green yard 24, mill yard 22. The final score, after the remaining 5 men on each team had drawn and answered a question was, mill crew 68-1/3, green yard, 59-2/3. ¶ The members of the mill crew team are Terrance Krueger Captain, Adolph Walbeck, Cecil Grow, Arnold Krueger, Clarence Martin, Bud Bokath, John Bucher, Steve Schabel and Victor Storm. ¶ The members of the green yard team were Jay Mauch Captain, Al Lien, E. Granquist, Fred Vlach, Albert Marschke, Stanley Hebda, Gust Ruesch* (sic), Ed Thums, Dan Thums and George Thums. ¶ The members of the winning team receive 75 cents each and the losers each receive 2 tickets to the Gem Theater. ¶ Following are the questions used on the program: 1. Question: tell or demonstrate how one should rescue a person that is in contact with a live wire on a damp day. Answer: Keep cool, use any good insulation material, such as dry paper, wood or rags or clothing and lift the victim off wire quickly. First look for a place to throw off the current. ¶</p>	
1/26/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	<p>2. Question: When a safety guard is removed from machinery to make repairs, when is the job complete? Answer: when the safety guard is replaced. ¶ 3. Question: What is the foreman's duty upon hiring a new man? Answer: to properly instruct him in his work and if he is not qualified there, place him at some other form of work. ¶ 4. Question: What is the cause of most fires in the home in winter? Answer: chimney fires, explosion of kerosene in hot stoves and improperly installed pipes. ¶ Question 7 was: What does a woodpecker do when he works? Answer: He uses his head. ¶ Question 10: What benefits do we get out of safety first? Answer: health, weath and happiness. ¶ Question 12: Which is the safest to use directly over a wound, adhesive tape, electricians tape or court plaster? Answer: None of these, a compress should be put directly over a wound. ¶ A highlight of the evening entertainment was the rendition of a "song of safety" composed by Adolph Walbeck and sung by himself. The song met with the rousing applause and will be a feature of the program on February 20. The song will also be sent to the National Safety Council at Chicago.</p>	

1/26/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ At this point in the program Mr. Lord told the story about a woman who went to the home of a friend and her friend was upstairs. She called to her to hurry and come down and the reply was "Oh come, I can't, I haven't anything on." ¶ "Well, slip on something and hurry down." she said. ¶ So she slipped on the top step and came down. ¶ Cecil Talbot played on the piano for the community singing and also served as accompanist. ¶ Ray Becker played a saxophone solo and Cecil Grow a cornet solo. ¶ The meeting came to a close with the community signing of "Perfect Day". ¶ In commenting upon the success of the meeting, Mr. Lord said it was largely due to the questions which were submitted by the company's employees, and he said that the men should keep right on turning in questions. He also stated that it was their intentions, as far as possible, to have the entertainment put on by the company's employees. Anyone wishing to or willing to appear on the entertainment part of the program should contact the entertainment committee, whose members are Adolph Walbeck, Ed Martin, William Radtke and William Bokath.	
1/26/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ The Safety Organization of the RLLC is known throughout the state and is rated as being one of the very best. Its efforts and results in lowering of accidents is a subject widely known in industrial circles."	
1/26/1940	History - 1/26/1940	THIS WEEK by Nora Braun "This week Mr. Braun will tell of some pleasant memories of early experiences with the Wisconsin Central Railway land commissioner and a photographer. ¶ For a number of years after coming to Rib Lake, Mr. W.H. Killen, Land Commissioner for the Wisconsin Central Railway, came to see me frequently in the interest of the company. He was a man of fine ability and next to his work, he liked best to fish and to tell stories. He also liked to indulge in good steak and once, accompanied by H.S. Hughs, his Deputy Land Commissioner, he found it necessary to make a trip to Spirit Falls. Hotel facilities were a little meager there, and he was quite sure it would not be possible to obtain a steak so the two gentlemen purchased it here and took it along with them. I remember J.J. Kennedy going along on this trip, as well as J.J. Voemastek, your present postmaster, and myself. We drove in Kennedy's rig, and realizing my pleasure in horses, Mr. Kennedy asked me to drive his team, two beautiful horses, which could easily step a mile in 3 mintues.	The reference to the railroad lands were lands that the railroad acquired from the US Government by way of a land grant. The Wisconsin Central Railway was granted every other section of land throughout the Rib Lake area as an inducement to build its railroad. The railroad actively solicited buyers for this land, not only to get the profit from land sales, but the trade and business that settlement would bring.
1/26/1940 (cont)	History - 1/26/1940 (cont)	¶ While we were riding, Mr. Killen amused us with stories of real estate agents. He told of one who took a prospect on some of the river bottom lands of Mississippi, where the water marks on distant trees were visible and appeared to be about a foot high. The prospect inquired regarding these marks and was told by the agent, they were from hogs which wallowed in mud and then rubbed up against the trees. As they progressed down the river, those marks gradually rose until they were about 6 feet high. The land agent applied the usual tactic but the prospect showed no eagerness for the land. The salesman was very much surprised and asked the man to say at least what he thought of it. The prospect shook his head. "Right now I'm not thinking of any land. What I would like to know is where I could see some of them hogs." ¶ A short time later when farms began to develop here, Mr. Hughs came quite regularly and brought with him a photographer, a certain Mr. Barker, who made stereopticon views for the railroad company. We went to newly settled and improved farms, taking pictures of new homes and barns and any other interesting pictures which could be used to further sales of railroad lands.	
1/26/1940 (cont)	History - 1/26/1940 (cont)	At one particular farm we found a wife of a farmer in the act of cleaning the barn. She was barefooted and in the mire well up to her ankles, but not embarrassed. When she learned, however, that pictures were to be taken, she asked to be allowed to go into the house and dress for the occasion. She said it would take her only a few minutes, but Mr. Barker raised his hand in vigorous protest. No, no, no, he said. In this instance the picture would not have been natural with a dressed up lady; however, I do not believe it was ever used in a stereopticon view. Needless to say, it turned out to be a fine picture. ¶ Every opportunity these fellows found, they would hauf the trout stream. One day, Mr. Hughs, Mr. Barker and myself went to fish trout on the Wood River. Mr. Hughs would proceed with the utmost care along the shore lest he would scare the wiley trout away, while Mr. Barker walked in the middle of the stream splashing the water with his large hip boots and caught 40 trout in a comparatively short time, while the careful Mr. Hughs was unable to get a nibble. It infuriated the land commissioner to see a successful deputy with the fish and he exclaimed,	
1/26/1940 (cont)	History - 1/26/1940 (cont)	"Look at him. Here I speak without making any noise while old Barker wades in the middle of the river like an old cow. He gets the fish and I don't."	

1/26/1940	Rib Lake Herald	L.L. ARNOLD OF BARRON IS NEW OWNER OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD "Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Arnold of Barron, Wisconsin, have purchased The Rib Lake Herald and its job printing plant, and will take possession on Monday, February 5. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have had many years' experience in the newspaper and job printing business, and their aim is to serve the people of this community as efficiently as possible. ¶ The Arnolds are highly thought of in the community which they will soon be leaving, and their coming here will be an asset to this community. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have one son, who graduates from high school this spring, and a daughter who graduated a year ago, both of whom are capable of helping them with their newspaper work. ¶ The Rib Lake Herald has enjoyed the cooperation of local businesses, industry, and its people, and in turn has cooperated with them. We could possibly include with the above, the entire Taylor County and also firms and individuals throughout the state. We wish to thank our many subscribers for their loyal support. ¶ The first issue of the Rib Lake Herald was mailed in the post office at Rib Lake on December 10, 1897, exactly one week, or 7	I would rate the quality of the Rib Lake Herald over the many years of papers that I have reviewed as an A+. Its major failure was its complete and disappointing unwillingness to stand up for free speech rights during WWI.
1/26/1940 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	days, after Frank B. Hand, the founder of the newspaper, and John J. Voemastek, who came here to work on the paper for Mr. Hand, arrived in Rib Lake, to set up the presses, put the type into the empty cases and get started on getting out the first edition. The plant was located in a room on the first floor in the east end of McComb's Opera House, which was located where the First National Bank now stands [the NE corner of McComb and Landall]. ¶ Clement Kelnhofer, then a young man of this community, helped Mr. Hand and Mr. Voemastek set up the newspaper press, which was a Washington Hand Press. ¶ The first edition consisted of 200 copies, mailed through the post office. Sam Hagen was post master. ¶ When The Herald was about 3 months old, Mr. Voemastek became half owner of the paper, and the mast was changed to Voemastek and Hand, publishers. About 4 years ago, Mr. Voemastek bought Mr. Hand's interest in the paper. In 1934, his son, R.[Ray] J. became editor and manager of The Herald, and recently acquired the ownership which he sold to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Voemastek are planning on living in Rib Lake in the future."	
1/26/1940	Rib Lake - Town & Law	PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE "A public hearing will be held in the town hall in the Town of Rib Lake on Friday, Feb. 9, at 1:00 p.m. on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance for Taylor County, as it affects the Town of Rib Lake. ¶ The proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance above referred to is on file with the county clerk at Medford, and may be inspected by anyone interested in the matter."	I believe the only county zoning in effect at the time was so-called forestry zoning. It identified small portions of the county as a forestry zone and forbade the construction of new residences there. Its purpose was to prevent the establishment of residences requiring school services. For example, if someone purchased a parcel of land far removed from all other residences, government would still have the obligation to provide school for the settler's children. There is a historical marker standing at the Oneida County Courthouse that indicates that Oneida County, Wis., was the very first county in the US to adopt such rural zoning. The Taylor Co. Board of Supervisors abolished forestry zoning during the 1970s. For further information regarding Taylor County zoning ordinance, consult sub. 2 of Section 59.97 of the then Wisconsin Statutes. In 2008, the only county zoning in Taylor County regulates development along lakeshores, streams and wetlands.



1/26/1940	Library	7139 VOLUMES LOANED BY LOCAL LIBRARY IN 1939. "Figures contained in the annual report prepared by the librarian of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission and the United States Department of Interior reveal that 7,139 volumes were lent by the local library in 1939. This figure includes all books and periodicals, and shows an increase of almost 10% over the 1938 circulation. Of this number 1,194 were adult non-fiction and 3,488 adult fiction. Children drew 2,455 books. The percentage of adult fiction decreased slightly from last year's figures, while that of both non-fiction and juvenile books increased. During the last two years, the trend has been towards a marked increase in non-fiction and cultural reading.¶ Number of borrowers increased by 57. During the summer months the library served many vacationists. ¶ The latest book at the library is the book of the month selection "Moment in Peking" by Lynn Yutang. This is a Chinese story which does much to make clear to readers the Chinese traditions which makes an art, as well as a morality, of every day	
1/26/1940 (cont)	Library (cont)	living. It covers the period from the Boxer Rebellion to modern times, 3 generations which saw more change in China than the previous thousand years. ¶ Critics call this an important book. Don't miss it. Signed Librarian."	
2/9/1940	History - 2/9/1940	By Fred Braun "When A.C. McComb came to Rib Lake in the late 90s, the presently wide and paved Main Street [McComb Ave] was but a tote road running somewhat irregularly in different directions. It ran mostly in a northeasterly direction and was part of the J.J. Kennedy race tracks, which covered an area perhaps 10 acres or more. Mr. McComb bought the entire race track and laid it out in lots. Your present Main Street [McComb Ave] was then named McComb Avenue and lots averaging 40 x 100 feet were sold for \$250 each. Resident lots west of McComb Ave and in Shaw Town ran to about \$100 apiece. I bought a lot directly across from my present office and after building my first office, the present Arnt Herrem Store, I was erroneously accused of building over the line. I therefore bought an additional lot from Mr. McComb, which I later traded for a lot he owned in Abbotsford. McComb resold the lot, and the Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Store was built on the site. ¶	The entire US experienced a substantial business slowdown in 1897, commonly referred to as the Panic of 1897. It hit J.J. Kennedy hard. I believe it was a contributing factor in forcing Kennedy to sell the land which is being referred to in this article. A.C. McComb purchased the land and platted it into a central part of Rib Lake, still known as "McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake."
2/9/1940 (cont)	History - 2/9/1940 (cont)	A.C. McComb was an untiring man in his pursuit of business. He could probably do more work than any one man I ever knew. I presume he still lives in Oshkosh. I recall that he invariably had to rush to make a train, and once I saw him flagging a moving train to stop so he could board it. Once, when he was riding on a bus which took passengers from the depot to their hotel, the horses became unmanageable which caused the tongue to fall from the neck yoke and the bus tipped over. I asked Mr. McComb why he did not jump from the bus when he saw it was going to tip, to which he replied that he had paid for the whole ride and that he intended getting it."	¶ The land that George Braun built his office on is Lot 3 and 4, Block D of McComb's Racing Park Addition. The land immediately to the north, where the Upjohn-Kennedy pharmacy stood, is Lot 5.
2/16/1940	RLLC	JOHANNES ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS "At the 31st annual meeting of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, representing the principal lumber manufacturers of Wisconsin and Michigan, H.W. Johannes of the RLLC, was elected to membership on the Board of Directors. Mr. Johannes' long experience and recognized ability abundantly qualify him to participate in directing the affairs of the manufacturer's association."	
2/16/1940	Obituary	HERMAN HANKE, OLD RIB LAKE SETTLER, DIES "Rib Lake lost one of its oldest and highly respected settlers in the death of Herman Hanke at his home Feb. 9, 1940, at the age of 70 years, following an illness of about 7 weeks' duration. Herman Frederick Hanke was born in Dresden, Germany, on Aug. 17, 1869, and came to this country in the year 1883 and settled in Rib Lake, Taylor County, which has been his home since that time.¶ He was united in marriage to Bertha Mielke, and this union was blessed by the birth to them of 8 daughters and 2 sons, all of whom survive and are Mrs. Elsie Marschke, Rib Lake; Mrs. Lawrence Liskowitz, Fond du Lac; Mrs. Matthew Weiss, Fond du Lac; Mrs. Ernest Rasmussen, Wisconsin Rapids; Mrs. A.R. Poeschl, Fond du Lac; Mrs. Eric Reinke, Wauwatosa; Mrs. W. Glaub, Wauwatosa; Miss Erma Hanke, Oak Park, Illinois; George of Rib Lake and Oscar of Fond du Lac. All of the sons and daughters were here at the funeral. Deceased is also survived by two brothers, Bruno and Ernest, of Porterville, California, and 16 grandchildren. ¶ He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a former member of the church choir.	In 2008, Herman's grandson, Allen, lives in the Town of Rib Lake, as does his great-grandson, Greg. Both live on Bear Ave. The Herman Hanke farm lay just to the northeast of the cemetery. In the 1920s Herman's son, George, moved to the western end of Bear Ave, 1/2 mile west of Hwy C. ¶ In 1880 Herman Hanke worked at the McGillis Pine Camp at the back of my farm in the SW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East.
2/16/1940 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday with the Rev. O.E. Hoffman officiating. Interment was made at the Rib Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Taylor, Albert Knop, Albert Yorde, John Stelling, Carl Radtke and Charles Seidel."	

2/16/1940	Physicians	DR. CARSTENS TAKES OVER LAPHAM CLINIC "Dr. E.H. Carstens and Mrs. Carstens have returned to Rib Lake. The doctor was associated with Dr. Lapham for the past few months, with the exception of the time the doctor was incapacitated in the hospital. Dr. Carstens has purchased the practice and property of Dr. Lapham and will henceforth offer his professional services to the people of Rib Lake and its surrounding territory."	
2/23/1940  2/23/1940 (cont)  2/23/1940 (cont)	RLLC & History - 2/23/1940  RLLC & History - 2/23/1940 (cont)  RLLC & History - 2/23/1940 (cont)	BOOM SPILES REMOVED FROM RIB LAKE - 174 SPILES PULLED OUT, SOME 55 FEET LONG "One of the most worthy projects created this winter by the Village Board to give men work was to remove the wooden spiles that were driven into the bottom of Rib Lake years ago to hold the boom which kept the saw logs together so they would not float all over the lake.¶ In the early days most all logging was done in the winter months and the logs were hauled in on huge sleighs drawn by 2-6 horses, on iced roads built for that purpose, in the coldest part of the winter. In soft or open winter sometimes the teams could not haul in enough logs during the cold wintry days to keep the mill running all summer, so often teams were put on a double shift and logs were strung in all day and all night. ¶ In the winter of 1897-98, J.J. Kennedy employed 50 teamsters to haul logs to Rib Lake to run his mill during the summer of 1898. The logs were landed on Rib Lake and into the spring, when the ice went, floated all over the lake and had to be put inside a boom close to the hot pond so the men could get them to the saws. Sometimes the boom broke when the wind was from the northeast and all the logs would float to the south part of the lake, towards the outlet, and it happened more than once that the mill was idle for a time until the wind changed and the logs could be coralled and gotten inside the boom again. ¶ The spring of 1897 saw the largest cut of logs ever floated on Rib Lake. The lake was completely covered, and you could walk across the lake in any direction on top of logs without wetting your shoes. ¶ There were several reasons why the logs were landed on the lake: first, they would not catch on fire during the dry summer from the locomotive sparks or sawmill stacks. Second, worms did not get into the logs and bark like if they were on rollways. And, third, it was much easier to move them to the mill on water than on the land. ¶ When logging on rail came into vogue, a boom was hardly necessary because the logs could be rolled right off the cars into the hot pond to keep the mill supplied for each day's cut. So the spiles which were driven into the bottom of the lake to hold the boom from drifting, have lost their usefulness and now that they are out, the lake looks nicer and is safer for boating.  ¶ Especially it is safe now for landing airships on skids in the winter and pontoons in summer. It will be but a short time now after it becomes generally known and listed, that airships will come to this section summer and winter with sportsmen and tourists from the large ports in the big cities. ¶ The crew which worked on getting out the spiles made a good job of it and removed all but three iron ones, which were left to be used for mooring masts. They are in hard ground in shallow water. ¶ In all about 174 spiles were pulled out, and the rigging for pulling them out is said to have broken on the last one. Some of the spiles were 55 feet long and some were in 40 feet of mud."	The CDs, Rib Lake History-Documents & Photos, contain a photo of Rib Lake in which the lake is entirely filled with logs, see #10150.
2/23/1940	History - 2/23/1940	By George Braun "This week Mr. George Braun will tell of early operation by J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company of this village, then known as Kennedy Town, on the south end and the United States Leather Company, which operated on the north end of the town, which was known as Shaw Town. ¶ In Taylor County, as almost anywhere in northern Wisconsin, virgin timber abounded, causing the vastness of the woods to be sometimes almost impenetrable. I carried a compass at all times for fear that I might find myself in the woods without one, in which case I would certainly have been lost. Certain persons I have known, especially Indians, found their way of direction in the woods by the growth of moss on the trees, which grew invariably on the north side of the trunk. Gone are these vastnesses now, and great trees have gone the way of all earthly things. Hundreds of acres lie denuded while other hundreds have gone into fertile agriculture. Probably the greatest damage of early days came from fires when settlers slashed down the hemlock, removing the logs, but left the tops and other rubbish to dry and burn like kindling, igniting conflagration, which killed all timber over large areas.	Originally the predominant trees on high ground portions of Rib Lake were yellow birch and eastern hemlock. Those two species dominated the virgin, climax forest. J.J. Kennedy's initial concentration on white pine gave rise to the founding of camps that were exclusively devoted to cutting white pine, hence the name "pine camps". The McGillis Pine Camp is a fairly well preserved site located on the Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Trail in the SE 1/4 -NW 1/4, Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. If you traverse

2/23/1940 (cont)	History - 2/23/1940 (cont)	¶ Pine was already thinning when I came to Taylor County, but I found the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company chiefly concentrated on this wood. At one time the company had as high as 40 million feet of pine logs on Rib Lake, which were dumped on the ice. They were unloaded on the lake, and when it was found that the ice would break, they rolled down from the banks, piling up in mountainous wood piles, making a very imposing picture on the lake. It was necessary quite often to use dynamite in the spring to release the congestion of these logs. A certain company, presumably from Chicago or the east, financed this logging enterprise and utilized the entire output of the finished product. ¶ The J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company then bought huge tracts of timber land, mostly in Taylor County and similarly the United States Leather Company, which operated the tannery in Shaw Town. Fred Shaw, who acted as assistant manager approached me one day with an unusual proposition. He asked me to buy hemlock timber land for the tannery, which amused me considerably since I had never been asked to buy land, but to sell it. But Mr. Shaw had a subtle and a good reason. The fact that the tannery would buy lands in	the Nordic Trail, marked with green blazes, you really cannot miss the camp because you come right alongside of a hole which constituted the camp well. Fortunately, the Ski & Snowshoe Club has built a fence around the old well.
2/23/1940 (cont)	History - 2/23/1940 (cont)	large tracts could easily influence an owner to ask an exorbitant price, and while I acted merely as an agent, no one knew why I bought these lands. A landowner asked with a certain degree of suspicion why I wished to buy a swamp and I replied that I bought lands of this kind for a sort of bull frog enterprise. This particular tract had a stream and was considered by the tannery management as a possible mill site. However, I did not buy the swamp, but instead I bought 2000 acres of hemlock timber for Mr. Shaw. The tannery utilized the hemlock bark in the tanning process and sold the logs to the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company."	
3/1/1940	RLLC	"A representative of the Holt Caterpillar Company of Peoria, Illinois, spent several days in the woods and about the plant taking pictures [photographs], which, we understand, are to be used for advertising purposes in a pamphlet to be distributed throughout the entire United States. Of course, we should get considerably free advertising from this source."	What a coincidence. This afternoon, Feb. 29, 2008, Cindy Sommer and I scanned in some of those very photographs. I had obtained them from the collection of John "Jack" D. Mylrea; his photographic collection is at the Marathon County Historical Society. If my memory serves me correctly, they were marked documents 10900-902. They are beautiful black and white photographs showing a tractor skidding logs in the Town of Corning for the RLLC. ¶ The same edition of the Herald contained the following: "R.B. Terhune, superintendent of the industrial advertising, and Fred R. Jolly, of the Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria, Illinois, were in Rib Lake Saturday taking moving pictures of the RLLC mill in operation and the work in the company camps." ¶ Here is a project for an energetic Rib Lake historian - contact the Caterpillar company to locate this movie.
3/1/1940	RLLC	"RRLC, Thunder Lake Lumber Company and Mosinee Paper Mills Company have engaged the services of a moving picture machine operator, who is taking pictures of the operations of the three companies above mentioned. The operator spent several days in the company camps taking pictures which will be shown in the near future at the local moving picture theater."	Some of this footage may be contained within the well-known colored movie film of the RLLC. To see the footage, get or borrow a copy of the VHS videotape from the library. I worked with the Centennial committee in 1981 to put together a recording of historical objects, including this moving film.

3/8/1940	Politics & Clubs/Orders	ASSEMBLYMAN HEDEN SPEAKER AT COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING "The Rib Lake Commercial Club met in the regular monthly session at the Lakeside Tuesday evening. After a splendid dinner, the business meeting was opened by President Millard Kapitiz. The committee reports were given and acted on. Professor D. Ingli of the high school introduced the subject of placing a Smith-Hughes agricultural course in the local high school curriculum. He asked the support of the Club in this matter. The guest speaker of the evening was Assemblyman E.A. Heden of Ogema, who is a candidate for Price County delegate to the Dewey for President Convention. His talk on the "Resources of the Cut-Over Timber Country" was very interesting and brought to the attention of those present that the second largest industry in Wisconsin is the tourist trade and that we in this lake and woods country should make it our goal to get a share of this tourist trade."	
3/8/1940	RLLC	SAWDUST, BY THE RIB LAKE LUMBER COMPANY CORRESPONDENTS "A first aid class was started on March 1. There are 14 men enrolled in the class. We hold two 2 hour classes each week on Monday and Friday nights at the Village Hall. At the end of the class, they will take an examination and all passing the test will receive a certificate from the American Red Cross.¶ William Burfield went to Marshfield on Tuesday and brought home Elmer Timm from the hospital. ¶ On March 19, the third meeting of the safety contest will be held when the chipper crew and the outside activities gang will meet and battle for a chance to compete for the championship. ¶ Elof Olsen dropped a log on the big toe of his right foot and smashed his toe. He was taken to Dr. Carstens' office for treatment. ¶ Camp 26 won the barrel of apples for the best safety record of the month."	The last several editions of the Herald have included a column under the byline Sawdust. I have quoted major portions from the column of March 8.
3/8/1940  3/8/1940 (cont)	History - 3/8/1940  History - History - 3/8/1940 (cont)	"This week Mr. George Braun will relate several incidents which happened in this village in the 90s to amuse the villagers. ¶ Personalities and circumstances are prime factors in building communities. Men I have known and worked and dealt with have left a stamp on my memory and kept it alive. Foremost among these were J.J. Kennedy, who founded the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Company, Fayette Shaw and E.C. Getchel, who owned and managed the tannery. Others were Sam Hagen, an early postmaster, Dan Kennedy, who supervised woods operations [Long Dan] and who was succeeded by the late Walter J. Patrick. Another man I remember was Angus McDonald. He was foreman in the woods for many years, an efficient man and an expert on timber estimates for the company. ¶ As a foreman he was generally well liked by his men and he was a great fellow with boxing gloves. About 40 years ago when men amused themselves on long winter evenings, it was not in a movie show nor riding in automobiles. Instead, the lumberjacks gathered in the lobby of their boarding house of an evening and watched amateur boxing welts. Angus McDonald, who was better known as Big Mac, was perhaps the best man with the gloves at the time. And every evening after supper the men gathered for this mutual amusement, and there was many a pass and a left hook and an occasional upper cut to the right of the jaw. Big Mac, a man of perhaps 30, powerful built, stood 6 feet and as he put on the gloves one evening he saw in the sea of faces before him a young man who came from Stevens Point. Big Mac had noticed him on several occasions and something told him this young man should try on the gloves. The young fellow came to find employment and was with the boys for about a week, and if a specimen of fine physical fitness ever came into this country, it was this young lad. Big Mac asked him what his name might be and a very embarrassed young Pole replied it was "Chaliensky". When Big Mac asked him to try on the gloves he was still more openly embarrassed and asked what they were for. To the amusement of about 60 men, Big Mac replied they were boxing gloves. "Try them on, I won't hurt you" he said. Chaliensky put them on awkwardly enough, but curiously, to the surprise of everyone, Big Mac missed the young Pole in the first pass. Several more passes seemed to cut into the thin air and Mac's repeated efforts	It was customary in Rib Lake for people to go by nicknames. One of my best friends was Walter "Wimpy" Wilhelms. I called him one day as a witness in a court proceeding. Amidst the trial I inadvertently referred to him as Wimpy. This produced a pounding of the gavel by the judge who admonished me, "You can't call this man a wimp!" whereupon Wimpy said, "It's okay, Judge, everyone calls me Wimpy."

3/8/1940 (cont)	History - 3/8/1940 (cont)	all met with the same result. Expert sidestepping appeared to be an art with young Chaliensky, which changed the amused attitude of the men into one of open admiration. Suddenly, Chaliensky let loose with a right-handed hay maker, and in less time than a man could say it, Big Mac lay sprawled in the far end of the lobby. When he recovered, surprise was written all over him and all he could do as he shook hands with Chaliensky was to stare at him. The bout was the topic of many a day's conversation but Big Mac, took his defeat gracefully and probably found comfort in a present he received from a rich uncle in Minneapolis. It was a check for \$1,500, and Mac wished to invest his money, he said, before someone got him into a sociable game of poker. Accordingly, I sold him 120 acres of timber, later reselling it to make him a little money. Speaking of the friendly poker game, the story went about that one fine winter morning while Sam Hagen was still asleep, his wife went to look for a knife in his trousers pocket and she found, not a knife, but a roll of bills in the first pocket and proceeding to another pocket she found a similar roll. There were more pockets in Sam's garment and in each pocket	
3/8/1940 (cont)	History - 3/8/1940 (cont)	Mrs. Hagen met with the same result. Later over the breakfast coffee she asked Sam "Did you rob a bank last night?" "No" Sam replied "I merely played a friendly, sociable little game of poker with Big Mac."	
3/15/1940	Entertainment & RLLC	VOEMASTEK GIVES IMPROMPTU MOVIE SHOW "A little impromptu movie show was given at the National Hotel by Raymond J. Voemastek, who had just purchased a new movie camera and projector. He showed several reels of film on a variety of topics that he had taken himself, including footage of the RLLC mill and yards."	This footage is included in the VHS tape of Rib Lake which was put together by the Commercial Club in 1981 to celebrate the Centennial. The Voemastek tape includes scenes inside the Rib Lake sawmill, including the cutting of giant pine brought down from the Upper Peninsula.
3/15/1940	RLLC	SAWDUST, BY THE RIB LAKE LUMBER COMPANY CORRESPONDENTS. "Dan Thums, one of the lumber pilers, has attained a crow which he calls Isaac. The crow comes to work with Dan every morning, and flies from one pile to the other, wherever the boys are working. One morning last week Isaac was on the pile with one of the men, and not being safety minded, got in the way and was struck by a board and knocked off the pile. He got up and started for home but he didn't get there for two days, because he had hurt a leg. Dan says Isaac is getting along okay and will probably be back on the job soon. ¶ The mill will go on an 8-hour schedule this week, starting Monday they will work from 7:30 to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30."	
3/22/1940	Politics & Rib Lake Town	CONTEST IN TOWN ELECTION "Election in the Town of Rib Lake promises some contest for supervisor and town assessor. For the officers there is but one candidate, the present incumbent for Chairman, E.L. Lamont; Clerk, Pat J. Cullen; Treasurer, Joseph Kauer, Sr. In the contest for supervisor the present supervisor is Frank Knorn; he and George Zondlo are candidates for re-election, and the other candidates are Joseph Probst, Jr., Adalbert Quednow and Harry Swanson. The present Assessor, Anton Kauer, is opposed by Carl Seidel."	
3/22/1940	History - 3/22/1940	By George Braun "In a recent communication received from Mrs. Julie Konz Singler of Appleton, who was a former resident of Rib Lake, we are informed of the recent death of A.C. McComb, pioneer lumberman and realtor, who is well remembered for his importance in building of early Rib Lake. In his obituary taken from the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern we read that he died after an extended illness on Oct. 28, 1939, at the age of 82.¶ Reared on a farm, he obtained his preparatory education at the Horton High School, engaged in the teaching profession while earning his way through Lawrence College of Appleton, where he graduated in June 1878. He continued teaching and served in the capacity of principal and superintendent in several Wisconsin city schools and of the Bozeman Academy of Bozeman, Montana. ¶ In 1892 he became actively engaged in the real estate business in Oshkosh, where he created two additions, one of 40 and one of 25 acres, subdividing and improving that part now known as the 16th Ward. Later Mr. McComb bought and sold Wisconsin lands extensively, at one time owning in full fee title over 100,000 acres. He was reputed to be one of the largest timber tract	This is the biography of A.C. McComb, for whom McComb Avenue is named.

3/22/1940 (cont)	History - 3/22/1940 (cont)	owners in Wisconsin, holding tracts in Michigan, Missouri, Florida, Arkansas and Oregon. Other real estate activities covered holdings in Wisconsin Rapids, Rib Lake, Bozeman, Montana, Helena, Arkansas, Clover Lake Resort and in Oshkosh. ¶ In the later 90s, when he came to Rib Lake, he purchased that part known as the race tracks and subdivided it into lots on the main street, which was named McComb Ave and several other streets west and north of McComb Ave. He built the Rib Lake Opera House on the present site of the First National Bank [the NE corner of McComb & Landall]. This theater was later destroyed by fire. ¶ A leader in public spiritedness, his philanthropic and civic activities led to the sponsorship of numerous worthy causes. He was a lover of music, contributing freely to the promotion of local bands in his community, as well as to religious institutions of all denominations. ¶ Probably one of his best known civic contributions was his sponsorship in 1926 of the movement to bring the mortal remains of Chief Oshkosh from the resting in the Keshina Indian Reservation [Menomonie County, Wis] to a place of honor at the foot of Trentanove statue in Menomonie Park.	In August, 1897, A.C. McComb surveyed the center of Rib Lake into lots. On Dec. 23, 1897, McComb filed this plat, "McComb's Racing Park Addition to Rib Lake", with the Taylor County Register of Deeds. See #10943 within the CDs of Rib Lake History - Documents & Photos. This plat created lots from Kennedy Street to McComb Ave., Fayette Avenue south to Railroad Street.
3/22/1940 (cont)	History - 3/22/1940 (cont)	He financed the entire project at a considerable cost to himself. ¶ Mr. McComb was twice nominated the office of State Senator and for 5 years held a trusteeship for Lawrence College of Appleton. ¶ To those in Rib Lake with whom he dealt he was known for his fine characteristics. He had an immense capacity for work and was a man to reach a decision quickly and a deal with him proved invariably to be a satisfactory one. ¶ He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G.M. Watterson of Chicago and Mrs. Harold Zaug of New London, and by the courtesy of the latter was the above obituary submitted. He is also survived by one granddaughter, Susan Zaug of New London, and a sister, Mrs. Ina Reineking of Hortonville."	
4/5/1940	Railroad - Wisconsin Central	SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR RIB LAKE BRANCH OF SOO "The Soo Line branch railroad running into Rib Lake has had a very successful year. Following is a report from O. Reistad, Local Agent, with a comparison of the business transacted by the railroad line in 1938 and 1939. ¶ CARLOADS FORWARDED: Lumber, 1939=1395, 1938=732; Pulpwood, 1939=544, 1938=774; Logs 1939=2, 1938=0; Misc. 1939=512, 1939=340; Potatoes 1939=0, 1938=2; Fuel wood 1939=0, 1938=8; ¶ Total cars - 1939=2453, 1938=1856 ¶ Gain 597. ¶ CARS RECEIVED: Coal, 1939=39, 1938=36; Flour and feed, 1939=44, 1938=30; Gas and oil, 1939=36, 1938=41, Logs, 1939=152, 1938=0; lumber 1939=19, 1938=2; Grain 1939=4, 1938=5; sand and gravel 1939=3, 1938=2; lime and cement 1939=4, 1938=6; salt 1939=1, 1938=2; brick 1939=1, 1938=2, livestock 1939=1, 1938=0, Misc. 1939=5, 1938=11. ¶ Total 1938=310, 1938=137. ¶ Gain 173. ¶ Total earnings for 1939 = \$171,081.93. Total earning fro 1938 = \$104,575.98. ¶ Net gain = \$66,505.95.	For further information regarding Taylor County railroads, consult the article that I have written on that topic to be published in the forthcoming history of Taylor County.
4/5/1940 (cont)	Railroad - Wisconsin Central (cont)	¶ Other interesting figures given us by Mr. Reistad are as follows: Daily service into Rib Lake, and second morning delivery from Twin Cities and Chicago. Taxes paid by the highway carriers are not like railroad taxes, which are used for general support of the government. What the highway carriers pay is used, for the most part, to build and maintain the public highways they use as a place of business. ¶ The federal government has expended 6 1/2 billion dollars to encourage the development of transportation, of which 2-1/4 billion are for waterways and about 3-3/4 billion for highways. ¶ The railways pay nearly 1 million dollars a day in taxes and 29% of these taxes go to the public schools, thereby providing enough money to educate 1,300,000 children each year. ¶ Only railroads, of all of the agencies that provide general transportation service, operate on their own roadways, fully pay their own costs, and contribute substantially in taxes to the support of the government."	
4/5/1940	Sheep Ranch & Agriculture	SHEEP RAISERS TO MEET AT WESTBORO "Sheep raisers will meet with James J. Lacey from the Agricultural College at Westboro on April 18 to discuss sheep problems. There has been considerable trouble experienced by sheep raisers with internal parasites, particularly lungworms. Lacey will bring the latest information on these problems."	

4/12/1940	RLLC	TALK BY JOHANNES CLOSES SAFETY SERIES. "The last of a series of public safety meetings sponsored by the RLLC was held in the Gem Theater Tuesday evening. The auditorium was filled to capacity. A very fine program was enjoyed by all. ¶ The last part of the program was a talk by H.W. Johannes, General Manager of the mill, and his remarks were well chosen and of interest to all. Following is a talk as given at the meeting. ¶ "It is a pleasure for me to respond to the request of the committee to say a few words at this final program. ¶ First, I want to thank each one of the participants who appeared on these programs, the judges, time keeper and Mr. Prien, who unselfishly gave their time, and the people of Rib Lake who came here in support of the efforts put forth by the accident prevention committee. I am glad to say this entire undertaking was worked out and sponsored by this committee and they are entitled to a great deal of credit. In speaking for the company, I want all of our employees to know that we appreciate their efforts very much, and it is our object to make your job easier, safer and more pleasant.	
4/12/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Recently I have been asked several times by citizens of Rib Lake what our annual payroll amounts to, and I am pleased to say that during the past fiscal year of 1939, we paid in excess of \$400,000 for labor of which \$285,710.55 was paid out to 251 employees living in and about Rib Lake, making an average of \$1,138.29 per individual. ¶ During the past 6 months the company has acquired sufficient timber that can be hauled to Rib Lake to add an additional year's life to the plant here, in addition to our former holdings. It will be the policy of the company to prolong the operation here as long as conditions are such that they can afford to do so. [next paragraph deleted] ¶ Loyalty to its employees is one of the most valuable assets of any industrial organization, even though it does not appear on its balance sheet. The officers and directors of this company have a personal satisfaction in the knowledge that you, our employees, are loyal to the company, to its products and to yourselves. Loyalty is more than a source of mere personal feelings; it is the very foremost foundation on which to build business.	
4/12/1940 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ Certainly, business is business, but it is not chiefly concerned with the cash register and the attendant mechanical procedure that makes it ring. Business also depends on individuals, on their personalities and on their loyalty. I have learned a long time ago that those things are just as important to good business as the procedure of manufacturing and selling. ¶ There should be no great gap between each of you and the foreman, superintendent and the manager. Regardless of what your job is, you are just as important to the company as I am. You cannot all be truck drivers and you cannot all be head sawyers in the mill, but you do have a definite part in our Company's progress. ¶ It is therefore the wish of our Company to recognize the ability of each employee, try to make his work just as safe as possible by removing all hazards, thereby reducing all suffering and loss of time to a minimum. ¶ The degree to which this can be done and the results obtained depend on each one of you. You must cooperate with your accident prevention committee. Let's work together and live to enjoy many more gatherings like we are enjoying here tonight."	
4/12/1940	RLLC	SAWDUST By the Rib Lake Lumber Company Correspondents. "The final "Accident Prevention" meeting was held last Tuesday evening in the Gem Theater building. The dry yard team and the chipper gang were the first contestants in order to break the tie, with the result the chipper gang eliminated the dry yard crew by a score of 80 to 70. ¶ With the dry yard bunch landing in the third position for the entire series, the outside activities and the chipper crew then locked horns for the first and second place. As a result, the chipper crew landed in first place with a score of 80-2/3, leaving the outside activities crew to wind up in second place with a score of 69-2/3. ¶ The program apparently was well received by the public, judging from the fact that the auditorium was full a long time before the appointed time for opening the meeting, which was 7:30. Those coming late were unable to get in and were turned away."	This column continues with small tidbits of information. For example "Elmer Davidson is still on the sick list with a cold and sore throat."

4/12/1940	Obituary	<p> <b>           RITES HELD FOR OLD SETTLER</b> "Mr. Walter S. St.Clair, resident of this community for many years, died at his home Friday, April 5, 1940. He had been an invalid for more than 9 years. He was 67 years, 2 months and 27 days of age at the time of his death. ¶ Walter Scott St.Clair, eldest son of Henry C. and Mattie Helen St.Clair, was born near Renesselaer, Indiana, on Jan. 12, 1873. He moved with his parents to Lockiel, Benton County, Indiana, in 1886, where 10 years later, on Feb. 5, 1896, he married Emma M. Johnson, the youngest daughter of the local store keeper. On Feb. 3, 1900, they moved to Rib Lake, where they bought a piece of land and made their home there until 5 years ago, when they moved to the Town of Greenwood. St.Clair Lake on County Trunk Highway D, which bordered their land, was named for Mr. St.Clair. ¶ He leaves to mourn his death his wife, 11 children and 20 grandchildren. His children are Ralph of Rib Lake; Mrs. Elizabeth Kalkin of Orion, Illinois, Walter, Grant, Emma and Nels of Greenwood; Henry of Saginaw, Michigan; Mrs. Joe Moravetz of Gables, Michigan; Robert of Lansing, Michigan; Otto Johnson of Brantwood.         </p>	<p>           His namesake, St.Clair Lake, is located in the south end of Section 6, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. It is just north of Rustic Road #1. The St. Clair farm was on the east shore of the lake. In 2008, the fields have entirely grown back into forest.         </p>
4/12/1940 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	<p>           He is also survived by 3 brothers, Charles of Danville, Illinois; Pearl of East Chicago; and John of Hammond, Indiana. ¶ Deceased was well and favorably known by people throughout this territory. He served the Town of Rib Lake for a period of 16 years, at different times holding the office of Chairman, Assessor and Supervisor. Another testimony of his integrity is that he was a member of the Spirit Lake School Board for many years. ¶ About 10 years ago Mr. St.Clair accepted the faith of the 7th Day Adventist Church and remained faithful to his death. ¶ Funeral services were held in Rib Lake at the Taylor Funeral Home Monday with the Rev. Kohler of Prentice officiating."         </p>	
4/12/1940	History - 4/12/1940	<p>           "This week Mr. George Braun will tell of the day when Rib Lake flourished. Rib Lake in 1900 was a very thriving young community and shortly after incorporation [in 1902] as a village, McComb Ave was rapidly lining up with new buildings on both sides and all manner of trading flourished. General stores were doing a fine business, as well as a millinery and a drug store. There were several taverns, which were called saloons - and a jewelry store in connection with a watch repair shop operated by Dick Mandeville. The old boarding houses developed into hotels when Alphonse Bonneville came and built the National. Andrew Clendenning built the Central Hotel, which was destroyed by fire and rebuilt, and is presently operated by Henry Mathias. Churches of various denominations came into Rib Lake for the comfort of worshipers, and a high school was built. ¶ Those were prosperous days. There was plenty of work, and while wages were high at \$1.65 per day for common labor, men made a good living, supported families and brought prosperity. Skilled labor earned as high as \$6 per day and as a result there was considerable investment in timber and other lands giving a real estate man a good opportunity to sell         </p>	<p>           The article went on to describe his trip Out West hunting in the Rocky Mountains.         </p>
4/12/1940 (cont)	History - 4/12/1940 (cont)	<p>           some property. What proved to be an asset was the fact that the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company advertised their holdings on the line extensively in big city papers. Consequently, numerous prospects came here from Milwaukee and Chicago to settle in Taylor and surrounding counties."         </p>	
4/26/1940	Agriculture	<p> <b>           FARMERS BUY NEW TRACTORS</b> "A number of new tractors have been purchased by farmer neighbors. Oliver Lamberty has an Allis Chalmers, Victor Vlach a McCormick-Deering, Hy. Niggemann an Alis Chalmers, and Kenneth Headstream a Ferguson."         </p>	<p>           The same edition of the Herald had an advertisement by the Kapitza Barn reading "Horses, just received another load of horses direct from farmers. These horses do not come from stockyards, therefore have not been exposed to stockyard diseases. Weight 1200-1800 pounds. Several well matched teams. Every horse guaranteed. Terms-we will give you plenty of time to pay. S.H. Tarrant, Owner, Ed Lamont, Manager."         </p>
5/3/1940	Businesses & Ole A. Peterson	<p> <b>           POPULAR RESTAURANT CHANGES NAME</b> "After 17 years of service to the food-loving public of this community, the proprietor, Mrs. Charles Dodge, has decided to operate her restaurant under a new name, although officially the place was known as the Cozy Corner Cafe, often and oftener there were calls for service, help or advice from the ever obliging Ma Dodge. Therefore, the old sign above the door has been replaced with a new one which announces that the place is now Ma Dodge's Cafe."         </p>	<p>           This popular eating spot was in a 2-story building on the southwest corner of Landall and McComb. Mrs. Nettie Dodge was a sister to O.A. "Ole" Peterson.         </p>



5/3/1940	Schools & Recreation	HIGH SCHOOL BOXERS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SEASON "The Rib Lake High School Boxing team journeyed to Tomahawk last Friday to close the boxing season and win over Tomahawk with a 7-4 score. Tomahawk handed the Lakers 4 forfeits while in turn they received only 1 forfeit from Rib Lake. Of the 6 actual fights, the two teams came out even with 3 each. The Rib Lake Boxing team has enjoyed a very successful season."	
5/24/1940	Schools	38 RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS. "The class of 1940 of the Rib Lake High School consisted of: Genevieve Donaldson, John Blomberg, Raymond Turba, William Hess, Wilma Heintz, John Liebig, Arthur Jensen, Florence Turba, Harriet Batzer, Wayne Bullis, Dorothy Radtke, Shirley Martin, Ethel Lien, Henry Anderson, Edward Ziemke, Wava Grow, Agnes Dietzler, Herman Gilge, Charles Gummo, La Verne Sampson, Raymond Gebauer, Lillian Ploeckelman, Priscilla Marschke, Albert Schreiner, Robert Johnson, Louis Linard, Dorance Hauch, Glen Gums, Irene Krueger, Joseph Swider, Harriet Everson, Clarence Wudi, Harvey Hohn, Annabelle Halverson, Catherine Daus, Elaine Blomberg, Dorothy Reinhardt and Francis Fuchs."	
5/24/1940	RLLC	"Ed Synnott, Woods Superintendent for the RLLC, and Charles Kannenberg, Camp Foreman, were at Ironwood, Michigan, for a week surveying and estimating a stand of timber which will be shipped to Rib Lake to be sawed into lumber."	
6/7/1940	Obituary	PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY, PHIL P. ARNOLD SUCCOMBS TO HEART ATTACK SUNDAY "This entire community was shocked and saddened when it was learned of the sudden and untimely death of one of its well-known and highly respected citizens, Phil J. Arnold. ¶ Mr. Arnold had spent the day with Mrs. Arnold and their daughter, Catherine, who had just come home for a vacation at their cottage at Harper Lake. He was apparently feeling as well as ever and he had been busy around the grounds. He died very suddenly at 7:40 p.m. from acute dilation of the heart. Phillip Jeffrey Arnold was born at Milwaukee, Wis. Nov. 1, 1888. His boyhood was spent at Milwaukee where he received his high school education, later taking a short course at the University of Wisconsin. ¶ On Sept. 12, 1917, he was united in marriage to Anna Arnold at Waukegan, Illinois, and they made Edgar, Wis., their home for a year, Mr. Arnold being employed at office work. In 1918 they moved to Rib Lake and bought the hardware store, which they operated during the intervening years. ¶ Deceased has been a member of the Methodist Church over a period of years. He was a charter member of the	
6/7/1940 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	Rib Lake Lodge #346, Free and Accepted Masons, and was very highly thought of in the Masonic circles; many, many brother lodge members from the surrounding territory coming to pay him respect by attending the funeral service. He is survived by his wife and daughter of Rib Lake and his mother, Mrs. O.M. Arnold of Milwaukee. Funeral services were held at the Rib Lake Methodist Church with pastor of the church, Rev. Langendorf, officiating. Pallbearers were James Upjohn, Edward Eckhof, J.J. Voemastek, F. LaLonde, Dr. G.L. Baker and D. McLeod. The Local Masonic Lodge attended in a body and had charge of Masonic services at the church and at the Rib Lake Cemetery. ¶ In the passing of Phil J. Arnold, Rib Lake Village and community has lost a citizen whose place will not easily be filled. His genial disposition and attitude of good fellowship to all endeared him in a great way to the many people with whom he came in daily contact. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family."	
6/21/1940	RLLC	"The RLLC has just concluded the purchase of an additional 5 million feet of timber in northern Michigan. This purchase contains in excess of a million feet of virgin white pine that is contemplated to be sawn at the Rib Lake mill. ¶ We are glad to note logs are again arriving from northern Michigan camps of the company and we understand will come in regularly for some time."	The last sentence implies that the RLLC actually ran camps in the Upper Peninsula. I am well aware that the RLLC purchased logs from various companies in the Upper Peninsula but I have never before heard of the RLLC doing the cutting of the timber in the U.P.
6/21/1940	Camp 25	"Otto Hein crushed a finger on his left hand so badly it had to be amputated this week. He was treated by Dr. Baker. Otto was cutting pulpwood at Camp 25. ¶ Louis Fleming, cook at Camp 25, spent the weekend in town. ¶ In the contest between the two camps for the least number of accidents, Camp 25 was the winner for the 4-week period ending June 15."	

6/21/1940	Rib Lake Herald & RLLC	SAWDUST By the Rib Lake Lumber Company Correspondents. "Perhaps some of our employees do not fully understand just what type of news or articles are wanted for the "Sawdust" column. Mr. Arnold, the editor of the Herald, has generously offered the employees of our company as much space as desired in his paper for news items of happenings about our plant, not only of injuries, but of all sorts of news items, humorous or otherwise, such as we noticed Lutz was absent from the office on Tuesday of this week, we presume he was out chasing orders, at least we hope so. We would suggest that he have larger pockets placed on his coat - you know - just to hold more orders when he goes away on trips. ¶ But to get back to business, what we want for the "Sawdust" column is news about members of your families being away on vacation, etc. Last week we only had about 7 or 8 inches of news items. If that is all the news we can scare up from approximately 500 employees, we might as well hoist the white flag and call it quits, but if I know the caliber of the company employees, the word "quit" is not in their vocabulary. You fellows out there at camp, are you living or are you dead?	C.C. Lord was the office manager for the RLLC. The reference to the "pede" is to the powered railroad car which provided transportation for 1, 2 or 3 people on the railroad tracks in lieu of a locomotive or train. Originally these cares were hand powered.
6/21/1940 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald & RLLC (cont)	If you're dead, we cannot expect to hear from you, but from the howl you put up when I was out to camp last week, I believe you are half alive anyway, so send in some news items, at least about how the mosquitoes or wood ticks are operating this time of year. I know one thing - if I had stayed in the brush an hour longer, I wouldn't have needed the pede to come in - I might have ridden home on the woodticks. They were so friendly. ¶ But still to get back to more business. One or two employees cannot write all the news for the "Sawdust" column because one or two don't know everything that happens. The success of the "Sawdust" bin depends on whether or not we can keep it full. I know we have emptied a quarter keg at Walt Krueger's charivari the other Saturday night, but we gotta keep the old "Sawdust" bin full or else bore a bigger hole in the bottom and forget about the whole thing. ¶ If you fellows or some other member of your family would just jot down the news items on a slip of paper and leave it at the little office or drop them in the box just outside the office door on the porch, we will wind them in shape here in the office and get them in the printer on time, but all news	
6/21/1940 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald & RLLC (cont)	items for the current week's issue must be in the office not later than 8:00 a.m. each Wednesday. ¶ We can put this X across if we all work together, so let's go and fill the old "bin" to the top and force Arnold to put on higher sideboards. ¶ You know, this is just a personal message from me to you, passed on through the knot holes that Lutz sold last spring. Signed C.C. Lord."	
6/21/1940	Spirit & People	"70 guests made an imposing picture on the spacious lawns at a garden party given for Harry Magnuson at his home at Spirit last Sunday. The lusty greetings were in observance of Mr. Magnuson's birthday-anniversary and even the ideal weather joined in to make this event a more gala one to be remembered. George Braun, Sr. entertained with his violin, accompanied by his daughter, Nora, on the piano and piano accordion, who also furnished the music for dancing in the evening. Other Rib Lake guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kohn and Mr. and Mrs. George Hanke. A sumptuous dinner and buffet supper with lighted birthday cake was served to the guests and there were many guests to help Mr. Magnuson remember the happy day."	Harry was the father of Lester and Herbert - long-time operators of the Magnuson Mink Ranch, parts of which still operate in 2008.
6/21/1940	People	"Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thums and son and Mr. George Thums attended the graduation exercises at the University of Wisconsin Monday for Mrs. Thums' brother, Francis Kurek, who was a graduate in the chemical engineering department, with senior honors. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kurek, parents of Mrs. Lillian Thums, and Jacob Kurek of Chicago, former Rib Lake residents, were also present at the graduation."	
6/21/1940	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 9 AT LUTHERAN CHURCH "On Sunday morning, June 30, confirmation service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake. After a thorough course of instruction in the Word of God, a class of 9 catechumens will renew and confirm their baptismal vows. The Lord's own charge to his disciples "Watch and pray" will form the basis of the pastor's sermon. Immediately following the rite of confirmation the class will sing, "Thine Forever". ¶ The following are members of the class: Robert Bleck, Allen Gnotke, Howard Greening, Gerome Doubek, Alvin Gilge, Eugene Kassube, Foster Freiberg, Keith Jacob and Myrtle Hein."	

6/28/1940	Agriculture & Rib Lake - Town	INTERESTING FARM STATISTICS COMPILED BY TOWN ASSESSOR "An interesting bit of farm statistics have been compiled for the Town of Rib Lake by Anton Kauer, Town Assessor. There are 18,742 acres of farmland in this township peopled by 874 persons. Of these acres, 5,081 are planted to crops, 382 in corn, 172 potatoes, 1,101 oats for grain, 76 barley, 14 rye, 3,221 clover and timothy, 51 alfalfa, 66 millet and 7 acres in soybeans. ¶ Last fall there were 89 bushels of clover seed threshed and 90 acres of wild hay cut. ¶ Livestock listed on Rib Lake Township farms were 319 horses, 14,066 milch cows, 752 heifers, 135 bulls, 173 sheep, 153 pigs, 4 months old or older, and 5,081 chickens."	
6/28/1940	Camp 26	"Albain Fisk was struck on the shoulder by a falling limb while working at Camp 26. He was treated by Dr. Baker. John Tepler fell down and bumped his knee while peeling pulpwood at Camp 26. He was treated by Dr. Baker."	
6/28/1940	Ole A. Peterson	"Harold Peterson and Charles Dodge went on a fishing trip to Phillips last week. They were guests of the O.A. Peterson family."	O.A. "Ole" Peterson was a hardworking, successful and dynamic member of the Rib Lake community. Sometime in the gap of missing Rib Lake Herald's, 1922-1939, he left Rib Lake and moved to Phillips.
6/28/1940	Spirit	"Mrs. Lydia Cutts of Spirit, age 92, recently attended a birthday party of friends and was especially delighted to meet people from Rib Lake. She stated a desire to see all her Rib Lake acquaintances, many of whom she had not seen for years, the memory of whose friendship she particularly cherishes. Mrs. Cutts, despite her advanced age, enjoys unusually fine health, a keen mentality and says that until several years ago, was able to read without glasses. She makes her home with her son, Howard Cutts, and family at Spirit."	
6/28/1940	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	"The Venerable Sisters Eutropia and Simeona of the Order of St. Francis are here from Milwaukee to conduct catechism classes for the children of St. John's Catholic Church. They are also preparing the children who are to receive their first holy communion on Sunday, July 7. Owing to the unusually large class, the sisters will remain to finish a 3-week course instead of the two-week as originally planned."	
6/28/1940	Entertainment	"A softball team picked out of the sawdust bin at the mill will meet and try to tame the Zondlo Wildcats at 6:30 Friday evening at the grounds near the Zondlo Tavern on Highway 102 and the losers will have to buy a pony for the winners."	As of March, 2008, Zondlo's Tavern on the SE corner of STH 102 and CTH C is still going strong. There is no longer a ball field near the tavern but horseshoes are a popular outside sport just to the south of the tavern. For many years the tavern was run by Frank and George Zondlo and families, whose favorite saying was "rough figuring".
7/5/1940	Schools & Agriculture	ADD AGRICULTURE TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSES. "Arrangements have been completed whereby the Rib Lake High School will add a vocational agricultural department, making a total of only two such departments in Taylor County. ¶ Permission has been granted the Rib Lake School Board by the State Board of Vocational and Adult Education to establish such a department. Aid from the federal and state funds will be forthcoming for this program. ¶ ONE OF TWENTY SCHOOLS. ¶ Last year there were 201 such departments in Wisconsin, and Rib Lake this year will be one of the twenty schools where new departments are being established. ¶ Vocational and agricultural offers the rural boy a well-rounded preparation for farming. Three different courses in agriculture will be offered this year, one of which will be farm crops for freshmen. This course deals with different kinds of grains, their adaptation to the soil, diseases of plants and how to control them, soil testing, fruits and vegetables, how to select good seeds, grain judging and showing and farm insects.	In 2007 the Town of Rib Lake is down to perhaps 7 functioning dairy farms. You can read Orrin Meyer's autobiography at Doc. #10333, within the CDs of Rib Lake History-Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library.
7/5/1940 (cont)	Schools & Agriculture (cont)	The course for sophomores deals with farm animals, how to judge and select them, balancing farm rations, animal breeding, herd improvement, milk testing, rope work, poultry, and other subjects related to farm animals. The course for juniors and seniors will be a combination of farm crops and farm animals and will be more advanced. In all cases the courses will be practical and useful to the individual boy. ¶ It is the desire of the agricultural instructor, O.W. Meyer, a University of Wisconsin graduate, to visit the prospective students to discuss this program with them and answer any questions that might arise."	

7/5/1940	RLLC & Hunting	SAWDUST BIN By the RLLC Correspondents. "A few members of the Rod and Gun Club held a social meeting at the Owl Filling Station last Friday eve. Delegates from the Saw Dust Gang were Ray Broman, Ode Lemke, Gust Ruesch and Stanley Hebda. Refreshments were served from a pail. The project of laying a pipeline from the Lakeside to the Owl Service Station was discussed and tabled until a later meeting. ¶ Roy Broman, Ode Lemke and Gust Ruesch shoved off for the Turtle Flowage for some weekend fishing. Not mottled bass but muskey."	The Owl Service Station stood on the north side of STH 102 on what is in 2008 Lakeshore Drive at the west-most tip of the Village Park.
7/5/1940	Businesses	NATIONAL HOTEL "Mr. and Mrs. John Freeck have moved into the upstairs apartment of the William Berfield home. The management of the National Hotel is now in the hands of Mrs. Selma Hemphill. Mrs. Freeck will continue to operate her beauty shop at the National Hotel with the help of her sister, Miss Wilma Jefferson, who is rooming with the Elmer Taylors. Mr. Freeck will run the hotel tavern as in the past."	
7/19/1940	Camp 26 & RLLC	SAWDUST BIN By the RLLC Correspondents. "Camp 26 readily admits that they were slow in producing news items. After taking inventory, one finds approximately 150 heads at the table. Each one of the 150 are so busily engaged in developing his intimate potentialities as a lumberjack, there isn't much time to practice journalism. ¶ We don't think that the Sawdust Bin is as particularly interested in the individual timber angels and the life they lead. We have nothing but the best! One of our pulp Jippos has cut, peeled and bunched as high as 140 sticks in one day. Beat that if you can (without any rubber). ¶ When a good man like that sits at the table he can devour his share of the 125 pounds of pork chops - nice juicy pork chops. And speaking of pork chops - our camp boasts over 80 hams on the hoof. ¶ [portion of article deleted] Well, folksies, the time checker-upper sets the pace for us with his size #12's, so that Camp 26 must bid you fare adieu Signed Camp 26."	Note that Camp 26 consisted of 150 men. The July 12, 1940 edition of the Herald had a letter from Camp 25. It is clear that at least Camps 25 and 26 are operating during the summer of 1940.
7/19/1940	People & RLLC	"Dan Pilon of Quebec, Canada, is in Rib Lake for a short visit renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Pilon made a pleasant call at the Herald office, renewing his subscription to the paper."	Dan Pilon was a long-serving and popular cook for many years for the RLLC.
7/26/1940	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	"Rib Lake Fish & Game Association elects officers. ¶ The Rib Lake Fish & Game Association met at the Rib Lake Town Hall Monday evening, with a good crowd of sportsmen in attendance, and much enthusiasm was shown for the promotion of a project to better the hunting and fishing in this community. ¶ Election of officers was held, with the following results; President Elmer Taylor, Vice President Roy Broman, Secretary L.L. Arnold, Treasurer Ed Thums; 5 directors were also elected, Mike Schmidt, William Lemke, Carl Marschke, Ode Lemke and Gust Ruesch. ¶ Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, the next to be Aug. 12 and will be at the Harper Lake Resort. ¶ The cost of membership in this organization is \$1 per year. The funds will be used for the promotion of the work of the Club. Everyone is invited to join and help along this worthy movement."	A month earlier the Herald announced the formation of this association. This association has done a great deal of good for the community and prospers in 2008.
7/26/1940	Church - Lutheran - Zion	"On Sunday, July 28, the following will be confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church: Chester Breitzke, James Rhody, Leslie Schmidt, Zelva and Alvin Schudlach. Services begin at 10:30 a.m."	
7/26/1940	Politics & War - Soldiers	KEEP THEM OUT OF WAR "When the war clouds hover over ¶ and peace comes to an end ¶ then men are called to battle ¶ their nations to defend. ¶ The young and old must suffer ¶ but flower of youth must die ¶ when mothers weep in sorrow ¶ and ask the reasons why. ¶ The sons they've raised and cherished ¶ must by government decree ¶ sometimes go into battle ¶ on lands across the sea. ¶ To satisfy some war lord ¶ or guard some rich man's gold ¶ by clever propaganda ¶ sons are taken from the fold. ¶ But mothers now are ready, ¶ they are wiser than before. ¶ They refuse to send their loved ones ¶ to another nation's war. ¶ They have organized their forces ¶ and are working night and day ¶ fighting bills and legislation ¶ so that neutral we can stay. ¶ But if we should be invaded ¶ they would gladly give their sons ¶ for the cause of right and justice ¶ to fight off the guilty ones. ¶ But they need cooperation ¶ from all mothers of today ¶ in their fight to keep their loved ones ¶ in the good old U.S.A. ¶ Signed Edward J. Viall."	
7/26/1940	People & Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleck and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson at Cornell. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. William Klatt and son of Fairchild, Wis., spent the weekend at the Julius Gilge home."	

8/2/1940	Camp 24 & Camp 25	SAWDUST BIN By the RLLC Correspondents "RLLC Camp 25, Dear Sawdust, Sometime perhaps we will survive to speak of the present time as a "late heatwave". Someone should do something about it, but I guess we are still the same kind of folks that Mark Twain knew. So far as this camp, the only victim of excessive heat, was a horse. We have otherwise been very fortunate. ¶ The New Wood River is reduced to a trickle. One thinks of the raging torrent that existed in the same riverbed just a few weeks ago, it seems hard to believe that such extremes could occur in such a short time. ¶ We are beginning to spread out from here, and Camp 24 will probably experience a resurrection shortly. They are still engaged rather heavily with pulpwood at this camp but log sawyers have already started at Camp 24. ¶ Nobody has bitten the dog yet. Signed Camp 25. ¶ During the month of July there have been 161 visiting the Rib Lake sawmill. Most of these were tourists. This proves that people are still interested in the way lumber is made."	
8/2/1940	Rusch	TOM GRAF SUICIDE AT MEDFORD CLINIC "After suffering with pneumonia since July 4, Thomas Graf, 42, ended his life by hanging himself Thursday morning at the Medford Clinic. Mr. and Mrs. Art Knop, with whom he had lived most of the 4 years which he spent at Rib Lake, drove to Medford with Oscar Greening Wednesday evening to visit him. He was low in spirits when they arrived but expressed pleasure at their visit and said he felt much better when they left. Naturally, they were much surprised to hear of his suicide the next morning. ¶ Thomas Graf was the eldest child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Graf of Athens, Wis. He remained at home to help his father farm until his parents retired. Then he spent several years as a farm hand near Athens until he came to live with his sister and family several years ago. ¶ He leaves to mourn his death his aged parents, who now live at Wausau, and 7 sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Catherine) Scrivens, Milwaukee; Mrs. Joe (Rose) Lawler, Seattle; Mrs. Art (Francis) Knop, Rib Lake..."	
8/9/1940	Clubs/Orders	COMMERCIAL CLUB CONSIDERS ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE. "The Rib Lake Commercial Club held their annual monthly meeting Tuesday evening at Harper Lake Resort. A splendid dinner was served. ¶ The business meeting followed and a number of matters were discussed. ¶ Millard Kapitz, and Mike Schmidt and Harold Zielke were appointed to act as a committee to contact the RLLC in regard to removing the dead-head logs from the lake. The same committee was authorized to see what could be done about a dam to raise the level of Spirit Lake. ¶ R.J. Voemastek and Clifford Curran were named to investigate the cost and feasibility of planting some sort of hedge from the point where Highway 102 strikes Rib Lake going east and to extend along the lake as far as Copper Creek. ¶ The matter of opening a road north of Harper Lake into the Spirit County was again discussed and Clifford Curran and Ed Lamont were delegated to try and get some action of the proposed plan.	
8/9/1940	Clubs/Orders	¶ Guests at the meeting were Paul Geisser of Medford, Candidate for District Attorney; Red McQuillen, also of Medford, Candidate for Sheriff; as well as Mr. Frank Weigrand, brother-in-law of Victor Kohn, who is visiting here from Cleveland, Ohio."	
8/9/1940	Entertainment	"A mixer and fireside party was held on the Seidel grounds at North Harper Lake Monday evening when all the tourists of the Seidel cottages gathered to dance, play games, roast weiners and marshmallows over the glowing coals of an open fireplace. It was a fine party, folks being there from Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, Indianapolis and as far away as Philadelphia to join hands and make merry with their host and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. George Seidel. George Braun, Sr. of Rib Lake and his daughter, Nora, played violin and piano accordion for the occasion."	Most of the old Seidel cottages on the south shore of North Harper Lake stand in 2008. They have, however, been converted into private homes.
8/16/1940	Camp 24 & Camp 25	"The company moved from Camp 25 back to 24 last week."	

8/23/1940	Schools	"Rib Lake Schools to open up September 3. ¶ Tuesday morning, September 3, the school doors will again be open to the children of Rib Lake and surrounding community. ¶ Two large buses driven by Art Schultz and William Banks will be in operation again. Last year 110 school children were transported to school, and it is hoped that even a larger number might be encouraged to attend our school this year. ¶ A Smith-Hughes Agricultural course has been added to the high school curriculum, thus offering further opportunity for specialization for students. This course will be presented by O.W. Meyer and instructed with Smith-Hughes. ¶ Former Rib Lake teachers who will be on the staff again this year are: High School, D.A. Ingli, principal; George Shephard, manual arts; William Goer, commercial and athletics; Russell Way, science and mathematics; Veronica Carmody, Latin and social science; Eleanor Theisen, english..."	
8/30/1940	People & Agriculture	FARMER, 80, SPENDS DAY LOST IN WOODS. "It took 80-year-old William Wehrman to show a searching party of over 20 men, headed by Charles Dodge, some real spunk Monday. Mr. Wehrman lost his way while looking for the cows in the early morning, not far from his farm 6 miles east of the village. ¶ His son, Theodore, became alarmed at his father's prolonged absence and started a search. He located the cows, but not the elderly man, so he notified neighbors and Charles Dodge, Rib Lake Village Marshal. ¶ Meanwhile Mr. Wehrman had gone through the woods, coming out at the Vlach farm, and getting his bearings, started back through the woods. However, he became lost again and wandered aimlessly until he came to the line fence which he followed until he struck the road. He met Julius Golder, who, after hearing his story, took him home, feeling that the old man had had enough walking for one day. They found the searching crew just ready to go into the woods to search for him. Mr. Wehrman was none the worse for the day spent in the woods."	
8/30/1940	Germania & Entertainment	GERMAN BAND PLAYS AT STATE FAIR THURSDAY "The German Lumberjack Band of Rib Lake played a 25-minute program at the Little Theater at the State Fair in Milwaukee last Thursday. The boys played a diversified program to a large and enthusiastic audience. They were guests at the fair, a distinction awarded them by a Madison critic when they played at a county festival at Westboro in June. Members of the band are Bill Hess, clarinetist and leader; Hank Hauch, bass horn; Clarence Fenzau, trumpet; Melvin Olson, second clarinet; Donald Johnson, saxophone; Bobby Daus, baritone and Gerald Radtke, mellophone."	
8/30/1940	People	WUDI-IVACIC "St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Miss Rose Barbara Wudi became the bride of Paul Ivacic at a nuptial high mass last Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock with the Rev. Peter Dickoph of Rib Lake officiating. ¶ The bride was beautiful in white satin and lace and wore a long veil held with a wreath of white buds and carried bride's roses. Her sisters, Gertrude and Agnes, were her bridesmaids, who wore pink marquisette over taffetta and short veils held in place with pink buds, and they wore wrist corsages. ¶ Attendants of the groom were Joseph Wudi, Jr. and Joseph Matyka. ¶ The altars of the church were resplendent with giant dahlias and gladiolas as well as the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wudi, where a reception for 200 guests was held. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ivacic of Bay City, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Harder and family of Stetsonville and Miss Katie Carl of Tomahawk. ¶ The music for the nuptial high mass was rendered by Miss Connie Rusch, Mrs. Edwin Thums [Lillian] and Miss Nora Braun, all of the St. John's Catholic Choir of Rib Lake.	
8/30/1940 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ The young couple will be at home on the farm of the groom's parents in the Town of Greenwood."	
9/6/1940	Health	832 DEATHS IN 1939 DUE TO TUBERCULOSIS "More than 800 Wisconsin homes were saddened during 1939 because a father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter died from a preventable and curable disease, according to a report issued by the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association, which places the total number of deaths due to tuberculosis during 1939 at 839. "Deaths from tuberculosis in Wisconsin have been steadily decreasing each year" the reports state. In 1938 the total fell below 1000 for the first time...¶ The report indicates that 5 Taylor County residents died from tuberculosis last year. This marked a slight increase from 1938, when there were only 4 deaths. The annual average number of tuberculosis deaths in Taylor County over the past 3-year period is 4."	

9/13/1940	Spirit Lake	"Ernest Tabor gets 17-pound northern pike. Ernest Tabor caught a northern pike at Spirit Lake that tipped the scales at 17 pounds and was 42 inches long. Mr. Tabor said he was alone in the boat at the time and it took him nearly an hour to land the fish. He brought it to town and we had a look at it so we know it's a true fish story."	The island in Big Spirit Lake is called Tabor after this family. For many years they maintained a cabin on the island.
9/13/1940	Church - Lutheran - St. Peter's	MISSION SERVICES AT GREENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH "On Sunday, Sept. 15, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in the Town of Greenwood is celebrating its annual mission festival. Two services will be held. The local pastor, Rev. O.E. Hoffman, will preach the German service in the morning service beginning at 10:30. The afternoon English service begins at 2:30, Pastor I.J. Habeck, Medford, delivering the sermon. You are invited to attend the special mission services. Dinner will be served in the church parlors by the ladies of the congregation."	
9/20/1940	Businesses	LOCAL THEATRE CHANGES NAME, ADDS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY TO WEEKLY PROGRAM. "The Gem Theatre, formerly conducted by Mr. A.F. Gumm of this city, now operated by H.E. Schwocho, formerly of Spencer, has a new name - after October 1 it will be known as the Lake Theatre. ¶ The new management has arranged all new booking with Paramount and Twentieth Century Fox for the best in entertainment in the future. MGM Pictures will also be booked at a later date. ¶ Starting Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 24, 25, the local theatre will run a mid-week program, opening with the Jane Wither's picture "High School". Showing time will also be changed effective with the above program as follows: Tuesdays, Fridays, Mondays, 8:00 p.m.; short subjects repeated; Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, two shows--7:00 and 9:00 p.m. A matinee program will be shown every Sunday at 2:30 starting with Paramount's release "Buck Ben (Benny) Rides Again" Sunday, Sept. 29.	
9/20/1940 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ A new sound system and projector have been installed to give added enjoyment to a good program. Strict supervision will be kept over the conduct of the patrons in the theatre. Any discourtesy reported to the management will be acknowledged immediately with due respect. Your local theatre is an asset to this community and needs your support. Every good turn will be greatly appreciated. Signed the Management."	
9/20/1940	People & Spirit Lake	"Mr. Cal Johnson, noted sports writer, who maintains a summer home at Stone Lake, will be master of ceremonies at the annual Hunters and Winter Sport Show at the Chicago Arena from Sept. 21-29. Mr. Johnson is widely known in sports circles. He was a columnist for the Chicago Daily News for many years."	
9/27/1940	Entertainment	FALL PICNIC AT TOURIST PARK NEXT SUNDAY "A fall picnic, sponsored by the businessmen of Rib Lake, will be held at the Rib Lake Tourist Park Sunday, September 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone from Rib Lake, Chelsea, Westboro, Ogema, Spirit, Greenwood, Whittlesey, and surrounding farming communities is invited and urged to attend. ¶ Those attending are asked to bring a picnic lunch for the noon meal. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the Rib Lake Commercial Club. Bring your own cups and spoons. Two barrels of beer will be donated by the tavern keepers and the Stamm Beverage Company of Rib Lake, and free beer will be given to all adults after 11:00 a.m. ¶ In the afternoon there will be a contest of all kinds with prizes awarded to the winners and kitten ball games. Last year we had a nice crowd and everyone had a good time. This year we expect a larger crowd and guarantee that everyone will have a wonderful time. If it rains or is cold, the picnic will be held at a later date. The following is a list of contests which will be held and gate prizes, together with the name of the sponsor of each:	The Rib Lake Village Park, located on the east side of the lake and just north of the cemetery was then called Tourist Park. Stamm Beverage Company was a beer and pop distributor located on the north side of Fayette Ave at the north end of McComb Avenue.
9/27/1940 (cont)	Entertainment (cont)	Women's Nail Driving Contest, Gustafson Lumber Company; Men's Tire Rolling Contest, The Lakeside; Bean Guessing Contest, Louis Daus; Tug of War, Art's D-X Station; Girl's Backward Race, Frank Tauber; Tallest Man, Art Swanson; Second Tallest Man, Jake Janda; Women's Tire Rolling Contest, Joe Lilly; Baseball Throw, Little Bohemia Tavern; Ball Throwing Contest, First National Bank; 50 yard dash for boys and girls under 12, Menning Barbershop; Men's Nail Driving Contest, Lake Superior District Power Company; Girl's Potato Race, Dodge Restaurant; Kitten Ball Games, George Seidel and Becker's Tavern; Rope Climbing Contest, Gamble's Store; Boys' Backward Race, Mace's Barbershop; Women's Horseshoe Pitching, Leo Radtke; Fat Man's Race, Tourist Tavern; Boys and Girls Sack Race, Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company; Mens Stocking Foot Race, Consolidated Insurance Agency; Foot Race for Men over 50, South Side Garage; Boys 3-legged Race, A.L. Goodman; Mens 3-legged Race, National Hotel Tavern; Guessing Contest for Adults, Texaco Station, Bert Colher; Mens Horseshoe Pitching Contest, Rib Lake Lumber Company; Largest Family Registering, Vic Kohn; Husband Calling Contest, Zielke's Store; Chicken Catching Contest, William Gessert; Pop Drinking Contest for Married Men, Log Cabin Service	

9/27/1940 (cont)	Entertainment (cont)	Station; Pop Drinking Contest for Ladies, Elmer Taylor; Gate Prize, Jorgenson's Shoe Store; Gate Prize, Dr. Carstens; Gate Prize, McRae's Bakery; Gate Prize, Dr. Baker; Gate Prize, Rib Lake Herald; Gate Prize, Art Herem; Gate Prize, Dr. Mauch; Gate Prize, Rib Lake Dairy Company; Gate Prize, Kotche Arcade; Gate Prize, Lake Theatre.	
9/27/1940	War - Soldiers	US ARMY RECRUITING OFFICER HERE OCTOBER 1. "The United States Army recruiting officer will be at the Rib Lake Post Office Tuesday, Oct. 1. ¶ Seldom has life held open opportunities now available for young men. A young man out of work, just out of school, or perhaps just finishing the seasonal farm work, can immediately step into a position that pays well, and has great opportunities for advancement. ¶ By enlisting in the US Army, a young man can at once become eligible for all of the very real opportunities existing in the Army of today. The pay for all when starting is \$21 per month, which is equivalent to about \$100 a month when you take into consideration the fact that all other expenses are paid...¶ The army builds character. The soldier lives cleanly, and has regular exercise, which will build him up physically and improve him mentally. He will become self-reliant, because of responsibility and the opportunity to command other men - a trait which few schools can give to any youth."	
10/4/1940	Politics	VILLAGE EXTENDS WELCOME TO GOVERNOR HEIL "A flag-bedecked Main Street [McComb Ave] and stirring music by the high school band fittingly welcomed Governor Julius P. Heil at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, when he made a visit to our village. ¶ Governor Heil stressed the need of economy in government and efficiency of management in state affairs when he spoke before about 200 people from the RLLC office steps. He was introduced by Assemblyman Carl M. Nelson. ¶ The Governor mentioned that "people complain when I lay off men, but I must do it" he added, "it is just like your lumber company. They would kick the manager to H--- out of here if he was not efficient." ¶ Governor Heil endorsed the whole Republican state and national ticket."	
10/4/1940	Clubs/Orders	BOY SCOUT NEWS. "The regular weekly meeting of Boy Scouts was held Monday evening. ¶ Each of the boys brought a collection of leaves that they had gathered during the week, Clarence Fenzau having the record, with about 40 different kinds of leaves found on trees in this vicinity. The boys plan to make plaster casts of the different leaves. ¶ The patrols were named with Hauck's patrol taking the name of Panther patrol, Reistad's the Eagle and Fenzau's the Wolf patrol. ¶ The Boy Scouts plan to spend the weekend out at the cabin cutting wood and clearing the land around the cabin. ¶ The proceeds of the hamburger stand sale Sunday were about \$12, which will help in buying the portable radio. ¶ The troop meeting was dismissed by all repeating the Scout Law."	The Boy Scout cabin was located on a beautiful shoreland along the west side of South Harper Lake. In 2007 the cabin still stands.
10/4/1940	RLLC	"H.W. Johannes and T.M. Berfield made trips to points in and near Rice Lake, buying timber and lumber for the RLLC. ¶ The RLLC is now sawing hardwood after having sawed hemlock nearly all summer."	
10/4/1940	Entertainment & Health	COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL SPONSOR WRESTLING SHOW, LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD AS WRESTLER, IS CONSIDERED AS CONTENDER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE "An evening of splendid entertainment for folks who enjoy wrestling is being planned for the people of Taylor County and surrounding territory Thursday evening, October 10, under the sponsorship of the Rib Lake Commercial Club. Jack Gacek, a local Rib Lake boy, who has wrestled in every major city in the United States and 14 different foreign countries, will meet and agree to wrestle as Catch-can rules, either of the two following wrestlers obtainable: Olaf Olson, 245-pound Swede from Milwaukee or Rudy Laditze, 241 pounds, 1932 Olympic champion of Popipsky, New York. ¶ Gacek's measurements are neck-19-1/2 inches; chest-normal 47 inches, expanded 49 inches; waist-36 inches; biceps-17 inches; forearm-14-1/2 inches; wrist-8 inches; thigh-2-1/2, calves-16-1/2, weight-218; height-5 feet 9 inches. ¶ Born in a little town on the outskirts of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the year 1908, Jack Gasek came 5 years later with parents to settle and farm in northern Wisconsin. That year Jack went to school and gained his education while working with his father, who is a carpenter. By the time he was 16 he had gone in for amateur wrestling in a big way, and the rugged outdoor life he lived enabled him to build up one of the most beautiful steel-like, Herculean bodies seen in any ring. This has enabled him today to be one of the most gifted, determined and recognized contenders for the World's Championship and the idol of the wrestling world, for he has the thing that all sports fans are interested in, that is - the way he can take it as well as hand it out...."	The Gacek home was just one mile north of the Village on Upjohn Road. An ad indicated that the wrestling meet would take place at the Lake Theatre on McComb Ave. at 8:00 p.m. Reserved seats 75 cents, general admission 48 cents, children 25 cents.
10/4/1940 (cont)	Entertainment & Health (cont)		



10/11/1940	Schools	SCHOOL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM LAUNCHED. "Under the promotion of Miss DeLorr Hayward, director of the Taylor County Public Welfare Department, hot lunch projects were opened in 6 schools October 1 in cooperation with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and the Works Project Administration. Because none of these agencies have facilities to provide a complete lunch program, it was necessary for each school to have an interested group sponsor the plan...The Rib Lake school expects 145 students to participate. Equipment has been purchased, amounting in value to about \$110 and the school district has bought a gas stove for \$60. Other organizations are dividing the remainder of the expense. Mrs. Emma Winslow and Mrs. Della Tablot have been assigned as cooks..."	The Oct. 11 edition of the Herald reported: "The hot lunch program for Rib Lake Schools, which got underway this week, served the first lunch at noon Thursday, 145 students partaking. The food is cooked at the high school building for both pupils in that building and those in the Ward School."
10/1/1940	War - Soldiers	PLAN MADE FOR LOCAL DRAFT REGISTRATION "F.L. Becker attended a meeting at Medford Monday of all village and town clerks of the county called by the county clerk to make arrangements for the conscription registration, which will be held throughout the nation on October 16. ¶ Mr. Becker was appointed as Chief Registrar for the Village of Rib Lake. The registration headquarters will be open in the Village Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. He states that the work which this registration makes necessary will all be voluntary, and they are still in need of several capable helpers. ¶ "This sample REGISTRATION CARD and the accompanying descriptive information is reproduced at the request of the Wisconsin Selective Service Administration and is being carried in these columns without charge as a patriotic service designed to assist registrants and officials alike, by acquainting them in advance with the questions to be asked on Oct. 16 when every male citizen and alien who has attained his 21st birthday and has not obtained his 36th birthday, must register for Selective Service..."	Keep in mind how WWII unfolded for America. On September 1, 1939, fighting broke out between Poland and Nazi Germany. Days later, war was declared between Germany, France, England and other countries. America did not enter the war until the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.
10/11/1940	CCC	"Raymond Gilge, Raymond Turba and Albert Schreiner were home from CCC Camp Perkinstown over the weekend."	
10/11/1940	Agriculture	"The Jim Braun ranch in Section 8 is the scene of heavy activity these days where an International tractor is turning over acres of land at the rate of approximately 5 or 6 acres per day. The bulldozer which is operated by Herman Kaskauke removes giant stumps, stones, trees or any other interference, leaving the land smooth as a baseball diamond. Mr. Kaskauke has a new machine with a blade 12 feet by 3 to replace his former machine, which had a 10 foot blade."	The Jim Braun mentioned was the son of pioneer Rib Lake settler George Braun, Sr. Jim Braun at this time lived in Fond du Lac. The farm was in Section 8, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The real story here is in the use of bulldozers to clear land. It is easy to forget just how laborious it was to clear land without modern equipment. The other day Russ Blennert mentioned a conversation he had had with his late mother, Clara Blennert. In the 1980s Russ suggested that they plant trees on some of the unused Blennert farm fields. Clara immediately rejected the idea pointing that she and her family had worked so long and hard to clear those fields of trees. Chopping down the trees was the easy part. Then came the labor of removing the stumps and rocks.
10/18/1940	Environment & Politics	CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT WILL SUPPLY TREES. "Word has been received at the county agent's office that the State Conservation Department will again supply little trees in lots of 1000, enough to plant 1 acre, free except for express charges to any farmer who has not received a 1000 tree allotment in previous years. ¶ There will be no other allotment of free trees for 1941 but trees may be purchased in lots of 500 or more at low prices from the Conservation Department. Orders will not be pulled through the county agent's office this year. ¶ A.A.A. payments will be made in 1941 for tree planting at \$7.50 per acre - the same rate as in 1940. An allowance of \$15 per farm in addition to all other payments may be earned by tree planting. When free trees are used in planting only one half the payment will be made."	
10/18/1940	Politics	WILKE TO SPEAK AT WAUSAU MONDAY "Wendell L. Wilke, Republican candidate for president of the United States, will be in Wausau Monday, October 21 as he makes his tour of Wisconsin. A Taylor County caravan to make the trip to Wausau to hear Mr. Wilke speak will be formed at Medford, leaving there at 9:00 a.m."	Wendell Wilke ran against Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who sought and obtained his 3rd term as president.

10/18/1940	Businesses	GARAGE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT "Wesley Stiel has taken over the management of the garage of the Goffin Motor Company and has changed the name to North Side Garage. Mr. Stiel will do car repairing as well as radio work, having moved his radio shop into the same building, and is now open for business."	
10/18/1940	Spirit Lake & Clubs/Orders	RIB LAKE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION MEETS "The Rib Lake Fish & Game Association met at the Archie Clendenning resort on Spirit Lake Monday evening with about 70 members in attendance. ¶ The Club is going to sponsor the raising of pheasants, and plans are going ahead for raising the necessary funds to put up pheasant pens. ¶ Moving pictures were shown on fires and prevention of fires, also "Bear Facts," a picture on the life of wild bears. ¶ A fine lunch of sauerkraut and weiners was served. The next meeting will be held at the National Hotel."	
10/18/1940	RLLC	BUILDING NEW WAREHOUSE "The RLLC is building a new warehouse at the northwest corner of the yards for storing pine lumber. The warehouse is to be 20 feet wide by 300 feet long, and will soon be completed."	
10/18/1940	Entertainment	WRESTLING BOUT DISAPPOINTS LARGE AUDIENCE "The capacity audience, which gathered at the Lake Theatre last Thursday evening expecting to see something big in the way of wrestling were greatly disappointed when, instead of seeing Gacek meet either of the well-known wrestlers, LaDitzi or Olaf Olson, a substitute from Merrill was called in when they failed to put in an appearance. ¶ Gacek, far superior in the art of wrestling, roughed up his opponent considerable, taking both falls, and receiving boos from the crowd for his efforts. ¶ The Herald received a letter from Johnny Gacek from Milwaukee the first of the week, stating that he had gone there to check up on Olson and find out why he didn't show up here. ¶ The other bout on Thursday night between Berg and George Thums was won by Berg and pleased the fans much better than the main bout."	
10/18/1940	Clubs/Orders	"Mrs. E.T. Edens entertained the Bridge Club Wednesday evening. High honors went to Miss Flo Brooks, second high to Mrs. Kermit Johnson and low to Mrs. Elmer Taylor. Mrs. R.J. Voemastek, Mrs. Ray Mauch and Mrs. William Berfield were substitute players. Mrs. C.W. Franklin of Duluth, who was visiting at the E.J. Synnott home, was also a guest at the party. The next meeting of the club will be at Mrs. Harry Gustafson's."	
10/18/1940	Clubs/Orders	"C.C. Lord, James Upjohn, Russell Way and Earl Edens attended a Past Masters Night of the Masonic Lodge at Rhinelander last Friday night."	
10/25/1940	People	"Mrs. Anton Kurek and sons, Francis and Peter, and a friend, Mrs. Henry Karpiez, all of Chicago, were visitors at the Edwin Thums home last Sunday. Mrs. Kurek is the mother of Mrs. [Lillian] Thums."	In 2008 Mrs. Lillian Thums may be the oldest resident of the Village of Rib Lake, a spry and witty 91-year-old.
10/25/1940	RLLC	BODY OF LUMBERJACK FOUND IN RIB LAKE. "About 4:30 p.m. Thursday, as we are going to press, the news comes of the finding of the body of a man in the waters of Rib Lake by William Edens, employee of the RLLC. Mr. Edens had gone to the bank of the lake to inspect the level of the water when he discovered the body, which apparently had been in the water for some hours. The authorities were notified and Coroner David Ruesch and Sheriff Curran came over from Medford. The body was taken from the water and papers on his person identified the dead man as Vincent Kowaliski of Weyerhaeuser, a lumberjack who had worked for the company in the woods. Slips in his purse showed that on October 22 he had been paid a check for \$12.75, however, there was no money found on him at the time. ¶ After a thorough examination, the coroner gave a verdict of suicide."	
11/1/1940	Obituary	LAST RITES FOR P.J. CULLEN "A large attendance marked the last rites for Patrick J. Cullen, Rib Lake Town Clerk, who died in a traffic accident last Tuesday evening. The funeral services were held at St. John's Catholic Church last Monday morning at 9:00 with a requiem high mass, the Rev. Peter Dickopf officiating, assisted by the church choir. ¶ A nephew, Eugene Cullen, of Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, came to attend the funeral. Pallbearers were the following members of the Rib Lake Town Board: George Zondlo, Ed Lamont, Fred Freiboth, Joseph Probst, Joseph Kauer, Sr. and Anton Kauer. Interment was made at Lakeview Cemetery."	An earlier edition of the Herald indicated that the fatal accident occurred in the Town of Rib Lake on STH 102. Mr. Cullen was apparently driving on the wrong side of the road after dark in a poorly lit car when he was struck and killed by a truck driven by his friend and neighbor, Mr. Frank Knorn.

11/1/1940	People & Rusch	JARCHOW-GEBAUER NUPTIALS "A pretty fall wedding was solemnized at St. John's Catholic Church when Myrtle Jarchow became the bride of Henry Gebauer at a nuptial high mass with Rev. Peter Dickopf officiating. ¶ The bride wore a gown of white satin with a train and had a fingertip veil with deep lace. Her accessories were white, and she carried a bouquet of mixed flowers. Her attendants were Lorette Gebauer and Mrs. Joseph Junick [Judnic] who wore rose and blue satin gowns with short veils and carried mixed flowers. Little Joan Dassell acted as a flower girl while Master Clarence Scholtz acted as ringbearer. ¶ Attending the groom were Frank Gebauer, Jr. and Joseph Judnic. ¶ Special music for the ceremony was rendered by Miss Constance Ruesch [Rusch], soprano, Miss Lucille Becker, alto, and Miss Nora Braun, organist. ¶ A reception for 200 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jarchow in Interwald, after which there was a free wedding dance at the Jarchow pavilion."	
11/1/1940	Obituary	MR. WERNER RADTKE DIES IN HOSPITAL. "Mr. Werner John Henry Radtke was born July 12, 1861, in Germany. He was instructed in God's Word and confirmed in the land of his birth. While still in Europe, he was married on November 19, 1886, to Abertine Groshke. In April 1891 Mr. Radtke and family came to America, coming directly to Taylor County and settling in the Town of Rib Lake, where he has resided ever since. ¶ Mrs. Radtke died December 17, 1919. ¶ Being in poor health, Mr. Radtke finally consented to enter the Marshfield Hospital. This he did on October 15. In spite of all medical care, the end of his earthly life had come. He peacefully departed this life early Friday morning, October 25. He leaves to mourn his death 3 sons, William, Otto and Werner; 5 daughters, Ann, Emma, Minnie, Frieda and Elsie; 9 grandchildren; one brother, Carl of St. Paul, Minnesota; one sister, Mrs. William Krueger, Town of Rib Lake; and a large number of other relatives. Four children preceded the father in death. ¶ Throughout his long and useful life Mr. Radtke has been a faithful member of the Lutheran church. He was one of the founders of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake.	Mr. Werner Radtke's name is perpetuated by a beautiful stain glass window which he donated to St. John's Lutheran Church.
11/1/1940 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, the Rev. O.E. Hoffman officiating. The two solos selected by Mrs. O.E. Hoffman "Tenderly Jesus was Calling" and "Lass Mich Gehen" were accompanied by Mrs. William Gessert. Pallbearers were Albert Knop, Charles Seidel, William Tetzlaff, Albert Yorde, Herman Bloedow and Paul Kaske. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.""	
11/8/1940	Politics	PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT GIVEN THIRD TERM	The long article provided the following local tidbits: in the Village of Rib Lake, Roosevelt won 267, compared to Wilke, 169. Roosevelt also won in the Town of Rib Lake, 177 to 123.
11/8/1940	Agriculture	FARM FACTS, BY THE HIGH SCHOOL AG INSTRUCTOR ORRIN W. MEYER "Experiments conducted by the Agricultural instructor have shown that besides feed, many other factors enter into the picture before a high production of eggs is achieved. Lighting the poultry house is one of these factors. ¶ 40-watt bulbs with reflectors have been found to be most efficient. Lanterns may also be used if no electricity is available. A tin cone-shaped reflector 16 inches in diameter and 4 inches, with a reflecting surface painted with aluminum paint is most practical."	Orrin W. Meyer was the recently hired agricultural teacher working for the Rib Lake School District. He was clearly a real go-getter. He wrote this and other columns for the Herald on a regular basis.
11/8/1940	People	SOCIETY "St. Cecelia Court #1019 of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters held their November meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anton Klister. After the conclusion of the meeting, a lunch was served by the hostess."	This is the first edition of the Herald in which a column has been run under the title "society". It has a variety of chatty, short articles. For example, "A friendly game of sheepshead was played with several neighbors gathered at the John Mauch home last Monday evening. High and low prizes were awarded to Mrs. Jim Wudi and Nora Braun, respectively, and to George Braun and John Mauch. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess."
11/15/1940	RLLC	WANTED - 1000 CORDS GREEN ELM, OAK, BIRCH, ASH OR MAPLE "2 inch and up = 4 foot long, delivered in Rib Lake, we are buying logs also! RLLC, Rib Lake, Wis."	I have no idea why the RLLC would want such small stock.

11/22/1940	Businesses	NUSBERGER IMPLEMENT COMPANY SELLS ROLLER MILL NEW DIESEL ENGINE "The Nusberger Implement Company of Ogema has just installed a new 60 horsepower Allis Chalmers diesel engine for the Rib Lake Roller Mills Company, for their feed grinding business. They also report the sale of an R.C. Allis Chalmers tractor to Joe Niggemann."	
11/22/1940	People	"Everett and Arthur Taylor of Merrill have been in Rib Lake several times this week to visit with their father, J.A. Taylor, who is seriously ill."	J.A. Taylor had 3 sons, Everett, Arthur and Elmer. At one time they each owned funeral homes. Elmer in Rib Lake, Arthur in Merrill, and Everett in Wisconsin Rapids.
11/29/1940	RLLC	FIRST SAFETY CONTEST PROGRAM "From comments heard down around the mill plant, the boys are raring' to go for the safety program next Thursday evening, December 5. ¶ The program will be held in the Lake Theatre and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 sharp. Captains of the various teams are as follows: sawmill-Ernest Kreueger; chipper team-Dick Upjohn; planer team-Joe Pertmer; green yard team-Ed Thums; dry yard team-Joe Steil; outside activities-Summer Lewis. ¶ The captains met at the little office last Thursday evening to draw for positions...¶ We would like to have everyone hand in two or three questions. If they are not used in the first program, perhaps they can be used on a future program. We will need at least 25 questions for each program. No true or false questions can be used."	
11/29/1940	Clubs/Orders	GIRL SCOUT NEWS "The Girl Scouts have been holding their meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ward School. Next week the Girl Scouts will start working on projects which can be used as Christmas gifts. They consist of candle holders, wreaths and various other arts and crafts projects. The second class Scouts are now working on projects to pass their second class tests. ¶ We have three new members this year, Janice Bever, Patty Zielke, and Jeanette Schmidt. New Scout leaders helping Miss Theisen are Miss Usher and Miss McDermott. ¶ It has been decided to hold a raffle on a Swift's Premium Ham. The tickets are on sale for 5 cents. The drawing will be held at 5 o'clock at the Village Hall on December 17, 1940."	
11/29/1940	RLLC	"The RLLC mill and camps are shut down Saturday and Monday, and most of the men took advantage of this opportunity to go deer hunting."	
11/29/1940	Agriculture	"The Rib Lake High School Agricultural Department will make fruit trees available to students and farmers this spring. There can be no greater asset to the farm home than a good orchard, and it is the purpose of the agricultural department to develop more and better orchards in the vicinity of Rib Lake. The trees will be 6 feet tall and good accredited stock. Too often, farmers are misled by pictures and nursery salesmen who know nothing about the adaptability of fruit trees to our northern climate. Through the University of Wisconsin Experiment Stations, certain fruit trees have been found to grow and produce in our vicinity; summer apples; Melba, Dudley, Duchess and Milton; fall apples, Wealthy, Macintosh, Wolf River and Cortland; winter apples: Northwestern, Greening, Harleson, Perkins, Tolman and Minnesota; crabapples: Dolgo, Whitney and Hyslop. For pears: Flemish Beauty, Parwer and Patten. For plums: Underwood, Tonka and Monier. For cherries: Montmorency and Oka.	
11/29/1940 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ It is the purpose and objective of the agricultural instructor to make these fruit trees available to the students and farmers at about 35 cents each. Anyone interested in obtaining these trees should contact the agricultural instructor immediately. Farmers are urged not to plant any other varieties of trees outside of those mentioned since experiments have shown they will not yield properly."	
12/13/1940	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	ADULT CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT LUTHERAN CHURCH "At St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday at 9:30, in connection with the regular English advent service, a class of 5 adults will be received into the church through confirmation. For some months this class regularly met with the pastor studying the doctrines and teachings of the Holy Bible. Having finished the prescribed course in religious training, the class was examined in the presence of witnesses Wednesday evening. In the service Sunday the pastor will speak to the assembled congregation as well as the class on the topic: "Paul, a shining example of faithfulness to the end", basing his remarks on 2 Timothy 4, 5-8. The names of the members of the class are: Miss Gertrude Graumann, Mr. Orrin Meyer, Mr. August Schopper, Mr. Chester Smock and Mr. Clarence Speidel."	

12/27/1940	RLLC	WANTED - 1000 CORDS 100 INCH ROUGH GRAIN HEMLOCK PULPWOOD, FOB CARS RIB LAKE OR NEARBY POINTS "Now buying saw logs of all kinds at Rib Lake mill. Signed RLLC"	
12/27/1940	Businesses	\$150 CASH, 40 ACRES TIMBER LAND, FOR QUICK SALE "One-quarter mile from Highway 102 near Spirit Lake. Good log road to property. Estimated value of stove wood, hemlock logs, hardwood logs, tie cuts, pulpwood and veneer logs are 10 times the price asked. See owner at Archie's Tavern at Spirit Lake during the day or A.J. McRae at apartment over Bogumill Store evenings. Price good to January 5."	
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1/3/1941	RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY FILLS GOVERNMENT ORDER FOR MILLION FEET HEMLOCK LUMBER "On December 27 the RLLC loaded the last of 40 [railroad] carloads of hemlock, nearly a million feet of lumber, which was a government order and which was consigned to Camp Grant in Illinois. This order was to have been filled in January but was completed by the lumber company 30 days ahead of schedule."	
1/10/1941	Businesses & Clubs/Orders	COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION "The Rib Lake Commercial Club met at Ma Dodge's Café on Tuesday evening. As the members all got seated at the table, Alphonse Kollman was presented with a big birthday cake by Mrs. Dodge and all enjoined in singing a happy birthday wish. ¶ The newly elected president of the Club, R.J. Voemastek, was in charge of the meeting with a new secretary/treasurer, Al Lee, also on duty..."	Ma Dodge's Café was a beloved eatery on McComb Ave. in the southwest corner of Landall and McComb. Ma Dodge, Mrs. Charles Dodge, was a sister to Ole Peterson.
1/17/1941	Businesses & Bank	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RIB LAKE SELLS TO MEDFORD INSTITUTION "At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Rib Lake held January 14, it was unanimously voted to approve the action of the directors in an agreement with the State Bank of Medford, whereby this bank will purchase all assets of the First National Bank and assume its liabilities. The State Bank agrees to provide complete banking services in Rib Lake as long as it is reasonably profitable for it to do so. ¶ The reason given for this change is that the present economic conditions trend toward lower earning possibilities for banks the size of the First National, without a corresponding decrease in expense of operation, and prospects for enlarging the deposit and loan volume sufficiently to counteract such trend cannot reasonably be expected. ¶ The First National Bank of Rib Lake has been in business here for nearly 38 years. The only time it was closed was at the time of the general bank moratorium. No depositor or stockholder has ever lost any money in it. This is an enviable record. The earnings of the business are still very good for the amount of assets it has, but the day of small banks seems to be	The First National Bank building stood in the northwest corner of Landall and McComb; the solid brick building still proudly stands in 2008. ¶ Reference to the moratorium was to the time when the government decreed a banking moratorium during the Great Depression of the 1930s. F.L. Schaack was Fran Schaack, known to all as Franny.
1/17/1941 (cont)	Businesses & Bank (cont)	finished and a much larger volume of deposits and loans seem to be necessary to operate profitably. ¶ The change in ownership of the bank will go into effect January 22, 1941. This is not going to effect the personnel at the bank for the present, Clifford L. Curran will remain as cashier, F.L. Schaack as assistant cashier, and Miss Florence Zielke as bookkeeper."	
1/17/1941	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING "The annual business meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, was held Sunday afternoon immediately after the service. Two new members were elected to the board of trustees, namely Mr. William Radtke and Mr. Emil Gnotke. The two retiring officers, Mr. Carl Radtke, president, and Mr. William Edens, trustee, were given a rising vote of thanks for faithful service rendered to the congregation. ¶ The entire church council is as follows: the Rev. O.E. Hoffman, Chairman; Mr. William Radtke, president; Mr. Ed Christenson, secretary; Mr. Herman Batzer, treasurer; trustees - Mr. William Gessert, Mr. Elmer Schwoch and Mr. Emil Gnotke. Mr. Walter Kamke is a new member of the finance committee. The two other members are Mr. John Stelling and Mr. Max Zuther...¶ The congregation resolved to become a voting member of the Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, affiliated with the Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.	To 2008, this congregation remains a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

1/17/1941 (cont)	Church - Lutheran - St. John's (cont)	¶ A number of families were again received into membership of the congregation. Within the past two years this congregation has enjoyed a steady, wholesome growth. In spite of losses through deaths and other causes, it has increased its membership by more than 25%. The strength of the congregation, however, does not lie in its members, but in its loyalty and faithfulness to God and his holy life-giving Word. In all matters of faith, doctrine and practice, it adheres strictly to the Word of God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Because of its biblical purity in preaching, teaching and practice, the congregation has not been swept from its Christ-centered moorings by the anti-biblical and anti-Christian attitude so prevalent in the world today. Since the youth of today is the church of tomorrow, the congregation is very much concerned about the Christian training and upbringing of its children and young people. Through the religious instruction and Sunday school, Saturday school, summer school and bible class, the congregation seeks to keep its youth on the pathway of	
1/17/1941 (cont)	Church - Lutheran - St. John's (cont)	Christian righteousness. In all the meetings of the various societies, lectures and bible topics are given to increase Christian knowledge of the adult members. Above all, for the preservation of Christian faith and life of all members, young and old, divine services are regularly held every Sunday and on all Christian festival days. Visitors are always welcome at all services. Mindful of the many past mercies bestowed by the gracious Lord, the congregation hopefully and trustingly looks into the future, assured of the abundant blessings of the God of the Holy Scriptures."	
1/17/1941	People & Rib Lake Village	CENSUS SHOWS VILLAGE POPULATION 138 LESS "According to a table just received at the Herald office from the Bureau of Census, Washington D.C., the population of the Village of Rib Lake, as tabulated in the 1940 census, is 1,042 as compared to 1,180 in the 1930 census, a drop of 138. For the City of Medford an increase of 443 is shown, the present population being 2,361. The Village of Prentice has increased its population by 15, now having 452. Phillips increased by a scant 14, making it 1,915."	The census taken in 1902 in conjunction with the incorporation proceedings showed the Village had a population 1,046. See Doc. #10491 within the CDs of Rib Lake History-Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library. The 2000 federal census showed the Village having a population 878.
1/17/1941	People	"Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Curran and son, Harry, former residents of Rib Lake, returned to live here in one of their homes after an absence of 8 years, in which Mr. Herb Curran served as sheriff and undersheriff for Taylor County. The Currans live in a home they purchased several years ago and which they remodeled while Mr. Curran was in office."	Following the election of November 1940, Charles Stellick was elected sheriff; he selected Wayne K. Brown as undersheriff. The undersheriff was second in command within the Sheriff's Department.
1/24/1941	Schools	HIGH SCHOOL QUINTET WINS TWO THRILLERS "In one of the most exciting games of the season, the Rib Lake High School quintet defeated Medford 26-25, after playing one overtime period. The lead changed hands 4 times. On the tipoff, Davis of Medford started the scoring when he tipped in a dribble-in shot after he had been left unguarded. R. Bullis evened the count with a push shot from around the free throw circle, and B. Radtke sank a dribbling shot. K. Gilge put in another two pointer with a push shot after beautifully faking his man out of position..."	
1/24/1941	Businesses	GEORGE HENNING OPENED SHOE REPAIR SHOP "George Henning of Chicago has rented the Gilberton Building next to the post office and bought the shoe repairing equipment which was stored there. He has opened up a shoe repair shop and is equipped to do all kinds of work in no time. Mr. Henning has had many years' experience and knows the business well. He states that he expects to put in a line of good work shoes and children's shoes soon. Mrs. Henning and 3 children have arrived, and the family is living in rooms at the rear of the store."	

2/14/1941	Camp 26 & RLLC	"Camp 26 of the RLLC has been closed down temporarily. The company is shipping in so many logs from the northern part of the state they are conserving their standing timber here for future cutting."	Mr. John "Jack" Mylrea, Vice President of the RLLC, aggressively and successfully sought out and purchased logs from Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula. They were transferred by rail to Rib Lake and sawed at Rib Lake. The Feb. 21, 1941, edition of the Herald reported, for example: "Ed J. Synnott (walking boss for the RLLC) is at Ironwood, Michigan, this week looking over logging operations there for the RLLC."
2/14/1941	RLLC	"The RLLC mill went back to cutting hardwood Thursday after cutting hemlock for several weeks."	
2/21/1941	Agriculture & Businesses	NUSBERGER SELLS OGEMA IMPLEMENT BUSINESS "A deal was completed at Ogema last week whereby Henning Bergeson and Carl Soderstrom, Sr. became owners and operators of the Nusberger Implement Company business at Ogema, which was owned by Mr. Fred Nusberger. ¶ Mr. Nusberger started this business selling Allis Chalmers farm implements and hardware two years ago and has worked it into a flourishing business of the present time. He has also been Ford salesman for H.G. Kiger at Ogema for the past 11 years. ¶ The new owners of the Nusberger Implement Company are well and favorably known in this territory. Mr. Soderstrom has been service man at the store and understands the business thoroughly."	
2/28/1941	Obituary & Greenwood	AUGUST JARCHOW "August Jarchow was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on April 7, 1886 [sic, should be 1866]. In 1871 he, with his parents, emigrated to our country, first settling in Illinois and then after 12 years moved to Iowa. Mr. Jarchow was married to Miss Lena Lendt. In 1895 he and his family moved to Rib Lake. A year and 4 months later they moved to the old homestead in the Town of Greenwood where they have lived ever since. Of late, the deceased has been in poor health. He departed this life Saturday, February 22, at the age of 74 years, 10 months, 14 days. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of his son, William, and at 2:00 o'clock at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Greenwood, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the church cemetery. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. O.E. Hoffman, officiated. ¶ Mr. Jarchow leaves to mourn his death, 3 sons, Albert of the State of Washington; William and Herman of the Town of Greenwood; 3 daughters, Helen [Mrs. William Himmelmann, Augusta], Mrs. Carl Smedegard, Minnie [Mrs. Albert Smedegard]; 34 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jarchow died in 1931."	
3/7/1941	War - Soldiers	"The draft will take 4 more young men from our community on March 12. They are Leo Stiel, Herb Stelling and Tommy Olson from the Village, and Charles Franz from the Town of Greenwood. They are to report at Medford and will be sent to training camp for a year's service."	Bear in mind that America did not enter WWII until following Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
3/14/1941	Clubs/Orders & Hunting & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION PLAN TO RAISE PHEASANTS "The Rib Lake Fish & Game Association held their regular meeting at the Rib Lake Town Hall Monday evening. The Club gave the previously appointed committee the go-ahead sign on the pheasant rearing project. A location will be selected and work begun on building of houses and rulers at once. ¶ This Club was organized for the promotion and protection of wildlife in general. All persons, men and women, or children, are invited to join. The next meeting will be held on the 14th at the Lakeside [Tavern]."	
3/14/1941	RLLC	CHIPPER GANG WINS SAFETY QUIZ CONTEST FOR SECOND YEAR "The final safety meeting in the series sponsored this year by the RLLC was held at the Lake Theatre last Thursday evening. The hall was again filled to capacity and a fine program of musical selections preceded the safety contest, which everyone was looking forward to with such keen anticipation. ¶ The chipper gang, last year's champions in the safety quiz contest, defended their title successfully against the outside activities crew, winning the contest and a cash award by a score of 75-59. ¶ Pictures of logging activities were shown and greatly enjoyed by the crowd. ¶ Officials of the lumber company thanked those taking part in the contest, as well as everyone who had helped in making this year's safety meetings the success they undoubtedly have been. They also asked for suggestions as to the type of meetings desired for next year."	The mill was equipped with a huge machine that ground up waste wood into hog feed. The individuals working on this machine were the chipper gang. The wood was chipped.

3/14/1941	Schools & Agriculture & CCC	FUTURE FARMERS ON TRIP TO CCC CAMP "Among the recent visitors at the CCC Camp and the Perkinstown Winter Sports Area was the Rib Lake Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. The chapter chartered the school bus and arrived at Camp Perkinstown at about 9:30 a.m. last Saturday. The morning was spent in going through the camp buildings and visiting the CCC projects in a CCC truck. Dinner was enjoyed with the CCC boys in the mess hall. Spare ribs, potatoes and sauerkraut, with raisin pie for dessert, seemed to "hit the spot" for the future farmers...¶ The following young men formed the group: Donald Dums, George Fleegel, Erwin Frank, Walter Gojmerac, Leo Sieble, Joe Resudek, Glen Schaus, Raymond Schreiner, John Seidl, Alvin Gilge, Melvin Hengst, Francis Hohl, Frank Schinker, Alvin Thums, Donald Tripp, Joseph Surek, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Meyer.	Orrin W. Meyer was the Rib Lake High School Ag teacher.
3/14/1941 (cont)	Schools & Agriculture & CCC (cont)	¶ The Future Farmers of America is an organization of young men studying vocational agriculture. It is a growing organization and is found in every state in the Union and all American possessions. Its purpose is to train young men in parliamentary practice, develop leadership, provide good, clean entertainment for the young men, and be of community service."	
3/14/1941	RLLC	"Safety award buttons were issued to about 250 men by the RLLC recently. These men had worked full-time for the year and had not had a lost-time accident."	
3/14/1941	People & J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kennedy arrived Saturday from Michigan City, Indiana, where he has been employed, and will visit here for a short time."	Harold Kennedy was the son of Hugh J. and Caroline Kennedy.
3/21/1941	Businesses & Greenwood	DAIRY CONCERNS EFFECT MERGER "A merger of the Rib Lake Dairy Company and Greenwood Cheese Factory was effected this week and the new concern will operate under the name Rib Lake Dairy Company, and will be housed in the Rib Lake building with O.R. Thompson as manager, secretary and treasurer. ¶ Upon due consideration, the Board of Directors and officers of the Rib Lake Dairy Company and the cheese factory came to the conclusion that a great deal of trucking and operating costs of the two organizations was a duplication and the work of both plants could be carried on at one location. ¶ The Rib Lake Dairy Company, a corporation, was taken over in 1938 by Victor Kohn and Clifford Curran. At that time William L. Haas, who was then employed by the Dairybelt Butter Company of Spencer as manager and head buttermaker, was secured to manage the Rib Lake plant, which he has done successfully since that time. Mr. Haas has declined an offer to continue under the new setup and has not fully decided which offer of employment of several available he will accept.	
3/21/1941 (cont)	Businesses & Greenwood (cont)	¶ O.R. Thompson has owned and operated the Greenwood Cheese Factory the past 10 years. He expects to move his family to Rib Lake at some future date. ¶ Victor Kohn was chosen president of the new corporation. Clifford Curran, vice president, and Mr. Thompson the manager, secretary and treasurer."	
3/21/1941	People & Rusch	JARCHOW-KNOP "Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Rib Lake Lutheran Parsonage, Irma Jarchow of the Town of Greenwood, and Harry Knop of the Town of Rib Lake, were united in marriage. The Rev. O.E. Hoffman, pastor of Rib Lake and the Town of Greenwood Lutheran congregations, officiated at the marriage ceremony."	
3/21/1941	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	BATZER ESCAPES INJURY WHEN TRUCK IS DAMAGED BY TRAIN "Herman C. Batzer, Standard Oil Bulk Dealer, was returning from Wentsday at about 7:00 o'clock Tuesday evening with a truck load of furnace fuel, when the truck failed to stop, even though the brakes were applied, when he tried to stop at the Scott crossing on Highway 102 for a train of empty flat cars pulling into Chelsea. The front of the truck was badly damaged by the contact with the passing cars but Mr. Batzer luckily escaped without injury."	The accident actually occurred on STH 13 approximately 200 feet south of the western terminus of STH 102.
3/21/1941	Politics & Law & Attorney	GOVERNOR HEIL APPOINTS C.L. CURRAN COUNTY JUDGE "The appointment of Taylor County Judge to fill the unexpired term of M.A. Buckley, resigned, was made about 3:00 p.m. Wednesday by Governor Heil, and Rib Lake people in general were very pleased to know that one of their own favorite sons, Attorney Clifford L. Curran, was the appointee. He took the oath of office Thursday morning at Medford before Clerk of Court Rosabelle Hempel. The term which this appointment covers is until 1943. ¶ Mr. Curran completed his law course at the University of Wisconsin Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1932. He entered the First National Bank of Rib Lake in 1935 as cashier and legal advisor. He has been associated with the bank in that capacity until the present time, but has now severed his connection with the organization."	



3/21/1941	Schools	P.T.A. THREATENED WITH DISBANDMENT "The unusually small attendance at the P.T.A. meeting Thursday evening was again evidence against continuance of the organization. At the meeting last fall the officers of the organization declared their willingness to disband if the public felt no further need for the existence of such a Society to promote better mutual understanding and cooperation between parents and teachers..."	P.T.A. stood for Parent-Teacher Association.
3/28/1941	Physician	DR. LAPHAM SUCCUMBS TO HEART AILMENT "News of the sudden death from a heart ailment of Dr. E.A. Lapham early Monday morning at his home in Phillips, came as a shock to his many Rib Lake friends. ¶ Dr. Lapham, who was 58 years of age, practiced medicine and made his home here from 1914 until about a year ago, when he went to Phillips. ¶ Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Phillips. Interment was at Grand Marsh, Wisconsin. Pallbearers were all American Legion men from Rib Lake, namely G.L. Seidel, Dr. R.G. Mauch, Ewold Nelson, E.J. Synnott, Peter Bogumill and Emil Krushot."	
3/28/1941	Clubs/Orders	LOCAL MASONS ENTERTAIN NEIGHBORING LODGES "Members of the Rib Lake Lodge #346, Free and Accepted Masons, were host to a party of guests from the Merrill, Tomahawk and Medford lodges at their Local Masonic Hall last Thursday evening. A program consisting of contribution by each lodge was greatly enjoyed. The local lodge presented its newly organized octet, which was very well received. After the program a fine lunch was served to about 70 members and guests."	
3/28/1941	Railroads - Wisconsin Central	BUSINESS OF RIB LAKE BRANCH OF SOO LINE INCREASES "The following figures were supplied to us by Orrin Reistad, agent for the Rib Lake branch line of the Soo Railroad, and shows a decided increase in the business of the line in cars received and cars forwarded, as well as an earnings for the year 1940 over 1939. ¶ [thereafter shows a monthly report]. The total carloads received in 1940 was 762 as compared to 310. The number of carloads forwarded for 1940 were 2,727 as compared to 1939, 2,453. ¶ Earnings for 1940 totaled \$193,529 as compared to 1939, \$171,081."	The branch railroad between Chelsea and Rib Lake was technically a Wisconsin Central Railroad line; it was a wholly owned subsidiary of the Soo Line until 1962.
4/4/1941	Law	RISJORD RE-ELECTED CIRCUIT JUDGE -TAYLOR COUNTY BACKS LEICHT "In the hotly contested campaign for circuit judge, unofficial results concede the re-election of G.N. Risjord of Ashland. In the county as a whole with 27 or 28 precincts reporting, the results were as follows: J. Arthur Johnson 226, Herman Leicht 2,089, G.N. Risjord 1,048 and Ray J. Haggerty 1,153."	
4/4/1941	Schools	HIGH SCHOOL BOXERS SCORE A VICTORY OVER TOMAHAWK "The Rib Lake High School boxing team scored a decisive victory over the Hatchet-Men from Tomahawk last Friday night when they won 8 out of 13 nods from the judges and referee. Out of the 13 bouts, 2 were forfeits from Rib Lake and 1 a forfeit for the visitors. ¶ ...The outstanding bouts of the evening were the ones between Ken Gilge and Alberg and Yanko and Hanson. In each case, the boys went out after their men, and let so much leather fly that their opponents could hardly put a glove in edgewise. ¶ In the bout between Mathias and O'Malley, that boy from Tomahawk had a right that was an Indian sign on Mathias, and it was just too fast to cope with. In the third round he floored Mathias for a count of 9 and then floored him again, when the coach tossed in the towel and the referee stopped the fight. A splendid crowd attended the evening's program and was well pleased with the matches."	
4/4/1941	Hintz Town & Hintz	"Theodore Hintz and his son, Harvey, came down from Winegar, Wisconsin, Monday to see Rib Lake once more and call on old acquaintances. They have a portable sawmill at Winegar. Mr. Hintz and family lived in Rib Lake about 20 years ago."	
4/4/1941	Rib Lake Herald & Law	DOES NOT SOME OF THE GUILT FALL ON THE COMMUNITY? "This week it was our task to report to the public in a column of the Rib Lake Herald the fact that three young boys in our community had been sentenced in juvenile court for delinquency. This seems to be the climax of the epidemic of the trouble among boys of the Village which was experienced this winter. While these boys are guilty in every sense of the word and deserve punishment for this misdeed, we wonder whether the community itself might not share in the guilt? ¶ As far as we are able to learn, there is no public provision in the entire community for the leisure hours of the teenage boy. Boys of this age are full of life and must be kept busy, and as we know boys, they prefer good, clean fun. ¶ What more worthy project for some civic organization or the Village itself than to provide supervised recreation facilities for our young folks?"	Three boys had been found delinquent for stealing brass and other metals from the Rib Lake Lumber Company.

4/11/1941	Politics & Rib Lake Village	NEW VILLAGE OFFICERS BEGIN ADMINISTRATION "The Village Board met in regular session Tuesday evening with the newly elected president, John McRae, presiding. Harold E. Zielke took his place as a new member of the Board, replacing John Mauch, who was defeated for re-election as trustee April 1. ¶ The Board appointed Herbert Curran as Village Marshal, replacing Charles Dodge, at a salary of \$80 per month. Committees for the ensuing year will be appointed at the next meeting of the Board."	
4/18/1941	Obituary & Rusch	ARTHUR KNOP DIES AT MEDFORD HOSPITAL "Arthur Knop, 34, died at the Medford Hospital about 6:30 Wednesday evening, after being taken there only that morning suffering with pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 Sunday afternoon from the home. A complete obituary will be published next week."	
4/18/1941	Businesses	STAMM TAKES OVER BLATZ DISTRIBUTION "The Medford branch of the Blatz Brewing Company has been closed, and the distribution of the Blatz products in this territory was taken over by the Stamm Bottling and Beverage Company of Rib Lake Tuesday. We will also continue to handle what they now carry, in addition to a line of Blatz soft drinks to serve patrons of the Medford branch. Mr. Stamm states that he will add another truck to take care of the added business."	
4/18/1941	Schools	SCHOOLS CLOSED BY BAD ROADS "Rib Lake teachers and school children are enjoying an added week's vacation due to the bad conditions of the country roads."	Frost coming out of the ground made many country roads impassable.
4/18/1941	RLLC	"Dan Thums fractured his right foot loading ties for the RLLC a week ago Monday and worked for a full week after the injury before he was forced to quit."	
4/25/1941	Attorney & Law	CHARLES OPENS LAW OFFICE HERE "Attorney Louis J. Charles of Medford was in Rib Lake Thursday. He has opened a branch law office here in the rooms above the First National Bank, which will be open every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m."	Presumably the law office took the former office of Clifford Curran, newly appointed county court judge.
4/25/1941	Obituary & Rusch	ARTHUR KNOP "Arthur Knop was born at Rib Lake on August 9, 1906, and died at the age of 34 on Wednesday, April 16, 1941, at the Medford Hospital after being taken there that morning, suffering with pneumonia. ¶ Mr. Knop spent his boyhood in Rib Lake vicinity where his parents were farmers. In 1930 he was married at Toledo, Ohio, to Francis Graf and they returned to Rib Lake that same year and have made their home here since that time. To this union was born 2 daughters, Jeanette and Patricia, both of whom, with their mother, survive. Deceased also leaves to mourn his death, his father, Albert Knop, one brother, Albert, step-brother Gust Rusch, step-sister, Mrs. Robert Bleck (Anna), all of Rib Lake; one sister, Mrs. Ray Herman (Irma) of Jackson, Wisconsin; step-brother, Herman Rusch of Milwaukee; and step-sisters, Mrs. Walter Kurth (Bertha) of Sheboygan, and Mrs. Harry Johnson (Hattie) of Cornell, all of whom came when word was received of the death of their brother, but Mrs. Johnson was unable to stay for the funeral.	
4/25/1941 (cont)	Obituary & Rusch (cont)	¶ Funeral services were held Sunday from the Taylor Funeral Home with the Rev. A. Langendorf of the Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Mielke, Louis Daus, Carl Radtke, Ed Christiansen, Vincent Hohl and Otto Hein. ¶ Other out-of-town relatives and friends who came for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Graf, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scribbins and son Jimmy, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Leitermann and children, Gladys, Mavis and Dennis, Marathon City; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vogt, Stetsonville; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogl, Athens; Maze Lange, Wausau; Leander Bing, Marathon City; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poeschl, Fond du Lac; Irma Hanke, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eckes, Unity; Ed Westermeier and sister Marie, Stetsonville; Mrs. William Bartig, Eau Claire; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartig, Augusta; Mrs. Emma Shaw, Eau Claire; Miss Lucille Bleck, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grundt, Merrill; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mielke, Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fischer, Medford; and George Wilmot, Chicago."	

5/2/1941	War - Soldiers & Spirit	THREE BROTHERS ARRIVE TOGETHER IN 32ND DIVISION "In the selective training group of Headquarters Battery, Second Battalion, 26 Field Artillery, are three brothers, Ervin F., Arthur and William E. Breitzke, ages 26, 21 and 23, respectively. Ervin was inducted under the Selective Act and one day later the other brothers volunteered for service. They are from Ogema. They left Camp Grant, the induction center, on a train bound for Camp Livingston. The two volunteers did not know that Ervin was on the same train until names were called in arranging groups for disembarking. They were placed in the group together on the train. All had requested to be placed in the artillery service because "they like guns". Their home on the farm is in the heart of deer and bear country and all are ardent hunters. They come from a family of 13, of which Ervin is the oldest and the youngest is 3."	
5/2/1941	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	FATHER DICKOPF RETIRES FROM CHURCH DUTIES "The Right Reverend Peter Dickopf of St. John's Catholic Church of this Village has retired from active pastoral work and will make his future home in Medford. Rev. Dickopf has been pastor of this church for the past 13 years and held a similar pastorate at the Holy Rosary Church in Medford for many years. He celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood in June of 1939. ¶ Rev. Dickopf will live in the former Gibson house in Medford, which he purchased several years ago, where he will be at home to his countless friends from Rib Lake and vicinity. ¶ A series of farewell parties have been honoring his retirement."	The Gibson house still stands in the SE corner of Cedar and Gibson Streets in the City of Medford.
5/9/1941	War - Soldiers	ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF DRAFTEES LEAVE MONDAY "The following men have been called for Selective Service and will leave Medford by a special bus at 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 12. [I am deleting non-area men,] ¶ 411. Andrew Karkula, Rib Lake; 524. Elmer Carl Radtke, Rib Lake; 577. Ode William Lemke, Rib Lake; 622. John Joseph Blennert, Rib Lake."	
5/9/1941	Clubs/Orders & Agriculture	COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL SPONSOR JULY 4TH CELEBRATION "The Rib Lake Commercial Club held their regular monthly meeting at the National Hotel Tuesday evening. ¶ After the dinner the business was in charge of the president, R.J. Voemastek. ¶ O.W. Meyer, the Agriculture Instructor [in the high school], reported that in accordance with previous plans made by the Club for dairy herd improvement, he had purchased 4 good bull calves."	
5/9/1941	Schools & Agriculture	FUTURE FARMERS HOLD RURAL SCHOOL DAY "Approximately 40 7th and 8th graders from surrounding rural schools were the guests of Rib Lake Future Farmers Chapter on Friday afternoon, May 2. The F.F.A. boys showed the rural students through the entire building and introduced them to the faculty. A contest on grain and potato judging, weed and seed identification and menus was held. Phyllis Danley of the Spirit Lake School and Florence Thums of the Highland School scored high among the girls while Ralph Grow and Julius Gilge of Fawn Valley School scored high among the boys...¶ The following schools are represented: Liberty, Rib River, Spirit Lake, Highland, Stone Lake, Mud Lake and Fawn Valley."	
5/9/1941	Entertainment	"Mr. and Mrs. John Stelling, Mrs. Bertha Knop and Mrs. Paul Kaske motored to Rib Hill Saturday afternoon."	I take the reference to Rib Hill to be what we now call Rib Mountain in Wausau. At that time it was considered the high point of the state. About 1980 a survey showed Timm's Hill at 1951.5 feet to be a few feet higher.
5/9/1941	CCC	CCC CAMPS "State and federal conservation officials pointed out that conservation work will suffer unless CCC camps can be maintained at full strength in face of diverting influences. The enrolled strength in CCC camps averages 120, although the camps are organized to accommodate 200 young men each. To be eligible, young men must be single, have passed their 17th birthday and not yet have reached the age of 23-1/2. They do not have to come from families on relief, but simply have to be in need of employment. The camps offer short-term enrollments and opportunities to earn, save, work and further the education of the individuals."	

5/9/1941	People & RLLC	50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED "Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. McLeod of this Village gathered at their home Sunday, May 4, to help them celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary."	Dan McLeod was the highly effective and long-term boss of the company barn. He was in charge of caring for the dozens of horses owned and maintained by the RLLC for its operations inside the Village. The barn stood on the grounds of the present high school property, just to the northwest of tannery pond.
5/23/1941	Camp 27 & RLLC	LUMBER COMPANY OPENS NEW CAMP "The RLLC has constructed a set of new buildings and opened a new camp on Wednesday, to be known as Camp 27. Oscar Olson and a crew set a new record for construction, putting up the buildings for this camp in only 9 days. ¶ A well was drilled and water was reached at 105 feet. ¶ John Novak wired the buildings for electricity. ¶ Louis Flemming, camp cook, celebrated his 42nd (?) birthday by moving into the new camp. ¶ Camp 27 will house 150 men."	
5/23/1941	Tannery & RLLC	WANTED 300 BARK AND PULP PEELERS, AS SOON AS SEASON OPENS, RLLC	This is a 6 x 6 inch advertisement prominently displayed in the Herald.
5/30/1941	Obituary	GEORGE STRAUB, SR. "George Straub, Sr. was born in Darmstadt, Germany, on November 23, 1881, and died at the age of 59 years at the Marshfield Hospital last Wednesday morning after an illness of several months, despite a major operation May 18 and numerous blood transfusions. ¶ Deceased came to America when he was 12 years old. He lived at Chadwick, Illinois, where he married Effie Mae Deeds on March 24, 1906, and from this marriage, one son, George Jr., of this Village survives. Some time after the death of his first wife, Mr. Straub married Ela Wentworth at Elkart, Indiana, in 1918 and shortly afterward they moved to Rib Lake where they have lived for the past 20 years. Surviving beside his son and widow are Mr. Straub's mother, Mrs. Bertha Hartman. ¶ Funeral services were held Friday at Taylor Funeral Home and at the Methodist Church. Pallbearers were 6 friends and associates who were co-workers with Mr. Straub at the RLLC machine shop. They were Frank Gehring, Fred Bossie, Fred Curran, Fred Ungerer, Joseph Hebda and Sumner Lewis "	
6/6/1941	Obituary	THE LAST RITES HELD FOR OLD SETTLER WEDNESDAY "Martin Johnson, old settler of this community, died at his home near Spirit Lake on Monday, June 2, at the ripe old age of 85 years and 10 months. ¶ Mr. Johnson was born July 21, 1854. He came to this country in 1888 and the next year came to Rib Lake and settled on the homestead, which was his home for the remainder of his life. ¶ Mrs. Johnson died January 5, 1925. ¶ Deceased is survived by 6 sons, Gust, Edwin, Mike, Nathaniel, David, all of Milwaukee, and John of Tomahawk; 2 daughters, Mrs. Elleson of Cottage, Missouri; and Mrs. St. Clair of Rib Lake; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. ¶ Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock from the Taylor Funeral Home with the Rev. O. Johnson of Ogema officiating. Interment was at the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bernhart Swanson, Harry Swanson, Art Giersbach, Mr. Carlson, William Junk and Mr. Wegel. ¶ Mr. Johnson was a man who had made a great many friends among his neighbors and acquaintances through the years and one who was held in respect by the entire community."	
6/6/1941	J.J. Kennedy & family	"Mrs. Lena Kennedy, daughter Jane and son John, of Chippewa Falls, called on Mr. and Mrs. John McRae Memorial Day."	
6/6/1941	Clubs/Orders	"The North Side Catholic Discussion Club held the final meeting of the year with a closing party at the home of Mrs. Emelia Steil Tuesday evening. Plans were discussed for future meetings to be held in the fall. A delicious supper was served. Present officers of this organization are Mrs. Harold Zielke, president, and Mrs. F.P. Schaack, secretary and treasurer."	

6/13/1941	Obituary	FRED HENGST "Fred Hengst was born January 9, 1870 at Hanover, Germany, and died June 9, 1941, at the age of 71 years 5 months. He came to this country in 1911, first settling at Cretin, Nebraska. In 1913 he came to Taylor County and made his home in the Town of Greenwood. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Gehrmeir, preceded him in death on September 28, 1921. Six children survive, August Hengst, West Allis; Robert Hengst, West Allis; Mrs. Fred Sells (Irene), Milwaukee; Mrs. Joe Casper (Elvera), Milwaukee; Fred Hengst, Jr., Rib Lake; and Mrs. Max Zuther (Hermine), Rib Lake. There are 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. ¶ Deceased was a member of the Lutheran Church. ¶ Funeral services were held at 1:30 Thursday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Zuther and at 2 o'clock from the Rib Lake Lutheran Church, the Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, officiating. Interment was at the Greenwood Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Albert Knop, Sr., William Tetzlaff, William Wilhelms, Carl Ziemke, Charles Kalk and Fred Radtke."	In 2008, Fred Hengst, Jr. retired as our popular high school science teacher.
6/13/1941	Businesses	The following took out an ad plugging June as Dairy Month: The Tourist Tavern, S. Rosenfeldt, proprietor; Rib Lake Telephone Company, Edward Eckhoff, proprietor; Rib Lake Lumber Company Store; Upjohn-Kennedy Drug Company [Anna Mae Kennedy, co-proprietor]; Becker's Tavern, F.L. Becker; Zielke's Store, Harold Zielke; Rib Lake Shoe Repair, next to the post office; the Lakeside, Koehler and Radtke; Seidel's Store, G.L. Seidel; North Side Garage, Wessly Stiel, Proprietor; Art's D-X Station, Art Schultz; Little Bohemia Tavern, Millard "Satch" Kapitz; Arnold's Hardware; Art Swanson Tavern; State Bank of Medford-Rib Lake Station; Stamm Beverage and Bottling Works; Gambles Store, Ed Prien, proprietor; Log Cabin Station, Jerry Heindl, proprietor; Gustafson Lumber Company; Rib Lake Beauty Shop; National Hotel Tavern; Lake Superior District Power Company, Rib Lake Dairy Company, O.R. Thompson, manager; Taylor Funeral Home, Elmer Taylor, proprietor: Leo Radtke Plumbing and Heating."	
6/20/1941	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	LOCAL SON HONORED IN FIRST SOLEMN HIGH MASS "Fr. Bertram Niggemann, son of Mr. and Joseph Niggemann, celebrated his first solemn high mass last Sunday morning at St. John's Catholic Church, Rib Lake, in the presence of his parents, other relatives and parishioners. The church was filled to capacity and by means of an amplifier within the sanctuary and a loud speaker outside of the edifice, worshippers on the outside were able to participate in the sacred rights. ¶ Attending the young Benedictine priest at the altar was a former pastor of the church, the very Rev. Peter Dickopf of Medford, who was presbyter assistant of the mass. Fr. Bernard Niggemann, cousin of the celebrant, acted as deacon, and Fr. Alfon Kress, another cousin, acted as sub-deacon. Fr. Casper Keogh O.S.B. of Collegeville, Minnesota, acted as trurifer and Irving Klister as master of ceremony. The sermon was delivered by Fr. Wendelin Luetmer...	
6/20/1941 (cont)	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist (cont)	¶ Little Anita Bechla, niece of Fr. Niggemann, was dressed in a formal white satin and net and a long veil and acted as a time of bride in the ceremony before the consecration, and was attended by her little cousins, Lorraine Fuchs of Milwaukee, Delores and Irene Klemm of Whittlesey, and Diane Blecha of Wausau. These girls wore formals of blue satin and net and carried bouquets of flowers. ¶ It is estimated that between 300-400 persons attended the parish dinner and later the reception given in honor of Fr. Niggemann. ¶ The young priest will spend a week's vacation with parents and relatives here. He will be engaged as instructor in biology at St. John's Abbey at Collegeville, Minnesota, where he was recently graduated."	
6/20/1941	Church - Catholic - St. Ann's	"Many Rib Lakers attended the Corpus Christi High Mass and procession at St. Ann's Church at Greenwood last Thursday morning. The solemn mass was sung by the Rev. Alex Schutte, assisted by the Rev. Roman Shweeterman and the Rev. Fr. Gangler of Westboro. They were assisted by the choir of St. John's Catholic Church of Rib Lake."	
6/27/1941	Businesses	BLUE ROYAL CHANGES HANDS "The Blue Royal Roadhouse, located at the corner where Highway 102 joins Highway 13, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Egan of Sheboygan and Mrs. Nels A. Nelson of this Village. They will take possession July 1, and the place will be managed by Mrs. Nelson. ¶ This roadhouse was opened up in 1938 by Marie Meyers, who has operated it since that time. She plans to take a vacation for a time after July 1, but is undecided about future plans after that."	The Blue Royal operated under a series of owners until approx. 1990. It was then closed as a private tavern, but was bought by a group of biking enthusiasts. They hold a motorcycle get-together of motorcycle enthusiasts at least every summer.

7/11/1941	Clubs/Orders & Camp 26 & Camp 27	"The South Side Sportsters Club spent a very pleasant day last Monday at RLLC's Camps 26 and 27."	
7/11/1941	RLLC	150 MEN WANTED AT ONCE CUTTING PULP - 6 CENTS PER STICK - RLLC	
7/18/1941	Schools	ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING WELL ATTENDED, JOHNSON RE-ELECTED CLERK "The interest which the people of the Joint School District 1, Village and Town of Rib Lake, feel is in affairs of their school was evidenced by the fine turnout at the annual school meeting which was held at the high school building Monday evening. About 135 persons were present. ¶ Millard Kapitz was elected chairman of the meeting, which he conducted in a very able manner. ¶ An estimated budget of \$33,153 for the school year of 1941-42 was adopted. ¶ In the election for clerk of the school district, Kermit Johnson, who was elected last year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of O.R. Reistad, was elected for a full three-year term by a vote of 82-50 received by the other nominee, Clayton Peterson. ¶ A measure proposed by C.C. Lord requiring commercial students to have a full two-year course of both typing and shorthand was discussed at some length, and when put to a vote carried by a large majority.	I believe the only foreign languages then being offered at the high school were Latin and German.
7/18/1941 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ The question of the advisability of dropping the study of foreign languages in the high school was argued pro and con. It was decided to discontinue such study when the course already started has been completed. ¶ Other items of business of more or less importance were transacted at this meeting."	
7/25/1941	Obituary	VIRGIL KOFLER DIES FOLLOWING ACCIDENT WHILE HAYING "An accident occurred Saturday which resulted in injuries to Mr. Virgil Kofler, 63, which later caused his death. ¶ Mr. Kofler was hauling hay at his place in the north end of the Village. He slipped and fell from the top of a truck loaded with hay and suffered a fractured vertebra, causing complete paralysis from the waist down. The injured man was taken to the Marshfield Hospital at once, where everything possible was done for him. But the injury was of such a nature that he could not recover and died at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 21. ¶ Virgil Kofler was born at Tyrol, Austria, on June 26, 1878. He came to this country at age 19 years, settling in Pennsylvania. He was married in 1907 to Mary Hartman. On March 17, 1910, they came to Rib Lake and this Village has been their home since that time.	Leonard Kofler, as of 2008, continues to operate the family farm located inside the Village limits along the Upjohn Road.
7/25/1941 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Deceased is survived by his wife, Mary, 8 children and 1 grandchild. The children are Leona, Monica, and Lawrence, at home; Mrs. Caroline Howe, Medford, Oregon; Augustine in the United States Army, stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana; Cecelia, who is employed at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire; Erwin of Milwaukee and Leonard, who is in a CCC camp at Hixton. ¶ Funeral services will be held Friday morning at St. John's Catholic Church, of which deceased was a member. Rev. Gangler, pastor of the church, will officiate."	
7/25/1941	Businesses	CLAUSSEN TO SURVEY 24 SECTIONS "C.R. Claussen, county surveyor, has been given 24 sections of land to survey on Townships 37, Range 2 West, which is located 10 miles west of Phillips."	
7/25/1941	People & Rusch	RETTIG-GILGE "Elmer Gilge, the Town of Rib Lake, and Esther Rettig, of Winthrop, Minnesota, were united in marriage last Thursday afternoon, July 17, at the Lutheran parsonage in Rib Lake. The pastor of the church, the Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, performed the double ring ceremony."	Elmer & Esther Gilge made a delightful couple. Their children include Jerry and Richard "Ricky" Gilge.
8/1/1941	Church - Catholic - St. Ann's	REMODEL GREENWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH; HOLD DEDICATION SERVICES "Many Rib Lake parishioners were present at St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood last Saturday morning for the dedication at a solemn high mass of the newly remodeled edifice. Officiating were the pastor, the Rev. Francis Rahberger, the Rev. E. Gengler, Rib Lake pastor, and the Rev. Roman Schweiterman of Ascension Church of Chelsea. They were assisted by the Catholic church choir of Rib Lake. ¶ The newly redecorated church, now one of the loveliest country churches in Taylor County, has walls and ceilings in various tones of buff masonite with a lower paneling all around the church, and choir loft of plywood stained and varnished, and designed by Richard Schoenherr of Wausau, with all materials purchased from John Mansfield at Wausau.	The church was formally closed towards the end of the 20th century. A dedicated group of parishioners obtained the Bishop's permission to maintain the church building and historic cemetery. The church has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A not-for-profit corporation now owns this spectacular rural church building.

8/1/1941 (cont)	Church - Catholic - St. Ann's (cont)	¶ A new white and gold side altar was installed and a set of statuary from the European Statuary and Art Company of Milwaukee. A new congoleum rug was fitted in the sacristy and sanctuary, and the church has been wired for electricity awaiting the arrival of power lines in the Town of Greenwood to make their little church complete. ¶ St. Ann's is contemplating a series of church dinners and suppers and a possible fall festival to provide means for a new floor and perhaps a new organ for its choir."	
8/1/1941	RLLC & Camp 14	"Dan Pilon left Saturday to return to his home in Canada, after spending two weeks here visiting old friends and acquaintances."	Dan Pilon was a well-liked and long-serving cook for the RLLC. My father, Herman Arthur Rusch, serving as a cook's assistant, or cookee, worked for Dan Pilon in Camp 14.
8/8/1941	Agriculture & Clubs/Orders	FARMERS UNION NOTES "The Farmer's Union held their regular monthly meeting for August at the Fred Vlach home. A large crowd responded to roll call at this meeting. ¶ Victor Kohn made the evening a very pleasant one for those present by showing moving pictures which he had taken himself in various places in the United States. ¶ Delegates for the quarterly conference which is to be held September 3 at Gilman, were selected as follows; Mrs. William Wilhelms, Mrs. Fred Vlach, Tony Hohl, Andrew Hetland, Joe Bohte, Albert Quednow and Ed Jepson. ¶ Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Tony Hohl and Mrs. Fred Vlach. Candy was sold by the juniors."	
8/8/1941	People & Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knop were Sunday dinner guests at the Albert Knop home. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Ruesch [should read Rusch] and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck spent Sunday visiting relatives at Augusta, Wisconsin."	
8/8/1941	Schools	TAYLOR COUNTY NORMAL "Taylor County Normal, Medford, Wis., will open its 1941-42 school year Monday, August 25. Students who plan to enroll should do so prior to the opening day, if convenient. Students may enroll on opening day. Write to the undersigned for enrollment cards and particulars about the courses offered. There are valid reasons why you should enroll in the Taylor County Normal. Let us tell you about them. Signed August Newman, Principal."	The Taylor County Normal School, a teacher's college, was located on a two block parcel of real estate on which the Taylor County Courthouse and Jail was located on Second Street in the City of Medford. High school graduates could enroll to become school teachers.
8/8/1941	Rib Lake - Village & Environment	LARGE NUMBER OF FISH IN RIB LAKE DYING "Residents living along the shore of Rib Lake have been justly complaining the last few days about the dead fish, mostly suckers, which are in evidence along the lake shore and at the mouth of Copper Creek. These fish have been dying by the thousands and although the Village is taking care of them as fast as possible, there is still a very unpleasant odor from the lake. The scum on the lake's surface shutting off the supply of oxygen in the water, and the hot weather making the water of the lake, which is shallow, very warm, would seem to be the reason for the dead fish. The State Conservation Department has already been contacted to see what can be done about this condition."	Copper Creek is a small inlet stream. It is approximately 2 miles long and enters Rib Lake just south of the cemetery.
8/15/1941	People	STAHNKE-FREIBOTH "A beautiful lawn wedding took place Monday afternoon, August 11, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Stahnke in the Town of Greenwood when their daughter, Pearl, became the bride of Arthur Freiboth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freiboth, Sr., of the Town of Rib Lake. The Rev. O.E. Hoffmann, pastor of St. John's and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Ewold Stibbe, aunt of the bride, played Lohengrin's Wedding March. ¶ The bride was attired in a white mousselin e de soie star dust velveray gown. ¶ The maid of honor, Miss Viola Freiboth, sister of the groom, was attired in a gown of pink chiffon. ¶ Miss Ruth Kalk, who was a bridesmaid, wore a gown of aqua starch chiffon. ¶ The bridegroom was attended by his two brothers, Elmer and Clarence Freiboth.	
8/15/1941 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ Following the ceremony, a supper was served to about 75 guests. The house was decorated with white, pink and blue streamers. ¶ The bride is a graduate of Medford High School and of Taylor County Normal and has been teaching school. ¶ The groom is a graduate of Rib Lake High School. They will honeymoon in Chicago for a week and then will make their home in Rib Lake, where the groom is employed by the RLLC."	

8/15/1941	Hunting & Clubs/Orders & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	REGULAR MEETING OF FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION "On Tuesday the Rib Lake Fish and Game Association met at the Lakeside for a regular monthly business meeting. ¶ After the regular business meeting, moving pictures were shown. Lunch was served. ¶ The first shipment of pheasant chicks received from the State Conservation Department this spring have grown to a sufficient size so they were turned out in swamps and marshes in various directions from Rib Lake. ¶ The Fish and Game Association now has about 160 members."	
8/22/1941	Clubs/Orders & People	"John Windall, Chairman of the Town of Hill Defense Volunteer Association, and George Blomberg, Secretary of the same organization, went to Ashland Monday, where they attended a Northern Counties Conference. Counties represented were Ashland, Bayfield, Rusk, Price, Taylor and Iron. Mr. Cannenberg was in charge of the meeting."	
8/22/1941	Clubs/Orders	SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IN VILLAGE BRINGS \$71 "The Salvation Army drive for funds in Rib Lake was finished last week and a total of \$71 was subscribed for this work. Following is a list of contributors from the Village: C.C. Lord, \$1..."	There then followed a long list of contributors, the high donors donated \$1 and the smallest donor 10 cents.
9/5/1941	Obituary	MRS. BERNARD KUNA "Mrs. Bernard Kuna passed away at her home near here on September 1, 1941, following a heart attack at the age of 61 years. ¶ Anna Klempka was born July 26, 1880, in Poland and came to America when a young woman. She settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1905 she was united in marriage to Mr. Bernard Kuna and about 25 years ago they came to Rib Lake. To this union were born 7 children, one of whom died when a young lad. The other children, with their father, survive. ¶ The surviving children are Mrs. Adam Bieniek (Susan), Rib Lake; Joe Kuna, Rib Lake; Mrs. Frank Tehako (Helen), Chicago; Mrs. Quenten Eberhardy (Mary), Marshfield; and Steve and Anna at home. The other son, Frank, died at the age of 8 years. ¶ Deceased was a member of the Christian Mother's Society of the local Catholic church. ¶ Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9:00 a.m. from St. John's Catholic Church, Rib Lake, with the Pastor, the Rev. Gengler, officiating. Interment will be at the Lakeview Cemetery."	
9/5/1941	RLLC	"The Rib Lake Lumber Mill and Yard Crews were given a holiday last Saturday, as there was so much water every place that it was impossible for the mill to run."	It looks like the mill was running 6 days a week. The headline in the Herald reported WISCONSIN FLOOD DAMAGE RUNS INTO MILLIONS "Rib Lake did not escape the flood waters which covered most of northern Wis. the past week as a result of torrential rains Fri. and Sat. night. It was impossible to get out of town without driving through several feet of water over the roads. Highway 102 south was inundated for about 1/4 mile just south of town where water had backed up from the swamps and creek. The Rib River at the bridge on Highway C near Rib River School was over its banks, covering the road at that spot with about 3-1/2 feet of water. Highway 102 just past the railroad tracks northeast of the town was also inundated. Every little creek was a raging torrent, flooding pasture lands and farms. ¶ Official weather bureau figures show that during the rains of Fri. and Sat. 7.65 inches fell a day and Saturday 7.6 inches fell at Medford, 7.77 in Oneida County, and 9.57 at Prentice..."



9/5/1941 (cont)	RLLC (cont)		¶ To see photographs of the flooding in Rib Lake, see the CDs of Rib Lake History-Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library. Doc. #11131 shows the old 102 Tap; #1132 shows Robert Bleck, Sr. and his home on Kennedy Steet.
9/19/1941	Schools	SCHOOL BROADCASTS START NEXT MONDAY ""Hello, boys and girls" will be Wakelin McNeel's greeting to thousands of children as they hear him open the 1941-42 Wisconsin School on the Air Season with his "Afield with Range Mack" broadcast on Monday morning, September 2. His is one of 11 weekly broadcasts for classroom listening offered by the state station for classes from kindergarten through high school...¶ The programs will be broadcast from Radio Hall studios at the University of Wisconsin over WAJ (970 kc) Madison and WLBL (930 kc) Stevens Point."	
9/26/1941	Schools	HOT LUNCH PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY "The hot lunch project for the local schools for this year got underway Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Anna Curran and Mrs. George Straub have been certified as workers for the project. Only junior high school and high school students will be able to take advantage of the hot lunches until another worker can be certified to help with the immense amount of work which the preparation and cooking of these lunches requires. ¶ The surplus commodities which are used are furnished in much less of a variety than was the case last year, which makes the planning of the lunches more difficult."	
10/24/1941	RLLC	RLLC MILL SHUT DOWN FOR REPAIRS "The RLLC sawmill is shut down for a couple weeks for the annual repairs. Only about half the crew is laid off, as the others are needed to make the repairs."	
10/31/1941	Entertainment	MEDFORD'S RADIO STATION ON REGULAR BROADCASTING SCHEDULE "Medford's new radio station went on the air for the first time last Sunday and has been on regular schedule since that time. Opening ceremonies were held at 12:00 noon. George F. Meyer, Medford, is owner of the station. ¶ The call letters of the station are WIGM and the station covers an approximate radius of 60-70 miles. The station is operating full time from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It has a power of 250 watts and the frequency is 1490 kilocycles. ¶ A lovely new building has been built south of the City of Medford on Highway 13, which houses the office, studios and transmitter."	WIGM was named after George Meyer, the owner, and his wife, Irene; I for Irene and GM for George Meyer. They were the parents of Dr. Walther Meyer, M.D.
11/7/1941	Ole A. Peterson & Spirit	CHARLES DODGE WILL SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY AT AUCTION SALE "Charles Dodge recently sold his farm property at Spirit Lake northeast of Rib Lake. He will hold an auction sale at the farm Friday, November 7, when he will sell his farm personal property. He has 3 head of horses, about 40 tons of hay, farm machinery, 3 boats, and some household goods, which will be offered for sale. Emil Wallgren will be the auctioneer and F.L. Becker clerk of the sale."	Charles Dodge was a brother-in-law to Ole Peterson. Charles Dodge was married to the famous Ma Dodge, the operator of Ma Dodge's Boarding House and Café on McComb Ave.
11/21/1941	J.J. Kennedy & family	PAST PRESIDENTS OF CLUB HONORED "At the regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Club held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herman Batzer, all of the past presidents of the organization were given honorable mention on the program. ¶ Others who served as president of the Twentieth Century Club, but who no longer live in Rib Lake, are Jeanette Kennedy, now Mrs. David Moffet, of Seattle, Washington..."	
11/28/1941	Obituary	DAN MCLEOD DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS "Daniel James McLeod was born January 15, 1865, at Heron City, Michigan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McLeod. After months of failing health, he passed away at his home in Rib Lake at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 8 days. ¶ Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Church of Christ with the Rev. A. Clark of West Frankfurt, Illinois, a former pastor of this church, officiating. Pallbearers were Donald Barnes, William Barnes, Jr., Elwin McLeod, Robert Barnes, Roderick McLeod and Charles Stimm, Jr. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ On May 5, 1891, Mr. McLeod and Miss Anna Sheffer were united in marriage at Saginaw, Michigan. Nine years later, in 1900, the family moved to this county and in 1902 came to occupy the house which has been home ever since. ¶ Six children came to bless the home, 5 daughters and 1 son. The son, Elwin, preceded the father in death, the result of an accident in 1926. The remaining children are Annabelle (Mrs. William Barnes), of New Lisbon, Wisconsin; Mae (Mrs. Alfred Barnes) of Rib Lake; Edith (Mrs. Norman Hansen) of Clintonville; Louella of Appelton and Ruth at home.	Dan McLeod was the "barn boss" for the RLLC. The RLLC operated a large, c. 120 x 80 ft, well-equipped horse barn on the NW corner of Tannery Pond.

11/28/1941 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Mr. and Mrs. McLeod celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 5, 1941. ¶ Mr. McLeod was associated with the RLLC for many years as barn boss. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and he was also an elder in the Church of Christ, having become a member at Saginaw, Michigan, and then later becoming a charter member of the Rib Lake church. His determined spirit and loyalty nowhere demonstrated itself more than in the Christian life and its relation to the church. ¶ As a father, he manifested a spirit of love and companionship, which helped to make the home institution that in all instances it is designed to be. ¶ Mr. McLeod's quiet, unassuming nature, while not lifting him before the community as his talents really merited, nevertheless, left an impression of lasting good upon all who knew him. Children were at his home and in his presence. To all his many friends he was a blessing."	
11/28/1941	War - Soldiers	PRIVATE WEDEKING CITED FOR HEROISM "The award of the Soldiers Medal to Private First Class William P. Wedeking, son of Mrs. W.C. Wedeking of Chelsea, for heroism in rescuing a man from drowning at Fort Slocum, New York, last April 28, was announced by the War Department. ¶ The citation said Wedeking, informed that a man was drowning in the bay, ran to the scene and jumped into the water. In spite of darkness and cold, he found the drowning man and brought him to safety. ¶ Private Wedeking is now stationed in the Panama Canal zone."	
12/5/1941	RLLC & Camp 26	BODY OF MISSING LUMBERJACK FOUND "The body of Gustolph Forslund, 46-year-old lumberjack, was found last Saturday by Jim Heindl while hunting near the Schneider farm in Section 23, near the Taylor and Lincoln County line. Forslund had been missing from Camp 26 for the past 5 weeks. A search had been made for him several weeks ago by a party of CCC boys and local and county authorities, but at that time failed to find him. On the day he disappeared he had left camp to come to town and got as far as Zondlo's Tavern where he purchased whiskey and started back to camp. When the body was found, among his possessions was an empty whiskey bottle and another partly empty, mute evidence that he had been drinking heavily. There was a big bruise on his right side of his head where he had evidently fallen on a rock. His pack was found a number of feet away from the body and it looked as though he had been trying to start a fire to warm himself.	Zondlo's was just 300 feet north of the RLLC railroad line coming into the Village. It was a favorite stopping off point for lumberjacks - especially of Polish origin since the Zondlo's spoke Polish.
12/5/1941 (cont)	RLLC & Camp 26 (cont)	¶ Mr. Forslund came here with his twin brother, Axel, from Minneapolis to work in the company camp. The brother is still employed at the camp. He also had another brother, Alfred, and a sister, Tillie, in Sweden. The twin brothers came to this country in 1918. ¶ Funeral services for the deceased were held Wednesday afternoon at Taylor Funeral Home with Rev. E. Holverson officiating. Interment was in the Lakeview Cemetery."	
12/5/1941	Obituary & Rusch	WILHELMINA PEPOWSKI "Funeral services for Wilhelmina Marta Kalk Pepowski, better known here as Mattie Kalk, were held from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Cumberland, Wisconsin, November 25. ¶ Her death had quickly followed an illness of only about 2 weeks. Mrs. Pepowski, who was age 56 years of age at death, was born December 16, 1884, in Germany. While still an infant, the family came to this country and settled on the farm east of Rib Lake. There she grew to womanhood. For about 17 years she was employed at Waupun, Wisconsin, where she met Theodore Pepowski, a prison officer. After their marriage April 25, 1924, they made their home on a farm near Cumberland. ¶ The deceased leaves 2 brothers, Charles Kalk, Rib Lake, and Fred Kalk, Milwaukee Veteran's Home; two sisters; Mrs. John Stelling and Mrs. Bertha Knop, both of Milwaukee, to mourn with her husband over her sudden passing away."	Mrs. Bertha Kurth, nee Knop, was my step-aunt.
12/12/1941	Post Office	POST OFFICE TO BE MOVED TO VOEMASTEK BUILDING "After 30 years in its present location, the Rib Lake Post Office is to be moved to the J.J. Voemastek building just across the street, which was vacated in July by the Rib Lake Herald office. This building is now undergoing considerable alterations and conditioning. The change will be made soon after the holiday mailing rush is over. ¶ Postmaster Voemastek, who owns the building, points out that numerous advantages are to be found at a new location, which will make possible better service to the public."	The move took the post office from the east side of McComb Ave. at approx. 728 McComb, across the street to approx. 717 McComb Ave. In 2008, the post office is at 705 McComb Ave.
12/12/1941	War - Soldiers	U.S. AT WAR WITH GERMANY AND ITALY "Today's news reports bring us the information that in response to a declaration of war against the United States by both Germany and Italy Thursday morning, Congress voted in response to the request of President Roosevelt, to declare that a state of war exists between this nation and Germany and Italy."	ON 12/7/1941 THE JAPANESE BOMBED PEARL HARBOR.

12/12/1941	War - Soldiers	AMERICAN PEOPLE UNITE IN RESPONSE TO WAR DECLARATION "The surprised and disastrous attack on the island possession of the United States of America on Sunday, December 7, has accomplished a feat which no other happening could have done. The people of America are absolutely united as they rally to the demands of our President, the Japan and the other access nations be conquered in order to safeguard the freedom of this country. ¶ Modern war is a terrible thing, involving not only the men of our country, trained in the art of gunfire, but it includes civilians, women and children, and every material resource at our command. ¶ When the President asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan when he spoke briefly at a joint session of Senate and House of Representatives in Washington on Monday, the answer was a vote of unanimous approval from the Senate and an approval with but one dissenting vote in the House. That response is a fair expression of the feeling of the people of the United States. The results of a war are hard to take by a peace-loving people. Already in this conflict which is but days old, many casualties are reported. Our American	
12/12/1941	War - Soldiers	boats are being reported lost in a fight which is now beginning to inflict heavy punishment on the enemy. Anxiety over the absence of news from the boys who are in the fighting zones is hard to bear. ¶ But all these trials will be borne bravely by the American people when the very foundation of our life is at stake. ¶ The response to the declaration of war by our President and Congress has been answered by a barrage of enlistments in the various branches of service, by young men eager to serve their country in this emergency. Those who cannot serve in this manner will find other ways to do their bit - Red Cross work, civilian defense work, the purchase of defense bonds and saving stamps, etc. ¶ A united America will stand against any enemy from without, however powerful and ruthless."	
12/12/1941	War - Soldiers	LOCAL BOYS IN CONFLICT ZONE "A number of local men in the service are stationed in zones where some fighting with Japan has been going on. ¶ Stationed in Hawaii where the surprise attack occurred Saturday morning are Charles and Lee Clendenning, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clendenning of this Village. The boys are with the 23rd Bomber Squadron. ¶ Frank Kofler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kofler of Rib Lake, Route 1, was aboard the USS West Virginia in Hawaiian waters. ¶ Frank Kaske left December 6 with the 24th Interceptor Squadron for a destination supposedly in the Phillipine Islands. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaske of this Village. ¶ Much anxiety has been felt for the safety of these boys, but no word has been received from them yet."	
12/12/1941	Health	COUNTY ALREADY HAS 4 TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS IN 1941 "There will be little or no lower tuberculosis death rate in Wisconsin for 1941, and 29 counties are expected to have an increase in tuberculosis deaths, according to an estimate just made by the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association. ¶ 14 counties already have a greater number of tuberculosis deaths for the first 9 months in 1941 than were reported for the whole 1940. Tuberculosis deaths in Taylor County in 1940 totaled only 1. For the first 9 months of this year, however, there have already been 4 deaths, and the toll is expected to go to 5 or possibly 6 by the end of the year..."	
12/12/1941	Agriculture	MANY FARMERS NOT USING NEARBY ELECTRICITY "Madison - More than 1200 Taylor County farmers whose dwellings are located within 1/4 mile of an electric distribution line do not avail themselves of the facilities, a statistic report recently issued by the United States Department of Congress and the Bureau of Census reveals. ¶ The government report effectively refutes the often-advanced theory that residents of agricultural areas have been deprived of the modern conveniences enjoyed by urban dwellers primarily because of the power companies to make electricity available. ¶ In Taylor County, for example, the government found that 1975 farm dwellings are located within 1/4 of a mile of electric distribution lines, but that only 786 farmers are taking advantage of the fact. There are 73 home electric plants on Taylor County farms, although power lines are within 1/4 of a mile of 36 of them. ¶ The government report shows 1392 telephones on Taylor County farms and 3830 automobiles."	

12/19/1941	War - Soldiers	FRANK KOFLER LOST IN ACTION; CHARLES CLENDENNING WOUNDED "That this country is at war has been brought home to the people of Rib Lake very forcibly in the last few days. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kofler of Route 1 received a message from the government Tuesday that their son, Frank Richard Kofler, Seaman First Class, has been lost in an action at sea. Frank had been stationed on a US boat in Hawaiian waters prior to the surprise attack on the island by the Japanese. ¶ Word came Saturday night to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clendenning that their son, Charles, has been seriously injured in action at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Charles was with the 23rd Bomber Squadron at Hickham Field. The extent of his injuries are not known, as no further information has been received. The Clendennings have another son, Lee, who is in the same outfit, but no word has come from him."	The Jan. 2, 1942, edition of the Herald reported "Frank Kofler safe, after being reported missing at sea."
12/19/1941	Physicians	DR. HORN INSTALLS NEW X-RAY MACHINE "Dr. A.S. Horn has just installed a new, modern X-ray and fluoroscope machine at his office in Rib Lake."	A paid ad in the Dec. 26 edition of the Herald indicated "DR. A.S. HORN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office hours 9-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m. Eyes tested and glasses fitted."
12/19/1941	Attorney	"Attorney H.W. Krueger of Oconto, Wisconsin, was a Rib Lake business caller Tuesday. Mr. Krueger was formerly of Rib Lake."	
12/26/1941	War - Soldiers	LEE CLENDENNING DIES IN ACTION AT PEARL HARBOR "Friends and acquaintances of the Archie Clendenning family were just beginning to recover from the shock of hearing that Charles Clendenning had been seriously wounded in action at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, when last Friday morning a second telegram was received from the government stating that their second son, Lee, was among the missing at Hickham Field. Later, a letter was received from a friend of the boy by Mr. and Mrs. Clendenning which brought a little comfort, reassuring them that Charles was getting along all right. Following is a letter which the Clendennings kindly gave us permission to print. ¶ "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clendenning, I am a very good friend of your boys and as Charles is in the hospital with slightly burned arms and cannot write, he asked me to write you. Charles is improving and sends his love to all of you. He will be up and about in a few days.	
12/26/1941 (cont)	War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ I am very sorry to let you know your son Lee died in action. You may be comforted by the thought he did not suffer in the least as we were near him when it happened. Lee died a good soldier and you may well be proud of him. Sincerely, Sergeant A.H. Gierach." ¶ It seems that our little community was hit pretty hard, when out of the entire number of casualties in the Hawaiian attack on December, there should be 3 here and in the entire City of Milwaukee, there were only 7. Frank Koffler, whose mother lives on a farm on Route 1, is also among the missing. He was in the Navy, aboard the USS West Virginia."	
12/26/1941	Law & Roads	MAN KILLED ON HIGHWAY 102 BY HIT AND RUN DRIVER "Another traffic fatality occurred on Highway 102 Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock when Mike Brandys, 59, was killed by a hit and run driver at the second curve just north of the Louis Daus filling station. ¶ Otto Gerstberger and Angeline Rezudek were driving along and discovered the body first, and soon Frank Pfeiffer, who was on his way to town, also stopped to investigate. They then came to town and reported the accident by calling authorities at Medford. Sheriff Stellick and Coroner Ruesch and District Attorney Paul Greisser came over from Medford and began an inquiry. ¶ A preliminary inquest was held with a coroner's jury consisting of Frank Jarish, William Schaack, L.L. Arnold, Wessly Steil, Herb Curran and Sumner Lewis. The date for the regular inquest has been set for Wednesday, December 31, at 9:00 in the forenoon. ¶ Mr. Brandys had been staying at the Ben Kofler place, where he had been working for his board. He left there Saturday in the middle of the afternoon and had been in town where he had been drinking. Apparently he was his way home when the accident happened.	The Louis Daus filling station was located on what in 2008 is known as Lakeshore Drive, on the northeast corner of Rib Lake. At that point East Road takes off to the northeast to the section line where it makes a 90 degree turn running directly east one mile to Zondlo's Tavern. Lakeshore Drive and East Road were, in 1941, State Trunk Highway 102. ¶ Reference is made to the county coroner, David Ruesch.
12/26/1941 (cont)	Law & Roads (cont)	¶ Why the driver of the car that hit this man ran away can only be known by himself. Circumstances point to an unavoidable accident but for the driver to leave the scene of the accident without stopping to help the man or report it to the proper authorities puts him decidedly in the wrong, and if apprehended, now it will be difficult for him. ¶ Mike Brandys was born in Poland on December 29, 1881. He has no known relatives hereabouts and no other information regarding him could be found. ¶ Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday from St. John's Catholic Church with interment in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Pfeiffer, Joe Maslonka, John Malevicz, Peter Rezudek, Joe Slavarski and John Surek."	

12/26/1941	Businesses	THE TOURIST TAVERN "Merry Christmas 1941. A star in the sky, new hope in the heart, and Christmas trees glowing from windows and out of doors. ¶ A most appropriate time to thank you for your patronage and to wish you a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. S. Rosenfeldt, Proprietor."	The Tourist Tavern was located on the west side of McComb Ave where, in 2008, the Mid-Wisconsin Bank stands. A photograph of the Tourist Tavern is Doc. #11119 within the CDs of Rib Lake History-Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library.
12/26/1941	People & Rusch	"Mrs. William Gilge and grandson, who have been visiting at the William Gilge home, drove to Chicago Saturday. They were accompanied by Peter Eckhoff. Kenneth and Ray Gilge will return home with them."	
12/26/1941	Entertainment & Rusch	"Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ruesch [should read Rusch] entertained their Sheepshead Club at their home Wednesday evening. High score prizes were awarded to Mrs. Erwin Stelling and Mr. Robert Marschke. After cards, Christmas gifts were exchanged."	
12/26/1941	Clubs/Orders	A PROGRESSIVE PARTY "A progressive party was enjoyed by the contract bridge club last Wednesday evening, December 17. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed at the Mrs. Erv Eden's home at 6:30 with Miss Flo Brooks, Mrs. Melinda Lapham and Mrs. John Freeck assisting. A tasty main course was served at the home of Mrs. E.J. Synnott with Mrs. M. Trantow, Mrs. D.A. Ingli, and Mrs. Harry Gustafson and Mrs. Clifford Curran helping. The guests were served at a beautifully decorated, candle-lit table with a miniature Santa, sleigh and reindeer surrounded by tall tapers for a centerpiece. From there they went to Mrs. Ray Mauch's, where they sang Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, exchanged gifts and enjoyed dessert and coffee at a table using a miniature Christmas tree and candles for decoration. Each home was decorated with bright, shiny Christmas decorations in keeping with the season and a lovely evening was spent by the club members."	
12/26/1941	Entertainment	"Free wedding dance at the Rib Lake Town Hall Saturday, December 27, music by [Adolph] Walbeck's Orchestra. Dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Art Kelnhofer and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Willette."	